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## THE BALSHAVIAN

"THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE"  
March 29th, 31st, April 1st and 2nd, 1955.



Samuel (D. Mee), The Pirate King (J. R. Crofts), Frederic (G. N. Ryding), Major-General Stanley (A. J. R. Bourn), Mabel (Margaret Atherton), Ruth (Pat Heaton), Sergeant of Police (P. Makin).



"Propriety, we know,  
Says we ought to stay."

General Stanley's Daughters : (Stage R) Barbara Smith, Ruth Hosker, Maureen Salmon, Valerie Keene, Susan Harrison, Ursula Badger, Doreen Staton, Joan Eccles ; (Centre) Margaret Sample and Fay Bolton ; (Stage L) Sylvia Barnes, Judith Parkinson, Kathleen Hosker, Audrey Hilton, Kathleen Wilson.

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## EDITORIAL

1956 has been a momentous year in many ways, both inside and outside school. We returned after the Summer holidays to find that our long-awaited form-rooms had been completed. 5A and 5C moved into the two above 3C and the L.VI and the U.VI into the spacious one above the geography room. Everyone appears to be more than pleased with them, especially as they afford a magnificent view of the countryside.

The memory of the Russian visit is still fresh in our minds, and the dark clouds hovering over international affairs seem to be clearing a little. The threat of immediate war has practically vanished and we can look forward into the future hopefully. We at school must remember that the future is for us, and now is the time to prepare ourselves fully for the various rôles we are going to play in keeping peace and happiness in the world.

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## SCHOOL NOTES

### SCHOOL PREFECTS AND SUB-PREFECTS, 1955-56

BOYS. *Head Prefect* : Hall, A. E. *Deputy Head Prefect* : Ogden, I. W. *Prefects* : Baxendale, R. M., Singleton, J., Swarbrick, R., Dewhurst, T. A., Swarbrick, J. M., Williams, R., Smith, R., Owens, J. H., Bourn, A. J. R., Campbell, R. J. *Sub-Prefects* : Hurst, A. W., Rigby, J., Baldwin, K., Brennan, W. J., Goff, B. C., Hoole, A., Hibbert, T. A., Nelson, P.

GIRLS. *Head Prefect* : M. K. Sample. *Prefects* : J. Wilkinson, I. Ward, K. Hosker, Judith Parkinson, M. Allison, Joan Parkinson, M. Rowley. *Sub-Prefects* : R. A. Dickinson, M. J. Hesketh, L. Thompson, V. A. Westwater, J. A. Cookson, V. M. Howard, M. N. Gallacher, F. Bolton, R. A. Morris, G. Hothersall, R. J. Roby, M. Sutcliffe.

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all new members of the school, who will by now have settled down to the somewhat complicated life here. To those who have left during the past year we wish every success and happiness. The editor and sub-editor wish to give their thanks to Miss Doherty and to all who have helped in any way with the magazine.

We are very pleased to welcome Miss Rahill back into our midst, and wish her happiness in the future. We welcome Mrs. Weatherby, who has come to teach French, and Mr. Leatherbarrow, who takes science, and we have said goodbye to Mr. Johnson, who left us at the end of the Christmas term.

We congratulate Mrs. Ife (formerly Miss Probert), and Mr. Leatherbarrow, on their marriages.

This year the Dramatic Society gave a very entertaining performance of "The Happiest Days of Your Life," and it proved very popular. In the Carol Service this year we had the usual excellent singing by the choir, including the male-voice choir; the school band, too, performed at the party.

We congratulate Lucas, J., on his success in gaining a State Scholarship and wish him every further success in his career.

We were very pleased to see Pat Heaton, when she revisited the school to sing in the Carol Service and afterwards at the party, and we take this opportunity of thanking her for her beautiful singing.

Congratulations to the following Old Balshavians, recently married : Mr. G. Carr to Miss B. Norris, Mr. G. Bullivant to Miss B. Watson, Mr. B. Ackers to Miss H. Ashcroft, Mr. J. Newsham to Miss D. Pails, Mr. J. Cardie to Miss A. Dobson and Miss H. Burnie to Mr. Bell.

Our congratulations go to Wrennall, E., who won the Stanning Memorial Award, and to A. J. Jennings, B. Kenyon, P. Leach, who won the Hocking Memorial Prizes.

At the 1955 Sports Day, the title of Victor Ludorum was won by Mee, D. (F.), and K. Hosker (Cu.) was Victrix Ludorum.

In an exciting final, the 1955 tennis tournament was won by Mr. Speakman and I. Ward, who succeeded in beating J. E. Parkinson and Crofts, J. R.

We offer our congratulations to the following pupils who obtained the General Certificate of Education at the Advanced level (N.U.J.M.B.), and at Ordinary level (Oxford Delegacy) :

**ADVANCED :—**

Baxendale, R. M., Crofts, J. R., Egerton, R. T., Hall, A. E., Knowles, J. E., Lucas, J., Makin, P., Ogden, I. W., Robinson, J. K., Robinson, P. K., Singleton, J., Swarbrick, R.

V. J. Ball, M. Bolton, E. A. Brennan, S. M. Campbell, B. A. Haydock, M. M. Maidment, J. M. Oliver, M. H. Rowlands, M. K. Sample, J. Wilkinson.

**ORDINARY (N.U.J.M.B.) :—**

Dewhurst, T. A., M. C. Robson.

**ORDINARY (Oxford Delegacy) :—**

Ainscough, E., Ainsworth, J. M., Almond, C., Barker, M., Barton, E., Baxendale, E., Bidwell, F., Bretherton, D., Cardwell, F., Dawker, R. P. R., Ditchfield, D. P., Farrer, C. D. H., Fishwick, G., Graham, W., Gray, B., Hardwick, J. H., Ingham, M. F., Jolly, W., Knapman, R. K., Laraway, D. E., Malley, B., Marsden, J. B., Martland, J. R., Mee, D., Nelson, P., Ormand, T. A., Pinder, T. A., Rutter, B. J., Ryding, G. N., Singleton, B. J., Slattery, R. L., Southworth, A., Speakman, T., Stickland, D. P., Smith, C., Summers, J., Swarbrick, J. G., Swift, R. D., Thomas, D. C., Thwaite, B., Walmsley, S., Ward, D. W., Watson, E. J., Worthington, A. A.

I. Ainsworth, M. V. Ashton, B. S. Ashwin, A. M. Atherton, J. Ayrton, S. A. Barnes, J. J. Boswell, B. Bowcott, A. Bradshaw, L. C. Butterfield, J. Cairns, S. M. Campbell, M. F. Chippendale, M. V. Collinson, D. I. Cook, J. A. Cookson, S. D. Dowling, J. Eccles, A. K. Edwards, V. J. Elliot, B. M. Floyd, F. A. Forshaw, P. Gordon, P. H. Gow, E. Greenwood, D. Hanlow, S. J. Harrison, J. Haworth, Margaret Hesketh, May Hesketh, A. Hilton, W. M. Hodson, K. A. Hosker, V. M. Howard, M. L. Hunt, M. Johnson, V. Kelly, V. A. Keene, A. Lambert, B. J. Little, B. S. Livesey, J. Lumb, J. McConnell, F. K. Maddison, A. Manchester, S. T. M. Marsden, J. I. Miller, B. S. Moore, J. M. Nutter, D. R. Parkinson, R. Paul, S. M. Pennington, K. Pinder, G. Priestley, J. Rennie, W. M. Riddell, R. Roby, M. Salmon, L. E. Sanderson, M. G. Smethurst, B. Smith, D. Starkie, D. Staton, B. Stark, D. Sumner, D. Taylor, M. Taylor, I. Thompson, J. Tragen, M. Turner, K. Walmsley, V. A. Westwater, A. L. Wilson, I. Wilson, K. Wilson.

The following have gone to Universities and Training Colleges :—

Lucas, J., to London University ; Egerton, R. T., Laraway, D. E., to Manchester University ; Robinson, P. K., E. A. Brennan, to Liverpool University ; Knowles, J. E., to Hull University ; S. D. Dowling, to University College, Leicester.

Robinson, J. K. (Chester T.C.) ; Smith, C. (Loughborough T.C.) ; Watson, E. J. (City of Worcester T.C.) ; U. M. Badger (Beckett Park T.C., Leeds) ; M. Bolton (Kesteven T.C.) ; Jean Cairns (St. Katharine's, Liverpool) ; S. M. Campbell (Crewe T.C.) ; B. A. Haydock (Eastbourne T.C.) ; A. P. Heaton (Gloucester Domestic Science T.C.) ; E. M. Hughes (Edge Hill T.C., Ormskirk) ; N. Iddon (Edge Hill T.C., Ormskirk) ; M. M. Maidment (Eastbourne T.C.) ; J. M. Oliver (Manchester Domestic T.C.) ; K. N. Parr (National Society T.C., Berridge House) ; J. Ravenscroft (St. Katherine's T.C., Liverpool) ; M. H. Rowlands (St. Katharine's T.C., Liverpool) ; L. E. Sanderson (Totley Hall Domestic Science T.C.) ; N. Wilcock (St. Mary's T.C., Cheltenham).

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following magazines :—

The Upholland Grammar School Magazine, *The Huttonian*, *The Rossallian*, *The Chorleian*, The Preston Catholic College Magazine, Wigan Grammar School Magazine, *The Kirkhamian*, *The Hoghtonian*, *The Georgian*, The Park School Magazine, the Ormskirk Grammar School Magazine and *Ubi Reminisci*.

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To Clayton House : B. P. Andrews, P. A. Crofts, P. Gregson, A. H. Griffin, B. A. Phelan, L. B. Seed, M. Worthington, Brown, R., Little, S. R., Liptrot, G. G., Mather, A. R., Mockett, P., Moore, I., Morris, B., Ormerod, K., Pinder, M. L., Porter, C. R., Sisson, J.

To Cuerden House : J. W. Bibby, D. E. Cornwell, J. M. Damp, J. A. Fraser, J. Hesketh, E. Hosker, J. M. Hurst, D. C. Lancaster, F. Marsden, Ashton, W. R., Carter, T. H., Crompton, M., Demack, J. G., Donkin, W. J., Eaves, J. R., Lawton, J. H., Marland, J. S., Marsden, R. H., Pass, J. B., Reeve, A., Summer, W. J. A., Waring, F. J., Wilson, D. G.

To Farington House : P. Afflick, P. M. Ainsworth, D. Cole, L. Crook, A. Hoskinson, M. Hunter, S. Ince, M. J. Milloy, J. Moffatt, B. Smith, S. Snape, B. Winterbottom, M. Worrell, Ashcroft, K. R., Baker, J. S., Brown, A., Burrell, J. A., Deacon, R., Edwards, P., Gray, J., Grayson, R., Jackson, G., Unsworth, H. K., Wane, A. P.

To Worden House : A. Cairns, K. Clough, C. M. Davies, M. Dewhurst, I. M. Drizulis, E. R. Duff, D. Grimshaw, V. E. Myers, J. B. Newsham, D. J. Pearson, M. Smith, D. Snell, E. Speakman, R. Spencer, W. E. Stanley, P. Taylor, J. Tyre, J. Walmsley, B. M. Wane, Halliwell, K. A., Haskell, I. G., Hey, P. G., Hinchcliffe, A. P., Holroyd, P. D., Houghton, D. W., Lancaster, E., Roberts, A., Rowley, M., Sharpies, J. G., Wilson, J. D.

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## SPEECH DAY, 1955

The annual Speech Day was held this year on Monday, December 19th, when Mr. J. A. Petch, M.A., Secretary to the Northern Universities Joint Matriculation Board, presented the prizes.

The first item on the programme was a group of songs by the Choir : Edward German's " Beauteous Morn," Gordon Jacob's arrangement of " Brother James's Air " and a madrigal by John Wilbye (1609), " Come Shepherd Swains."

Mr. Oldland then presented his address in which he gave an account of the school activities during the past year and reviewed the school's success in public examinations and on the sports field. He welcomed Mr. Petch, saying that the pupils awarded their General Certificates of Education at the Advanced level would have the privilege of receiving them from one of the signatories. Mr. Oldland went on to speak of the source of children's

troubles ; it had usually lain in the inability or failure of an adult to do his or her duty by that child at a critical moment. The challenge of the atomic age imparted a new urgency to all such problems. It was not enough for parents to know their own children ; they should make an attempt to rediscover their own sense of personal responsibility for what they were doing.

The Chairman then introduced Mr. Petch, who said " I do not believe that the young generation at school is degenerate, decadent, or a bad lot generally." He believed in a system of education that honoured good work and awarded prizes. He went on to say that passing an examination was like passing a milestone along the road, a milestone that told how far you had come, but did not tell you how far you had to go. He pointed out too, that education cannot be had cheaply, and that education should teach children that the organisation of society was for the good of the individual. If education could turn out citizens well equipped for the future, then the present leaders of civilisation could sit back and say, " Well done. We have got value for our money."

A vote of thanks to Mr. Petch was proposed by Mrs. Kelley, seconded by Mr. Hunt, and a vote of thanks to the Chairman was proposed by Mr. Tomlinson and seconded by Mr. Hargreaves.

The proceedings were concluded by the singing of the National Anthem.

I.W., U.VI (W.).

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## THE SCHOOL PLAY, 1955

From the rather lofty heights of Shakespeare and opera, this year the Dramatic Society came more down to earth with its production of the modern comedy " The Happiest Days of Your Life," by John Dighton. If there are any who are still doubtful about the truth of the title, it is definitely not the fault of the cast in this production. The producer could not have had better actors for any of the parts, and he really brought out the best in them. In this play the problem of timing is rather a headache for the producer, but Mr. Downer accomplished his task with his usual competence and the timing, as a result, was perfect.

The honours must go to Rosemary Morris for her part as Miss Gossage, the hale and hearty sportsmistress. From her first entrance, she had the audience laughing and waiting eagerly for what she would do or say next.

Valerie Preston depicted a head mistress of the real " battle-axe " type. One could imagine some apprehensive girl waiting in her study for punishment.

Tony Hall seemed quite at home in the rôle of headmaster, particularly when issuing orders, and achieved an entertaining blend of comedy and farce.

Singleton admirably portrayed the grumbling Rainbow, infusing his interpretation with a slow-witted rusticity. His ability in this type of part has already been shown in previous plays and his experience clearly helped him to carry a very responsive audience with him.

Fay Bolton gave a fresh charm to the part of Miss Harper, wrenching us back to a world of sanity from the prevailing frenzies of the plot and its characters.

As the two schoolmasters, Bourn and Swift tackled their task with lively zest and worked well to keep the pace of the performance brisk.

The two pupils, Hopcroft Mi. and Barbara Cahoun, neatly played by Oliver and Moira Gallacher, were replete with artless devilment, while the quick-tempered Mr. Sowter,

the elegant and supercilious Mrs. Sowter, the mild Rev. Peck, and the diffident Mrs. Peck were convincingly played by Wilford, Rhona Paul, Ogden and Margaret Smethurst.

The many people behind the scenes, whose toil so greatly assisted the illusion, must also be remembered. Miss Whewell was responsible for designing the setting (to perfection, as usual) and the construction of it was left in the capable hands of Mr. Hewartson and his numerous assistants from the Handicraft Dept. Miss Whewell's ingenious décor scheme was most commendably executed by the décor assistants Rosemary Morris and Brenda Floyd with their many helpers. The lighting effects were safely entrusted to Mr. Speakman and his able assistants Graham, Thomas and Slattery, while Mr. Black, ever questing for yet better effects, was kept busy with the music and background noises, and certainly achieved delightful results. Those in charge of make-up—Mr. Wilkinson, Miss Bromley and Miss Cummins with their helpers—amply proved their abilities. Everything behind scenes was under the iron grip and watchful eye of Mr. Rigby, assisted by Swarbrick, Owens and Hibbert, and in consequence, everything ran smoothly there. Mr. Leatherbarrow, a new-comer to Balshaw's plays, conducted the many and various duties of House Manager with quiet efficiency. Nor must Miss Moss be forgotten, for she worked very hard with tickets, programmes, and the secretarial side of the work.

Altogether, the cast and the myriads who worked behind the production are to be congratulated on a selfless and untiring loyalty. The support of the many helpers and the splendid cast and a producer ever striving for perfection, all combined to make the play a real success. It is a practice of the Dramatic Society to ring the changes in its choice of play and this year's emphasis on the lighter vein was completely justified by the willing thoroughness and desire for perfection shown by everyone.

V.K., L.VI. (Cl.)

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## THE ANNUAL ATHLETIC SPORTS APRIL 28th, 1956

The weather, such a vital matter on Sports Day, was very kind this year. A fine day, warm when one could escape a cool breeze, made conditions almost ideal.

A feature of the two Senior individual championships was that, in each, a close struggle developed between two evenly-matched competitors. There was, in fact, a tie for the position of Victor Ludorum, Mee (F.) and Smith, R. (F.) sharing the honour, the first time such a result has occurred. As usual, Mee gathered most of his points from the field events and Smith, whilst not scorning those events, gained most of his successes in the track events. In the same sort of way, only four points separated the two senior girls. I. Ward (W.), in the end, triumphed by that small margin to become the new Victrix Ludorum, deposing last year's "Victrix," K. Hosker (Cu.).

In the Junior events, the struggles were nothing like as close. H. Deacon (F.) and Brown, G. (Cu.) became the respective Girl and Boy Champions and each worthily broke a record in the process.

Eight records were broken, the most worthy of note being in the High Jump (Open) Boys event, when Mee just managed to better the previous best figures, which had stood for over twenty years.

Farington once again proved too strong for her rivals, though the margin of points in her favour, was much less than it has been in the last year or two.

Cuerden representatives ran very well, to take a firm grip on the Relay Cup, holding off strong challenges from both Clayton and Farington.

At the end of the day, Mrs. Kelley very kindly presented the certificates and cups to the successful competitors.

J.B.

## MY VISIT TO AMERICA

The chance to go to America and visit my cousin at Rochester came as a very pleasant surprise to me.

On July 28th I left Southampton on the *Queen Elizabeth*. This boat was like a floating town with its 2,000 passengers and 1,200 crew. The cinema, shops, library, swimming-pool, and lounges, had to be explored, and the deck games to be played. The food—with dishes known and unknown—was wonderful. I had never imagined that life at sea could be so perfect.

On the boat I received my first impression of the American people. I thought them rather noisy and overpowering, but very friendly. I was rather amused by the black women, all dressed in the very height of fashion.

After a calm voyage I landed at New York. The towering skyline of this city is something one cannot describe, and the large multi-coloured cars travel at an incredible speed along the straight avenues. I left New York by train for Rochester: the track followed the Hudson River for 200 miles. I thought the countryside very similar to our Lake District.

Rochester is a fine city, famous for its lilac parks and the Kodak Film industry; but as in most other places I visited, many of the roads were without footpaths, and the gardens were without fences. The gardens themselves were untidy. Perhaps this was due to the climate, as, during my stay, the temperature was around 97°F.

The shops display their goods in an attractive way and in the American home everything is done to make life easier for the housewife. I was amazed and amused to see women (of all ages) wearing 'Bermuda' shorts, sun tops and Bobby socks. Bathing is very popular and I enjoyed swimming in Lake Ontario, which was floodlit at dusk.

I travelled on the 'Thru-way'—a motorists' paradise—although toll has to be paid. I saw Niagara Falls, a wonderful and inspiring sight, and I crossed the Peace Bridge into Canada, with the American and British flags flying in the centre. I stayed a weekend in a chalet on the shores of Lake Erie.

Another weekend I went touring in the pine-covered Adirondack Mountains. The scenery was magnificent, with numerous small lakes. At night I stayed in motels. I visited the "North Pole" 2,000 feet up White Face Mountain. This was a children's paradise for it was the home of Santa Claus, with his workshops, made of logs with peaked roofs and crooked chimneys. The reindeer and other tame animals wandered through the fairyland village. In the centre stood "the North Pole" which is continually covered with ice. I also visited an Indian village and an Indian Chief invited me to join in a ceremonial dance, which I enjoyed.

My holiday soon passed and I had to say goodbye to the many kind, hospitable people I had met. Although so many miles divide our two countries we have much in common. America is new, with wide open spaces awaiting development, but England has her dignity and her traditions—the envy of the American people.

Once again I returned to New York, where I stayed in a large hotel on the sixteenth floor. I had seen the Empire State Building, many famous bridges, Times Square and walked down Broadway before I walked down the gangway on to the *Queen Elizabeth*. When she slowly passed the great Statue of Liberty I felt I must now say goodbye to bustling America.

M.C., V.A (F.).

## VISIT OF THE LIVERPOOL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

On November 22nd the school was visited by a section of the Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra. They played a varied programme to children from Leyland Secondary Modern School and St. Mary's School, as well as our own seniors.

The programme, which comprised 'The Thieving Magpie' by Rossini, 'Air on G string' by Bach, the Minuet from Mozart's Symphony in E flat and the 'Farandole' by Bizet, was most ably conducted by Herbert Bargetts, whose personality impressed itself upon his audience immediately and to such an extent that they found themselves singing the canon from the Farandole with obvious enjoyment.

Our thanks to Dr. Edwards, County Music Adviser, who arranged the visit and introduced the orchestra and conductor.

G.B.

## A HOLIDAY IN THE FRENCH ALPS

I looked down from my seat in the 'plane to see the roof-tops of Paris and the River Seine winding like a silver ribbon through the midst of the city. Suddenly the whole landscape seemed to tip up as the 'plane turned to make its landing. I crossed my fingers, there was a slight bump, and then we were taxiing smoothly over the runway. I looked at the ominous brown-paper bag, and the notice before me which said, "Your Life-belt is under your seat," and I breathed a sigh of relief.

Now I could try out my French—or could I? The noise which the Customs Officer made did not sound at all like the language I had been studying for the last four years, so I just said "Non," and hoped that he was asking if I had anything to declare.

My brother and I were met at Paris by some friends of the family with whom we were going to stay, and after a lightning tour round this beautiful city in their car, we had lunch at a restaurant, and boarded the train which was to take us across France to Lyons.

There we saw again the French boy and girl whom we had met in England the year before, and as we sped along in their car towards Voiron, a small town near Grenoble, we noticed the vineyards and peach orchards, and soon the Alps towered above us. We arrived at about 7 o'clock in the evening, and were introduced to the rest of the family at their summer chalet on the mountainside just outside the town.

Almost every day we swam, played tennis, and "raided" the peach orchards, or lazed about in the hot sun, drinking cool drinks. We seemed to spend a great deal of time eating, and I liked the food very much, with a few exceptions. During our stay we had many exciting excursions, one of which was a trip up one of the nearby mountains. This, however, was not so successful as it might seem, since, after our setting out at 6 a.m., and climbing in sticky heat for five hours, the rain began to pour down, and we had to descend as far as an old hut, where we eventually managed to light a fire in order to dry ourselves.

On 14th July we went to Aix-les-Bains on the shores of the beautiful Alpine Lac de Bourget, and in the evening watched the firework display in the crowded market square at Voiron. There were shopping expeditions to the beautiful city of Grenoble, a trip to the races, and a visit to the mountains of Grande Chartreuse, where the monks live in the strictest monastery in the world, and where the famous Grand Chartreuse liqueur, used at the Coronation, is made. An expedition to a ski station at Alpe-d' Muez was very interesting, but the scene seemed strangely incomplete without the snow.

All too soon it was time to go home, and after a very pleasant journey, and an afternoon in Paris, we boarded the 'plane and took our last look at France. I shall never forget the

beautiful scenery we saw, and the many interesting places we visited during those four weeks, but above all, I shall remember the kindness of our hosts, and, indeed, of everyone we met, for it was largely this which helped to make my first holiday abroad such a happy and unforgettable one.

J.B., V.A (F.).

## A LECTURE ON TECHNICAL BOOKS

On October 6th, the school was visited by Mr. H. Thompson, Chief Librarian of the Technical department of Preston County Library. He came to give a talk to the Science Sixth on the wide range of books available for them in the County Library, both at Preston and Leyland. He brought a number of books with him to aid him in his explanations of the difference between dictionaries, encyclopaedias and the other books available for reference, and what they offer for sixth form work. He also showed us books in pamphlet form issued by various manufacturers which are sent to the libraries for use in reference work. Mr. Thompson also told us of the help we would be given by the librarians, who would find out any information we wished to know, by co-operation with larger libraries if the material was not available in their own.

When Mr. Thompson had finished speaking, Miss Dorothy Pearce, the librarian of Leyland County Library, and, incidentally, an Old Balshavian, added a word or two concerning the Leyland branch. She told us that much of the material was available, but if anything further was required, she worked in conjunction with Preston and would do her utmost to obtain what was required.

Afterwards we were given the opportunity of seeing the books and pamphlets for ourselves.

The lecture was put to us in an extremely interesting way; many of us found it very helpful, and have been able to make use of the information to our great advantage, we hope, in passing our examinations. Since it was received so well, it is possible that the lecture may be repeated every two years, in order that all science sixth formers may know of the benefits to be found in the Technical department of the County Library.

M.K.S., U.VI (Cu.).

## SCHOOL VISITS

### (1) VISIT TO "L'AVARE" BY MOLIERE

On the evening of Wednesday, November 16th the French Section of the Sixth Form went to see a presentation of "L'Avare" by La Troupe Française at the Catholic College, Preston.

"L'Avare" is a mixture of comedy and tragedy. Serious scenes are followed by comic scenes and comic scenes by serious scenes. This alteration in scenes calls for considerable acting ability on the part of the actor who plays Harpagon and Guy Dalan was not deficient in this respect. His portrayal of Harpagon was masterly as was testified by the reaction of the audience—at one moment laughing at his antics, at the next silenced by his evil gaze.

Gaston Richer gave to the parts of La Flèche and Maître Jacques his usual verve. Elise was ably portrayed by Odile Calvet but Marie-Thérèse de Millot gave a rather insipid portrayal of Mariane; her expression and tone of voice hardly changed throughout the

whole play. Frosine, "la femme d'intrigue" was adequately portrayed by Jacqueline Robert, while Raymond Picard gave his own particular interpretation to the parts of Anselme and Maître Simon.

The scenery was again simple but very adequate.

On the whole La Troupe Française gave a performance of "L'Avare" which, if not brilliant, was yet good considering the difficulties which they face. It was thoroughly enjoyed by the audience, and I am sure that I shall have the unanimous support of all in expressing my thanks to Miss Bromley, Miss Milroy and Mr. Johnson for a very enjoyable evening.

R.W., U.VI (Cl.).

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## (2) SIXTH FORM VISIT TO MANCHESTER

On January 23rd, 1956, the French section of the sixth forms went on a coach trip to Manchester, under the supervision of Miss Bromley and Mr. Wilson.

In the morning we visited an exhibition of paintings by the impressionist painter Van Gogh. This showed a wide range of his work, from his charcoal sketches to his very impressive representation of a pair of old boots. Some of the paintings were not easy to understand, seeming to be just disjointed splashes of colour, but with Mr. Wilson's invaluable assistance we all managed fairly well to understand them.

After an excellent lunch to which we all did full justice, we set off for Platt Hall to see the period costumes. Here we were amazed at the great wealth of interest, marvellous feathered hats, richly decorated dresses, cloaks, shoes, and even dolls and dolls' clothes. They were all well preserved, and so still retained much of their former splendour. The Hall itself was quite beautiful, too, with its marble pillars, wide, sweeping staircase, and well-kept gardens.

Then came an unexpected treat. Mr. Wilson had arranged for us to visit Manchester Cathedral, which was partly under reconstruction. We all enjoyed this immensely, having a very able guide who showed us many interesting features, including the exquisite carving in the choir stalls, and the inlaid brass near the Altar. We found this building so beautiful that it is impossible to put our thoughts in words—the only thing to do is to see it oneself.

In conclusion, we would all like to thank Miss Bromley and Mr. Wilson for arranging such an interesting and profitable outing for us which we all enjoyed immensely, in spite of the typical Manchester weather.

R.A.D., U.VI (Cl.).

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## (3) THE MANCHESTER CLASSICAL ASSOCIATION: SIXTH FORMERS CONFERENCE, APRIL 1956

This annual conference was held in the Ellis Llwyd Jones Hall, Old Trafford, from Friday the twentieth to Sunday the twenty-second of April. Although the accent of the lectures was on the classics, by no means all of the delegates were classics students. The lectures in the main were highly instructive, although one or two seemed to be a little 'wide of the mark' (but perhaps this was due to the "dimness" of the students rather than the incompetence of the lecturers !). In addition to the lectures there was a social on the

Saturday evening, and an inter-denominational service was held on Sunday morning. The lectures covered a wide range of subjects and the conference ended with an hour for discussion with the lecturers. After this the delegates packed and went home, satisfied not only with the high quality of the lectures, but also with the excellence of the cuisine, which was of a remarkable standard throughout.

The conference was admirably presided over by Dr. Berry, the senior classics master of Hyde Grammar School, to whom many thanks are due for a very enlightening and helpful weekend.

R.J.C., UVI.

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## (4) LE THEATRE FRANCAIS CONTEMPORAIN

On Monday, May 7th, the French Section of the Upper Sixth, and one or two members of the lower sixth, accompanied by Miss Bromley, attended a French lecture in Preston. The lecture was a little late in starting, but this was more than made up for by the excellence of the talk itself. The title of the lecture was "Le Théâtre Français Contemporain," which can be translated as "the French Theatre of Today." It was spoken entirely in French and was given by a French lecturer from Manchester University. Despite expectations to the contrary we all understood it very clearly and enjoyed it very much. The lecturer first of all outlined some of the background and work of the Comédie Française; after this she went on to talk about some modern French writers, including Jean Anouilh and Henry de Montherlant. These two were of particular interest to us as we are studying plays written by them for the General Certificate of Education (A) this year.

There was a very appreciative, though small, audience present, made up of the Sixth Forms of neighbouring schools, and at the end of the lecture, which was obviously enjoyed by all present, a vote of thanks was given to the lecturer, by one of the students of Winckley Square Convent.

L.T., U.VI (Cl.).

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## THE PEDLAR

The pedlar with his hair so black,  
Carries a bag upon his back.  
In it are his pots and pans,  
His lace and a gun and small tea cans.  
His face is old and full of wrinkles  
And on his wrist a bangle tinkles.  
He wears an old shirt and a coat  
And has a grey beard like a goat.  
And when the pedlar's jobs are done  
He packs his bag and takes his gun.  
His wares he'll then place on a tray,  
Then off he'll go upon his way,  
Past hill and valley, wood and dale,  
Through sun and snow and wind and hail.

R.D., I.C (W.).

## AMERICAN LETTER

The following is an extract from a letter written to the Headmaster by Mrs. Rolston, Jnr. who, as Miss Ethel Lehman, came from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, to teach on the staff of Balshaw's in 1932/33.

" You will pardon me if I reminisce. I recall the spring crocuses that I passed each morning on my way from the bus stop to school—a large field of them; how Turner helped me in identifying hips and haws, as well as certain trees and flora native to northern England.

" I recall the faithful Crichton and his poem on gangsters (written especially for me); it ended with the words "elevate pronto" instead of the usual American "stick 'em up;" Evelyn Arkwright's question, "Please, Miss, my moomer wants to know 'What is corn-on-the-cob?'" ; and the ruddy-cheeked Whistlecroft who stood waiting politely but embarrassedly when I asked him to go to the Supply Room for thumb tacks. His discomfiture ended in a grateful sigh when, sensing some misunderstanding, I glanced at the empty box and said, "Drawing pins, Whistlecroft." "Yes, Miss" he replied, as with a beatific smile, he scurried away.

" These, and so many other happy memories were recalled, of a delightful year in Lancashire, as I read your letter and the *Balshavians*.

" Do you by any chance recall the burial of the horned tree frog with a befitting epitaph by the Greenhouse boys and the mortal battle of the star-fish which you so kindly purchased for our aquarium ?

" In reading the Prospectus and the magazines, I noted particularly, many familiar names—probably the children of those I taught so long ago—the many interesting clubs you have added; the fact that there no longer is a tuition fee; but, on the whole, the familiar motto, Houses, names, and uniforms made it seem very much like the Balshaw's I have always remembered with real affection.

" About two years ago I received a telephone call from Turner of my Form III French class. Now an industrial engineer in South Africa, he was visiting the States with his American wife and stopped over in Harrisburg to visit us and a pen pal he had met through Miss Milroy. It was such a delightful surprise to see a former pupil from Balshaw's."

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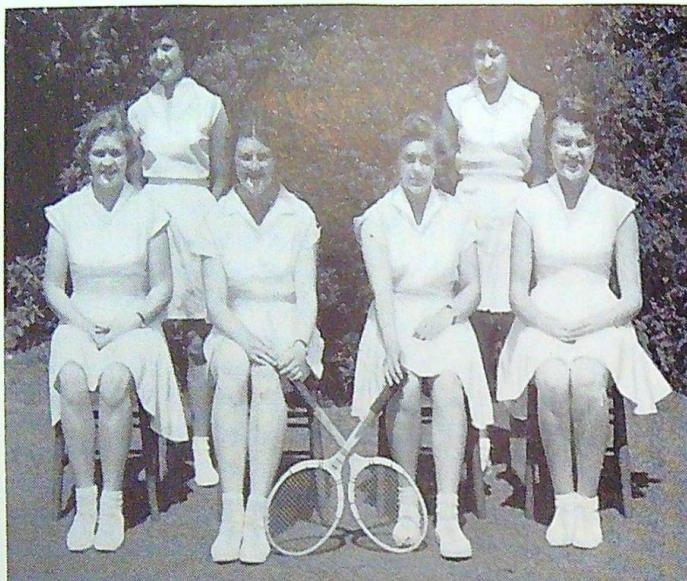
SCHOOL ROUNDERS IX, 1955

Back row (left to right) : R. C. Hosker, Margaret Hesketh, V. A. Keene, K. Wilkinson.  
Front row (left to right) : M. M. Maidment, K. Hosker, M. Allison, I. Ward, K. N. Parr.  
Played 4      Won 4



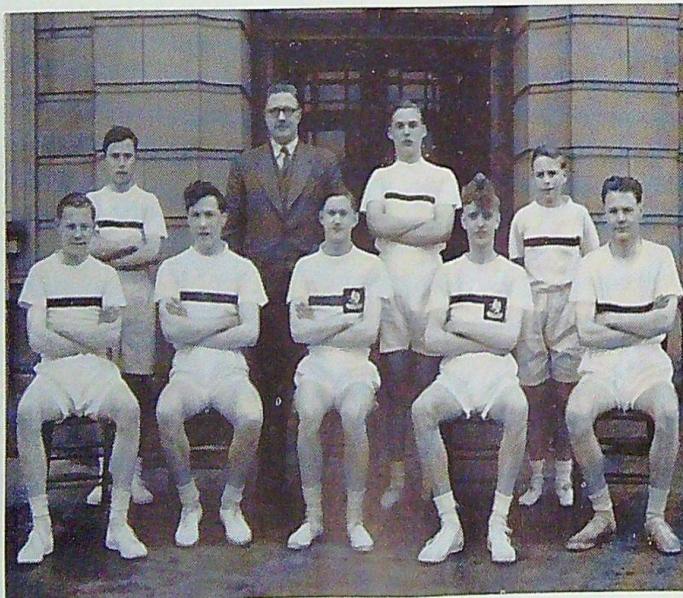
SCHOOL CRICKET XI, 1955

Back row (left to right) : King, F.G. (Scorer), Malley, B., Mee, D., Smith, R., Hardwick, J.H., Mr. Brown  
Front row (left to right) : Dawber, R. P. R., Swarbrick, J. G., Singleton, J., Knowles, J. E., Smith, C.,  
Bourn, A. J. R., Southworth, A.  
Played 9      Won 3      Drawn 3      Lost 3



SCHOOL TENNIS VI, 1955

Back row (left to right) : V. J. Ball, N. Wilcock.  
Front row (left to right) : K. N. Parr, U. M. Badger, J. E. Parkinson, A. P. Heaton.  
Played 5      Won 5



SCHOOL CROSS-COUNTRY, 1955

Back row (left to right) : Hughes, M. D., Mr. Black, Hurst, A. E., Lucas, John.  
Front row (left to right) : Swarbrick, J. G., Makin, P., Robinson, J. K., Baldwin, K., Bourne, A. J. R.

## SCHOOL SOCIETIES

### ARCHITECTURAL SOCIETY

Another year, full of interest and stimulating discussion.

W.G.W.

### ARTS AND CRAFTS SOCIETY

This year we have again made a large variety of handicrafts. The majority of us began by making something in the contemporary style, a plantpot holder, tray or reading lamp. Others have been more venturesome and have made gloves, soft toys, beach bags, waste paper baskets and picnic hampers. We enjoy our Friday afternoons, as can be seen by the number of people who remain in the society year by year.

J.J.B., L.VI (Cl.).

### CORRESPONDENCE SOCIETY

We have met regularly throughout the year and shared the pleasures of each other's correspondence. We have established relations with Japan, Norway, Holland, Austria, Switzerland, Italy and France, and hope to widen our spheres even more in the coming year.

A.W.

### DANCING SOCIETY

The society still flourishes, and is as large as ever, though now mainly composed of junior form members. The energy and enthusiasm displayed at the end of Friday afternoon have to be seen to be believed.

C.T.T. and M.H.P.

### DRAMATIC SOCIETY

For the first time, membership was restricted to the cast of the current school play, "The Happiest Days of Your Life." However, to ensure that a zealous and hard-working cast did not become too jaded, they were able at times to sit back and watch rehearsals of one-act plays which were later to be performed at school parties.

As we go to press, we are busy with rehearsals of Sophocles' "Electra." This choice of a Greek tragedy is in intentional contrast with last term's lightweight production. It is hoped that it will prove a useful and enjoyable variety of experience for both actors and audience.

An account of "The Happiest Days" will be found elsewhere in the magazine.

W.J.D.

### FILM SOCIETY

Most of our time lately has been spent in making a film of school life. We are by now used to the eccentricities of film making, in which the final scene may be shot before the story opens. There are further hazards in the Balshavian film world which neither Hollywood nor Elstree knows. The hero leaves before the film is finished, the heroine and her replacement also. This is likely to be rather baffling to the customers when the film is finally shown but should add to the interest. Initiates know that the hero is Baldwin-Ditchfield and the heroine Barbara and Pat, Ashwin-Gow.

Films shown included the silent classic, "The Blue Light," certain chronicles of the Goff family kindly lent us by Mr. Goff, including a charming film in Kodachrome of St. Ives, and a colour film of a holiday in Milan, Florence and Siena, featuring Mr. Leathley and made by Mr. Hilditch. Our thanks once again to Hughes and Goff for their projections and their work as projectionists.

C.S.H.

### LE CERCLE FRANCAIS

Au commencement de cette année scolaire nous avons écouté, avec grand plaisir, June Bailey (V.A) qui nous a parlé de ses vacances au Midi de la France. Nous avons joué "Vingt Questions" et puis, nous avons passé le reste du trimestre et tout le trimestre du printemps à préparer la petite exposition que aura lieu pendant le trimestre d'été.

E.M.B.

**GARDENING SOCIETY**

The arrangement of the School year and the vagaries of the climate make it difficult for the Gardening Society to produce much visible evidence of their labours. We can say, quite honestly, that digging has been done, some weeds removed, seed sown, etc., and console ourselves with the thought that, like Candide, we are not to concern ourselves too much with results.

J.H.L.

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**GYMNASTIC SOCIETY**

This year, membership has been even more concentrated, in that all the people concerned are Fifth-formers. The usual activities have been carried on—the only innovation being, perhaps, a little more attention to gymnastic "testing," whenever the opportunity arose.

J.B.

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**HOBBIES SOCIETY**

There has been much activity in various directions during the past year, including a considerable amount of work in the form of assistance to other Societies, notably the Dramatic. This is all very well in its way, but there is a deplorable lack of interest in boys these days, in any form of leisure occupation involving effort or initiative, and this is a very bad thing since there is a great deal of pleasure to be gained from the pursuit of some form of spare time occupation.

H.H.

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**HOUSECRAFT SOCIETY**

This year's activities can be summarized as follows :—

- (a) Toffee making.
- (b) Making table decorations for Christmas.
- (c) Discussing "The Ideal Home."

K.H.B.

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**JUNIOR DRAMATIC SOCIETY**

We have a very enthusiastic group this year and have read a great many modern one-act plays, which we have thoroughly enjoyed. Acting charades, miming and story-telling have all been favourite choices, and we have had some lively sessions. I think we all agree that the time passes quickly—a sure sign that the Society is alive.

A.M.

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**JUNIOR PLAY-READING SOCIETY**

The Society began its year with Miss Lewis to guide it, but once again the 'old', familiar figure makes her way to Form 1.A classroom, where the Society is now housed. Last year it rejoiced in the pleasant, sunny, many-windowed Lower VI room, and there is much to be said for giving the I's, from which forms most of the Society's members are gathered, the right of entry into a form-room to which they will not graduate for some years, if ever!

The work of the Society goes on as usual—good, and not so good, one-act plays; good, and not so good, readers.

M.A.R.

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**JUNIOR LITERARY SOCIETY**

This year, the Society has pursued its usual peaceful course without notable incident.

A.J.B.

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**JUNIOR MUSICAL SOCIETY**

Many records have been played, many notes have been sung and taken, many varied opinions have been formed. Juniors have supported the Liverpool Philharmonic and Halle concerts well this year.

G.B.

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**JUNIOR NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY**

During the first term a competition was held for the best collection of Autumn leaves and fruits of British trees. This was won by Valerie Smith (II.B). There have also been films and discussions. Briers (III.A) gave a very interesting talk on "Ants."

B.J.L.

**JUNIOR NEEDLEWORK SOCIETY**

Three-twenty on Friday afternoons sees a peaceful gathering of enthusiastic needlewomen in 2.A room, intent on producing cushion-covers, tray cloths, table-cloths and aprons, and also on the exchange of gossip!

A.D.

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**KNITTING SOCIETY**

Since Christmas the members have been busy knitting jumpers and cardigans in a variety of bright colours in preparation for summer holidays. Mothers and younger brothers and sisters have not been forgotten, however.

M. R. T.

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**LEATHERCRAFT SOCIETY**

This year, many smaller items have been made, such as purses and comb cases. A few pupils have made knitting-bags and writing cases. Among the more unusual articles have been a purse to wear on a wrist and a compass case. Handbags no longer interest members as they can be obtained at such reasonable prices ready made.

M.J.C.

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**MUSIC SOCIETY**

We have had the usual mixture of items this year—piano compositions, operatic works, ballet extracts, and orchestral pieces. Most Society meetings are devoted to the preparation of works to be heard at Symphony Concerts in Preston.

The most important Concerts are those given by the Liverpool Philharmonic and Halle Orchestras. We remember most vividly the playing by Denis Matthews last November of Beethoven's Third Piano Concerto and the conducting by Efrem Kurtz of Brahms Second Symphony. Again, in December, we remember the same conductor with the Liverpool Philharmonic in Schubert's Unfinished Symphony and Dvorak's New World. Cherkassky, at the same concert, played the solo part in Tchaikowsky's First Piano Concerto.

The Carl Rosa Opera Company visited Preston again this year so we took the opportunity to play rapidly through a few operas on the gramophone, paying particular attention to "Cavalleria Rusticana," the opera we were to see as a school party. Several members went to see other operas as well.

B.L.W.

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**NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY**

This year various projects have been undertaken by the members of the Natural History Society. These included Zoological and Botanical experiments, and attempts at Practical Field Ecology have been made. Several films were shown, lectures were given on varying subjects, and the Aquaria have received due care and attention.

G.H.

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**RUGBY SOCIETY**

This year's weather allowed outside activity most weeks, which was a pleasant change from the previous season. In the Christmas Term "un-opposed" Rugby was played to practise team movements and in the Easter Term Seven-a-Side games were played.

D.S.M.

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**SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY**

In our programme this year we have had demonstrations, talks and films. The films included a very interesting one on 'Prospecting for Oil.' This followed a talk on 'Sources of Power,' illustrated by means of the epidiascope. Other talks included one by Battersby on 'The internal combustion engine' and one by Damp on 'Aeroplanes.'

A few meetings were spent in practising glass blowing.

W.R.

## THE SCHOOL LIBRARY

If it is true that no news is good news, then we have had a successful year. Activity in all sections of the Library has been brisk, and it has been particularly noticeable that this year many members of junior forms have found material to interest them.

Judith Parkinson has acted as Librarian, while Julia Cookson and Glenys Hothersall have superintended the County Library books. Beryl Walkden, Delia Norris and Lana Matoff have shown themselves faithful Library Orderlies.

W.J.D.

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## CHOIR

The programme of songs for this year's Speech Day comprised, for the first time, three three-part songs—Edward German's "Beauteous Morn,"—Gordon Jacob's arrangement of "Brother James' Air," and a madrigal by John Wilbye (1609)—"Come Shepherd Swains." All were well sung and the intricacy of the madrigal (unaccompanied) appreciated by many.

The Carol Service, due to inclement weather, was held in the morning, and the party postponed till the Spring Term. In spite of this and the loss of a certain atmosphere, both went well and the boys' choir conducted by Mr. Wilson performed valiantly. The school brass band, in their two items at the party maintained their yearly output and are to be congratulated. Pat Heaton's solos were much appreciated.

Many thanks to Miss Whewell for arranging the tea, to Mr. Wilkinson for arranging the games, to Margaret Sample for her admirable leadership and finally to the whole choir, boys and girls, for their support.

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## CRICKET, 1955

On the whole, this was a very satisfactory season, the 1st XI proving to be a capable side which produced some good batting and fine bowling. The opening partnership of Swarbrick, J. G., and Dawber, on several occasions, did their job very well by laying a firm foundation to the innings. Unfortunately, the later batsmen did not always take full advantage of this good beginning. The burden of the bowling rested, fairly and squarely, on the shoulders of Knowles and Smith, C., and they carried it very successfully.

The only two serious lapses, from this generally good standard, occurred late in the season. On the last Saturday of term, Morecambe were victorious, in a game played in very great heat, at an extremely slow pace. Also, the Staff, after struggling for a number of years, were finally successful, due, perhaps, to their "excellent running between the wickets."

## CHARACTERS OF THE 1st XI

**KNOWLES (Captain).** Bowled very much better than last year and was consistently successful. He handled the side well and his batting, though not so rewarding as his efforts with the ball, was of the right spirit.

**SWARBRICK, J. G.** Played many excellent innings and was a fine example to the other batsmen of the side. A very reliable fielder.

**DAWBER.** A right-hand batsman who has the ideal temperament and technique for an "opener." Should prove an asset to the 1956 side.

**SOUTHWORTH.** Never quite reached the batting standard of which he was obviously capable. Fielding, too, was always rather shaky.

**BOURN.** A batsman who performed consistently well throughout the season. Will captain the 1956 team and is capable of setting a fine example in all departments of the game.

**HARDWICK.** Another potentially fine batsman who did not come up to expectations. Fielding was usually slow.

**MALLEY.** An attacking batsman and hostile bowler whose services were not called upon often enough to show what he could do.

**SMITH, R.** The sort of fielder that every bowler likes to see.

**SMITH, C.** Had a very successful season, with the bat and particularly in bowling. Unfortunately missed one or two of the later games.

**SINGLETON, J.** A very agile and enthusiastic wicket-keeper, who did all that was required behind the stumps.

**MEE.** Enjoyed a very successful batting season. Is of the type extremely useful to any side, a hard-hitting left hander.

J.B.

## RECORD OF 1st XI MATCHES

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
9	3	3	3

## KNOCKOUTS

The same finalists as the previous year, again contested the Final but this time the result was reversed. Cuerden defeated Farington by the comfortable margin of 98 runs.

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LEAGUES					
P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.	
Worden	3	3	0	0	6
Clayton	3	1	0	2	2
Cuerden	3	1	0	2	2
Farington	3	1	0	2	2

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## TENNIS, 1955

*Captain : JUDITH E. PARKINSON*

We had a most successful season, winning all our matches. The standard of play was good on the whole, but footwork could still be much improved.

*1st Couple :*

J. PARKINSON. Has played a much more attacking game this season. Footwork greatly improved, and net play good. All strokes played with greater force and confidence. Captained the team most efficiently.

U. BADGER. A strong and energetic player, but has still not completely overcome her erratic tendencies.

*2nd Couple :*

K. PARR. A vigorous player who moves speedily about the court. Always keen to get as much net play as possible.

P. HEATON. A steady player who places her shots well. Must now concentrate on improving both footwork and net play.

*3rd Couple :*

V. BALL. A player with good style, who drives well. Footwork still slow, and much practice in net play necessary.

N. WILCOCK. A promising player, with good match temperament. Must now concentrate on more forceful and attacking play.

## 1st VI MATCHES

June 11th v. Ormskirk G.S.	....	....	....	....	Away	Won	43-38
" 18th v. Chorley G.S.	....	....	....	....	Home	Won	79-20
" 25th v. Ashton-in-Makerfield G.S.	....	....	....	....	Home	Won	63-18
July 2nd v. Newton-le-Willows G.S.	....	....	....	....	Away	Won	52-20
" 9th v. Preston Park School	....	....	....	....	Home	Won	53-28

## TENNIS KNOCK-OUTS, 1955

Farington defeated Clayton.

Cuerden defeated Worden.

*Final : Cuerden defeated Farington.*

## HOUSE LEAGUES

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points
Clayton	3	3	0	0	6
Farington	3	1	2	0	2
Cuerden	3	1	2	0	2
Worden	3	1	2	0	2

## ROUNDERS, 1955

Captain : M. ALLISON

### 1st IX MATCHES

	Away	Won	10-5
June 4th v. Larkhill Convent School			
„ 18th v. Chorley G.S.	Home	Won	7½-2
July 2nd v. Newton-le-Willows G.S.	Away	Won	7½-1
„ 13th v. The Staff	Home	Won	7-5½

The school 1st IX can be justly proud of winning the four games played in the best season for some years. Fielding is very quick and accurate and hitting has improved considerably.

Bowler : I. WARD.  
Backstop : M. HESKETH.

1st Base : K. HOSKER.  
2nd Base : V. KEENE.  
3rd Base : B. FLOYD  
or K. PARR.  
1st Deep : K. WILKINSON.  
2nd Deep : M. MAIDMENT.  
3rd Deep : M. ALLISON.  
4th Deep : R. HOSKER.

### ROUNDERS KNOCK-OUTS, 1955

Cuerden defeated Farington.

Worden defeated Clayton.

Final : Cuerden defeated Worden.

### HOUSE LEAGUES

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points
Clayton	3	2	1	0	4
Worden	3	1	1	1	3
Cuerden	3	1	1	1	3
Farington	3	1	2	0	2

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## HOCKEY, 1955-56

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn
1st XI	13	7	5	1
2nd XI	11	8	2	1

### 1st XI MATCHES

	Home	Lost	1-2
Sept. 24th v. Ashton-in-Makerfield G.S.	Home	Drew	2-2
Oct. 1st v. Fleetwood G.S.	Home	Won	10-0
„ 8th v. Winckley Square Convent School	Home	Won	2-1
„ 15th v. Chorley G.S.	Away	Won	12-0
„ 22nd v. St. Anne's College	Home	Won	7-1
Nov. 5th v. Blackpool Collegiate School	Away	Lost	0-2
„ 12th v. Newton-le-Willows G.S.	Home	Won	1-0
„ 19th v. Ormskirk G.S.	Away	Lost	0-4
„ 26th v. Upholland G.S.	Away	Won	3-0
Dec. 3rd v. Preston Park School	Away	Lost	0-2
Jan. 28th v. Ashton-in-Makerfield G.S.	Away	Won	6-1
Feb. 25th v. Fleetwood G.S.	Away	Lost	1-4
Mar. 3rd v. Ormskirk G.S.	Away		

This was a much more enjoyable season than the previous one, and we were able to play a total of thirteen games out of a possible sixteen.

Although we met with considerable success, winning more games than we lost, the team did not quite fulfil our expectations. The players combined well and attacked with vigour, and the stickwork and footwork were always good, but the final effort just fell short, especially when matched with stiff opposition. We managed to win our home match against Ormskirk, after a lapse of four years, but were defeated again in the return match at Ormskirk.

The Lancashire Schools Annual Tournament was, as always, an enjoyable and exciting event. We won two of our games and drew two, and special mention must be made of Kathleen Hosker's excellent play at centre-forward. Ashton, the winners of our section, went on to defeat Ormskirk in the final.

Irene Ward and Ruth Hosker played in the Junior County Trials, were selected for special coaching, and went as reserves to the County Junior match against Cumberland in April.

The second eleven had a successful season and should provide us with several new members of the first team next season.

### TEAM CRITICISMS

Goalkeeper : M. BLUCK. An alert and active young goalkeeper who has made great strides in one season.

Right Back : L. THOMPSON. At the beginning of the season was rather variable but later recovered, and improved on her former skill, giving excellent support to the halves.

Left Back : M. TAYLOR. Strong and forceful and covers well for the half-backs.

Right Half : E. TAYLOR. A hard-working half. Tackles well and is tenacious.

Centre Half : I. WARD. A neat and skilful player with excellent control, and always to be relied on in the last resort.

Left Half : M. ALLISON. A very good half-back who unfortunately suffered a knee injury just before Christmas. Her place was taken by M. BEARDSWORTH who tackles courageously and has a strong drive.

Right Wing : J. BAILEY played in this position for much of the season. Is speedy but rather lacks tenacity and must practise fielding the ball on the run.

A. PARKINSON played at the end of the season and promises well as a speedy forward.

Right Inner : A. MANCHESTER. Quick to seize her opportunities and with good ball control she proved one of our top scorers.

Centre Forward : K. HOSKER (Captain). Has played consistently well, scoring some excellent goals. Stickwork and tactics always very good.

Left Inner : R. HOSKER. Continues to play a strong attacking game and is on the alert for every opportunity to shoot.

Left Wing : A. LAMBERT. A neat player with a good pass to the right. Should be very good if she can develop more tenacity and practise dodging tactics.

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### HOCKEY KNOCK-OUTS, 1956

Cuerden defeated Clayton. Farington defeated Worden.

Final : Cuerden defeated Farington.

### HOUSE LEAGUES

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points
Cuerden	6	5	1	0	10
Clayton	6	3	2	1	7
Farington	6	1	2	3	5
Worden	6	0	4	2	2

## RUGBY FOOTBALL, 1955-56

		<i>- Points -</i>					
		Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against
1st XV	....	17	7	1	9	108	102
2nd XV	....	13	9	0	4	168	71
U.15 XV	....	11	5	3	3	124	73
U.14 XV	....	3	3	0	0	101	17
U.13 XV	....	5	3	0	2	61	19

## 1st XV MATCHES

	1955	Home	Won	20-0
Sept.	17th v. Wigan G.S. ....	Away	Won	14-3
"	24th v. Ormskirk G.S. ....	Away	Won	3-5
Oct.	1st v. Upholland G.S. ....	Home	Won	8-3
"	15th v. King George V School, Southport ....	Away	Lost	0-6
"	22nd v. Arnold School ....	Home	Lost	5-6
"	26th v. Kirkham G.S. ....	Home	Lost	3-8
Nov.	2nd v. Stonyhurst 2nd XV ....	Away	Won	6-3
"	5th v. Morecambe G.S. ....	Home	Lost	0-11
"	9th v. Rossall 2nd XV ....	Away	Lost	0-16
"	19th v. Preston G.S. ....	Home	Lost	9-11
"	26th v. Sedberg 3rd XV ....	Away	Lost	8-16
Dec.	3rd v. King George V School, Southport ....	Home	Won	6-0
"	10th v. Hutton G.S. ....	Home	Won	11-0

## 1956

	Jan.	Away	Lost	6-8
"	21st v. Wigan G.S. ....	Away	Drawn	3-3
"	28th v. Hutton G.S. ....	Away	Won	6-3

The 1st XV this season played better football and consequently had a better record, but they never quite fulfilled the promise shown in the early games against Wigan, Ormskirk and Southport. On the whole the defensive technique was much sounder than the offensive and several matches were lost narrowly because of failure to press home repeated attacks. The need of a reliable goal kicker was also apparent throughout the season and though Martland and Entwistle both kicked some good goals each missed many opportunities from comparatively easy positions. The basic failure of the team was at the lines out. These occur much more frequently in modern football than set scrummages and any team wishing to play an attacking game must master the art of getting the ball away quickly and cleanly. The forwards never really solved this problem and the consequent slowness hampered the halves and centres. The forwards, however, cannot be entirely blamed for this as the throwing in from touch was not always accurate or intelligent.

Many positional experiments were carried out in the effort to achieve more scoring power and to replace Malley and Speakman. Not all of these were successful but the moving of Bourn to centre and Hall to wing forward paid dividends in the second half of the season.

A particularly pleasing feature of the season has been the way in which the reserves have played when called upon, and this is reflected in the record of the 2nd XV. This must have been easily the best 2nd XV we have turned out since the war, and its successes, together with those of the Junior XV's augur well for future seasons.



SCHOOL HOCKEY XI, 1954-55  
Back row (left to right) : K. N. Parr, M. Allison, L. Thompson, M. Stott, N. Wilcock, G. Priestley.  
Front row (left to right) : J. M. Oliver, I. Ward, M. M. Maidment, K. Hosker, R. C. Hosker.  
Played 4   Won 1   Lost 3



SCHOOL RUGGER XV, 1954-55  
Back row (left to right) : Makin, P., Robinson, J. K., Swarbrick, J. G., Martland, J. R., Mr. D. S. Morgan,  
Ditchfield, D. P., Knapman, R. K., Heyes, R., Speakman, T.  
Middle row (left to right) : Swarbrick, J. M., Bourn, A. J. R., Hall, A. E., Singleton, J., Smith, R.,  
Knowles, J. E., Williams, R.  
Front row (left to right) : Dawber, R. P. R., Malley, B.  
Played 14   Won 3   Lost 11

## 1st XV CHARACTERS

*Full Back* : SMITH, R. Has once again been a most reliable last line of defence and has also shown a very shrewd idea of when to go up in attack. His kicking has also improved.

*Right Wing* : BALDWIN, K. Possesses a sound defence and runs hard, though without a great deal of subtlety.

*Right Centre* : ROOCROFT, R. Has a good pair of hands and a good eye for an opening. His defence needs tightening up but his play is full of promise for the future.

*Left Centre* : BOURN, A. Started off in his old position of wing forward but on being moved to the centre showed a decided flair for the position.

*Left Wing* : HEYES, R. On occasions ran with skill and dash, and with more opportunities would have scored many points. His tackling is sound.

*Fly Half* : DAWBER, R. His defensive play is good, especially in the stopping of opposition dribbles but he has still not mastered the technique of getting his three-quarter line moving smoothly at top speed. In the second half of the season he became obsessed with the diagonal kick-ahead. This rarely leads to a score, and is a waste of hard-won possession of the ball.

*Scrum Half* : SINGLETON, J. Once again has had to play out of his proper position but has had a good season. Like other members of the side his defensive has been of a higher standard than his attacking play. His captaincy has again been good.

*Prop Forward* : WILLIAMS, R. Has had another thoroughly good season and played consistently well in all games.

*Hooker* : FISHWICK, G. Has hooked well and improved his play in the loose throughout the season. Needs a little more fire in the loose scrums.

*Prop Forward* : NELSON, P. Came into the side early in November and has always played soundly, if not spectacularly.

*Lock Forward* : ENTWISTLE, J. One of the discoveries of the season, he has the makings of a good forward. Particularly pleasing has been the way he has speeded up his general play and improved his line-out work.

*Lock Forward* : SWARBRICK, J. M. At his best looks very good but is not always consistent. It is unfortunate that the difficulties of balancing the pack have rarely allowed him to play in the No. 8 position, which is his rightful one.

*Number Eight* : MARTLAND, J. Better in this position than in the front row, his covering and backing up have been good. He ought, however, to make more use of his height in the line-out.

*Wing Forward* : HALL, A. Very fast and lively, and a good tackler, he at last appears to have found his right position. He must, however, overcome a tendency to loiter offside.

*Wing Forward* : KNAPMAN, R. A very sound forward who has played consistently well throughout the season.

Two teams were again entered for the Fylde Sevens Competition. The first team was very narrowly defeated by Sale G.S. by 8pts.-5pts. in the first round, whilst the second team beat Blackpool G.S. 2nd by 5pts.-3pts. In the second round they lost in the closing seconds of the game by 3pts.-0 against Hutton.

During the Christmas term Singleton, J., Williams, R., Smith, R., Bourn, Swarbrick, J. M., played in a Mid-Lancashire Area trial game, and during the Christmas Holidays Smith, R., and Bourn played for Preston Schools v. Fylde Schools. Bourn went on to play for the Mid-Lancs. Area v. N.W. Lancs. and for the North v. South in the final trial for the Lancashire Schools XV.

Colours for the season were re-awarded to Singleton, J., Hall, Smith, R., Williams, R., Swarbrick, J. M., and Bourn and awarded to Speakman, Martland, J., Dawber, Heyes and Knapman.

## KNOCK-OUTS

Competition was again fairly even, and in the first round Farington beat Cuerden by 11pts.-0, and Clayton beat Worden by 3pts.-0. A very close final was won by Farington by 5pts.-3pts.

## LEAGUES

	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points
Farington	6	0	0	12
Worden	3	1	2	7
Cuerden	1	1	4	3
Clayton	1	0	5	2

D.S.M.

## CROSS COUNTRY, 1956

All except one of the team's runs took place in ideal conditions, with good times and results and keen competition. The team ran well in all four matches, Baldwin and Smith running strongly. Baldwin is to be congratulated on his excellent times and in particular for breaking the course record with a time of 21 minutes 20½ seconds. Bourn was a strong runner and able captain, receiving good support from the rest of the team.

### RESULTS

Feb. 18th v. Kirkham G.S. and Baines G.S. (a) ....	Kirkham 34pts., School 66 pts., Baines 83pts.
„ 22nd v. Q.E.G.S. Blackburn (a) ....	Blackburn 38pts., School 42pts.
Mar. 14th v. Q.E.G.S. Blackburn (h) ....	Blackburn 32pts., School 47pts.
„ 17th v. Kirkham G.S., Baines G.S., Blackpool G.S. (h) ....	Blackpool 44pts., Kirkham 84pts., School 85pts., Baines 97pts.

The Senior Championship was won convincingly by Baldwin whilst the Junior run was a good win for Twist K. The Senior time was 22 minutes 19 seconds and the Junior time 14 minutes 44 seconds.

The following is the result of the House Championship, Worden winning the Cup.

Worden ....	7.03pts.
Clayton ....	7.13pts.
Cuerden ....	7.86pts.
Farington ....	8.77pts.

Colours were re-awarded to Bourn, Baldwin, Lucas, Hughes and Hurst.

G.B.

## HOUSE NOTES

### CLAYTON HOUSE

*House Master : Mr. A. J. Bull*

*House Mistress : Miss A. Doherty*

*House Captains : Williams, R., and R. Dickinson*

Once again we welcome all newcomers to the House and to our departed brethren we wish every success in the future.

The past year can be considered to have been moderately successful in the sports field, though, alas, in the classroom the Silver Griffin again eluded us. The juniors particularly are to be congratulated on their efforts which were rewarded by the winning of no less than four League Championship Shields, the only one eluding us being the Cricket Shield. The "Knock-out" Cups, however, were conspicuous by their absence.

The efforts of Miss Doherty and Mr. Bull again maintained the high standard of the House Party, Miss Doherty ably providing the "eats" and Mr. Bull supervising the entertainment.

On reflection there is still room for improvement in certain spheres and with this sobering thought we give you our motto "Press on Regardless."

### CUERDEN HOUSE

*House Master : Mr. C. S. Hilditch*

*House Mistress : Miss K. Whewell*

*House Captain : Ogden, I., and M. Sample*

Congratulations, Cuerden, on a very successful year on the sports field. We have won, during the last twelve months, the Cricket, Hockey, Tennis and Rounders Knock-out Cups, the Rounders League Shield, and on Sports Day exceeded all expectations, winning the Relay Cup by a handsome margin, a veritable triumph for teamwork and effort.

The party, as usual, was a great success, the usual scrumptious feed provided by Miss Whewell and the girls being followed by Cuerden's special brand of entertainment. The return of the Cuerden Cuties after an absence of three years, was one item which was welcomed with open arms. The play also was a masterpiece, the unrehearsed effects, namely the loss of his beard by the male lead, and other untoward happenings having the audience in hysterics. The highlight, however, was an excerpt from Chu Chin Chow, which would have made Frederic Norton turn in his grave, and nearly caused our producer to have heart failure.

On this note of success, may we welcome all new Cuerdenites to the fold, hoping they will do all in their power to pull us, once more, to the dizzy heights. We also wish a fond farewell to all those who have served us so faithfully in the past, wishing them every success in the future.

Wanted Urgently 'One Silver Griffin last seen leaving III.A room in 1954; please return at the earliest possible moment.' So come on Cuerdenites, why not do something about it? Nil Desperandum, or (optimistically) translated, what we have done before we can do again

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### FARINGTON HOUSE

*House Master : Mr. W. J. Downer*

*House Mistress : Miss A. Milroy*

*House Captains : Hall, A. E., and J. Parkinson*

We extend a very warm welcome to all new Faringtonians and send our best wishes to all who have left.

This year we were once more successful on Sports day for we have again the House Championship Cup. H. Deacon retained the Junior Championship. We are pleased to report that in the tie for the Victor Ludorum Cup the joint holders are both members of Farington—Mee (the 1955 Victor) and Smith, R. The boys also won the Rugby Leagues; and to show that Faringtonians have not spent all their time racing around the track the Silver Griffin is also amongst our trophies. We know that all members of the House will endeavour to keep up the good work.

In such things as House Parties and general enjoyment, Farington really excels. There were many guests who eagerly devoured in a very short time the tea so painstakingly prepared by an army of willing helpers. The entertainment was in the capable hands of Mr. Downer and the boys, who created an innovation at House Parties by including a scene from Shakespeare's Richard III.

Although we appear to have had a fairly successful year there must be no resting on our laurels. Rather let us hope that the taste of success will spur us on to ever greater efforts and to cause all newcomers to wish they were Faringtonians.

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### WORDEN HOUSE

*House Master : Mr. B. L. Wilkinson*

*House Mistress : Miss M. A. Rahill*

*House Captains : Dewhurst, T.A., and I. Ward*

We wish to welcome all newcomers to Worden and hope they will follow in the footsteps of their worthy predecessors. And to all those who have left us during the past year we wish all happiness and success in the future.

During the past year the boys carried off the Cross Country Cup and on Sports Day the Victrix Cup came to Worden House.

We are very pleased to welcome Miss Rahill back into our midst, as she gives an immense amount of encouragement and help to all in the house: in fact we could not do without her.

The House Party this year was the usual success, although it was held in the Summer term, not exactly the time for parties. It was a little different this year—we decided to cut down on entertainment and found that Wordenites appreciated the time allowed for games and dances. The tea, too, was excellent, and our thanks go to Miss Rahill and the girls for the work they put in to make it such a success.

Next year we are hoping for greater success in every field of school activity. It is up to you, Wordenites!

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## “NON SIBI SED ALIIS”

March 24th, 1954	Royal National Lifeboat Institution	....	....	....	£3	13	9
Sept. 14th, 1955	Dr. Barnardo's Homes (Box Collection)	....	....	....	£11	8	2
,, 21st, 1955	St. John Ambulance Brigade (Leyland Division)	....	....	....	£4	10	2
Nov. 5th, 1955	Earl Haig's Poppy Fund	....	....	....	£6	10	2
March 13th, 1956	Royal National Lifeboat Institution	....	....	....	£3	10	0
May 29th, 1956	Save the Children Fund	....	....	....	£10	16	7