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Editorial

Once again the time has come for two unfortunate beings to tax their mental abilities to the limit in an attempt to write an Editorial worthy of your intellect. The style adopted for last year's magazine proved so popular that it was decided to retain the same form this year. During the past year we have waved goodbye to Miss Norman, Mrs. Rigo, and to Miss Smith, who left to be married. We have welcomed to our establishment Mrs. K. G. Clarke, Mrs. M. Moynihan, Mrs. C. Murray, Miss S. Taylor (another to add to the confusion), Mlle. C. Severe, our French assistant, and Mr. H. D. Berg, who has been teaching part-time in the Sixth form. We have also welcomed Roland, a friend for Oliver.

We finally said farewell to that stalwart of the "Old School", the House System, much to the regret of many, but admittedly a relief for those who always found themselves involved unwillingly in House games and parties. These activities are being continued on a Form basis, as this was preferred. The Autumn term saw the production of "The Caucasian Chalk Circle" by Mrs. Pearson; while in the Spring term, as a contrast, came lively performances of Gilbert and Sullivan's "Pirates of Penzance" with C.R.G.S. under the musical direction of Miss B. Taylor and Mr. C. Nicholson, also produced by Mrs. Pearson. Unfortunately she will be leaving us at the end of this term to enter the throes of parenthood, and we send her our heartiest congratulations. An informal Certificate Giving was held just before Christmas, and in February the Sixth Form organised a very successful dance. Last summer, in addition to the usual exchanges with France and Germany, four girls joined a party from Clacton County High School on an exchange with American girls from Glens Falls. We hope that all these activities will continue.

School Officials 1971-2

Head Girl: **Mary Webb**
Deputy Head Girl: **Charlotte Burgess**



School Societies & Activities

Chess Club

Captain: **Kathleen Rose** Vice-Captain: **Pamela Blower**

The Chess Club was resurrected in the Summer of 1970 and has continued to flourish during the following year with increased support from the whole school, the membership rising to nearly fifty. The Club joined the Colchester Schools' Chess League, and the following matches were played.

	Points Lost	Points Won
v. Boys' High School	6	2
v. Stanway	4½	3½
v. Royal Grammar School	7	1
v. Alderman Blaxill	4½	3½
v. Wilson Marriage	3½	4½

The Christian Union

The Christian Union, although only recently re-formed from the Christian Education Movement, has begun with several interesting meetings.

Activities have included discussions, record sessions, films, and poetry reading. We have also been visited by outside speakers. Mrs. Craig spoke on behalf of the "Save The Children Fund"; Mr. Warwick Bailey spoke on "Conversion"; Mr. Johnson, from Feering, on "Spiritism"; and Mr. Matthews, a School Welfare Officer, gave a talk: "Is Welfare Enough?" We were also privileged in having three Essex University Students take one meeting. They gave us much encouragement to continue with our own meetings although our members are at present few) as our problems seem trivial compared with theirs.

Library Report

We should like to thank the following for their gifts to the library during the last year: Miss Wiggins, Miss Norman, Angelica Goodden, Rosalind Brewer, Colchester and North-east Essex Co-operative Society and Aquascutum.

If any one of the two hundred anonymous slow readers finds or finishes a book she "borrowed" and did not return, the library will be most grateful if she will bring it back.

We also thank members of the Library Committee for their great help during the year.

Athletics Club

This club is now in its second year, and it has continued to be well supported, with almost fifty members, there are girls from the first four years, with the largest numbers coming from the Upper IVths. Each week the girls have worked towards improving their personal performances in certain events, with the aim of gaining an award under the A.A.A. Five Star Award Scheme.

The following awards have been gained this year:

5 Star Jennifer Eary U4U.
4 Star Nicola Edwards L4D, Sandra Short U4U , Carol Wormall L5S.
3 Star 15 girls.
2 Star 20 Girls.
1 Star 5 girls.

Old People's Welfare Society

During the past year members of the school have continued regularly to give their invaluable assistance at Brambell House, the pensioners' Day Centre. Further encouraging help has been particularly forthcoming this term from the Lower Fifth.

Members help on one Saturday morning each month at Brambell House, where old people of the town go to buy light meals.

New volunteers will be greatly appreciated both by the present members and by the old people, many of whom gain much pleasure from our help.

Public Speaking Competition

Two teams were entered this year for the English Speaking Union's Public Speaking Competition, and the A team went into the local final. The speaker for the A team was Anne Wiseman, who took as her subject: "Is England a Nation of Shopkeepers?" and was ably supported by Isobel Dunt and Jacqueline Lamb, as Chairman and Proposer of the Vote of Thanks, respectively. The B team's subject was : "Are British Policemen Wonderful?" and Penelope Lowery was the Speaker. In this team Wendy Nicholls was Chairman and Josephine Richardson, the Proposer of the Vote of Thanks.

The School Choirs

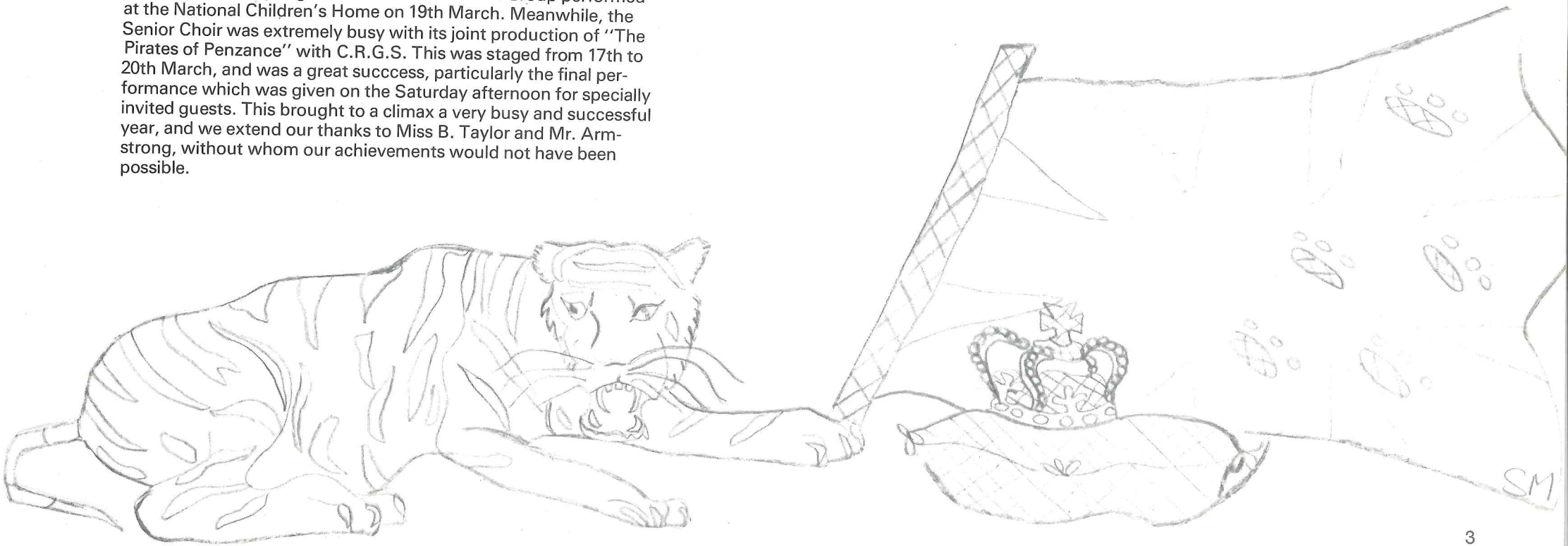
The year began with the annual Dedication Service, at which the Senior Choir performed the anthem, "Non Nobis Domine". At the beginning of November both Senior and Junior Choirs competed at the Chelmsford Festival. Both Choirs sang very well, the Junior Choir winning the Wicks Trophy, and the Senior Choir one Merit and Three Distinction Certificates; as a result of their performance, the Senior Choir Madrigal Group returned to sing at the Prize-winners' Concert later in the year

At Christmas the P.T.A. organised a very successful informal evening of Christmas music by candlelight, at which, in addition to the more usual carols and Christmas music, two songs by members of the school were given their first performance. These were : In the Winter Chill" by Jennifer Harrison (U5) and "The City Carol" by Jennifer Clary (L5). As a result, an invitation was received from B.B.C. Norwich to perform the two carols on television. This was, of course, accepted, and the programme was broadcast on 23rd December. This was a great honour for the School, and we are very proud of our two composers. The Christmas activity ended with Carol Singing for the Rotary Club, outside Holy Trinity Church.

During the Spring term the Lower 5th Folk Group performed at the National Children's Home on 19th March. Meanwhile, the Senior Choir was extremely busy with its joint production of "The Pirates of Penzance" with C.R.G.S. This was staged from 17th to 20th March, and was a great succcess, particularly the final performance which was given on the Saturday afternoon for specially invited guests. This brought to a climax a very busy and successful year, and we extend our thanks to Miss B. Taylor and Mr. Armstrong, without whom our achievements would not have been possible.

The Caucasian Chalk Circle

Brecht's "Caucasian Chalk Circle", produced by Mrs. Pearson and performed before Christmas, was a new and exciting experience for most of us. It involved a large cast, drawn from the Senior part of the school, and its monochrome costumes, cleverly devised by the Sixth form Art Group to appear both oriental yet universal in form, gave it an unusual and striking quality. There were many interesting individual performances, among which Kate Organ's Grusha, played with warmth and humanity, Elaine Malyon's very convincing and drunken Azdak, and the two boorish "Ironshirts" of Betsy Brewer and Margaret Sawdon, stand out in memory. A group of junior recorder and percussion players, led by Sandra Wright and Pamela Light, devised musical effects and simple tunes to accompany the action. All these features, with the producer's ingenious handling of the many incidents of the plot, and the many effective characterisations, conveyed well Brecht's preference for human warmth and individuality over administrative machines.



C.C.H.S. Orchestra

This year the School Orchestra attained a surprisingly good standard throughout the rehearsals and final performances of Gilbert and Sullivan's famous opera "The Pirates of Penzance", which took place at the end of the Spring term. Admittedly the orchestra was aided throughout this work by the musicians of the Royal Grammar School Orchestra, who showed great enthusiasm and patient co-operation in putting on these successful performances; but both Orchestras found they had much to offer each other in the form of musical experience and interpretation, and I am sure everyone took the advantage of learning what they could from this combined production.

Since the Spring of this year the Orchestra has been re-auditioned and modelled on new lines. It is conducted by Miss B. Taylor, accompanied and encouraged by Mr. R. Armstrong on the pianoforte, and the string players are guided in technique and interpretation by Miss J. Cant. Sadly we have had to see many of our more senior members leave, in particular Helen Burrluck who has been a most efficient and pleasant leader throughout this past academic year.

The School Orchestra is proud to have had several of it its members play for the Essex Youth Orchestra and its Second Orchestra. The E.Y.O. was founded in 1957 under the sponsorship of the Essex Education Committee, and meet regularly during vacations to take part in a residential school which is tutored by distinguished musicians. Following these courses the E.Y.O. performs a number of concerts in Essex and its neighbouring countries, and finally ends the year by making a tour abroad. In recent years the Orchestra has visited: Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Holland, West Germany, Berlin and Czechoslovakia. This year the Orchestra made a very successful tour of Denmark and North Germany, performing in Velje, the Tivoli Gardens in Copenhagen, and in the Grosser Saal of the Musickhall in Hamburg.

School Orchestra members have other musical interests outside school. As well as playing for larger orchestras such as the E.Y.O., several members play regularly for the St. Botolph Music Society and the Colchester Baroque Consort; it is hoped that others will follow in their support of such organisations.

Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music

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Clarinet	Grade VI	S. Brook.
Violin	Grade VI	S. Wright.
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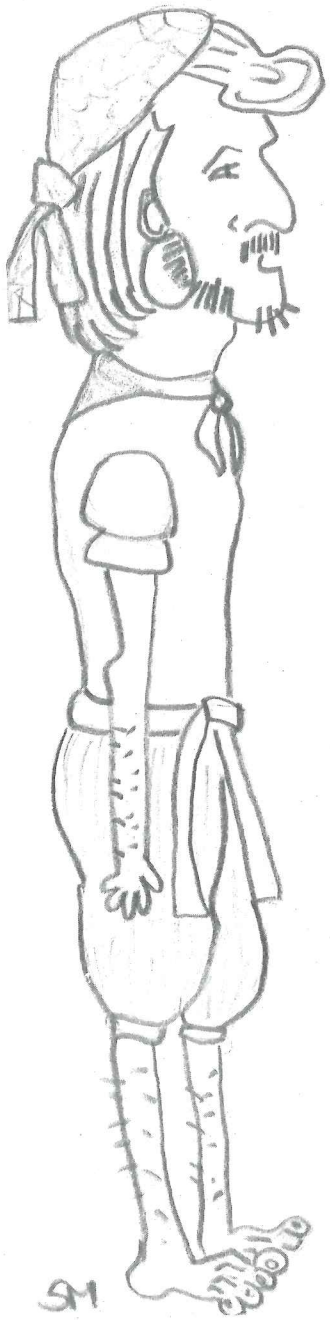


Reflections on Becoming a Pirate

To those of you looking forward to a critical review of the latest C.C.H.S./R.G.S. production, my apologies! Having been so closely involved with it, one hardly wants to criticise one's fellow performers—or oneself, for that matter—so this will undoubtedly turn out to be a jumbled reflection on people and incidents—such as when the authentic plastic model gun being used by the Pirate King—or the cardboard truncheons used by the Constabulary—fell apart!

My first taste of the Pirates was a Thursday afternoon chorus rehearsal, just before the end of the Autumn term. That rehearsal was a far cry from the polished performances of the following Spring—something to which Mrs. Snow—who had to suffer chorus and orchestra rehearsals almost continuously for a term—will testify, as her office is unfortunately located opposite the hall entrance. I don't know who knew the score better in the end—the office staff or us!

The person for whom one must have much admiration is Sue Pearson—our persevering and long-suffering producer. She was faced with one small problem: most of us had been chosen for our singing abilities—NOT because we were actors. Add to this the lack of scope that G. and S. offers to genuine acting, compared, say, with the Caucasian Chalk Circle, and some idea will be gained of the challenge with which she was presented. I well remember the first rehearsal on stage for pirates. It had been practised earlier in "V", lying on the floor (before the cleaners had been allowed in), and in somewhat cramped conditions. Compare this with the vast expanse of the stage, self-consciousnesss, and stage fright—and it was hardly surprising that Sue felt like crawling away, curling up, and dying in the nearest corner. If anything, though, the performances were easier than rehearsals: have you ever tried being a rollicking pirate, dressed in school uniform or everyday clothes—with nothing better to drink out of than a clenched fist?—or playing a card game without cards? Try it, the novelty soon wears off! Still, being a pirate did have its perks (though not the encores, which seemed to be reserved for creatures calling themselves policemen)—especially when we were required to seize the unsuspecting daughters of General Stanley—two each—particularly as that bit had to be rehearsed countless times, largely because the girls screamed and struggled so loudly that the music couldn't be heard!



What else comes to mind? Offstage, I suppose, the most consistent activity was "Bridge" playing—a pastime which soothed many nerves and attracted a sizeable audience of bemused and slightly envious observers. Then there was the game of getting made up. Very vivid is the memory of Liz Ryan daubing pirates with so-called "mud"—a freezing cold mixture of black/brown/grey paint, it was applied, generally, in a howling gale outside the gym door; of the tribe of highly efficient make-up girls—though only one or two had the knack of turning one gingery moustache and semi-beard vaguely black, so that it would show up on stage! The wardrobe mistresses (woe betide the last person to return their costume after a performance!); the stage manager, her assistants, and the lighting crew—who always seemed to be enmeshed in a horde of marauding pirates; those responsible for the excellent set and costumes; and not forgetting Margaret Davidson, the Business Manager, whose only problem was trying to find enough tickets to go round all those clamouring for them; the ladies and gents of the chorus, who accepted me as one of them, and helped to make it a very enjoyable four months.

And one cannot close this without a word on the enthusiasm of Bessie Taylor and Colin Nicholson. To those of you who think that all they had to do was conduct the performances, I would suggest you come to a few rehearsals when there is another joint production — come any night of any week in the two months before the production and you will find one or both of them hard at it, if not with the chorus, then with soloists or orchestra. We are indeed fortunate to have such willing and competent musical directors.

And after the final curtain, there was one more reunion of the entire company, when we descended on the hospitality of Janet and Jamie Clay, where, to say the least, we ate, drank, and were merry—a fitting conclusion to a very enjoyable and satisfying enterprise. Roll on the next one!

P.M.J.

N.B. The profit made on the production, which, even after the lavish outlay on costumes and the hire of ochestral scores, was not inconsiderable, was divided between the R.G.S. and ourselves. Our share has been put into the Dramatic and Music Society funds for use in future productions.

Reminiscences from a working vacation

During the summer holidays of 1971, I was lucky enough to have the elevating experience of giving donkey rides on the beach of Jaywick Sands, a small but phenomenally popular resort in the vicinity of Clacton-on-Sea.

Early each clear morning I, with an assistant and two fine specimens of that noble and intelligent, not to say headstrong, cunning and occasionally obstinate creature, the donkey, sallied forth towards the perilous shingle of Jaywick, savouring, as only a native of the Seaside Resort is able, the maritime beauty of the almost-deserted beach and translucent bay, marred only by the raucous ululation of an infant enjoying its first seaside holiday, the lacerating effect of the wind, and an unaccountable odour of sewers and rotting seaweed.

I, as a lover of children, never tired of hauling these enchantng little mortals on and off the unfortunate cousin of the horse, informing their inexhaustibly enquiring minds, administering to their small wants—"I've lost Mummy", or, "Why can't I have half a donkey ride?" and pacifying them when they dropped their change or the nasty donkey bit their finger. In spite of these apparently trivial but nonetheless incomparable pleasures, however, I was rarely sorry when, at the end of each fascinating day, I could betake myself home in various stages of healthy exhaustion, to attend to my blisters and wash the day's plankton from my hair.

The job had countless advantages: among them were the daily comments of my family on the healthy glow of my face, the glorious suntan I might have acquired had I been sufficiently spartan to withstand exposure to the elements for more than five minutes, and the many traumatic experiences afforded by the freakish atmospheric conditions. How stirring to the imaginative mind was the sight of an occluded front and accompanying low pressure moving across from St. Osyth, with the result that the entire populus of the beach arose like one person, and ran for cover! In this situation, we donned invaluable PVC macs and huddled behind breakwaters, admiring the aesthetic beauty of this elemental phenomenon, while the sky flashed on and off at regular intervals and aqueous globules from the heavens pattered on to the arid sands. So transported by this breathtaking panorama, enhanced by the majestic rolling of the thunder immediately overhead, as to be totally oblivious of my own discomforts, how many happy hours have I passed in contemplation of a wet beach, inhabited only by my two asinine companions and an old lady under a polythene windshield!

Although perhaps I may not have found my vocation in giving donkey rides, I found the experience an enlightening one, and shall treasure for ever the memories of children and ice-creams, windshields and thunderstorms, which it has left with me.

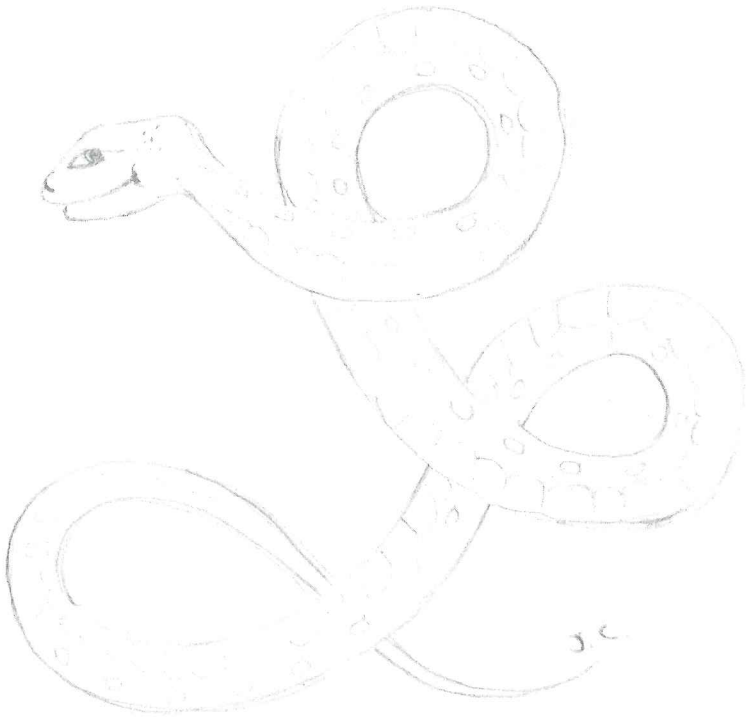
Penny Lowery U6

A Worm

I go in here, I come out there,
I make my holes just everywhere.
In the fields and in the garden,
(Whoops! not here, I beg your pardon.)
Using my body I churn up the soil,
And next, I make a cast, then coil
Back into the earth.



Catherine Howell L4



American Exchange 1971

When we first started planning for the American exchange trip, due to take place in August, it was December, and it seemed impossible to me that August would ever come. But in no time, the dreary winter months had gone and we were on our way. It was misty and cold when we left London and the seven-and-a-half-hour flight seemed like eternity.

Our first glimpse of New York was uninspiring. There appeared to be a lot of waste ground and square, rather ugly looking houses. Once we had left the airport, which is on the outskirts of New York, however, things began to improve, and we caught a glimpse of Downtown Manhatten through the smog, which is incredibly bad. When we arrived at our hotel there was a cloudburst and the weather seemed almost tropical, the temperature being about 85 F.

It did not take us long to realise that our hotel was in the same block as the Empire State Building, and we went up it the next morning, when there was no cloud. The view from the 102nd floor was quite amazing. The next morning, a Greyhound bus took us to Glens Falls, 250 miles to the north-west, where we were to spend the next three weeks.

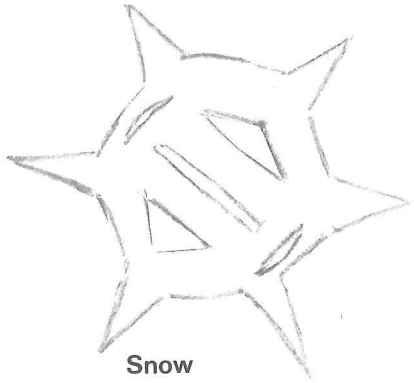
Glens Falls was a fairly small town, but quite different from an English town. The houses were all much larger and were all made of white-painted wood. There were no definite boundaries between them and their gardens—their lawns just all ran together.

From Glens Falls, I went with my exchange girl to Niagara Falls, which were quite as spectacular as I had been led to believe. We went to the Skylon revolving restaurant, which has a beautiful view of the falls, but were caught in a thunderstorm, rather unfortunately. Luckily the weather cleared later on. We also went to Ottawa, which is a very beautiful city, with marvellous shopping arcades. The Canadian people were not, however, as friendly as the Americans, but fortunately we did not meet very many of them.

While I was in Glens Falls, we went to the Saratoga Performing Art Centre and saw Neil Diamond, Bread and the Fifth Dimension live in concert, which was something of an experience.

We all had a very good time in America, and did not want to come home, but the three weeks soon went, and in no time we were back on the plane coming home to England, which seemed very dull and dreary.

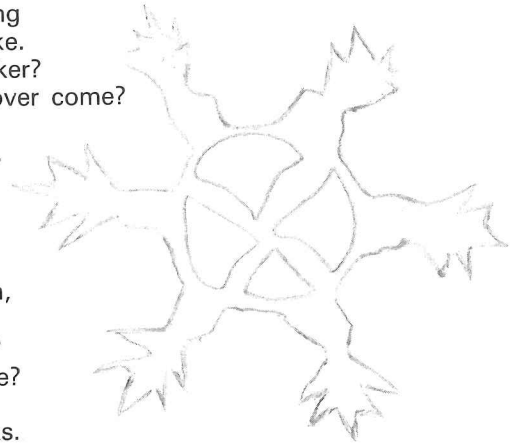
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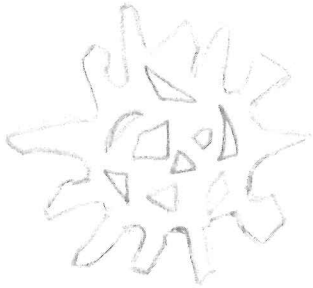
Snow

It came one night—
And in an hour
The earth was transformed:
White bright and gleaming
Like an iced birthday cake.
Who was this great worker?
From whence did this cover come?
The answer:
Snow, from the sky.

It came from the sky—
And in an hour
A soggy, trodden mess
Lay melting on the earth,
Grey, slushy, grime.
Who was this destroyer?
With what was this done?
The answer:
Man, and his works.



Melanie Bees U4



Promises

The people were becoming restless
In the city;
The people wanted freedom
From the city.
The politician walked briskly by,
Carrying a bag marked "Promises".

The people grow to hate each other
In the city;
The hate spread like an epidemic
Through the city.
The Politician walked briskly by,
Carrying a bag marked "Promises".

The people were fighting
In the city;
The people were taking revenge
Upon the city.
The Politician walked briskly by,
Carrying a bag marked "Promises".

The people were sick from the hatred
In the city;
The people were lying, dying,
In the city.
The Politician walked briskly by,
Carrying a bag marked "Promises".

The Politician was lying, dying,
In the city
And, as he took his dying breath
In the city;
A sad figure walked slowly by,
Carrying the broken pieces
Of a bag marked "Promises".

Jenny Clary M5



Variations on "Cargoes"

A hardy Viking longship, sailing from England,
Back to Sweden on the sea so blue,
With a cargo of plunder
That they've stolen from the churches
Gold and silver and a sword or two.

Belinda Ward L4

Evil, dirty smugglers' boat, sailing o'er from Ireland,
To a silent cove on the coast of our homeland.
With a cargo of whisky,
Drugs and cigarettes,
It slinks through the water and crunches on the sand.

Theresa Hobson L4

Great American warship, tracking down her old foe;
Bridge rings down to engine-room for full speed ahead,
With a cargo of torpedoes,
Depth-charges, seacats,
One good job of work with those, and another ship is dead.

Niccola Edwards L4

Lion Walk, Colchester, 1971

Owing to reconstruction of the town centre, demolition has been taking place, revealing material for archaeological excavation. We volunteered to work there during the summer, expecting to be able to dig, little knowing what was in store for us. On our first day we were, much to our disgust, relegated to the potting-shed. For the first two days we did not even wash or mark pottery, but spent our time visiting local shoe-shops collecting shoe-boxes to be used for storing finds—all in support of the director's economy drive! After only two weeks our grand total of shoe-boxes reached twelve hundred, from which the mathematicians among us calculated that one in sixty people in Colchester had bought a pair of shoes during that period.

The highlight of our day was listening to story-time on the radio. There are some advantages to be gained by working in the potting-shed. On one memorable occasion, while we were listening to the adventures of Pooh Bear, the peace of the afternoon was suddenly shattered by the appearance of a chimney crashing through the window near the table where we had just been sitting!! We extend our grateful thanks to Pooh Bear for saving us from an untimely end.

After two weeks' hard work in the hall, washing, marking and sorting pottery and bone, we at last set foot on the site. Actual digging was interspersed with comments from onlookers, peering over or through the fence, who seemed to regard us as animals in a cage. As we were working surrounded by finds-trays piled high with pottery, bone, and tile, it was slightly irritating to be asked: "Have you found anything?" every few minutes. Some people are singularly unobservant!

The "diggers" were of all ages and nationalities, which sometimes made communications slightly difficult, particularly as instructions were given in an unintelligible Scottish accent (to the foreign volunteers anyway). Among them was a boy, who, whatever the weather, dug in a top hat. We also had an advocate of Women's Lib., who insisted on proving that she could wield a pick, and handle a wheelbarrow, as well as any male. Truly a modern Boudicca! There were, however, some people who were more interested in their working companions than their actual work, which caused considerable amusement to the hardened diggers.

We spent a very interesting and enjoyable summer. The work was hard but thoroughly worthwhile, and it could be amusing at times, one of the more memorable sights being a certain person, who shall be nameless, walking down the High Street carrying two medieval chamber-pots.

Judith Cooper, Judith Robson,
Rosemary Thompson, Linda Wright, U6



Taken for a Ride

The tall gentleman adjusted his felt trilby, pulling it down further over his eyes, which were narrow, sinister slits, and, as he leaned over, Charlie noticed his hooked nose and thin, cruel mouth. His skin was sallow, the colour of a pale moon in a winter sky, and seemed to stretch tautly, as if it were canvas, over the bones in his face. His square, unshaven chin, like a cornfield in autumn, carried one ugly, weirdly-shaped mole and his jaw bones jutted out from the sides of his face, giving him a foxlike appearance. From the pocket of his long, navy rain-coat he produced, in one swift movement, a close-range pistol and softly, to attract as little attention as possible, he growled in his deep, bass voice.

"Take me to Cuba."

A little awe-stricken by this blunt and unexpected request, Charlie was only able to murmur, "Pardon?"

"Cuba," the gentleman repeated in a hoarse whisper unable to keep the urgency from his voice.

"Cuba," Charlie repeated parrot-fashion.

"Cuba!" screamed the man impatiently, forgetting all intention of remaining inconspicuous, dangerously waving his pistol in the air and gesticulating wildly with his free hand, more than a little annoyed at Charlie's incomprehension.

Still Charlie failed to grasp the situation completely. "Oh Gawd," he thought to himself, "What have we got here?"

"Look," said the man condescendingly, on seeing Charlie's blank expression. "Look," he said pointedly once again for emphasis. "I want to go to Cuba and you are going to take me there."

Charlie wanted to cough. This was just like the films. However, on catching sight of the hijacker's weapon, any amusement he might have felt could easily have turned to hysteria. "Mind over matter", he thought, and forced himself to control his gibbering inner person.

In a matter of seconds he had successfully pulled himself together and resisted all temptation to repeat the destination once more, just to confirm that he had heard correctly, and to unscramble his somewhat confused brain. Fortunately, saving Charlie from his dilemma, the man, thumping his pistol down upon the counter with a thud that shook Charlie from head to foot, shouted.

"This is your last warning; take me to Cuba!"

Charlie, having regained his composure completely by now, decided to tackle this difficult customer with polite but firm detachment. "I'm sorry, sir," he said coolly, in the faceof all danger, "But this is the Central Smefield works bus and we only go as far as East Harrington. Try the airport, sir; they go for bigger things."

With a cry of dejected horror the man leapt off the bus, bawling something Charlie did not quite hear about "Fascist pigs" and the "Glorious Revolution".

"Ah well," Charlie considered pensively. "All in a day's work," and, having revved up the bus's engine, changed down a gear and began to hum one of his favourite tunes: "You take the high road and I'll take the low road and I'll be in . . . "

Kim Thompson U5



Time

Our time runs out,
The minutes, hours, millenia.
No time for this;
No time to do that;
Running out of time;
The train is going.
The bus has gone.
Couldn't wait, must be
On time,
To the minute, punctual.
Our short past is gone,
Our future to come,
Mere drops
In the ocean of time.

Judy Green U5

A Trendy Poem

Theopilous Gronk was here, much to his aunt's
surprise
who had never even met
him before
let alone known the colour of his ears nose
and throat department
What a goodtime
We all had, which really made all the
anxiety, effort, strain and
stress of making the currant
buns
all seem worthwhile
Why,
don't you get a steady job I asked myself
Because
it's all in the MIND
I replied physically thinking
DON'T TALK TO STRANGERS

Betsy Brewer L6



To Dracula (my Golden Hamster)

He gazed up at me through the bars
With the innocence of a choirboy.
His beady eyes watched me
Intently, as only he could.
He pushed his rubbery nose through a chink
In the cage, and daintily sniffed my finger.

Suddenly there was an agonizing pain
In my finger, and I jumped back
With a cry. A small, crimson bead
Formed itself on my skin, and I
Gazed in puzzlement at the
Hypocrite in his cage.

He sat there, smugly wiffling his nose
And blinking his eyes, as if no
Evil thought could enter his brain.
His silky coat tempted me to
Caress him, but I knew better.

I left him sitting there, quietly
Thinking his innocent thoughts,
That could do the world no evident harm.
I turned in sudden remorse
And ran my fingers over the bars
He listened to the sound
It made, and smiled. He knew
That no human could possibly
Understand the complex mind
Of an animal.

Nicola Holmes U4.

Swans

Petal-like, they drift on the translucent surface
Downy, like flakes of snow on a winter road.
Their serpent-necks white, supple as blowing reeds
Their eyes, bright as the sun through branches, reflect the dark water.
And their feet, unseen, beat the shadows below.

Dreamlike, they have no knowledge of death or beyond,
Achieving nothing past living for today:
Childlike they know nothing, wish to know less,
Yet phantom-like they meander through life,
Constantly active, swift and ready to move.

One proud creature tilts his slender neck
To hearken to the passionate cry of his sister, flying above.
As the call touches his watery heart,
A stab of emotion cuts his pride.
He takes three mighty strokes,
And with a powerful lunge,
Flies with cry of triumph to his sister love.

Now is he great. With terrible beat.
His mighty wings defy all laws of natural gravity.
With elegant grace he performs his sacral rite,
He, and seven brother swans,
With perfection hard to attain,
Swoop in perfect formation,
To surround their sister swan.

As bees protecting their queen
These seven birds escort her to better abode.
Sensitive, they catch the scent of a vast lake.
Their bodies, shining and vibrant in the sun,
With every muscle flexed, these glorious birds
Plunge, with surge and crash
Into the cold, fresh and silvery expanse.

Jean Brown U5

The Prisoner

For years I've been here; and now
I don't want to leave
This place that for so long has been my home;
This filthy, dark stinking home
I don't want to leave;
This hidden grave,
This damp place of misery
I don't want to leave,
This chamber of death
That tears a man's brain to shreds.
No, I don't want to leave,
I don't want to face a new world,
A world that I know nothing about;
It's here that I'll stay—and die.

Sandra King M5



Tennis-balls have idols too!

There I was, sitting quite calmly in my appropriate place, secretly praying that I might have a chance to see my idol, when the lid of my box was thrown open to reveal a blue sky with fluffy, white clouds. Loud cheers and clapping could be heard, and I thought, "This is it. I'll see him now." My heart thumped even more when a voice declared, "Game to Newcombe. Newcombe leads two games to one, in the third set. New balls, please."

A hand grabbed me, and a few more of my friends, and I was whirled through the air to land in my idol's large hand. Newcombe positioned himself behind the back line and threw me into the air and then smashed me smack into the net. I was then retrieved by a horrible ball-boy's sweaty hand and rolled down alongside the court. I rolled past many people who were engrossed in the game, sucking ice-creams or sweets, smoking cigarettes, puffing on cigars, or biting their finger-nails. Then, to my disappointment, I ended tangled up in a linesman's jacket, and I was completely forgotten for the rest of the game.

Linnette King M5

Mother, the washing machine
Has run away with the kettle and tea-pot stand
So what shall we do for tea now?—And—
Don't you think it's slightly illegal?
But what shall we do for washing the clothes—
Or shall we just wear them dirty?
Mother I think the cooker's just left us
And I heard the cutlery talking, Mother
—It won't be long . . .

Anne Wiseman U6

Mankind

Created. But not living.
Alive yet dead,
Empty.
Bottomless,

A body with no life.
Outwardly breathing,
Inwardly suffocating,
Drowning in civilisation.

Sally Rawlinson U5

Hunger

I said I would;
I thought I could,
Test my staying powers:
I woke up early at seven,
Stayed satisfied till eleven;
Then I was hungry, just a little bit;
Soon my stomach felt like an empty pit.
"This is hunger," I thought, but I was wrong;
Of this I was sure before very long.
The hours grew longer and longer and longer,
The hunger grew stronger and stronger and stronger,
Then, I thought, "I know all that they go through,
Those starving millions that count so few;"
But then I knew that at the end there would be food,
While the ending for others: a burial crude.

Kathryn Acres U5

Now the sand, bestrewn with litter, whispers
Warm and soft beneath the homeward tread.
Look back once more; the beach, deserted, lies
In quietness, wave-lapped by the murmuring sea
Which now is merging into dusk. It is
The magic hour of twilight, and the stars
Gleam faintly in the deep and velvet blue,
While in the west the evening dies away.
The ice-creams and the trippers are long gone,
And now the scene is left alone to be
Its lonesome self awhile, as in the past,
Oblivious of holidays and fun.
Faint now the sound of waves, which dare alone
To break the spell of silence on this shore,
A brimming bowl of pure and restless calm.

Jo Hayes L6

Harvest Song

The haycart jolts down the track,
Its fringe of brown legs jostle.
Gold wine of the evening sun
Drenches the valley below;
Red enamelled back of a ladybird
Parts the grasses on the valley floor.
It is the combine, and the sounds
Of its industry float up through the
Woodsmoke and the crushed hayseed.
The apples hang like lanterns in the tree
And turn their merry cheeks up to the sun.

Memories of Summer are gathered with the grain
Stored vats of sunlight to be opened on Winter's day;
Rolls of blue sky to be reflected above the snow.
Christmas, Easter and Harvest day,
Pews are packed as September jam shelves.
Summer distilled in Autumn
Streams dancing motes through the
Juice-stained glass.

Jenny Harrison L6.

The Raindrop

It held its breath;
Jumped
From the comparative security of the company
Of its thousands, of millions of relatives
Small, round; insignificant alone,
But when in force they could destroy us.
Tumbling,
Gathering speed as it falls through
The atmosphere,
Falling,
Past the tree-tops, skyscrapers, lamp-posts, to land,
Finally,
Under the tread of an insignificant bystander,
Revelling
In the false security of others.

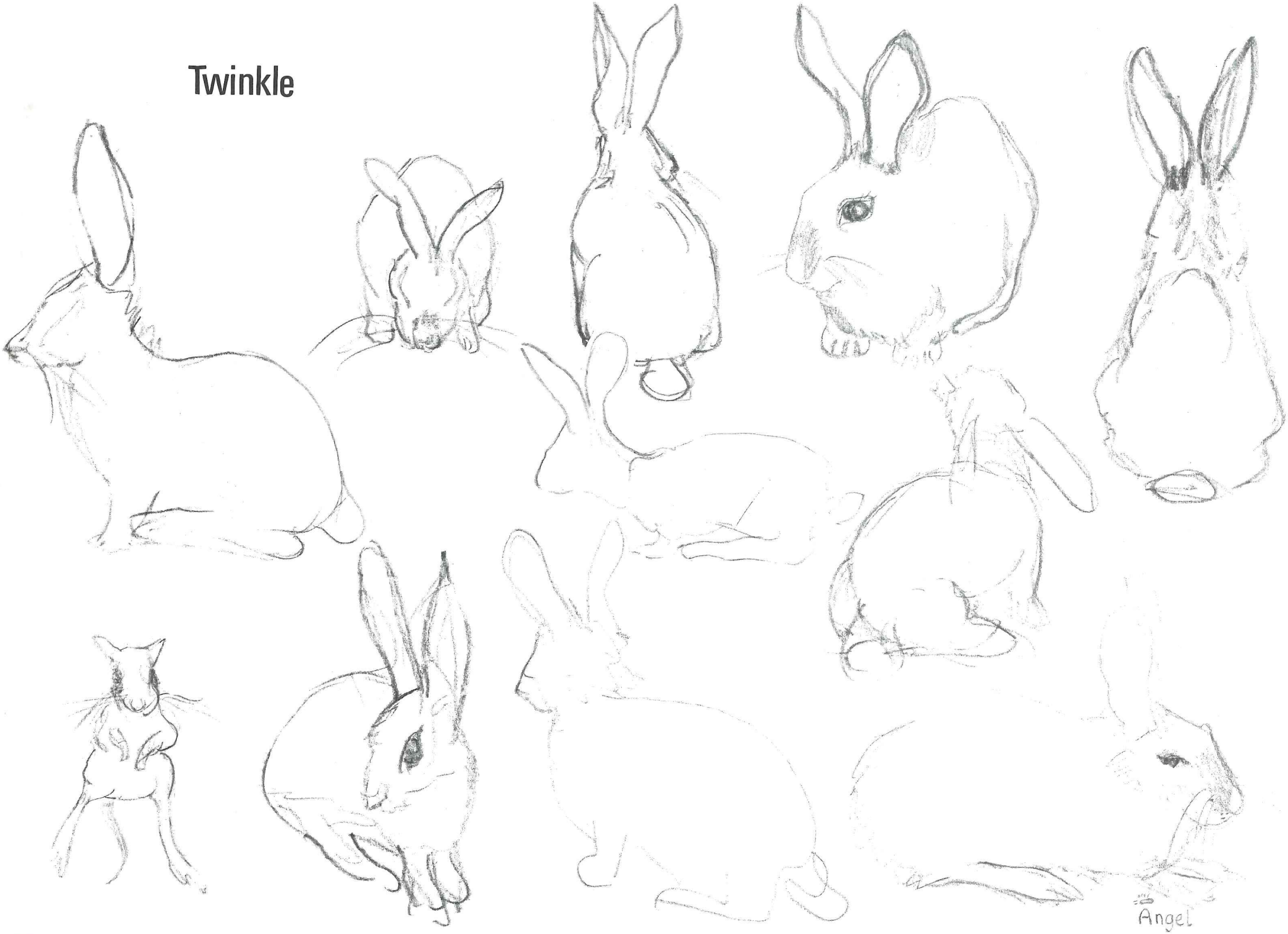
Elaine Banks U5

Desperation of Loneliness

She stood **alone**
Not knowing why,
Nor caring why,
The world turned round
Oblivious of her broken heart.
The loneliness surged round,
Enfolding her with despair,
But still she stood . . .
Alone
Desperation won.
She climbed **alone**—
Up the icy wall.
Then she stood, poised,
Ready to jump.
Everything grew hazy.
She jumped.
It was finished,
Her loneliness was gone.
She had peace.
No-one wept for her,
And now she didn't care
That she died
Alone!

Sharon Tarbin M5

Twinkle



GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION, 1970-71
Advanced Level

J. Addison	Geography ii, Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics†
P. Blower	English, Geography, French†
R. Brewer	English*, Geography ii, French†
H. Burrluck	History, French, Pure Mathematics†
G. Collin	English, History, French.
J. Dudley	Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics.
P. Frost	English, French, German†.
A. Goodden	Latin*, French*, German*†.
V. Jennings	Geography, Chemistry, Biology†.
C. Kelly	English, History, French†.
L. Langmead	English, History, Latin†.
E. Malyon	English, History ii, French†.
K. Matthews	English, History, French†.
P. Nuttall	Physics, Chemistry, Biology†.
P. Pepper	Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics†.
K. Rose	Pure Mathematics* ii, Applied Mathematics, Physics*†.
A. Rudd	Pure Mathematics ii, Applied Mathematics ii, Physics* U.
M. Scrivener	English, History, Art.
H. Vinson	Geography, Biology, Art.
J. Yelton	Physics, Chemistry*, Biology* i
D. Ziadie	English*, History*, French†.
A. Barringer	History, Art.
A. Britter	English, French.
J. Butler	English, French.
K. Carroll	Religious Knowledge, French.
J. Clay	French, Music ii†.
S. Farr	English, History†.
P. Folley	English, History†.
H. Francis	Geography, Mathematics†.
C. French	Physics, Biology* U.
V. Garwood	English, History ii.
L. Hinton	Physics, Biology†.
V. Hoare	English, History†.
T. Hunter	English, History†.
K. Needham	Religious Knowledge, History
K. Nevard	English*, History
A. Parvin	Physics, Chemistry.
G. Rodwell	English, Art.
M. Salmon	Geography, Biology.
V. Shiells	Geography, Home Economics.
L. Skeggs	Mathematics, Art U.
J. Szymbra	English , French.
J. Westley	Physics*, Chemistry†.
J. Whitting	Geography, Art.
R. Bailey	Biology
P. Collins	Biology
A. Cooper	Needlework and Dressmaking
S. Presant	Music ii.
P. Rawlinson	Physics
P. Rayner	History
H. Stephenson	Art
D. Woolley	Art

Ordinary Level—Upper V

9 Subjects L. Game, J. Harrison, V. Hattersley, J. Hayes, A. Kenney, L. Smith, C. Warren, U. Whitting.

8 Subjects C. Ambrose, R. Bareham, D. Burt, J. Dyer, V. Goldsmith, K. Humm, A. Jones, A. Marrow, J. Miller, M. Newman, C. Organ, L. Rimington, J. Rudd, M. Sawdon, J. White, C. Whyte.

7 Subjects S. Baker, E. Brewer, C. Bunting, J. Collison, C. Emmett, L. Jones, H. Lapwood, E. Singleton, C. Strudwick, F. Toplis.

6 Subjects J. Alston, A. Avery, J. Bailey, V. Beardwell, N. Borges, H. Bradbeer, L. Clapp, M. Culley, A. Goddard, C. Golding, J. Groom, J. Holland, B. Hunter, S. Jones, R. Lewis, C. Over, S. Reynolds, J. Rodwell, C. Shirtcliff, A. Summers.

5 Subjects G. Alford, G. Bicknell, P. Blackwell, A. Briggs, S. Burleigh, L. Cousins, L. Dow, R. Gilson, J. Hetherington, J. Loring, C. Masters, I. Mole, L. Pitt, M. Rose, A. Sakal, A. Shepherd, L. Snapes, P. Wager, G. Walker.

4 Subjects T. Bland, S. Bowers, F. Broom, J. Finch, B. Green, E. Hines, S. King, J. Langham, J. Nice, S. Parr, A. Stratton.

3 Subjects C. Brice, A. Claydon, C. Daniel, V. Giles, J. Harding, J. King, F. Melrose, S. Ray-Dobson, N. Thompson.

2 Subjects J. Burchert, F. Collins, D. Pearce, K. Richards, T. Welsh, J. Willingham.

1 Subject C. Hickson, J. Linsell.

Economics and Public Affairs
D. Woolley, D. Drury, C. Goulstone, H. Mewett, J. Taylor.

Human Biology
C. Burgess, J. Clachan, A. Denyer, D. Drury, C. Holroyd, C. Jones, J. Lamb, A. Martin, L. Mercer, H. Mewett, C. Prentice, S. Rix, J. Sparrow, B. Tilbury.

* GradeA; † Pass in General Paper and Use of English;
U Pass in Use of English;
i Distinction in Special Paper; ii Merit in Special Paper.

Ordinary Level Subjects taken in the Sixth Form:
A. Barringer (2), R. Britter (1), G. Catling (1), P. Collins (2), A. Goodden (1), A. Jones (1), C. Kelly (1), A. Parvin (1), D. Woolley (1), D. Ziadie (1), S. Broom (1), E. Bunting (1), C. Burgess (1), I. Campbell (1), J. Cogger (2), S. Dickinson (1), I. Dunt (1), S. Emms (2), M. Ellis (1), E. French (2), C. Goulstone (2), J. Harvey (1), A. Hodge (3), C. Jones (1), A. Jury (1), H. Kelly (1), S. Kett (1), J. Lamb (2), E. Lilley Z1), H. Marrow (1), R. Martin (2), L. Mercer (1), H. Mewett (1), B. Munson (1), P. Nisbet (1), E. Paterson (1), S. Rix(1), V. Robinson (2), J. Robson (2), J. Rust (1), E. Ryan (1), J. Sparrow (1), R. Thompson (2), B. Tilbury (1), M. Toon (1), A. Wiseman (2).

Mathematics taken by Middle V

J. Anderson, J. Archibald, V. Avis, R. Bellag, R. Davies, P. Dickinson, J. Francis, S. Gregson, J. Mallinson, W. Millatt, L. Rudd, H. Smith, D. Warren.

LEAVING GIRLS, 1970-71

University

J. Addison	Birmingham—Geography.
R. Brewer	University College, London—Geography.
H. Burrluck	Durham—Economics.
J. Clay	Nottingham—Music (1972).
A. Goodden	Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford—Scholarship.
N. Goodwin-Bailey	St. Hugh's College, Oxford—Philosophy, Politics and Economics.
L. Hinton	Wye College, London—Plant Science.
T. Hunter	Kent—American Studies and History.
V. Jennings	Leicester—Science: Combined Studies.
E. Malyon	Queen Mary College, London—History and French.
P. Nuttall	Bristol—Microbiology.
C. Mallinson	Bristol—French and German.
P. Pepper	Reading—Mathematics.
L. Skeggs	Sussex—Psychology.
J. Yelton	Bristol—Medicine.

Degree Courses

P. Blower	Nottingham College of Technology—Law.
C. Kelly	N.E. London Polytechnic—Law, Economics and History
S. Presant	Royal College of Music.
R. Britter	Trent Polytechnic, Nottingham—Course for teaching of Mentally Handicapped Children.
P. Collins	Aylesbury College of Further Education—O.N.D. Farm Secretarial Work.

Colleges of Education
A. Barringer
J. Butler
K. Carroll
G. Catling
S. Crisp.
H. Francis
V. Garwood
A. Jones
J. Mitchell
K. Needham
P. Rayner
M. Scrivener
V. Shiells
H. Stephenson
H. Vinson

Physical Education Colleges
J. French
M. Salmon

Secretarial/Business Studies
P. Blackwell
V. Goldsmith
A. Hodge
E. Hines
I. Mole
L. Pitt

Hotel/Catering
A. Cooper
J. Linsell
A. Shepherd

Chippenham College of Further Education
S. Farr—Secretarial/Business Studies.

Ipswich Civic College
V. Goldsmith—Secretarial/Business Studies

Chelmsford College of Further Education
H. Lapwood—Secretarial/Business Studies.

North East Essex Technical College
Post "A" Level Courses
G. Collin
P. Frost
K. Prentice
J. Szymbra

Advanced Level Courses
T. Bland
C. Daniel
V. Giles
H. Leiper
H. Mewett
K. Nevard
A. Parish
P. Rawlinson
S. Reynolds
A. Sakal

Occupational Therapy
R. Bailey
Nursery Nursing
P. Johnson
Dispenser
C. French
Pharmacy
S. Parr
Secretarial Training
G. Rodwell—Unilever.
Articled Clerks
G. Walker—Accountancy
D. Ziadie—Law.
Police Cadet
D. Webster
Assistant Housemother
J. Longbottom
Civil Service (Post "A" Level)
J. Westley—G.P.O. Telecommunications.
Trainee Computer Programmer
J. Whitting—Marconi.

Games Section

Netball 1970-71
Captain: **J. Grimsey** Vice-Captain: **K. Thompson**

	1st VII	2nd VII	U-15 VII	U-14 VII	U-14 B VII	U-13 VII	U-13 B VII	U-12 VII	U-12 B VII
G.S.	K. Humm	J. Grimsey*	J. Bolam*	D. Bradshaw	A. Harris	J. Dinnes*	A. Coshan	B. Tyler*	M. Manners
G.A.	J. King	F. Collins	J. Williams	L. Simons*	C. Simons	L. Moodie	P. Light	S. Parsons	E. Tann
W.A.	J. Bailey	C. Golding	J. Nelson	D. Blondel	A. Kemp	S.Short	J. May	D. Bailey	J. Perrin
C.	J. Harding	D. Buckingham	J. Anderson	F. Wiseman	J. Sexton	M. Moon*	S. Wright	C. Smallbridge	D. Bridge
W.D	A. Marrow	S. Reynolds	S. Hunt	D. Scott	C. Nimmo	J. Eary	J. Kelly	C. Abbott	R. Heddle
G.D.	L. Snapes	J. Dyer	C. Gilmour	A. Dow	F. Cannon	N. Holmes	E. Hetherington	A. Bridge	J. Martin
G.K.	K. Thompson*	P. Folley	A. Pitt	J. Round	J. Blishen	J. Pierpont	F. Taylor	J. Potter	J. Hughes

Also played: J. Burchert, R. Bareham, R. Mabbitt, J. Chapman, C. Eagle, V. Blackwell, Y. Street, J. Redding, M. Watson, S. Massink, L. Slater, J. Barrett, J. Rothero, C. Gill, R. Sellers, C. Stewart.
* Captain.

Match Results

Autumn Term

19th Sept.	Ipswich Convent School	Away	2nd VII	Won	33-13
			U-15	Lost	9-20
			U-14	Won	19-11
			U-13	Won	13-10
26th Sept	Ipswich High School	Away	1st	Won	15-12
			2nd	Drew	13-13
			U-15	Lost	16-20
			U-14	Won	19-0
30th Sept.	Wilson Marriage School	Away		Cancelled	
3rd Oct.	N.E. Essex Rally	Away	1st	Won	Rally
			U-15	Won	Rally
			U-14	Won	Section
8th Oct.	Alderman Blaxill School	Away	U-15 A/B	Won	11-8
			U-14B	Won	17-7
			U-13A	Lost	12-11
			U-13B	Lost	3-13
10th Oct.	New Hall School	Home	1st	Won	35-4
			U-15	Won	37-1
			U-14	Won	14-4
15th Oct.	Gilberd School	Home	1st	Won	26-8
			U-15	Won	31-2
			U-13	Won	19-4
21st Oct.	St. Benedict's School	Home		Cancelled	
24th Oct	Essex County Rally	Away	1st	Runners	Up
			U-15	Won	Section
5th Nov.	North East Essex Technical College	Away	1st	Won	39-1
18th Nov.	Wilson Marriage School	Home	U-14	Won	5-2
			U-13	Won	6-4
21st Nov.	Northgate Grammar School	Away	1st	Won	16-15
			2nd	Won	19-10
			U-15	Won	16-6
			U-14	Won	17-6
			U-13	Won	9-0
25th Nov.	St. Helena School	Away	U-15	Won	21-1
			U-13	Won	22-0
28th Nov.	Clacton Secondary School	Home	U-15	Won	32-2
			U-14	Won	29-4
			U-13	Won	10-3
5th Dec.	Chelmsford Technical School	Home	1st	Won	38-3
			U-14	Won	25-6
			U-13	Won	14-0
			U-12	Lost	8-9
15th Dec.	Gilberd School	Away	1st	Won	6-3
			U-14	Won	21-14
17th Dec.	Old 1st VII	Home	1st	Won	24-11

Spring Term

16th Jan.	Chelmsford Technical School	Away	1st	Won	50-3
			U-14	Won	17-10
			U-13	Won	16-3
			U-12	Lost	0-8
20th Jan.	Wilson Marriage School	Away	U-14	Won	10-3
			U-13	Won	12-2
23rd Jan	Clacton Secondary School	Away		Cancelled	
28th Jan.	Alderman Blaxill School	Home	U-15	Won	9-1
			U-14	Lost	1-19
			U-13B	Lost	5-8
			U-12A	Lost	7-9
30th Jan.	Ipswich Convent School	Home		Cancelled	
3rd Feb.	Ipswich High School	Home	1st	Won	25-16
			2nd	Won	25-9
			U-15	Won	29-12
4th Feb.	North East Essex Technical College	Home		Cancelled	
6th Feb.	Territorial Rally	Away	1st	Runners	Up
13th Feb.	Plume School, Maldon	Away	U-14B	Won	15-10
			U-13B	Won	17-0
			U-12B	Lost	0-2
25th Feb.	Gilberd School	Away	U-15	Won	27-5
			U-13	Won	10-3

27th Feb.	Northgate Grammar School	Home	1st	Lost	24-26
			2nd	Won	28-19
			U-15	Won	24-22
			U-14	Won	22-10
			U-13	Won	16-9
3rd Mar.	St. Helena School	Home	U-15	Won	33-0
			U-14	Won	33-4
			U-13	Won	28-1
			U-12	Won	19-0
13th Mar.	Northgate Grammar School	Away	U-12	Won	8-5
18th Mar.	Gilberd School	Home	1st	Won	31-7
			U-14	Won	23-5
			U-12	Lost	9-12
24th Mar.	Ipswich Convent School	Home	1st	Won	13-7
			U-15	Won	18-8

All teams have again enjoyed a successful season. The 1st VII reached the final of the National Schoolgirls' Tournament for the second consecutive year. In this final at Coventry the 1st VII attained seventh position. Colours were presented to J. Harding, J. King and K. Humm; A. Marrow was Highly Commended. L. Snapes, D. Buckingham, J. Grimsey, J. Dyer and J. Bailey were Commended.

Hockey 1970-71

Captain: **Mary Salmon** Vice-Captain: **Christine Holroyd**

	1st XI	2nd XI	U.15 XI	U.14 XI
G.K.	S. Emms	J. Whitting	M. Eland	D. Carder
R.B.	U. Whitting	M. Webb	L. Rudd	M. Bunting
L.B.	J. French	M. Rose	P. Lane	R. Shaw
R.H.	J. Massey	J. Miller	S. Browne	S. Weedon
C.H.	M. Salmon*	D. Burt	J. Archibald	J. Round
L.H.	C. Willis	B. Green	L. Craig/J. Francis	J. Redding
R.W.	J. Sparrow	V. Hattersley	J. King*	C. Nimmo
R.I.	H. Bradbeer	A. Kenney	R. Matthews	F. Wiseman
C.F.	K. Carroll	J. Sparrow*	S. Gregson	P. Briton
L.I.	C. Holroyd	S. Emms	L. Warren	M. Golding
L.W.	S. Rix	F. Toplis	J. Brown	D. Turnbull*

A. Allen, M. Bains and S. Davies also played.

* Captains.

Match Results
Autumn Term

19th Sept.	Chelmsford High School	Away	1st XI	Lost	5-1
			U.15 XI	Lost	11-0
26th Sept.	Braintree High School	Away	1st XI	Won	3-1
			U.15 XI	Lost	4-0
30th Sept.	Sir Charles Lucas School	Away	2nd XI	Lost	4-0
			U.15 XI	Lost	5-2
10th Oct.	Chelmsford High School	Home	2nd XI	Lost	2-3
			U.15 XI	Won	3-2
14th Oct.	St. Helena School	Away	2nd XI	Lost	1-5
17th Oct.	St. Osyth's Training College	Home	1st XI	Drew	2-2
31st Oct.	University of Essex	Home	1st XI	Cancelled	
4th Nov.	Alderman Blaxill School	Away	1st XI	Won	8-0
			U.15 XI	Lost	0-4
7th Nov.	Harwich High School	Away	1st XI	Cancelled	
11th Nov.			2nd XI	Cancelled	
	Gilberd School	Away	U.15 XI	Drew	1-1
18th Nov.	Gilberd School	Away	1st XI	Drew	0-0
21st Nov.	Sudbury High School	Away	2nd XI	Cancelled	
			U.14 XI	Cancelled	
28th Nov.	Halstead Grammar School	Home	1st XI	Cancelled	
2nd Dec.			U.15 XI	Lost	0-4
5th Dec.	St. Helena School	Away	U.15 XI	Won	2-0
	Plume School, Maldon	Home	1st XI	Drew	1-1
			U.15 XI	Lost	0-7

Spring Term

16th Jan.	Braintree High School	Home	1st XI	Won	4-2
			U.15 XI	Lost	1-3
20th Jan	St. Helena School	Home	2nd XI	Lost	0-8
			U.15 XI	Won	3-0
3rd Feb.	Sir Charles Lucas School	Home	1st XI	Won	3-0
			U.15 XI	Won	4-1
6th Feb.	Harwich High School	Home	1st XI	Lost	0-2
			U.14 XI	Won	4-1
13th Feb.	U.14 Schools' Tournament	Away	U.14 XI	2nd in Section	
	Plume School, Maldon	Away	1st XI	Drew	2-2
			U.15 XI	Lost	2-5
3rd Mar.	Alderman Blaxill School	Home	1st XI	Won	7-0
			U.14 XI	Won	4-1
6th Mar.	Junior Schools' Tournament	Away	U.15 XI	3rd in Section	
10th Mar.	Gilberd School	Home	1st XI	Won	2-1
			U.15 XI	Won	1-0
13th Mar.	Northgate Grammar School	Away	1st XI	Lost	3-8
			U.15 XI	Lost	2-5
			U.14 XI	Won	3-0
17th Mar.	Gilberd School	Home	U.14 XI	Won	1-0

This season has generally been quite a successful one with the 1st XI losing only three of their thirteen matches. The 1st XI played very well in the Essex Senior Schools' Tournament at the end of the season to be joint winners of the tournament with the Gilberd School.

Mary Salmon and Christine Holroyd were awarded colours at the end of the season.

Tennis

Captain: **Susan Rix** Vice-Captain: **Christine Holroyd**

	1st VI	2nd VI	U.15 VI	U.14 VI
1st Couple	M. Salmon	A. Barringer	J. Bolam	F. Wiseman
	C. Holroyd	K. Carroll	S. Gregson	J. Round
2nd Couple	S. Rix	J. Grimsey	J. Anderson	M. Golding
	V. Hattersley	J. French	A. Bellag	M. Bunting
3rd Couple	J. King	J. Miller/L. Snapes	K. Thompson	D. Scott
	J. Harding	D. Burt	J. Nelson	D. Blondel
	Reserve: P. Folley			

Also played: A. Bunting, S. Davies, S. Hall, I. Bugiel, R. Matthews, P. Bruton, P. Wall, P. Orris.

Match Results

Senior Singles Tournament 1st C. Holroyd.
Senior Doubles Tournament 1st J. Harding and J. Miller.
Junior Singles Tournament 1st M. Golding
Junior Doubles Tournament 1st M. Golding and G. Trollope.

1st May	New Hall School	Away	1st	Won	50-31
			2nd	Won	47-34
			U-15	Won	55-26
4th May	Gilberd School	Home	1st	Won	59-22
			U-15	Won	54-27
8th May	Chelmsford High School	Home	1st	Won	43-38
			2nd	Lost	51-30
15th May	Northgate Grammar School	Home	1st	Won	45-36
			2nd	Won	43-38
22nd May	Halstead School	Home	1st	Won	61-20
			U-15	Won	52-29
26th May	Gilberd School	Away	1st	Won	49-32
			U-15	Won	43-38
26th June	Sudbury High School	Away	U-15	Won 7 sets to 2	
			U-14	Won 5 sets to 4	
3rd July	Northgate Grammar School	Away	U-15	Lost	46-35
			U-14	Won	41-40
7th July	St. Helena School	Home	U-15	Won	58-23
10th July	Plume School, Maldon	Away	U-15	Lost	37-26
17th July	Harwich School	Away	U-15	Won	48-33
			U-14	Won	67-14

After a very successful and enjoyable season we should like to thank Mrs. Pipe for all the coaching and encouragement she has given us. We should also like to thank Miss Smith and Mrs. Nagle for their help with the U-15 and U-13 teams. We are very grateful to the Umpires and ball-boys who have given up their spare time to attend the matches.

Swimming

Captain: **Lesley Mercer** Vice-Captain: **Hilary Potts**

U-18 Team	U-14 Team	U-13 Team	U-12 Team
*L. Mercer	J. Clary	C. Steads	N. Edwards
H. Potts	A. Kemp	*D. Gallacher	D. Trollope
D. Buckingham	S. Weedon	P. Light	T. Rowley
*J. Rudd	*D. Turnbull	M. Moon	P. Riches
*C. Warren	*C. Nimmo	P. Nield	V. Norton
*J. Langham	B. Conway	*L. Barton	C. Smallbridge
	R. Collyer	S. Postings-Share	B. Ward
U-15 Team	C. Wormall	G. Trollope	C. Whitting
V. Blackwell	G. Phillips	D. Weiss	D. Adams
J. Williams	J. Smethurst	*F. Bulbeck	J. Rothero
A. Pitt		N. Carruthers	J. Hughes
J. Francis			B. Biggs
			H. Manners
			R. Leah
			H. Davies

Match Results

8th May	Chelmsford County High School	U-16, U-14, U-13	Lost	46-73
12th May	St. Helena School	U-16, U-14	Won	50-28
19th May	St. Mary's School	U-13, U-12	Won	50-48
26th May	Wilson Marriage School	U-15, U-13	Won	43-36
12th June	Northgate Grammar School	U-15, U14	Won	103-89
		U-13, U-12		
23rd June	St. Mary's School	U-13, U-12	Won	60-38
30th June	Wilson Marriage School	U-15, U-13	Won	58-34
1st July	Secondary Schools' Gala		2nd, 51 points	
3rd July	Northgate Grammar School	U-15, U-14	Lost	89-99
		U-13, U-12		
7th July	St. Helena School	U-15	Won	22-17

* These girls represented Colchester and North East Essex at the Inter-District Championship Gala, held at Harlow on 13th July.

Once again the team has had a successful season and we should like to thank all those girls who helped with the matches and assisted the senior organisers.

Rounders

	U.15 IX	U.14 IX	U.13 IX	U.12 IX	
Bowler	C. Norman	F. Wiseman	N. Rees	S. Bell*	
Backstop	C. Eagle*	A. Dow	M. Moon*	G. Hughes	
1st Base	Y. Street	C. Nimmo*	N. Holmes	D. Bailey	
2nd Base	R. Mabbitt	J. Sexton	A. Coshan	J. Perrin	
3rd Base	J. Chapman	J. Round	S. Brook	B. Tyler	
4th Base	S. Hunt	L. Simons	J. May	J. Barrett	
1st Deep	M. Golding	S. Weedon	L. Moodie	V. Page	
2nd Deep	A. Pitt	D. Blondel	S. Short	A. Bridge	
3rd Deep	C. Gilmore	P. Wall	C. Croucher	S. Crook	*Captains

The following girls also played:

U.15 IX	U.14 IX	U.13 IX	U.12 IX
M. Bunting	D. Scott	S. Page	L. Bishop
	J. Blishen	P. Light	R. Sellers
	P. Bruton	J. Eary	S. Gahagan
		M. Parrott	

Match Results

1st May	New Hall School	Away	U.14	Won	7½-3
			U.13	Won	7-1
8th May	Chelmsford High School	Home	U.15	Won	3-1
			U.14	Lost	4-6
			U.13	Won	4½-1
26th May	Sir Charles Lucas School	Away	U.15	Won	5-0
			U.14	Won	1½-0
			U.13	Won	5-2½
			U.12	Lost	0-1
16th June	Alderman Blaxill School	Home	U.15	Won	2-0
			U.14	Won	4-2
			U.13	Lost	0-1½
			U.12	Lost	3-4
19th June	Clacton Secondary School	Away		Cancelled	
26th June	Sudbury High School	Away	U-13	Lost	8-8½
			U-12	Won	26-3½
30th June	St. Benedict's School	Away	U-15	Lost	5-6½
			U-14	Won	7-½
			U-13	Won	7½-2½
			U-12	Lost	1½-5
7th July	Alderman Blaxill School	Away	U-15	Lost	7½-8
			U-14	Lost	8½-10½
			U-13	Lost	4-7½
			U-12	Won	7½-3½
9th July	Parents	Home	U-14	Won	6-4½
10 July	Plume School, Maldon	Away	U-14	Won	10-2
			U-13	Won	5-3
14th July	St. Helena School	Home	U-14	Lost	3½-10
			U-13	Won	9-6
17th July	Harwich High School	Away	U-13	Won	17½-2
			U-12	Lost	3-8

By winning the Area Rally held at St. Benedict's School on 23rd June, the U-15 team qualified for the County Rounders Rally at Chelmsford on 10th July. In the final against Mark Hall School they drew 3-3, but thankfully finished in first position on batting time.



Old Girls Association Section

President: **Miss Hasler.**
Vice-President: **Mrs. Ridgway-Crawshaw.**
Secretary: **Mrs. Hilary Motson,** 1 Quince Close, Brantham, Manningtree.
Treasurer: **Mrs. C. Mabbitt,** 71 High Street, Colchester.
School Leaving Award Secretary: **Miss Marjorie Forsdike,** 87 Shrub End Road, Colchester.
Magazine Representative: **Miss M. E. Phillips,** 125 Maldon Road, Colchester.
Leaving Girls' Representative: **Pamela Pepper.**
School Representative: **Mary Webb.**
Committee: **Mrs. Berry, Mrs. Brunt, Mrs. Goodsell, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Oliver, Mrs. Pearson.**

Business Report 1970-1971

The Winter Meeting was held at school on Saturday, 30th January, 1971. We all enjoyed a marvellous evening of singing and piano music, given by some of our younger members and friends who were all studying at the Guildhall School of Music. The performers were Vivien Smith, Anna Bernardin, Caroline Abbott, and Phillip Gelling. The evening was so successful it is hoped that we shall be able to have a similar evening again in the near future.

The Annual General Meeting was held on Friday, 16th July, 1971. After the business meeting one of our members, Miss Olive Digby, gave a description of her recent holiday in Australia with an entertaining talk illustrated with some colour slides.

We extend a welcome to our new members and hope they will enjoy the meetings and thus maintain contact with friends and staff.

I would like to thank all the Committee Members for their support and work during the past year.

Hilary Motson (Dowrick),
Honorary Secretary.

NEWS OF OLD GIRLS

Juliet Budd (Heasman), a member of the Bel Canto Singers, was in a gala performance attended by the Queen at Liverpool.
Elizabeth Evans, S.R.N., S.C.M., is now working in Reading after gaining a certificate in care of premature and sick infants.
Janet French is Head of the Religious Knowledge Department as Purley Grammar School.
Thelma Harland (Lee) is now teaching at Ascot part-time.
Rosemary Young (Barton) is assisting her husband in a soil survey of the Bahamas.
Faith Hare has gained a place at the Bishop Grosseteste College.
Gail Whetnall is taking the O.N.D. course in Institutional Housekeeping and Catering at Mid-Essex Technical College.
Jennifer Dennis (Walling) taught for a year at Lady Margaret School, Southall, Middlesex, and has moved to a school in Bedfordshire this term.

We congratulate the following girls on their achievements:
Anna Bernardin, Associate of the Guildhall School of Music, with distinction. She has gained a place at the London Opera Centre.
Helen Grierson, B.Sc. Special, Geology, Class II, Division II, at Hull University.
Katrina Hilling, B.Sc., Pass, Westfield College, London.
Mary Judge, B.A. Hons., Class II, Div. II, as Newcastle University.
Danuta Karpinski, B.Sc. Biological Sciences, Class II, Div. I, Westfield College, London.
Brenda Kyne, B.A. Combined Hons., Class II, Division I, Exeter University.
Anna Mlynarski, B.A. Hons. Chinese, Class III, Leeds University.
Judith Palmer, M.B., Ch.B., Bristol University.
Susan Stone, B.A. Hons. History, Class II, Stirling University.
Barbara Stephens (Webb), Ordinary Certificate of Mechanical Engineering.
Christine Couchman, B.A. Hons. Archaeology, Class II, Div. I, Cardiff.
Anne Baines, B.A. Hons. English, Class II, Div. I, London.
Linda Roberts, B.A. Hons. English, Class II, Div 1, Westfield College, London.
Jennifer Morrall, B.Sc. Hons. Mathematics, Class II, Div. I, Royal Holloway College, London.
Judith Renton B.Sc. (Special) Zoology Hons. External London, Class III, Polytechnic of Central London.

BIRTHS

Bailey on February 21st, 1971, to Marion (Keble), a daughter, Joanne Clare, a sister for Alister.
Baker on April 15th, 1971, to Janet Hardy, a daughter, Helen Joan.
Bloom on July 18th, 1971, to Kristin (Barrett) a son, James Alexander.
Brewin on December 19th, 1970, to Sandra (Stedman), a daughter, Rebecca.
Burrow on September 13th, 1970, to Anthea (Davies), a son, Simon Richard James.
Clements on February 12th, 1971, to Linda (Oxley), a son, Garred Mark.
Coleman on July 25th, 1971, to Eve (Wenlock), a son, James Nathan, brother for Francis and Annette.
Dale on May 7th, 1971, to Joyce (Cudmore), a daughter, Judy Michelle, a sister for Sally.
Daniel on November 22nd, 1970, to Valerie (Hakon), a son, Simon John.
Davey on October 29th, 1970, to Lesley Stribling, a son, Mark James.
D'Silva on March 2nd, 1971, to Stephanie (Hibbert), a son, Stuart John, a brother for Catherine.
Folkard on September 10th, 1971, to Christine (Osborne), a daughter, Alison.
Free on January 19th, 1971, to Brenda (Green), a son, Robert Mark.
Gladwin on September 14th, 1971, to Virginia (Horlock), a son, James Robert.
Goodwin on January 16th, 1971, to Barbara (Cubberley), a son, Simon Timothy.
Hammond on December 15th, 1970, to Mary (Fosbury), a daughter, Fay Maria.
Harris to Susan (Suter, at Upper Hutt, New Zealand, a son, Michael Edward, brother for Timothy and Christopher.
Holloway on February 18th, 1971, to Patricia (Holland), a son, Richard Francis.
Johnson in February 1971, to Rita (Hempstead), a daughter, Claire Lorraine.
Jones on April 7th, 1971, to Daphne (Drabble), a son, Alan Robert.
Jones on June 18th, 1971, to Maureen Johnson), a son, Andrew John.
Lord on November 21st, 1970, to Wendy (Le Marquand), a daughter, Margaret Anne.
Mair on November 4th, 1970, to Hazel (Quinney), a daughter, Rachel Katherine, sister for Ian.
Martin on October 29th, 1970, to Carol (Jennens), a son, Neil Charles.



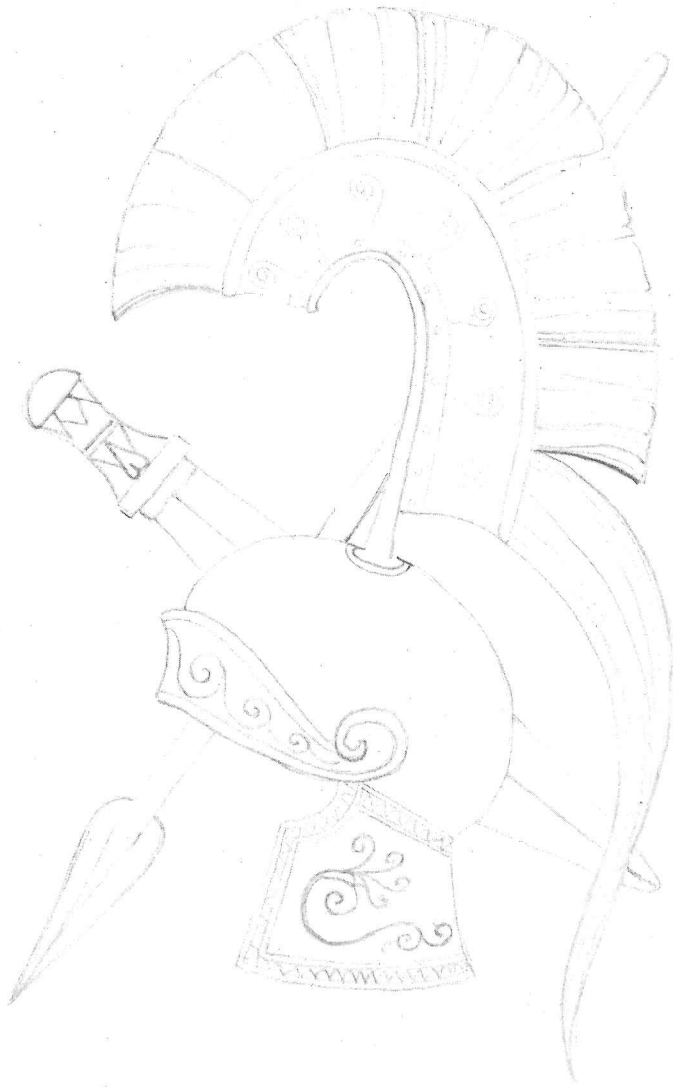
Mayer on November 5th, 1970, to Pauline (Chamberlain), a son.
Measures on September 29th, 1971, to Andrea (Christmas), a son, Steven James.
Mills on April 25th, 1971, to Valerie (Oxborrow), a daughter, Juliet Sarah.
Morgan on August 26th, 1971, to Jane (Ost), a son, Dominic Beresford, brother for Kimberley.
Morgan on May 6th, 1971, to Wendy (Ogg), a daughter, Lindsey Angela, sister for David Timothy, at Johannesburg.
Morris on April 15th, 1971, to Jennifer (Creasey), a son, Edward James.
Newton on May 25th, 1971, to Jennifer (Crisell), a daughter, Anne Louise, sister for Claire.
Norris on February 10th, 1971, to Yvonne (Trinder), a son, Ivan, brother for Catriona.
Nott on June 29th, 1971, to Maureen (Ashford), a daughter, Lisa Paula.
Partridge on February 21st, 1971, to Anne (Hewison), a daughter, Helen, sister for Ian Neil.
Pennick on July 31st, 1971, to Jennifer (Harris), a daughter, Sarah Louise.
Pirie on August 6th, 1971, to Brenda (Rayner), a daughter, Charlotte Elizabeth, sister for Craig John.
Poole on August 24th, 1971, to Gillian (Copeman), a daughter, Nicola Alice, sister for Marcus.
Raison on February 23rd, 1971, to Marilyn (Sach), a daughter, Tamsin Colette, a sister for Gavin.
Rowley-Williams on June 26th, 1971, to Jennifer (Wright), a daughter, Catherine Alice.
Rose on January 29th, 1971, to Patricia (Backus), a daughter, Samantha Jayne.
Schofield on May 21st, 1971, to Elizabeth (Smerdon), a son, Robert Matthew Alexander, a brother for Clare, Fiona and Catherine.
Spurgin on September 7th, 1971, to Carolyn (Johnson), a daughter, Elizabeth Fiona.
Standing on June 14th, 1971, to Christine (Simmons), a daughter, Rachel Mary Eva.
Taylor on February 22nd, 1971, to Mary (Gunton), a daughter, Rachel.
Thompson on June 29th, 1971, to Brenda (Johns), a son, Brian Charles, brother for David and Clive.
Vandenberg on July 5th, 1971, to Diana (Snowden), a daughter.
Watson on July 29th, 1971, to Ann (Young), a son, Christopher James.
Whitwell on August 10th, 1971, to Jane (Sutherland), a son, Christopher Stuart, brother for Duncan and Andrew.

Marriages

Judith Abbott to John Dinnen, on July 17th, 1971.
Jane Asbury to Stephen Moss, on September 11th, 1971.
Glynis Baker to Philip Spiller, on April 10th, 1971.
Elizabeth Barfield to Patrick O'Brien, in 1970.
Joyce Barrett to Malcolm Long.
Victoria Beckett to David Gibbon, on April 15th, 1971.
Jean Birdseye to Kenneth Oehlrich, on September 25th, 1971.
Wendy Davis to Noel Robinson, on May 8th, 1971.
Susan Gallant to John Rallo, on August 21st, 1971.
Penelope Gawthrop to David Watson, on August 21st, 1971.
Rhonda Gunbie to Jeremy Fielding, on April 17th, 1971.
Lesley Herbert to John Marshall, on March 27th, 1971.
Sheelagh Hibbert to John Hall, on September 23rd, 1971.
Hazel Jones to Paul Luscombe, on July 31st, 1971.
Vivien Jones to Peter Newman, on September 25th, 1971.
Danuta Karpinski to Robin Cant, on August 15th, 1971.
Penelope Lightowler to Michael Reynolds, on December 12th, 1970.
Patricia Long to Christopher Crittwell, on April 14th, 1971.
Christine Mather to David Davies, on January 2nd, 1971.
Shelagh Merriday to Philip Burley, on October 24th, 1970.
Elizabeth Mortimer to Gerald Cox, on April 10th, 1971.
Ann Reichert to Peter Mudd, on August 21st, 1971.
Susan Rhodes to Keven Fuller, on April 17th, 1971.
Anne Sayer to Stuart Smith, in Summer 1971.
Rosemary Scott to John Ingram, on July 10th, 1971.
Suzanne Thompson to Edwin Faulkner, on September 4th, 1971.
Janet Turner to Thomas Harvie, on July 24th, 1971.
Angela Staffiere to Robert Herbert, on August 7th, 1971.
Barbara Strudwick to Michael Hind, on April 10th, 1971.
Jennifer Charmian Walling to Roger Dennis, on July 31st, 1971.
Barbara Webb to Trevor Stephens, on March 28th, 1970.
Lynda Willingham to David Wendon, on August 21st, 1971.

Deaths

Mildred Helena Francis (Willis) (1927) on December 20th, 1970, after many years of ill-health endured with courage and unselfishness.
Maureen Anne Somerville (Godbold) on August 17th, 1971.



SCHOOL CALENDAR

Autumn Term 1970

September

8 Term began.
24 Dedication Service at St. Peter's Church.
30 Harvest Festival.

October

7 P.T.A. Annual General Meeting.
8 Visit to film of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" by Upper Vths.
12 Careers talk to Upper Vths and parents.
14 Upper VI Geographical Field Study Course began at Juniper Hall.
24 Sponsored walk for School Charities.
26—28 Half Term.

November

10 Talk about St. Bartholomew's Hospital Renal Unit to forms Lower V to Lower VI.
18 Talk about the Pestalozzi Children's Village to forms Upper IV and Lower IV.
21 P.T.A. Christmas Fair.

December

4 Evening of Christmas Music by the choir for P.T.A.
11 Holiday.
14—16 Performance of Brecht's "Caucasian Chalk Circle".
17 Certificate giving.
18 Term ended.

Spring Term 1971

January

7 Term began.
15 Talk by Mr. Nichol about Animals to Lower IVths and Upper IVths.
21 Visit to film of Shakespeare's "Othello" by some of Lower VIth.
30 O.G.A. Winter Meeting.

February

2 Talk by Mr. Sneddon about the Cheshire Homes to Upper School.
12 VIth Form Dance.
17 P.T.A. Meeting: Any Questions panel.
18 Junior Dramatic Society performed plays to Junior School.
19—23 Half Term.

March

17—19 Performances of "The Pirates of Penzance".
26 Careers Convention for forms Middle V to Upper VI.
30 Term ended.

Summer Term 1971

April

20 Term began.
29 Party of Middle Vths to "Julius Casar" at the Repertory Theatre.

May

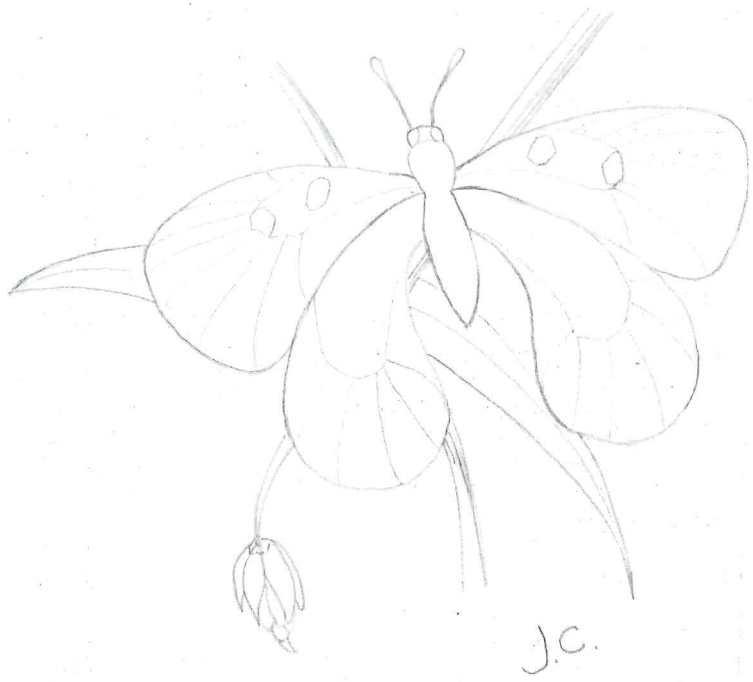
14 Concert given by the Essex Youth Orchestra and Choir.
31—4 Half term.

June

7 G.C.E. Examinations began.
29 Upper Vths began three weeks of Community Service.

July

6 Further Education Conference at the Gilberd School, attended by VIth.
9 P.T.A. Summer Meeting.
16 O.G.A. Meeting.
23 Term ended.



SCHOOL LEAVING AWARD FUND

September 1970—July 1971

Receipts	£	p
Balance in Bank	174	27
School Charities	10	00
Donation	10	00
Collections	6	50
Interest on Consols	38	65
Interest on War Stock	31	23
Bank Interest	6	34
	£276	99

Awards	£	p
Caroline Abbott—Guildhall	25	00
Linda Richardson—Royal Holloway College	20	00
Elizabeth Mudd—Leeds	20	00
Lesley Kempster—Newland Park College of Education	15	00
Alison Ablewhite—Librarian Training	10	00
Claudia Midgley—Harlow Technical College	10	00
Ann Reichert—Manchester	20	00
Vivien Orris—Bradford	20	00
Balance in Bank	136	99
	£276	99

Awards 1971-2

*Valerie Garwood—Goldsmith's College	£25
Ruth Britter—Trent Polytechnic	£20
Pamela Pepper—London University	£20
Sally Presant—Royal College of Music	£15
Joy Mitchell Goldsmiths' College	£15
Elaine Malyon—London University	£15
Sarah Farr—Chippenham College of Further Education	£10

* Ruth King Bursar.

CHARITY ACCOUNT
1970-71

	£	p
Balance Bt. Fwd.	93	15
Income		
Dedication Service Collection	22	55
Charity Walk (L 6th)	124	42½
Activities Day	213	81½
Form Charity	207	66
Barnardo Boxes	79	51
Pakistan Disaster Collection	38	95
India/Pakistan Relief Collection	30	00
National Children's Homes Collection	1	75
Donations	9	00½
	£820	81

Expenditure	£	p
Nigerian Student Collins Anumnu (£50N towards 1971/72)	268	73
Pakistan Disaster Fund	64	00
National Children's Home	1	75
India/Pakistan Relief Fund	30	00
Dr. Barnardo's Homes	100	00
Brambell House	10	00
G.A.D.R.A.	10	00
C.C.H.S. Leaving Award Fund	5	00
British Council for Aid to Refugees	20	00
National Heart Hospital	5	00
N.S.P.C.C.	20	00
R.S.P.C.A.	10	00
Marie Curie Memorial Fund for Cancer Relief	5	00
Cancer Research Campaign	10	00
Muscular Dystrophy Group	5	00
Guide Dogs for the Blind	5	00
Shelter	10	00
Pestalozzi Children's Village Trust (Vietnamese)	10	00
Spastics Society	10	00
St. Leonard's Hospital Renal Unit	10	00
National Society for Mentally Handicapped Children	5	00
N.C.U.M.C.	5	00
Release	10	00
Multiple Sclerosis Society	10	00
Oxfam	10	00
Star and Garter Homes	5	00
Malcolm Sargent Cancer Fund for Children	5	00
C.A.R.E.	5	00
P.D.S.A.	5	00
Hamilton Lodge School for Deaf Children	5	00
National Benevolent Fund for the Aged	10	00
	684	48
Carried Forward	136	33
	820	81

In addition to the above, £15.00 was sent to both Shelter and Release from the proceeds of the Sixth Form Dance.

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