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### 1971 CALENDAR

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| June 7         | Sixth Form Study Leave begins           |
| June 14–July 2 | Fifth Form Study Leave                  |
| June 22        | Parents' Evening—First and Second Years |
| June 28        | School Examinations begin               |
| July 13        | Meeting for New Boys and their Parents  |
| July 14        | Athletic Sports                         |
| July 15        | Swimming Gala                           |
| July 16        | Founder's Day                           |
| July 17–24     | Senior Sailing Holiday                  |
| July 17–31     | Senior Braithwaite                      |
| July 21        | Summer Term ends                        |

### DATES FOR SCHOOL YEAR 1971–72

|                        |           |  |
|------------------------|-----------|--|
| AUTUMN<br>TERM<br>1971 | First Day | Tuesday, 7th September                                   |
|                        | Half-Term | Monday, 1st November–<br>Friday, 5th November, inclusive |
|                        | Last Day  | Tuesday, 21st December                                   |
| SPRING<br>TERM<br>1972 | First Day | Wednesday, 5th January                                   |
|                        | Half-Term | Monday and Tuesday, 21st–22nd February                   |
|                        | Last Day  | Wednesday, 29th March                                    |
| SUMMER<br>TERM<br>1972 | First Day | Monday, 17th April                                       |
|                        | Half-Term | Monday, 29th May–<br>Friday, 2nd June, inclusive         |
|                        | Last Day  | Wednesday, 12th July                                     |
| AUTUMN<br>TERM<br>1972 | First Day | Monday, 4th September                                    |
|                        | Half-Term | Monday, 23rd October–<br>Friday, 27th October, inclusive |
|                        | Last Day  | Wednesday, 20th December                                 |



### SCHOOL NOTES

Congratulations to the Old Roans on their Diamond Jubilee—we wish them all success in the future.

Since the last issue we have gained one new member of staff: Mr. Carroll, an assistant to Mr. Geddes in the Art Department. We hope he will enjoy his stay.

The local press have commented on the new computer terminal which is now in full use and is of great benefit to mathematics throughout the school, and the Headmaster has given an interview for the B.B.C. Overseas Service about sixth form organisation and about computer studies.

This year we have gained a record number of modern language awards: Angus, Simpkins and Turner for German and Prekopp for French.

A party of Russian schoolmistresses visited the school to learn about the English education system and, on leaving, donated us an illustrated book about Russia.

This year the Science Department has embarked on the Nuffield 'A' Level courses following the successes already attained at 'O' level.

Two parents' evenings were held, one for the third years and one for the Upper School, which gave the parents a chance to meet the masters concerned with their sons' education. Parents who wish to send their sons here next year were again given the opportunity to see the school in session on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon visits.

At the School Field a new machine shed has been erected and work has now started on the music and medical rooms in the North Quadrangle. These will be of great benefit to the whole school and relieve pressure on existing classroom accommodation.

The School Dance was held in January, after postponement of the original function owing to the power cuts. 'Brett Marvin and the Thunderbolts' gave an inspiring performance and a disco gave a chance for the large attendance to show their agility in various forms of dancing.

An innovation in Sixth Form life has been the formation of tutorial groups to discuss education in its broadest terms.

The Parents' Association is proving very successful and we thank them for the financial help they have already given the school and for the heaters which some parents lent the school during the fuel strike, which enabled the Upper School to function while the Lower School enjoyed an unexpected holiday.

The School Library would like to thank: Mrs. Lemmie who donated us her late husband's set of School Magazines and Kirby's 'History of the Roan Schools'; A. Watts, R. Smith and A. Baldwin who donated their prizes; and Arthur D. Hewlett, O.R., who has donated his book, 'Think Afresh about the Voice'.

The annual Masters v Prefects Football Match was played, and after an even first half the boys finally overpowered the masters to win 4-1 (scorers: Mr. Brooks; Russon, Aitken (2) and Sibthorpe). The masters also played the parents, winning 3-1 (scorers: Mr. Jones, Mr. Brooks and Mr. Ballantyne; Mr. Diplock).

The editorial staff warmly thank Miss J. Snipp, of Prendergast School, who kindly volunteered to type out much of the copy for this magazine.

M.J.W.

### SIXTH FORM CONFERENCE

A Sixth Form Conference was held at the school on 24th March. Our own sixth formers were joined by contingents from six other schools: Eltham Green, Roan Girls, Catford County, Plumstead Manor, Eltham Hill and St. Ursula's. The subject was 'The Role of the School in Modern Society'. The speakers were Mr. R. R. Pedley, headmaster of St. Dunstan's College, Mr. Peter Dawson, headmaster of Eltham Green, and Mrs. E. Goldschmied, I.L.E.A. tutor and consultant in social work.

The day was an agreeable and successful one, especially on its social side. The discussion groups engaged in lively discussions and during the intervals young people of both sexes relaxed and conversed.

Nothing, of course, was decided, but then at conferences nothing ever is. The important thing is to listen to and ponder over what the other fellow has to say.

F.W.

### THE BUSINESS GAME

*Master-in-charge: Mr. Brooks*

The Business Game is intended to give an impression of the way in which managerial decisions are taken within the financial community. The object is to maximise profits by varying price, plant investment, research and development, etc.

Originally the high-powered board of directors consisted of five members each from the Upper and Lower Sixths. Unfortunately the pressure of big business proved too much for the inexperienced members of the Lower Sixth!

In the first round we were drawn against the Regis and Repton schools. Due to an elementary error by Repton we amazingly won by the narrow margin of £7,000 (for which we still live in hopes of celebratory drinks from a certain member of staff!).

In the second round we competed with Sherborne School and St. Lawrence College. We are still awaiting the result at the time of writing with much trepidation.

P.R.

## THE DEVIL'S DISCIPLE

## CAST

|                                      |                  |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| <i>Dick Dudgeon</i> ... ..           | T. E. Talbot     |
| <i>Christy Dudgeon</i> ... ..        | M. D. Pendergast |
| <i>Rev. A. Anderson</i> ... ..       | P. C. Turner     |
| <i>General Burgoyne</i> ... ..       | A. C. Oatley     |
| <i>Major Swindon</i> ... ..          | T. J. Shepherd   |
| <i>Sergeant</i> ... ..               | P. H. Angus      |
| <i>Lawyer Hawkins</i> ... ..         | B. A. J. Smith   |
| <i>Uncle William Dudgeon</i> ... ..  | K. J. Manning    |
| <i>Aunt William Dudgeon</i> ... ..   | A. P. Forward    |
| <i>Uncle Titus Dudgeon</i> ... ..    | A. W. Austin     |
| <i>Aunt Titus Dudgeon</i> ... ..     | M. L. Hobbs      |
| <i>Chaplain Mr. Brudenell</i> ... .. | A. W. Austin     |
| <i>Mrs. Dudgeon</i> ... ..           | T. M. Stubbings  |
| <i>Judith Anderson</i> ... ..        | R. C. Motton     |
| <i>Essie</i> ... ..                  | D. F. J. Payne   |

*English Soldiers*

I. M. Elliott  
A. R. Strong  
E. K. Prekopp  
R. C. Clark

*People of the Town*

P. Hazelden  
K. A. Pullen  
S. J. Vass  
N. R. Walford  
P. J. McDonald  
R. Firminger  
B. J. Gavin  
M. Garratt

*Town Band*

D. Carrott  
M. L. Hobbs

|                                    |  |
|------------------------------------|--|
| <i>Production</i> ... ..           | Messrs. G. C. Witten and N. R. Ballantyne  |
| <i>Artistic Direction</i> ... ..   | Mr. E. J. Geddes   |
| <i>Stage Manager</i> ... ..        | Mr. M. Oram  |
| <i>Lighting</i> ... ..             | Mr. P. James   |
| <i>Scenery Construction</i> ... .. | Mr. P. Leaper  |
| <i>Business Manager</i> ... ..     | Mr. D. Evans   |
| <i>Stage Crew</i> ... ..           | N. Harvey, T. G. Leask, D. A. Palmer   |
| <i>Scene Painting</i> ... ..       | A. J. Roberts, N. Baldwin, C. Carrington,<br>A. C. Gilmore, C. Bint, M. Allen, D. L. Roberts |

*Making and Management of Properties*

A. J. Roberts, N. E. West, F. Hillman

*Sound Effects* ... .. V. Burgess, T. J. Forward

*Wardrobe* ... .. P. M. B. Berry

*Lighting Assistant* ... .. I. R. Pullen

*Curtain* ... .. P. Appleby

*Prompters* ... .. R. J. Kay, C. W. Kitchen

*Scenery Construction* ... .. M. Mills, S. Swann, A. J. Roberts, N. E. West, F. Hillman



There are some who assert that Shaw's plays are not good 'theatre'—I am not among them, and if they had seen the production of 'The Devil's Disciple' put on by the school I feel sure they would change their minds.

Usually, much of the interest in a school play is in recognising boys one knows and judging their performances with that knowledge to the fore. However, so good was the production and acting generally for this play, that for the first time I was more interested in the people of the story than in who was acting which part.

The stage setting, costumes, lighting effects and so on were the best I have seen in our hall for a long time; there have been occasions when some of the technicalities mentioned have been more spectacular, but this was the most happy marriage of the practical and the artistic that I have seen.

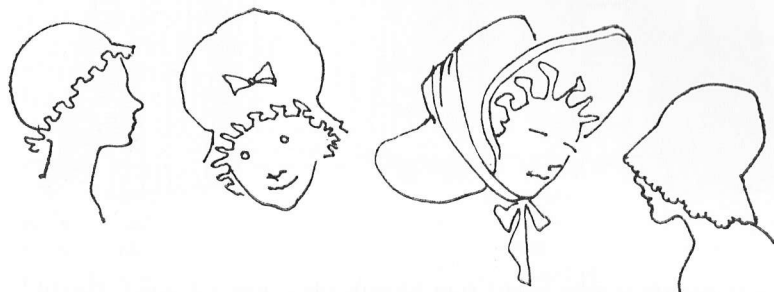
'Professional' is an over-used word and I apologise for writing it, but it does apply so appropriately to this production. There were no *longeurs*, no weak spots; the build-up to climaxes was so smooth that the overall effect was of closely-knit strength that gripped my attention from start to finish.

The minor roles followed the old show-biz dictum—'Register, but do not overshadow the principals'—brilliantly. I am thinking especially of the will reading scene where we saw a number of superb cameos from the members of the family. I remember particularly the complacent smirk on Manning's face following the



pompous piety of his prayer and the snappy discomfiture of Austin as the other uncle. The lawyer, played with remarkable decrepitude by B. Smith, combined compassion, irony and a subtle touch of spite—a beautiful little performance.

T. Stubbings and Pendergast, as the rasping harridan and silly younger son, gave performances of real quality, and young Payne, as Essie, was suitably abject. I was impressed by the way the actors managed to maintain the consistency of their characterisation; Angus, for example, as the Sergeant, was excellent in this respect—every gesture, his way of marching, his accent, his reactions to others on the stage, all were models of timing and in-depth study of the part.



The other two main representatives of the British were General Burgoyne and Major Swindon. Shepherd has gone from strength to strength in the various plays and revues in which he has appeared. In this part he fulfilled the promise he had previously shown. His bluster and bewilderment were exactly right and proved admirable foils to the suavity of 'Gentlemanly Johnny'. Oatley appeared type-cast for that part—his bearing, the way he held his right hand, his condescension, his studied politeness which did not quite hide the ruthless iron fist, all added up to a superb performance, a General Burgoyne come to life.

Turner, as the Rev. Mr. Anderson, seemed glad to be out of skirts for a change and took the opportunity to give a fine performance. It was a difficult part and he managed to change from holy man to holy terror, not easy in the time given by the play, very well indeed. The part of his wife was played by Motton. This was a real *tour de force*. That he managed to persuade me, despite his voice and size, that he was a pretty young woman is an impressive tribute to the excellence of his acting. Talbot I have seen give many good performances, but this was his best to date. He has good stage presence and a sense of timing, and in this portrayal he managed to eliminate the last traces of the Oliver Hardy characteristics that used to mar some of his work. These three acted together

and in pairs with fine understanding, and kept up the pace of the production to give it the smoothness I have already praised.

In fact I have nothing but praise; so let me say in passing that the seats in the front row of the gallery are not of the most comfortable.

That apart, I have nothing but congratulations to offer to all those concerned, and great admiration for Messrs. Witten and Ballantyne who have once again demonstrated the skill, patience and capacity for hard work necessary before such a fine evening's entertainment can be put on.

A.K.

### 'COUNTER-POINT'—A CONCERT OF ROAN NOTES

At the end of the Christmas term we were treated to an excellent and varied musical concert. The fare was rich and ranged from the 'Big Band', splendid behind their new stand-falls, to the solo piano of Horsburgh; from the uninhibited inventiveness of the junior percussion group evoking a 'Storm at Sea' to the more formal Mozart trio performed by Penny and Messrs. Hewitt and Lever; Angus and his unamplified guitar to the 'Group Sound' of 'Jo'—though these two could very well have sounded more similar as the concert was held under the imminent threat of a power cut with emergency lighting wired up to Mr. Knott's car battery. (Could this be why the school choir elected to start their medley of carols with one called 'Torches'?)

It was an evening of great enjoyment throughout, giving the lie to purist theory that any one kind of music alone is worthy of notice. I liked it all—the Bart Choir's 'Flash bang wallop', the String Quintet, the Staff Jazzmen and Mr. Ellis's trombone solo, the pianists, the revival of the Staff Quartet's 'Faded Rose' and, of course, the North Cloakroom Choir with their spirited rendering of 'Follow the van' and 'My old man's a dustman'.

To them all, my thanks for a delightful evening—I hope we shall be given another like it soon.

N.R.B.

### SKI-ING HOLIDAY

On the cold, dark morning of Sunday, 27th December, at the unearthly hour of 6.30, almost forty members of the Roan Boys' and Girls' Ski-ing party gathered at Maze Hill for the start of their holiday. The weather, which we had all been hoping for in Austria, seemed to have obliged by coming to meet us, there being several inches of snow on the ground.

Those who had been before quickly regained their 'ski-ing legs' and the main hazard was the lack of snow which made conditions treacherous. Things got to their worst on the third day when the whole valley was green and the snowline could be visibly seen to be moving up the mountains. However, continual outbreaks of



snow showers for the rest of the holiday restored the slopes to reasonable conditions, luckily for us. The upper slopes were fairly good throughout. Large icy patches made ski-ing hazardous and nearly everyone had hard falls at some time or other. Fortunately, however, no serious injuries were sustained. Burgess succeeded in falling with all of his 15 stones subjected on to one ski, but the ski, being of inferior design, gave way and he had to walk back to the hotel carrying the remains.

The ski-ing was enjoyed by all regardless of ability, and many expressed a desire to come again.

The village, Rieth, was rather quiet—at least until we arrived—but this deterred no one from having a good time in the evenings and we were all delighted when we discovered a restaurant which sold chips. Mr. Ellis amazed us all with his excellent card tricks and his sleight of hand was only matched by his ski-ing ability.

The holiday came to an end all too quickly, and when we finally left on the Sunday evening it was with a great deal of sadness.

However, just before arriving in Munich we were informed that the airport was closed. When we finally arrived we were given a meal at about 11 p.m. in the airport restaurant, and 'Ski-Plan', the agency with which we were travelling, told us that they were making arrangements for us to stay in a hotel in Munich. Just before 12.30 we were picked up by a coach and taken into Munich where half the party was accommodated with all the other 'Ski-Plan' customers. However, due to the lack of room, the rest of us were taken to another hotel, at which we did not arrive before 2.00 a.m. By the time that we had checked in it was 2.30 a.m. and we were called at 6.00 a.m. in the morning to be ready to return to the airport if necessary. The hotel was of the highest standard, with massive rooms, each of which had its own private bathroom. Having risen at this early hour, we had to wait till after midday before the coach came to take us to the airport. We had lunch at the airport and were then all taken to the same hotel for our evening meal. We had our breakfast and our midday meal here also. We then heard the first positive news of the time when we were to return home and as we had a few hours to spare before being taken to the airport we decided to spend what little money we had left in any of the local shops. We were very surprised to find that the only big local store was the Co-op and here we purchased many of the souvenirs of our prolonged stay.

When finally that evening we took off for home, it was with a mixed feeling of sadness and relief. Sad that our holiday was finally over, but relieved that the uncertainty and waiting was also over.

The whole holiday was enjoyed by all and we would like to express our warmest appreciation to Messrs. Smith and Ellis and to Miss Riddle for making it such an enjoyable occasion.

R.B.

### SCHOOL BAND

The band meets every Thursday after school and is now an accepted part of school life. We occasionally play for assembly and follow this with a short programme of music, which is very popular as it helps to delay the start of the first lesson.

The trumpets and trombones are very strong in number and volume, and the sax section is fast becoming very proficient in reading and technique—if only we had another tenor!

Lots of junior boys are being taught by senior band members and will soon be advanced enough to form their own band.

Without doubt the progress of the band has added to the musical interest throughout the school and gives pleasure to its members and its audiences.

W.E.

### TASK FORCE

This year fourteen boys have been visiting regularly someone lonely or housebound, keeping them in touch with the outside world, arranging for small household repairs to be done and, when necessary, contacting the welfare services on their behalf.

At the end of September a schools gardening weekend was organised and six of our boys helped in this strenuous activity. In November we provided escorts and marshals for Greenwich Council's shopping expedition for the handicapped. The rain came down in torrents, but the pleasure which the disabled people so obviously derived from this rare opportunity of visiting the shops made the soaking worth while.

We have worked with people from other schools decorating houses in Plumstead, and have acquired some degree of skill in painting and paper-hanging as well as the preliminary rubbing-down and final clearing up.

We helped to decorate for Christmas some of the wards of the Brook Hospital; two fifth-formers helped to set up tables for a Christmas lunch and washed up after it; they felt that the superb lunch provided was a very satisfactory return for their labours. Another two also spent some more of their holiday helping at the Greenwich District Hospital (still St. Alfege's to many of us).

We have seen a film about the work of the Sevenoaks Voluntary Service Unit, and one made by Greenwich Borough Council about its services to the elderly, and will shortly see a film made by Task Force itself.

Among recent additions to the library you should find Jim Darlington's book 'Task Force', which outlines the organisation's history and staffing and the relationships between volunteers and those whom they seek to help. You might like to join.

F.F.



## ROAN SOCCER 1970-71

|            | Played | Won | Drawn | Lost | Goals |         |
|------------|--------|-----|-------|------|-------|---------|
|            |        |     |       |      | For   | Against |
| U.12 ...   | 15     | 8   | 3     | 4    | 35    | 25      |
| U.13 ...   | 21     | 7   | 2     | 12   | 35    | 75      |
| U.14 ...   | 16     | 4   | 4     | 8    | 42    | 77      |
| U.15 ...   | 15     | 8   | 4     | 3    | 60    | 25      |
| 2nd XI ... | 16     | 9   | 5     | 2    | 55    | 40      |
| 1st XI ... | 28     | 23  | 4     | 1    | 113   | 28      |

Senior soccer has again flourished at the school while the junior sides, with the exception of the first-year team, have struggled against stronger opposition. This would appear to be the pattern of school football for the future. We play against more and more large-intake comprehensive sides who may choose a team from 200 or 300 boys in each year of the lower school, and provide tough competition for our younger boys. We benefit in the senior sides by the high proportion of boys remaining to study in the sixth form. Hence we obtain good results here with comparatively more senior boys to choose from. In the light of this trend it is encouraging to note the progress made by our U.12 team.

The first-years settled down quickly under Mr. Hoare and several talented players came to light, especially in the defence. The team was captained by Campbell who reads a game superbly from the back. To concede only 25 goals in 15 matches is impressive for schoolboy soccer. All the matches were played in a very good spirit of sportsmanship which it is hoped will remain intact as the players graduate to the more senior sides. The regular side was: Harvey, Thornton, Campbell (capt.), Heselden, Mundy, Mehegan, Finn, Lewis, Ditchfield, Earnshaw and Dunford.

The U.13 side failed to fulfil the promise it showed last season. They began poorly with an unsettled team and began to develop confidence only near the end of the year. Too often the defence was static and square, with nobody firm enough to take control. We can hope that they have learned from this season and that the considerable talent in the side will finally blend to attain better results. The regular team, under Mr. Jones, was: Case, Carter, Clay, Elson, Hill, Lane, Carey, Carrick (capt.), Lander, Plumb and Armstrong. The leading scorers were: Lander (9) and Carrick (8). Case and Lane played for the district.

Mr. Thorp's U.14 side unfortunately failed to realise its potential. The team had a poor season, suffering some heavy defeats in the early games. Individually the players are good, but again they simply did not blend into a team. The forward line received inadequate service from the defence and midfield. We look next year to a greater degree of effort, more determined tackling and tighter marking in the back line. Twenty-one boys have played this year,

a measure of the attempt to find a successful combination: Wort, Somerville, Harris, Green, Brown, Stace, Hutley (capt.), Holt, Kitchin, Whiting, White, Steel, Robb, Watchorn, O'Connor, Young, Winter, Fry, Francis, Goy and Edley. The main goalscorer was Winter (17).

The U.15 XI was again inspired by Mr. Brooks. This team has improved consistently over the last two seasons. Hardy has been a dominant captain and the team has played well as a unit. Ellis and Puxley were good in attack, and in spite of the lack of strong opposition their team spirit has remained high, and I look to this side to provide several first team members next season. In their closing game this season the U.15s beat the 2nd XI 2-1—no mean feat. The regular team was: Riley, Hutchins, Lucey, Hardy (capt.), Pinkstone, Mardle, Mumford, Ellis, Puxley, Hamilton, Hayes. Reserves: Maybank, Hanson, Ramsay.

The 2nd XI, under Mr. Ellis, this year emerged as a team of character and skill, led amiably by the captain, Spink. His 'squad' of over thirty boys shows the depth of talent in the senior school and could always provide capable substitutes for occasional 1st XI matches. We were unfortunate in being knocked out of the London 2nd XI Cup. In many schools our second team members would be assured of 1st XI places. Half-colours were awarded to the regular team members: Venner, Sibthorpe, Oliver, Snaith, Bradbrooke, O'Hanlon, Dennis, Angus, Andrews and McPherson. Spink, as captain, was awarded full-colours.

The 1st XI has had another outstanding season, so far losing only one match, which came early on in the year and which led to a defensive reorganisation. While the opposition has not always been strong, the side has played every match to win. Petty learned his role of captain quickly and capably. For ordinary school fixtures we have been without two of our best players, Aitken and Thorpe, who play for youth teams of Chelsea and Charlton respectively. The only changes made to the early side were to push Russon up as a striker and bring in Davis to bolster the defence. Pearce, formerly at full back, moved into the centre as a sweeper.

HENNING, in goal, has rarely been troubled, due to the firm defence in front of him. Consequently he has often been short of match practice.

PUDDIFOOT was moved from left to right back early on in the season. He tackles consistently well and frequently overlaps to good effect down the wing. He has scored several times.

DAVIS controls the middle of the defence. An uncompromising tackler and sound header, he has just overcome his tendency to run off up-field with the ball, leaving a wide gap in defence.

PEARCE is happier as a second line of defence than at full back. He has developed a working relationship with Davis in the middle.



GIRDWOOD plays solidly at left back and is most dependable. He controls the movement of the whole defence with confidence and maturity.

THURLEY has settled down well in mid-field. He runs comfortably and challenges eagerly (sometimes too eagerly) for the ball, and often takes the pressure off other players. This, like Davis, is his first season with the 1st XI.

PETTY has captained well from mid-field. In the reorganisation he came out of defence and his game has improved. He maintains a strong challenge with good distribution.

LANCELOTTE has dropped back to play in mid-field. A skilful player, he often scores whilst supporting the attack. He has scored 16 goals so far this season.

HUTLEY began the season in mid-field and scored most of his 29 goals in this role. He is a skilful and powerful player with a very hard shot. He combines well with Russon.

RUSSON displays outstanding skills in tackling, dribbling, passing and shooting. He is deceptively fast and has scored many of his 27 goals by rapid acceleration past a defender.

PLUNKETT came into the side after Roberts broke a bone in his ankle and acquitted himself very well. He improved consistently as he played more games with the 1st XI.

We welcome Mr. J. Broadfoot on to the sports staff at the school. Already he has been of inestimable value to senior soccer.

I should like to congratulate all the school players on another very satisfying season, and all the reserves who regularly turn up to matches but who do not usually play. Once more the staff, who give up time to referee games, pick teams and travel to away matches, deserve the thanks of the players, as do Mr. Lentle and his staff at the field, who provide excellent pitches and refreshments.

B. D. THOMAS.

### THE ENGLISH SCHOOLS FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIP

This is the first year we have entered this competition which attracted nearly 600 schools throughout England and Wales. Schools play off in a knock-out competition to find a county champion side.

Kent Championship:—

|         |     |                                   |
|---------|-----|-----------------------------------|
| Round 1 | ... | Bye                               |
| Round 2 | ... | Roan 7 Springhead 1               |
| Round 3 | ... | Roan 4 Ravenswood 2               |
| Final   | ... | Dane Court (Broadstairs) 1 Roan 3 |

We dismissed Springhead and Ravenswood without too much difficulty, but arrived at Broadstairs for the final to find over 400 supporters against our four. The side settled down reasonably and won. This was the first time we played Thorpe and Aitken, who have remained essential members of our cup side ever since.

Thorpe has proved an outstanding goalkeeper and Aitken, who plays at full back for the England Youth Team, has shone for us in attack.

Representing Kent, we have beaten four other county representatives to reach the final. The team has met its most challenging competition to date in these matches.

Kent v Middlesex (Holland Park Comprehensive)

Kent 3 Middlesex 3 Middlesex 0 Kent 3

In the home match, played in mud, Roan were 2-0 down (for the first time in three seasons), due to defensive errors. The forwards played well to come back to 2-1 through Hutley, then to equalise 2-2 through Russon from a corner. Holland Park scored again and Aitken equalised from a fortunate penalty. In the replay, away from home, Plunkett came in for Aitken and the team gave its best ever performance to win 3-0.

Kent v Hampshire (Queen Mary Charles Chute Bilateral School)

Kent 1 Hampshire 1 Hampshire 0 Kent 3

For the home game Aitken was missing through a strained groin as was Hutley who has had recurrent trouble from a pulled thigh muscle. The game was poor with neither side taking the initiative. We scored with another penalty, this time taken by Russon. Hampshire equalised and then stalemate! The replay again proved successful. Girdwood scored with a long free kick, and Plunkett, on for Hutley, finished off two neat moves. The defence had been uncompromisingly firm.

Quarter Final: Cambridgeshire v Kent

(Cambridge Grammar School)

Cambridge 0 Kent 2

The two sides began evenly matched but Roan gradually came out on top. We scored through Hutley just before half-time and through Russon, with a tremendous shot, just after. The defence was again sound and we could have won by five or six goals.

Semi Final

Northumberland v Kent (St. Cuthbert's G.S., Newcastle)

Northumberland 0 Kent 1

This was an amazing game. The St. Cuthbert's team was outstanding—skilful, strong and fast. They came against our defence time and again in the first half. We were torn apart and could not raise a single good chance. Poor finishing by St. Cuthbert's and brilliant goalkeeping by Thorpe prevented a score. Nevertheless, Roan were undaunted at the interval and our second half attitude won the game. In one of several breakaways Russon cleverly turned in a ball going for a corner for Aitken to volley in from close range. St. Cuthbert's attacked consistently but good defensive play and a series of superb saves by Thorpe prevented the equaliser. We can be considered lucky to win, but our boys remained determined to the end.



Throughout the county stage of the competition the team has benefited from excellent support. In the three 'local' away games we provided more support than the home teams. Vocal support has been led by the second form, who broke out into the school song at Cambridge. Parental support has been keen and the Old Roan backing has been sincerely appreciated. Mr. White, the E.S.F.A. secretary, has been most helpful.

The final is a two-legged affair to be played on Charlton and Woking football grounds. Our opponents are Ryden's School, Surrey, who reached the semi-final last year. It is difficult to conceive of better opposition than Newcastle could provide, but whatever the outcome, the 1st XI has done remarkably well in this competition. They look forward to further good support in the finals.

B. D. THOMAS.

### BRIDGE CLUB

*President and Secretary:* R. Bain

*Team Captain:* S. Plunkett

The flourishing interest in bridge seen in the sixth form this year resulted in the formation of a team which entered the London School's Bridge League. Considering their lack of experience in this kind of competition the team played extremely well, gaining third place in their section of the league. It is hoped that the bridge club will continue to flourish in future years and more will come to a knowledge of this very enjoyable game. During this season the team consisted of Alcock partnering Plunkett, and Russon partnering Bain, with Sibthorpe as the reserve.

R.B.

### CHESS 1970-71

*Captain:* P. C. Turner

*Master-in-charge:* B. T. Westmarland

*Secretary:* K. J. Manning

*Treasurer and Asst. Sec.:* D. A. P. Andrews

This year the chess teams have maintained their successes of last year. The juniors again won their zone in the Kent League and reached the quarter finals in the Inter-zone K.O. Cup. They have also been successful in the London League. The seniors, however, have not done so well, although they have done better than last year. Both teams have been supported well and there has been strong competition for places in the junior team. There have been several friendly matches and the teams have been successful in these as well. The Chess Club has been well attended during the winter term, although membership has dropped slightly now that better weather is approaching. The club's fee system and times of meeting have been altered, meeting now every lunch hour on a permit system at a cost of 1p per week, the proceeds of which go towards new equipment and the fees for the leagues we enter.

D.A.P.A.

### CROSS COUNTRY

*Captain:* R. Bain

*Master-in-charge:* N. R. Ballantyne

Success at cross country can depend on many things: clearly the basic essential is physical fitness, which can only be achieved by regular and varied training, but at our level, performance can be affected by several unavoidable variables—suitable footwear for the conditions, adequate marking of unfamiliar courses, experience, or lack of it, in mass fields and the difficulties attendant upon growing—often an outstanding junior finds that in the mid-teens his growth outstrips his strength and this calls for continued dedication and perseverance until nature restores the balance later. Above all, what is needed is enthusiasm and a belief in oneself and, if one is to reach the top, a degree of natural ability. But essentially, cross country is a participation activity at which almost anyone who is willing to have a go can find enjoyment and a satisfaction in being part of a successful group, even if he may not be one of the individual star performers; the boy who repeatedly finishes in the lower positions can feel satisfaction in measuring present with past performance and in defeating other runners of his ability without the feeling that he is in any way 'letting the side down'—indeed by his presence he is giving encouragement and support to those faster than himself and it often happens that a moderate performer in the younger teams develops eventually into a good runner as he grows.

Thus it is that at Roan we have tried to encourage as many boys as possible to take a part in the sport and this has led to a large number of boys—about 50 in the average match—of all ranges of ability taking part and welding together into a successful and happy team, and it is this team spirit, more than the brilliance of individual runners, which has led to the outstanding achievements of the last few years.

The teams' enthusiasm has been mirrored by that of the markers—essential to the smooth running of matches at home—and they, under Edworthy, have succeeded in guiding everyone through the constantly changing fences erected this year around the laying of the pipes for North Sea gas which have given to 'Maze' Hill a more than usually obvious meaning. We owe much, too, to the dedication of Stubbings who, with the help of Oatley, has spent hours at the telephone enabling us to have almost as varied a season as usual despite the difficulties imposed by the postal strike.

The 'Year of the Gas Mains', then, has been a good one for Roan School cross country. In statistical terms we have had 23 school matches, of which we have won 19 and have taken part in 21 larger races from which we gleaned 11 sets of medals, 2 sets of prizes and 12 sets of certificates. Of the schools we ran against we congratulate Raynes Park, who beat us twice, Rochester Maths.,

whose extremely tough course and fit runners proved too much for us, and Charlton, who won the Junior Lewisham and London championships, and beat us by just eight points in our closest and most exciting junior match at home. Of the rest, we probably remember best Shooter's Hill and Chislehurst and Sidcup, against whom we ran frequently when other schools let us down and with whom we always had enjoyable encounters—they had the stars, notably Barnes and Williams in the intermediates, giving us a high standard by which to judge our own achievements—but we proved to have greater depth, which enabled us to win.

Of the Club and Championship races we remember the hectic dash from the station at Brighton, with the juniors just getting to the start in time to run and come third against club opposition; Batley's rain in which we came 25th of 56 teams and saw just how good the northern runners are; the Cambridge Harriers' race where the intermediates packed well and won medals when it seemed we might have failed—a result repeated on the hilly Medway course shortly afterwards; the Chislehurst and Sidcup 'S' where we again packed well to come second; the Thurrock relay on the motor circuit at Crystal Palace where the juniors were the second school; the Orpington relay where the intermediates hung on well on a grueling course to come third; and, perhaps above all, the Blackheath Harriers' race where a mixed senior and intermediate team again packed well to come second—our best-ever position in the event.

We organised three championships this year—the two Lewisham events and the S.L.G.S., as well as a district match between Lewisham and East London. Thanks to the help of a great number of staff and boys these all went off smoothly and in the two major events we won all three sections in each, while in the first- and second-year Lewisham races we were second and third respectively. We provided 10 of the 24 boys to represent Lewisham in the London championships, held in the mud of Parliament Hill Fields, which resulted in Bain, Lynes, Brown and Page representing London in the National at Luton. Of these the most successful was Brown who ran excellently to come 97th out of the whole country.

The first and second year London championships at Hainault Forest provided excellent team and individual results for our boys. In the second years, with Tomkins fourth, Mortimore tenth and Smythe 24th of the 325 runners, and our lowest placed runner 126th, we were third, only 2 points behind the winners, while in the first years our lowest place out of 350 was 161st and we came second. In this race Diplock ran splendidly to win, despite falling and cutting his leg, and Mehegan was third.

So to some of the teams' individuals: we say goodbye, after seven years' running, to Bain and Lynes; Bain, who was a very good captain this year and who we remember as an intermediate S.L.G.S. winner, our first Lewisham senior winner and the winner of the

House Race in record time; Lynes, who was an outstanding junior, at one time holding records for the first four years and the first runner to break the magic 11 minutes for the junior course, and who this year led the senior team to third place in the Kent club championships in the snow of Mote Park, Maidstone. Both were excellent team members who could always be relied upon to give of their best. They were well supported by the other seniors: Stubbings, Lee and Simpkins, who despite frequent lack of competition in local school matches, always rose to the occasion in larger events.

The same could be said of the intermediates—our most consistent medal winners. Seldom, if ever, can we have had eight regular fifth form runners headed by so good a quintet as Brown, Smith B, Smith S., Futter and Roberts. This year it has been the turn of Brown to be the leading runner of the group—the reward of dedication and training—and I best remember his National performance and that in the Kent, where he finished eighth, only a yard behind Barnes. I recall Roberts's determination at Orpington, Smith S. at Maidstone, Futter in the Batley drizzle and Smith B. for his epic struggle in which he beat Lynes in record time in the House relay. The Wybrows, Pendergast and Child ran with great spirit and my one regret is that at present Child is the sole remaining fourth year runner.

Page continued to excel in the juniors—he has developed and matured considerably as a runner and I particularly admired his ability to come back after disappointment with undiminished enthusiasm. He became the first boy to win 50 races for the school and ended the year having won 60 in his first three years, including retaining the House race, and winning the Lewisham and one running of the London. McGann, Mepsted and Humphreys all supported him well. In the Under 14s Mortimore and Tomkins both had successes—Mortimore's best run was his close second in the House race and Tomkins, who has improved greatly in consistency, did very well to come fifth in the third year S.L.G.S. Smythe and White N. continue among the keenest runners and most conscientious at training. Of the first years Diplock has been outstanding, winning all his 19 Under-12 races, setting a new first year record, and often doing well running above his age group—especially in representing Lewisham in the third-year London. Mehegan has done almost as well, and Clark and Boswell show great promise. The team as a whole must aim for greater consistency next season.

Our final stars are the members of the Parents' Association: Mrs. Allison, Mrs. Cooke, Mrs. Mortimore and Mrs. Pendergast who, together with some of their families and Mrs. Fotheringham, have combined to serve some 2,000 cups of tea this season. To them, to Mrs. Harris, Mr. Hill and Mr. Neighbour, the park superintend-



ent and to all staff who have helped—especially Mr. James and Mr. Cooper—I offer my sincere thanks.

It has been a very successful season and the next one under Lee's captaincy can be even more so; with even more dedication to training from everyone we could, perhaps, challenge the north's supremacy at the sport. I hope Smith B., as training secretary, will have full support.

Regular team members: Seniors: Bain (capt.), Lynes, Stubbings (secretary), Lee, Simpkins; Intermediates: Futter (capt.), Brown Pendergast, Roberts, Smith R., Smith S., Wybrev J., Wybrev P., Child; Juniors: Page (capt.), Arnold, Humphreys, McGann, Mepsted, Waters, White A.; U.13: Mortimore, Tomkins, Dodkins, Khan, Lade, Lane, Newbery, Ramus, Sargent, Smythe, Snaith, White N.; U.12: Diplock, Mehegan, Allison, Askell, Boswell, Brockwell, Campbell, Clark, Cooke, Ditchfield, Duff, Finn, Sheppard, Windsor, White D.

N.R.B.

#### HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY

Relay: 1st Rodney 37.40; 2nd Drake 37.41; 3rd Wolfe 39.20 4th Nelson 39.35.

Fastest lap: B. Smith (R) 5.48 (new record).

Mills House Points: Rodney 10½; Drake 8; Nelson 6½; Wolfe 5.

#### BADMINTON

*President:* J. Dennis  
*Captain:* G. Hooker

*Secretary:* L. Sibthorpe  
*Treasurer:* K. Venner

The club has been especially active in the past season, for as well as competing with other schools in friendlies, there have also been internal competitions.

In the autumn term great interest was shown in the school doubles tournament in which 32 pairs competed. The final was surprisingly won by Dennis and Stafford, beating Hooker and Girdwood in three sets.

The spring term saw the introduction of a similar singles tournament, the competitive spirit being roused by the presence of three masters—all surviving so far.

The school senior team entered the Kent Fours Championship and, rather disappointingly, only reached the quarter finals. However, out of the eight matches played against local schools, one has been lost, the other seven being convincing victories.

The season also saw the strengthening of the junior club, with the result of a junior team being formed.

The senior team was picked from Bain, Dennis, Girdwood, Hooker, Sibthorpe, Stafford and Venner.

We would like to express our gratitude to Messrs. Griffin, Bowerman and Jones for their help throughout the season.

G.H. and K.V.

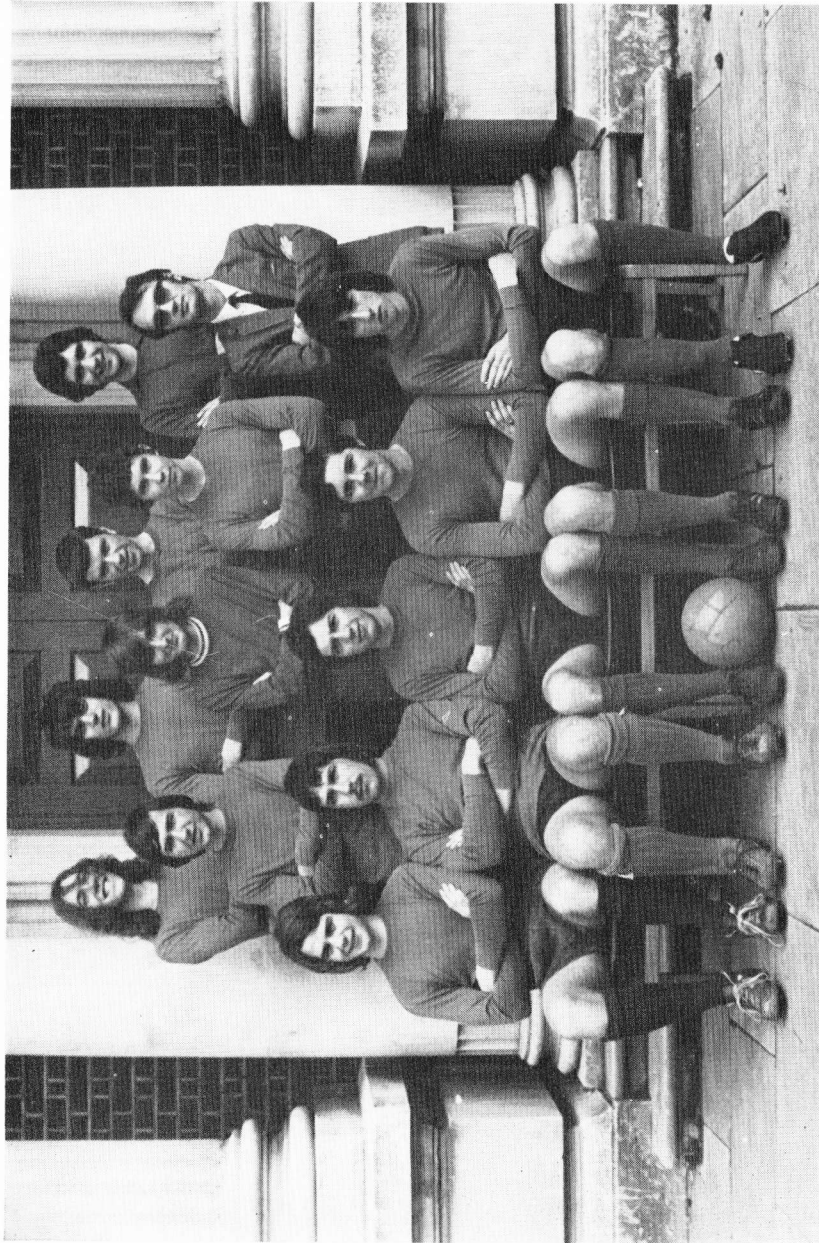


SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY TEAM 1970-71



'THE DEVIL'S DISCIPLE'

Photograph by C. J. KAY



THE SCHOOL 1st XI, 1970-71

## SWIMMING

*Captain:* M. Brown

*Masters-in-charge:* Mr. James and Mr. Bonner

Since the previous report we have had two matches, giving one victory and one defeat.

The former was against Bloomfield. We fielded first-, second- and third-year teams, with victories coming in the last two age groups. This was a match in which we saw the true winning quality of the junior team, led ably by N. Brown. The team coasted to a 103-99 points win.

A full team was fielded against Askes, but were let down by the senior and intermediate sections, who were both on the wrong end of thrashings. The junior team made amends, however, giving a final total of 91-102 points.

Despite the poor start to the season I feel that, as a team, our swimmers have excelled in team spirit. At no point did they give up trying.

The Easter term saw the retirement of M. J. Walpole as swimming captain. His place was taken by M. Brown, to whom the team will owe its success in the latter part of the season.

Teams selected from: Walpole, Witchlow, Baldwin, Savage, Thurley, M. Brown, Pike, N. Brown, Dossett, Mepsted, Griffiths and J. Debenham.

M.B.

## SCHOOL SCOUTS

Although scouts are a hardy bunch, district competitions seem to cease during the depths of winter. Consequently, the troop has not been able to parade its talents to the world. Nevertheless, we have occupied ourselves in raising our own high scouting standards. Pendergast has passed his chief scout award and Prosser the advanced scout standard. Walpole became Assistant Scout Leader and will doubtless do a fine job.

This term has seen a football transfer. We have been playing on the hard tennis courts, a fact which gives Mr. Evans ample opportunity to leap bravely into the Quaggy to retrieve N.R.B.'s left-foot thunderbolts.

Towards the end of the term we were visited by the County Organiser, Mr. P. Gooch, who proved to be a likeable, progressive scout and gave us a short talk about scouting at county level, after which he answered some iconoclastic questions.

The move into the new hut has been successfully completed and, although less cosy, it is far more functional. We are grateful to Mr. Haslam for providing us with a handsome chest of drawers which Mr. Evans has already filled with scouting paraphernalia.

Attendance is high these days and we look forward to an eventful summer term.

B.A.J.S.



### ARISTOTELIAN SOCIETY

We have experienced some difficulty in organising meetings, due to the presence of examinations and the like—a cross all sixth form societies have to bear. However, at the last count, attendance was fair, but we would like to see more faces, especially from the first year sixth.

We say goodbye with much regret to Mr. White, who is leaving the Aristo after many years of hard work and encouragement, for which our gratitude is inexpressible. We welcome Mr. G. Brooks as an undoubtedly worthy successor.

We hope to arrange more meetings in the near future and we extend a hearty welcome to all sixth formers.

A.C.O.

### FILM SOCIETY

*President and Secretary: R. Bain*

The Film Society did not have the success hoped for this season. However, eight feature films were shown and enjoyed by those who watched them. The most successful of these was probably the last one to be shown—'The Blue Max'.

If the society is to continue, enthusiastic support is needed from the members of the senior school to help run it.

Thanks to this year's committee: Plunkett, Alcock, Dennis and Whyte.

R.B.

### SCHOOL LIBRARY

The library continues to provide the services it has always done, despite the fact that we are engaged in compiling a new accessions register to replace an old and increasingly out-of-date one hitherto in use. Our thanks to Mr. Greenberg for his sterling efforts with this painstaking work.

New books are on order and we hope to augment our stock with books chosen with an eye to the questionnaires that you filled in earlier in the year stating your interests. We hope the books asked for will actually be read.

Patrons may feel that some of the books are missing, but we beg to reassure them that they are in the safe hands of the masters, who have been asked to select books for subject libraries, to ease the limitations of space on the library shelves. We hope that you will all continue to use the library and that the incredible appetite for literature shown by the lower school will continue unabated.

A.C.O.

### THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

The society is in the process of change at the time of writing this, with the advent of Mr. Ballantyne as master-in-charge. However, the main purpose of the society remains unchanged—to encourage and help boys with their photography. Boys may borrow from the society equipment in the form of an enlarger, a developing tank, thermometers, trays, etc. This means that you can develop a set of negatives (any B/W film) for the cost of the chemicals alone, which is less than 4p. Of course, printing is more expensive, due to the cost of photographic paper, but even this will be comparatively cheap if bought in bulk by the society.

We are about to organise a competition, so get your old cameras off the shelves and take pictures!

A. W. AUSTIN.

### THE FILM-MAKING SOCIETY

After the apparent success of the comedy film of the school made by the fifth form at the end of last year, my colleague R. C. Motton and I saw it as vaguely inevitable that we should form an 8mm. film-making group for members of the whole school. The progress so far has been very slow, due to examinations and our involvement in the school play. However, we have split into two groups: a senior group under Motton's direction, hoping, in conjunction with Mr. Cooper, to film a Bible story put into modern day surroundings; and a more junior group, with Roberts, of the upper sixth, and myself attempting some parallel with Hitchcock's classic in a film called 'Psycho Roan!' We humbly thank Mr. Knott for his help, even though the first reel was a complete disaster and came out virtually as a roll of blank film!

T. TALBOT.

### Y.O.C.

*Master-in-charge: Mr. Thorp*

*Chairman: D. S. Bruce*

We have formed an ornithology group to study birds. So far we have about ten members, most of whom have joined the National Ornithologists Club. This club is for persons who are not yet old enough to join the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds.

So far, visits have been made to Shooter's Hill woods, Bexley and Eynsford. Already we have seen birds, like the kingfisher, in their natural surroundings.

We now have a record which I hope will help members to identify bird calls. We would like to give our thanks to Mr. Thorp, who has offered to help with this club and has come to many meetings.

D.S.B.

# What's a 17 year old want with a bank account?

To keep your money safe, for a start. (Like it's easy to lose old socks, but how many banks get lost every year?) And to get yourself a cheque book. With proper identification (such as a personal letter, passport, or even driving licence) you can pay by cheque practically anywhere, and at any time you're short of ready cash.

Your cheque book makes it easier to keep track of your money, too—it guarantees you statements whenever you request them.

If you're going on to college, an account with Barclays can help you budget, so your grant doesn't run out before the term does.

Or if you're going straight out to work, you can have your salary paid directly into the bank—no fear of losing your hard-won earnings.

Finally, you may want an account with us because it's just plain sensible. You don't have a fortune now, but you've got a lifetime of earning ahead of you. Thousands and thousands of pounds. Managing that money – making the most of it – can become pretty complicated. Eventually you'll appreciate the help your bank manager can give you. Call in at your local branch today and have a chat. We look forward to seeing you.

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## CHRISTIAN UNION

*President:* D. J. Collins

*Master-in-charge:* Mr. Cooper

The Senior Christian Union is still going strong, although attendances at the meetings have been down recently.

The aim of our Bible studies this term has been to look at Paul's Letter to the Romans and to see what it has to say to us in 1971. It has turned out to be extremely relevant and challenging.

At one of our meetings Mr. Whyte, a London City Missioner, talked about the resurrection of Jesus Christ and showed its importance in Christianity, which is meaningless without it.

Five of us went to an inter-school Christian Fellowship conference at Wadhurst, Sussex, during the Christmas holidays. It was called 'We Want to Live' and was very profitable and enjoyable. There were talks based on the Letter to the Romans, on Modern Slaves, Being Set Free and New Life and Bible studies under the general heading 'Living it Out', as well as discussions and seminars on current topics and the running of a Christian Union.

There will be a warm welcome to any fifth or sixth formers who wish to attend our meetings: Room 30, Tuesdays, at 3.35 for seniors; Room 30, Wednesdays, at 3.35 for juniors.

'We preach not ourselves, but Jesus Christ the Lord' 2 Corinthians 4 : 5).

D.J.C.

## THE 'PHONE CALL

Ring! Ring! The 'phone it wakes me,  
And stirs me in my bed.  
Ring! Ring! The noise is louder  
It's ringing in my head.

Ring! Ring! I put my feet out,  
And jump down to the floor,  
Ring! Ring! I think 'Who is it?'  
And stumble to the door.

Ring! Ring! I'm nearly there now,  
Just two more steps to go,  
I lift the blue receiver,  
And then I say 'Hello'.

'Is that one-three-o-seven?'

'No, this is one-three-o!'

A. BERRY, 1B.



### ROAN BOYS' PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

The school has a long tradition of close tripartite contact between staff, boys and parents. Staff, of course, have the opportunity to exchange ideas and discuss issues—so have the boys. It was a desirable extension of the scheme that parents too should have the means to meet each other and to foster their common interests.

October 1970 saw the foundation of the Parents' Association, at a meeting called by the headmaster after several months of groundwork. The response was most heartening for all concerned; the popularity of the idea was unquestioned.

From the first it has been made clear that this is a parents' association, as opposed to a parent-teacher association. It makes sense—whoever heard of a boy-parent or a teacher-boy association? The normal right of contact between the three groups is not impaired; quite the reverse. What was thought to be Little Willie's trauma can often be discounted as normal after a get-together with Little Tommy's mum or dad. The hard-worked staff can be spared an explanatory interview and the time can be used towards a more meaningful and constructive end.

Nevertheless, the Association has enjoyed a very close co-operation with the school staff and is fortunate in having enthusiastic and useful representatives in committee in the persons of Nigel Ballantyne and Derek Evans. Dr. Taylor, as president, lends authority to the proceedings and backs the committee's efforts without intrusion (apart from the occasional gentle nudge over matters of school policy!).

Hand-in-hand with the concept of exchange of views goes the second main function of the Parents' Association, which is to make a tangible contribution to the amenities of the school. Funds are being raised to provide, among other things, blackout linings for the hall curtains in order that film and slide projectors may be used during daylight hours. Social activities have been well supported and it is expected that, as time goes by and experience is gained, events in the social calendar will be eagerly looked forward to.

The ice was broke with a Supper-Social on the 4th December, at which the R.B.P.A. ladies excelled themselves with a grand array of food. This was followed by a purely fund-raising event on the 23rd January, namely a bring-and-buy sale which, despite appalling weather, was financially successful. The school staff then, on 3rd March, gave the parents a very enjoyable and enlightening evening, covering the subject 'School Today', with informative talks, demonstrations, film shows and fantastic gadgets to play with.

The next event is a cricket match between parents and staff on the 22nd May at the school field—do come and support it.

E.D.C.

### APOCALYPSE

The sun rose,  
The leaves rustled in the gentle breeze  
And all the world woke up.

Men worked,  
People bustled, giving gentle wheeze  
And all the world woke up.

Women worked,  
Scrubbing and cleaning on their gentle knees  
And all the world woke up.

And all the world woke up  
Realising that one day they'd die  
Never to wake up again.

Ever.

And all the world woke up  
To see the end draw near  
And see the sun extinguished.

And the world slept

Forever.

M. WESBROOM, 4G.

### A STORM AT SEA

A turbulent swell had worked up and the wind was rising, bringing with it black thunder clouds. They had a sinister look about them. The swell was now a raging sea, the foaming waves were like chariots charging and dashing themselves to pieces on the hull of the ship. The lightning was like the crack of a whip and the thunder like the rumble of guns. The spray like a million arrows fired from unseen archers.

A crack of lightning and a mast came crashing down and slid off the deck into the sea which swallowed it up immediately. The holds were flooded and still the storm raged on. Waves washing over the deck, the whole sky being illuminated by lightning.

It was getting on for morning and the storm was dying away. Slowly the chariots, the whips and the archers faded until a gentle lapping of the waves could be heard.

G. HAY 1C.

**BURIAL OF A CHIEF**

Solemnly, to the beat of drums  
 The burial ship is pulled ashore.  
 Further and further on the land it goes,  
 Pull and pull and pull and pull and pull  
 Beat the drums as the chief goes home to rest.

The line of mourners walk crying behind,  
 Ship goes on as a fitting mist settles,  
 Up and down, slowly, silently moving on,  
 Pull and pull and pull and pull and pull,  
 Cry the birds as they fly above the chief.

The deep grave lies before the brave master.  
 Slowly the ship sails its chief home,  
 Sinking in the earth's black waters, dying  
 Still and still and still and still and still  
 Is carried the wind, for the end comes.

Soil and mud upon the vessel fall,  
 Slowly the earth takes back its own to home  
 From whence it came to there it has gone  
 Nothing, nothing, nothing, nothing, nothing  
 Is left—was there at the earth's beginning.

J. PROSSER, 3A.

**SHADES OF TIME**

Tangerine clouds of dusk  
 Slide intangible across my thoughts  
 Of you, fading into a blue  
 Haze of Remembrance,  
 Time has left alone  
 My vivid visions  
 On that summer's eve  
 That passion-red sun  
 glanced in your hair  
 And you smiled, your eyes  
 Blue to infinity  
 But now my horizon has purpled,  
 Melted into the ice-cold hues of time.

S. SWANN, L6.

**BIRTH AND DEATH**

Beginning and end—  
 Why worry?  
 Life is in between.

C. SMITH, 4G.

**A WORD FOR MANKIND**

It was dark, but I had a torch. The path in the forest had disappeared from under my feet. Trees loomed ahead, their fingers clutching at me. The camp should be about five minutes away. I had—of course—been here in the day time, but then all looks different. The real world comes alive at night—a world in which humans are outcasts and, as such, are to be shunned until they venture into this world, and then they can be toyed with until . . . until . . .

My imagination was running away with itself again. My pace, I noticed, was quicker, my breath sharper. In the green depths a living creature cried in the last agonies of death. Where? I looked around, my eyes not on the ground. I tripped and fell into the centre of a hollow bush. My torch vanished in the darkness.

'Keep still!'

'Why should I? I am Man, Lord of all Animals—what have I to fear?'

'Shut up—they'll hear you otherwise'.

'So what? Everything bows down to Mankind and so . . .'

'Not now—stop moving you idiot. Do you want to be caught?'

'I don't care. Who are you anyway?'

'I am many things. A traitor, an animal—in fact the last piece of animal left in you. The law of the jungle says that if any animal kills other animals for anything but food, revenge may be taken. We have been patient with you—until now'.

'You don't mean to say that all animals are . . . are . . .?'

'Yes—all but me. I just couldn't let my civilised half die. It has happened too many times'.

'You mean . . .?'

'Be quiet—you may hear them go past—if you're silent'.

'You mean the rest of your people?'

'Yes. You've made a fine mess of things haven't you?'

'What do you mean?'

'Pollution, bombs, D.D.T., radiation, destruction and desolation'.

'We were ignorant of most of them until too late'.

'And the rest?'

'Pollution was being stopped'.

'After millions of my people had been killed'.

'We didn't realise—we thought . . .'

'Selfish on behalf of your own species—just like the rest of them'.

'The rest?'

'Yes. I suppose you weren't told. There have been five races of man. You are the last. Each time man has destroyed himself, but now there is the hydrogen bomb. Man could kill his maker—Nature—as well as himself this time. And you had so many chances to change for the better . . .'



'We had to wait for the right time. You know peace can only be arrived at by threat of total destruction'.

'No, I don't. Anyway—your right time was 1971 years ago. He warned you.'

'You mean . . .?'

'And who was the father above then? Birds are the only creatures that fly. And how about angels having wings?'

'No—no! I don't believe it!' I rushed out of the bush into a clearing. All was dark.

The moon broke through a cloud at that moment and I saw on a low branch in front of me an owl. The judge was seated. Around me was the jury; to my side the prosecutor, and behind me our defence.

'The prisoner will be seated', stated the judge. P. HAZELDEN, 3A.

### MODERN POWER

Electricity  
Is simplicity  
Through a few coils of wire  
Goes to your plastic fire.

On at the mains  
Controls the trains,  
One bright blue spark  
Lightens the dark.

A lot of power  
For Blackpool Tower  
Cor! What a sight  
It is so bright.

Electricity  
Is simplicity.

E. WALLER, 1H.

### ARTIST'S DILEMMA

There is so much beauty  
It crowds the canvas  
And yet . . . who is to choose?  
How can I express the overwhelming,  
Overbearing burden of all that is good?  
Each line shows a multitude of emotions  
A sea of enormous sunlight  
Each beam an idea in itself.  
Who can choose,  
What shall I give immortality to?  
This, that . . . but everything.

T. M. STUBBINGS, L6.

### SITTING IN MY FAVOURITE ARMCHAIR CONTEMPLATING THE FATE OF THE WORLD THROUGH A PAIR OF ROSE-TINTED SPECTACLES

Through the French windows,  
Je vois le soleil.

T. M. STUBBINGS and E. PREKOPP, L6.

### MOUNTAIN

I looked up and saw  
Saw a huge beauty  
Scragged but beautiful  
Rising above the white ships  
Ships of mist  
Its white-capped peak  
Pointing proudly to the sun  
To the sun encircled by the azure world  
The world of the birds  
Its summit has been seen by many men  
The people who have conquered it  
Who have been proud of their feat  
I look down  
And see a thriving village  
A community at the base of the monster  
Yet unaffected by its greatness  
Unaffected by its greatness.

S. EMENY-SMITH, 3A.

### WAITING

She sits there, not a move, not a sound,  
as if in a coma  
she sits, looking at the picture of a small girl,  
and tears fill her eyes as she thinks and  
remembers,

'Susan is dead', they told her

She heard but couldn't believe,

'They must be wrong, it can't be her, not my  
Susan', over and over again she murmurs it  
to herself as she sits and waits, shut off  
from the world hour after hour,  
just waiting,  
waiting for Susan to come home.

A. PAGE, 3V.

**TAPPING**

The tapping rudely wakes me,  
Tap, tap upon the door,  
I stir and raise my head to look,  
It's tapping more and more.

What terror can it be there?  
The atmosphere is grim,  
The frightening sound grows louder,  
The light is very dim.

I rise and grab a poker  
Which lies beside the fire.  
I move towards the door now  
And raise the poker higher.

I edge the door just slightly,  
Then wrench it open wide . . .  
A tabby cat sits out there  
There's no more need to hide.

The cat is softly whining,  
The mouse trap on his paw  
And as he tries to free himself  
He's tapping all the more!

C. ALDERTON, A. BERRY, C. BROWN and K. DIPLOCK, 1B.

**ALONE UNTIL**

I stand,  
to be high when low.  
If I should fail?  
When the hour of the years has come.  
A dream is fact—  
The child before me is but myself,  
alone in fear.  
In only that, we are the same.

Although more complex,  
She is unaware in her belief—  
I know.  
For me a fence,  
For her an ocean.  
From here I go,  
Until I, too, believe.

M. MILLS, L6.

**BUT REALLY . . .**

I sit here by the window  
unaided by my books,  
I am told I think like Wordsworth,  
but I think like Rupert Brooke.

I've been told to write a lyric,  
romantic and refined,  
but I,  
being a cynic,  
cannot beautify mankind.

Man is just a parasite  
bleeding nature of its wealth,  
all his works,  
a vicious blight,  
spreading over nature's health.

A destiny this earth may have,  
but covered in dust and grime,  
for man is going to commit  
his greatest-ever crime.

R. MACPHERSON, 5B.

**THE JIGSAW OF LIFE**

Youth, blissful youth, and the first  
pieces fit.  
School years pass quickly and the  
picture takes shape, but life is  
an unknown and there's  
nothing to check it with.  
Difficult times come;  
the story is abstract;  
you know  
that you're going wrong  
but can't seem to right yourself.  
Then, all of a sudden, age creeps  
up, and the remaining bits are few,  
the edge has grown in,  
and judgment isn't far.  
Now it's done!  
There are no gaps to fill  
so the jigsaw's crumpled up  
and put back into the box . . .  
The coffin . . . The End.

K. BRADBROOK, 5E.



### TOMORROW

Demographers thrive forecasting tomorrow  
through the morbid curiosity of the people  
who are themselves creating tomorrow

and man looks at tiny pieces of another planet  
which he is already beginning to destroy.

N. BALDWIN, L6.

### HIROSHIMA

A seed born of thought  
Germinated into reality  
To grow, to blossom,  
A flower glowing in myriad hues  
Like shot-silk, so lovely to see,  
And yet . . . In its dying splendour,  
Death . . . Destruction . . . and Silence!

A. KING, 3V.

### HISTORY LESSON 2000

'What did you do in the swinging sixties, Grandad?'  
'Ah, that wouldn't interest you, young feller me lad'.  
'But, Grandad, we did it for History today,  
And Miss Browne said . . . now what DID she say?'  
'I'll tell you what she said, old son,  
She said the Welfare State finally won'.  
'But, Grandad, where were you during those years?'  
'—I was enjoying girls and drinking beers,  
Because it wasn't like that at all, you see.  
All those things meant nothing to me.  
To me those times meant scratched forty-fives,  
A million miles from Biafrans' lives.  
My life consisted of dinners at school,  
Six forgotten lads with a lonely football.  
We could not suffer a nuclear war.  
Anything but the sports page was a terrible bore.  
I'm the only one left from that age  
And as such, I suppose, I'm a sage—  
But do something, lad, now you've arrived  
Please go and get my old forty-fives.'

B. A. J. SMITH, 5A.

## OLD ROAN ASSOCIATION

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### SIXTY YEARS OF O.R.A.

The actual birth of the Association was on the 29th September, 1911, although it may be said to have been conceived at a tea after a cricket match between the school and a team of old boys earlier in that year. Mr. T. R. N. Crofts, the then headmaster, suggested that a meeting be called to discuss the possibility of an old boys' association. This meeting was duly held on the aforesaid 29th September and the association was born, with Mr. Crofts as president, W. J. Potter (Staff), G. R. Parker (Staff), R. R. Fulton and A. A. Robinson as a committee. To celebrate this birth, a smoking concert, attended by over 100 old boys, was held in the school hall. This was followed quickly, on 16th December, 1911, by the first dinner, at which well over 90 were present, and the first dance was held on St. Valentine's Day in 1912 in the Greenwich Borough Hall.

Space does not permit mentioning all the many interesting incidents and activities of the Association, but suffice it to list some of the highlights of the past Sixty Glorious Years!

MARCH, 1912.—The first School Magazine published, in which was included a list of the first 150-odd members of the Association. (See magazine dated June 1970 for a copy of a most interesting letter from the headmaster, printed in this first issue.) It also included a couple of pages of news about old boys.

MAY 1912.—A general Games Committee elected.

MARCH 1913.—The two School Songs written—'Here's to Old John Roan', by Mr. de Montmorency and set to music by Mr. J. Amesbury, and the Latin one, 'Carmen Roanna', by the headmaster, Mr. Crofts. In the magazine of this date is a translation of the latter.

JANUARY 1914.—Presentation of two plays by the newly founded O.R. Musical and Dramatic Society.

JUNE 1914.—'It has been definitely decided to arrange for colours for the members of the Association in the form of a hat band and tie. The general opinion is that the colours should be dark and light blue (the school colours), combined with a third, for which yellow, green and white have been suggested. Old boys interested should not fail to write to the Secretary offering suggestions and designs'. (Magazine, June 1914.)

NOVEMBER 1914.—Consequent upon the war, it was decided that instead of the usual annual dinner in town, a more modest affair be arranged locally. Sixty members, a large proportion in uniform, subsequently dined at the Trafalgar Hotel, Greenwich.

JULY 1915.—Mr. T. R. N. Crofts, headmaster of the school, founder of the Association and the school magazine, procurer of the school field, writer of 'Carmen Roanna', left the school to become head of the Royal Masonic School, Bushey.

JANUARY 1916.—Mr. A. R. Hope joined the school as headmaster.

MARCH 1916.—Membership about 200, but 517 known old boys were serving with H.M. Forces, while 19 had been killed in action.

Formation of a 'Benefit' fund proposed.

APRIL 1916.—First school camp at Bembridge, I.O.W. The magazine for June 1916 contains a very detailed report of this camp by a boy who is now an active vice-president (Mr. K. S. Binnie!).

1916-18.—The toll of war continues and the magazine is full of the names of old boys serving, wounded or killed in action.

NOVEMBER 1918.—The war ends. Nominal membership 700, but only 370 paid up—'No doubt due to war conditions'.

DECEMBER 1919.—At the A.G.M. there was a discussion on a proposed war memorial to the old boys who had fallen in the war. A committee of Governors, Old Boys and the School was to carry out the project, which it was hoped 'would embody in the new school some special feature dedicated to the memory of these gallant sons of Roan'.

A 'Recreational Secretary' elected.

Social evenings held every month to give opportunity of renewing old friendships and reviving old associations. The annual dinner returns to town—Pinoli's Restaurant, Wardour Street. Tickets 5s. 6d.

MARCH 1920.—The War Memorial Committee decides to erect a memorial tablet in the school and a pavilion on the school field as a memorial worthy of those who gave their lives.

Committee appointed to form an Old Roan cricket club.

JUNE 1920.—'Now is the time for football enthusiasts to band themselves together and form an O.R. club for the approaching season. Communicate at once with the secretary'. (Notice in magazine.)

DECEMBER 1920.—Formation of the O.R. football club reported.

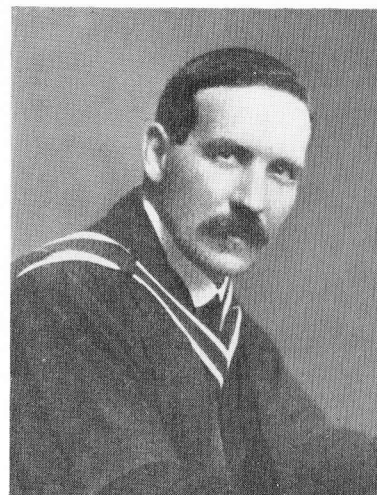
MARCH 1921.—In the first season the football club played 9 games—winning 4, losing 4 and drawing 1—with sixteen members 'all tremendously keen'.

SEPTEMBER 1921.—Tenth anniversary—membership 414.

## OLD ROAN ASSOCIATION

### DIAMOND JUBILEE YEAR

1911 — 1971



**T. R. N. CROFTS**

Headmaster 1910-15

Founder of the O.R.A.

and the Roan Magazine.

President O.R.A. 1911-15



**PETER WILLIAMS**

President O.R.A. 1971-72

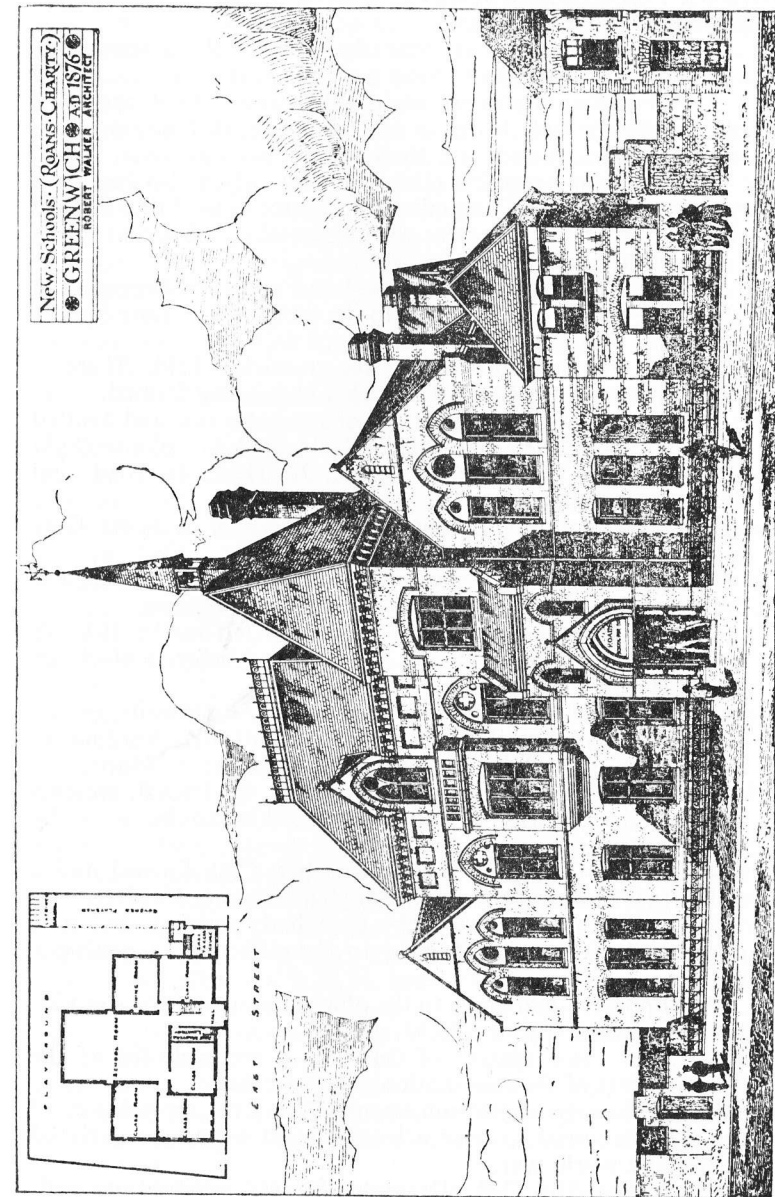
THE FIRST PAVILION ON THE SCHOOL FIELD  
July, 1916



Left to Right (standing) Mr. H. D. TITLEY, RONALD, NUNN, TEBBUTT, JEFFERSON  
Mr. W. J. POTTER, Vice-Master; (seated) HISEE, PURTON, BROWN, SAVILLE.



CELEBRATION  
OF  
EMPIRE DAY  
1913



THE EASTNEY STREET SCHOOL, 1877-1928



NOVEMBER 1921.—Suggested that a Masonic Lodge of Freemasons be founded for Old Roans.

MARCH 1922.—A tennis court near the school field is rented for summer use. A meeting to form a club is held.

The Association colours are decided upon—light and dark blue. A button-hole badge is designed—a dark blue stag on a light blue background with the letters O.R.A. in silver.

Extract from magazine (I wonder how often this has been repeated?—Ed.): 'Will members please notify us if they change their address. The magazines sent to several members have been returned "Gone away".'

Detailed proposals for a Benevolent Fund (first suggested in March 1916) published, and to be put to the forthcoming A.G.M.

Negotiations are proceeding for a cricket field. There is every prospect of a successful cricket club being formed.

O.R.A. blazers, hat bands for straw hats, silk and knitted ties and silk scarves now available in O.R.A. colours (light and dark blue). Prices 27s., 2s. 6d., 2s. 11½d., 1s. 10½d. and 9s. 6d. respectively.

MARCH 1922.—First scouts camp at Braithwaite, at Scots Gate Farm.

MAY 1922.—Cricket club formed with 25 members enjoying regular 1st XI games and a number of second team fixtures.

Memorial Tablet to the old boys who fell in the 1914-18 war unveiled, but a large sum still required before a start can be made on the pavilion.

EASTER 1923.—First camp at Whinlatter Camp, Braithwaite, on the land and in the huts bought by the philanthropic headmaster and scoutmaster of the Roan School—Mr. A. R. Hope.

DECEMBER 1924.—The President of the year, R. W. Farrell, presents the Association with a badge and necklet to be worn by presidents on ceremonial occasions.

DECEMBER 1925.—Old Roan Rugby Football Club formed and a full fixture list arranged at Mottingham Playing Fields.

MAY 1927.—Report that the rugby club had vanished, but it is hoped only for a time, owing to the difficulty in getting a ground.

A proposal to add green to the official colours of the Association was passed at the A.G.M.

JUNE 1927.—In the magazine of this date a complete list of the 600 members of the Association was published.

JULY 1927.—The school pavilion opened, being the second part of the war memorial to over a hundred old boys who perished in the first world war.

DECEMBER 1927.—The O.R. Dramatic Society renewed its activities for the first time since the war.

MARCH 1928.—The new school at Maze Hill opened.

A meeting decided to form an Old Roan Masonic lodge.

DECEMBER 1928.—The school adopts a new coat of arms. The Association adopts it and blazer badges of the design worked in gold and colours become available.

Mr. J. W. Kirby publishes his 'History of the Roan Schools'.

APRIL 1929.—The benevolent fund takes shape and rules are drawn up. Charter granted for a Masonic lodge named 'John Roan School Lodge'. The lodge was consecrated on 29th April.

MAY 1931.—It was proposed by W. J. Potter, President of the Association, to purchase Whinlatter Camp, Braithwaite, as a memorial to the late headmaster, Mr. A. R. Hope. A committee was set up for the purpose.

MARCH 1932.—An Old Roan sports club formed to raise, *inter alia*, a fund for the purchase of an Old Roan sports ground.

JULY 1932.—The magazine reports that the Hope Memorial Committee had purchased 14 acres of land at Braithwaite, with the huts thereon, as a permanent camp and memorial to the late headmaster.

JANUARY 1933.—First meeting of the Old Roan swimming club at Greenwich baths.

EASTER 1933.—The Hope Memorial Camp officially opened—exactly ten years after the original opening by Mr. Hope. A memorial tablet was unveiled by Mr. W. J. Potter on the site.

DECEMBER 1933.—Old Boys' Camp at Braithwaite proposed for a week in August 1934.

DECEMBER 1935.—A gymnasium club formed. Weekly gym classes held at the school under Mr. Ashworth, the school gym master.

APRIL 1936.—With the encouragement of the school secretary, Mr. Peters, an O.R. Christian Union is established, meeting in Kennington.

DECEMBER 1936.—Silver Jubilee Dinner held at the Northumberland Rooms, Northumberland Avenue, London, W.C.

SEPTEMBER 1939.—THE SECOND WORLD WAR—and the curtailment of so many of the Association's activities.

SEPTEMBER 1942 to JANUARY 1944.—No magazines printed.

MAY 1944.—The first A.G.M. since February 1939. Fifty members present.

AUGUST 1945.—Peace again, but it takes nearly another year for the various sections to re-form.

JUNE 1946.—The O.R. Cricket Club starts again. The footballers are promised that the football club would be in full swing in the coming season. The Dramatic Society shows signs of revival.

DECEMBER 1946.—The first annual dinner since the second world war.

- JANUARY 1947.—The first annual dance since the second world war.
- JULY 1947.—First Old Boys' Day on the school field, with a cricket match, P.T. display, sideshows, auction sale, teas, etc. £183 raised for the war memorial fund.
- APRIL 1948.—Unveiling of War Memorial Tablet at the school and the planting of trees in front of the school, one for each of those killed.
- JULY 1948.—Efforts being made to re-form the tennis club.
- FEBRUARY 1950.—The revived Dramatic Society presents 'I Killed the Count'.
- DECEMBER 1950.—New ties with the stags' head motif now introduced.
- FEBRUARY 1952.—A record number of 398 attended the annual dance at the Greenwich Town Hall.
- SEPTEMBER 1955.—The Headmaster, Mr. H. W. Gilbert, reports that the building of the War Memorial Room at the school pavilion is about to begin.
- JULY 1956.—The third and last project of the War Memorial Fund completed—the opening of the War Memorial Room at the school pavilion in memory of those who fell in the second world war 1939–45.
- The Governors kindly consent to a bar, adjoining the War Memorial Room, being opened at certain times.
- FEBRUARY 1958.—First 'Beating of the Bounds' of John Roan's estate in Greenwich by Old Boys, led by George Witten.
- DECEMBER 1958.—The War Memorial Fund pays off the last £100, so freeing the Association, Club and Memorial Room from financial shackles.
- APRIL 1961.—245 Old Roans and their ladies assemble at the Connaught Rooms, Great Queen Street, W.C.1, to celebrate the golden jubilee of the Association with the first dinner/dance of the Association.
- DECEMBER 1962.—Fiftieth production of the O.R. Dramatic Society —'A Quiet Weekend'.
- MARCH 1965.—Membership of the Association reaches 1,000, but, says the Secretary in his annual report, '... it is disappointing to find the various functions, such as the A.G.M., Dramatic Society's plays and the dinner/dances so badly supported'.
- SEPTEMBER 1965.—The Cricket Club was able to field three Saturday and three Sunday elevens throughout the season.
- JUNE 1967.—Owing to the popularity of the War Memorial Room and bar an extension is proposed.
- MAY 1968.—Full range of O.R. accessories available in colour and with school crest, i.e. ties, blazer badges, wall plaques, cuff links, tie holders and car badges.

AUGUST 1969.—Opening of the extension to the War Memorial Room.

APRIL 1970.—First Old Roan camp at Braithwaite.

SEPTEMBER 1970.—For the first time seven football teams are fielded regularly every Saturday.

NOVEMBER 1970.—Twenty-two pages of Old Boys' news in the magazine.

JUNE 1971.—Membership 1,030. What now? What of the future? It all depends on YOU!

As indicated in the opening paragraph, the above are only some of the milestones of the past sixty years. Scattered amongst them are many other ideas, efforts and activities which either fulfilled a need at the time or failed to root for lack of support.

Only in exceptional cases have names been mentioned, but the records are full of great names who have striven to uphold the honour of the school and to build a worthy old boys' association. Anyone interested in reading more fully of these old boys and eventful years should refer to the complete set of magazines held in the care of the bar steward at the school pavilion.

### THE HEADMASTER WRITES . . .

I am grateful to the Editor for this opportunity of congratulating the Old Roan Association on achieving its sixtieth anniversary and of wishing the Association every success in the years ahead.

In the comparatively short time I have been here I have come to appreciate the strength of the Association. There can be few similar organisations which retain such close ties and connections with their old schools. The sharing of facilities at the games field, for example, and the regular productions of the Old Roan Dramatic Society in the school hall serve to strengthen these bonds. For the school this provides a sense of stability and continuity—a visible reminder of our roots in and debt to the past—which is particularly valuable in these days of change when so many of the old values are being questioned.

The older members who are in touch with the school realise something of the changes which have taken place since their day and those of us who are in it now are well aware of the fact that change is proceeding at an accelerating rate. It is heartening to know that there is in the Association a body of men who are keenly interested in the school and loyal to it and who will want to ensure that whatever lies ahead of us we shall preserve for future generations of boys all that is best in the traditions, standards and ethos of Roan.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT

The past year has, I feel, been a happy and successful one for the Association and affiliated clubs. Much credit for the happy atmosphere that has prevailed at meetings and functions has been due to the presence of Harry Icough, whose smiling face has always been there; he has not missed attending any event. His unflappable and correct manner at committee meetings was noted by all. The dinner at the school again proved extremely popular with a maximum number in attendance, and the dinner/dance in February was also well attended and enjoyed by all present. Our thanks should go to Tom Flack for arranging these functions.

The cricket and soccer clubs have had enjoyable seasons, and with both clubs now really solvent for almost the first time ever, thanks to a great fund-raising '200' club run by Geoff Sawyer, I feel sure future seasons will be even happier.

Membership has been slightly improved this year and now stands at 1,030. The slight increase is mainly due to a final number of schoolboy life members being obtained at the old payment rate, but I fear that this membership number will remain static because the number of new members obtained from school-leavers each year seems to be offset by annual members who 'fall by the wayside' and the unfortunate deaths of some of the older members each year. As the year we have just entered upon is our sixtieth anniversary, could I appeal to all members to try to gain one new member from acquaintances or persons they may know or meet who are ex-Roan schoolboys, who do not belong to the Association? You can see that if we were all able to obtain just one new member our membership would be doubled in no time. Throughout each year we must all meet one person who falls within this category and if you will let me know their name and address, I will follow the matter up, or supply any person with an enrolment form upon request.

A reminder to annual members to send me their 50p subscription for 1971 (if not yet paid) and also to many members who pay by bankers order and who have not altered the amount from 7s. 6d. to 50p. Would these members be good enough to do the necessary as the full and proper subscription is needed financially.

### DIAMOND JUBILEE DINNER

After much deliberation in committee, the proposed dinner/dance at the Café Royal is not being proceeded with. It appeared most probable that the necessary guarantee regarding numbers would not be met, as many young people were not able to commit themselves to spending about £10 for an evening for two. It has therefore been decided to 'upgrade' the usual stag dinner held at the school in the autumn so as to make it a fitting celebration for our diamond jubilee. Make a note of the date now—Friday, 1st October, 1971, and ensure a successful evening!

### FROM THE PRESIDENT

By custom it is my privilege to write a few words and I am proud to have this opportunity.

Since I earn my bread and butter by teaching mathematics I am accustomed to dealing—or at least starting—with facts; and the pre-eminent fact about 1971 is that the Association celebrates its sixtieth anniversary. My father went to the Roan School and by coincidence joined in 1911, just sixty years ago.

A second fact is that I have been asked to follow Harry Icough (a daunting proposition indeed), whose twelve months of presidency has endeared him even more to those O.R.s—and there have been many—with whom he has come into contact. My first clear memory as a fifteen-year-old, of Mr. Icough recalls a visit to Ammanford during evacuation; even in those troubled times nothing was allowed to prevent his concern and affection for the school being displayed in the most practical way.

Finally, it is a fact that today the Association is a healthy body—healthy by virtue of a sound heart, exemplified by the club, and strong limbs in the guise of the cricket and football clubs. That this should be so is due in the main to a relatively small, dedicated band of O.R.s who have worked unstintingly since the war to expand and improve the stature and standing of the Association and its affiliated clubs. It is also most encouraging—and vital for future well-being—that in recent years a number of younger men are becoming increasingly prominent upon the scene. May their efforts help to promote an even more vigorous organisation.

I cannot close without adding my personal congratulations to the school soccer eleven upon reaching the final of the English Schools Football Association Individual Schools Cup. Whatever the outcome they have enjoyed a wonderful run of success and put the school well and truly on the football map. By the time you read this they could be the new champions.

*Floreat Roana*

### I REMEMBER . . .

Crofts, during whose headmastership the O.R.A. was started, was a worthy successor to Ridger as far as dignity was concerned. For prayers he would enter the hall when everyone else was in place and silent (how silent!) wearing morning coat, gown and mortarboard. Then in a loud, clear, authoritative voice he would conduct the service bareheaded and make a few announcements, then don his mortarboard and stalk out. It was quite impressive. In another way his exalted rank was emphasised. It was the day when the bicycle was everybody's means of transport and Crofts would arrive on a rather superior machine (three-speed gear) and dismount by means of the step on the rear hub at the school entrance where the porter would be waiting to take his steed away.



In those days the school was, of course, in Eastney Street and many boys (and masters) used to come down Maze Hill. I don't remember any serious accidents on the hill but the speeds attained were very considerable if you refrained from using your brakes, especially if you had someone on the back! But if you overtook a master you proceeded with moderation.

Some of those who admired Crofts, or suffered at his hand, are recorded on the 1914-18 memorial tablet at the school. I have sometimes wondered what difference it would have made to the O.R.A. if some of these men had survived. Sewell who died winning the V.C.; Tritchler whose painting of scenery was professional at 16; Mace remembered by many as a 'gentil parfit knight'; and Sessions, an odd misfit, who served in the Royal Flying Corps.

One final thought. One aspect of fashion has gone full circle: beards went out with Ridger in 1910; they came in again with ? ? ?

K. S. BINNIE.

### I REMEMBER . . .

the first Old Roan function which I attended. This was an informal dinner held just after the Armistice (following the 1914-18 war) in the old school hall at Eastney Street. Old Roans in the uniforms of the three services attended and a reasonable meal was provided by Mr. Sharp, the school porter, and his staff. The difficulty which arose was due to the fact that we had no licence, but this problem was surmounted. The chemistry laboratory was converted into a bar and drinks were ordered but without payment. At the end of the evening a master, with a sheet of paper on which the drinks were recorded, requested payment for the dinner and the drinks. The evening went rather late and when I departed all transport between Greenwich and Lewisham had ceased. A party of five Old Roans then started the walk to Lewisham and, feeling pleased with the evening's entertainment, started to hum and sing to pass the time away. Passing along South Street, however, our musical efforts did not meet with the approval of two policemen, who politely warned us to shut up or go to the police station.

G. H. LEE.

### OF JOHN ROAN'S MEN

*' . . . wherever men should be*

*Our Greenwich men are lighting new beacons in the night'*

**Mike Norton** ('63-'70) is in Birmingham as a 'sponsored' Post Office student doing a year's industrial and academic training prior to a three-year degree course at Imperial College. **David Hider** ('57-'64) joined I.B.M. (U.K.) Ltd. after graduating in 1967 with an honours degree in maths. Starting as a trainee programmer, he has worked upwards through the spheres of programmer, trainee systems

analyst, systems analyst, and is now training systems analysts. The job of systems analyst (he adds for those ignorant, like the editor!) is to interpret a problem and to install a data-processing solution! David's brother **Keith** ('59-'67), is now in the C.I.D. in the Holborn area of London, after two years working in the chemical laboratories of two large firms. **J. P. Watson** ('46-'54) is one of the three doctors of Bethlem Royal and Maudsley hospitals and the Institute of Psychiatry who claim, according to a report in the 'British Medical Journal', to have found a method of treating phobias which produce better results in less time than any other. The phobias treated include a fear of open spaces, of birds, cats, balloons, spiders, thunder and people. **G. Henry** ('20-'26) has moved 'prior to retirement' to Petersfield, but is still the catering manager for Portsmouth Corporation.

### PETER WILLIAMS ('37-'44)

**President O.R.A. 1971-72**

Peter Williams is, I feel sure, the first pupil evacuee (as distinct from staff evacuee) to become President of the Old Roan Association. Joining the school in 1937, just prior to the retirement of Mr. Potter, Peter remained with the school during moves to Ticehurst, Bexhill, Ammanford and back to Blackheath, where fire-watching duties (shared with the staff) took their place amongst more normal school activities, which included being captain of the school as well as football and cricket captain.

Two years at King's College, London, from 1944-46, produced a B.Sc. and 'purples' for football and cricket, and were followed by a spell in the army teaching demob-happy soldiers in Egypt. Back in England in 1949, teaching practice was arranged at Roan, but with no vacancies on the staff when he was ready to take his first teaching post, Peter joined local rivals Colfe's instead and is still teaching there.

Peter quickly involved himself in Old Roan activities, both on and off the sports field. He was soon elected a member of the Old Roan committee and has remained an active member of the committee ever since. He played football throughout the 1950s until he broke his hand punching the head of the opposing centre-forward instead of the ball; and is still a leading member of the cricket club, as readers of this magazine will be aware from a recent pen picture under the cricket section notes.

In spite of all these various pursuits, Peter still found time, in 1953, to marry Joyce, who has given her full support to those Old Roan activities, in particular to the cricket club, for whom she scored for several seasons.

### ENGAGEMENT

LEE-TIPLER.—David Lee ('64-'70) to Terry Tipler, an Old Roan girl, March 1971.

**BIRTHS**

ASHBY.—To Denise, wife of A. J. Ashby ('55-'60), on 28th October, 1970, a daughter, Nicola Jane.

HIDER.—To Janet, wife of David Hider ('57-'64), on 31st October, 1970, a daughter, Nicola Irene.

NELSON.—To Shirley, wife of S. Nelson ('61-'67), on 4th March, 1971, Matthew Charles, a brother for Victoria Louisa.

RIDER.—To Margaret, wife of Martin Rider ('54-'60), a son, Simon Laurence, on 14th February, 1971, a brother for Joanne.

UPTON.—To Brenda Anne (née Marchant), wife of Dennis Upton ('47-'53), on 30th January, 1971, a son, Neil Dennis. (Brenda is an Old Roan girl.)

**SILVER WEDDING**

CHAMBERLAIN-WOOD.—In January, 1946, B. Chamberlain ('32-'38) to Joan Wood, at Wandsworth Town Hall.—Congratulations.

**DEATHS**

BULLEY.—On 4th January, 1971, W. R. Bulley ('99-'02), of 52 Alexandra Crescent, Bromley, Kent.

JACOBS.—On 28th July, 1970, L. V. Jacobs ('22-'26).

LUNGLEY.—On 2nd March, 1970, M. J. Lungley ('17-'22), suddenly with a heart attack after much pain from arthritis. He was due to retire in October, 1970.

SCUDAMORE.—In November, 1970, aged 66.

**OBITUARY****C. W. Clout ('06-'12)**

Before the war he was a produce broker in the City and a member of the Baltic Exchange. He joined the 7th Royal West Kents before the outbreak of war and saw service in France and Belgium before being captured during the Dunkirk debacle. He spent five years in various prisoner-of-war camps, usually, because of his excellent German, enjoying the position of confidence officer or representative to the German command.

He returned to this country after being liberated by American forces in 1945 and was discharged from the army in 1946.

He then joined the C.C.G. in Germany as a finance officer and at the end of his service he was the senior finance officer in Hamburg-lant and by this time had had wide experience of Germany's financial difficulties. At the conclusion of this service with the Allied governments in Germany he became finance adviser to the Kingdom of Libya, a post that he held for just on a year. On retirement he went to live in Chislehurst and started an insurance agency for industrial insurance in Germany in association with Lloyds brokers.

During the last few years he suffered from a rather crippling arthritis and two years ago he moved into a bungalow in the grounds here where there were, of course, no stairs and it was adapted for a wheelchair life. He continued to work for his business up to the date of his death and despite several operations and a rather painful last year, his arthritis continued to progress. He died in Crawley Hospital of acute embolism due to thrombosis in the leg that had been operated on.

He was a very keen supporter of the Association and left the sum of £100 to the Benevolent Fund.

His wife, Mary Clout, died in 1962 and was very much missed. (See also page 34 of November 1970 magazine.)

**FROM THE POST BAG**

A Christmas card: 'To Len, Ena and all our many friends of the Club, from Eth. and Tom Carter. Any letters gratefully received and answered'.

Klondyke Road, Onewhero, Auckland, N.Z.

'I am now the Merchandising Director of Liptons (Midland and South Wales) Ltd., with our head office at Worcester. I should be delighted to meet any O.R.s living in this area.'

R. B. Jenkyns ('33-'38),

130A Longridge Road, Malvern.

'I still take great pleasure in reading about all the old boys of the '55-'60 era, especially in the sporting field.'

A. J. Ashby ('55-'60),

37 Halliday Close, Basingstoke.

**PAST-MASTERS**

News comes that C. T. Daltry (Staff—affectionately known as 'Dollars') is head of the Maths Department of the Institute of Education and was made president of the Association of Teachers of Mathematics at an inauguration at the school on 6th February, 1971. The Secretary of this Association is an O.R., Peter Collins.

H. Sefton (Staff) is now at Thames Polytechnic in the maths department.

John Mitchell (Staff '35-'52) has now two grandsons and one grand-daughter. He has recently retired and his many friends may wish to know that he is living at 8 Hollies Close, Royston, Herts. It will be remembered that the 'Mitchell Cup' is named after Mr. Mitchell's son. This cup is presented to a boy, in his first year at school, deemed to be a good all-rounder in lessons and in sport, honest and friendly, but one who will not excel in any one field.

Our congratulations go to H. H. Pye, one time handicraft master at the school and President of the O.R.A. in 1947-48, who celebrated his eightieth birthday on the 8th March, 1971. He now lives at Seaford, Sussex.

### ON THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

The Governors of the School recently decided that the Old Roan Association should be represented on the Board of Governors. This is indeed an honour for the Association, and one which is very much appreciated, and is a fitting honour to receive in its diamond jubilee year. The Association committee could think of no one more fitting and capable of serving in such a position than Doug Humphreys ('25-'33). It is felt that he will be a most worthy representative of the Association and a great benefit to the school. May he be the first of very many worthy old boys to serve on the Board of Governors.

### NOT THE ONLY IGNORANT ONES;

The seventieth wedding anniversary of A. Walter ('87-'92), mentioned in the last issue of the magazine was also reported in the 'East Kent Times and Broadstairs Mail' but, like the editor of the old boys' section of the Roan Magazine, the newspaper's editor was also at a loss to name the appropriate jewel for a seventieth anniversary!

The occasion was further publicised on Radio 4 by Jack de Manio in his programme on the morning of St. Valentine's Day. Both Mr. and Mrs. Walter, who live at Broadstairs, were interviewed and were heard very well.

### O.R. FLASHBACK No. 7

(November 1970 issue)

#### Who took the Chinaman's part?

This play, produced by L. J. Berry in May 1934, was the one in which Capt. F. W. Harris (Staff.) who took the part of the Chinaman, got mumps at the dress rehearsal. L.J.B. took over the part and got through both performances without a prompt—a point which L.J.B. never allowed subsequent casts to forget!

### ADREMA BRADMA

No, it's not the name of the latest pop singer, but the make of the addressing machine that the Association bought some years ago to help the secretary address the 1,000 or so envelopes for the magazine and other communications sent to members. Since then one of our members has been able to have the blank plates stamped with the requisite address on the embossing machine at his office. This may not be possible for much longer and we are looking for someone else who could get new plates made from time to time. It requires an Adrema Bradma plate-making machine. Has any member access to such a machine? If not, the plates will have to be made professionally, thus further depleting our valuable funds.

### OLD ROAN BRAITHWAITE CAMP 1971

September 11th-18th

Since the last edition of the magazine, arrangements have been made for an old boys' camp at Braithwaite during the above week. The cost will be £1.50 each to cover the hire of the camp, and I have already received this sum from quite a few supporters. Food, of course, will be extra.

For those still undecided whether to come, I would like to say that it is not necessary to stay the week—you will be welcome for just a few days or a week-end.

A meeting to discuss final arrangements will be held in the pavilion on Thursday, 12th August, at 8.30 p.m. If anyone wishing to go to the camp cannot get to this meeting, will they please let me know and I will advise them of the final details. Even if by then you are still undecided, please come to the meeting and have a chat about it, or please let me know of your interest.

The activities of the camp will depend on the individual, although it appears that walking, fishing and sightseeing are already on the programme. Don't worry if you do not have a car, either to get there or for use there, as it appears that supply already exceeds demand!

I do hope that more of that happy band of Braithwaite campers will decide to come—if you have any queries or doubts, please write or telephone me, or come to the meeting on 12th August—don't wait until the next issue of the magazine to read about what you missed!

ROGER MORAN,

5 Ridgcroft Close, Bexley. Crayford 21872.

### OLD ROAN A.G.M. and REUNION—19th March, 1971

For some reason this event in the calendar appeals very little to most of our fraternity and when Harry Icough, the retiring president, delivered his opening address only a score or so were present.

Geoff Thomas read the minutes of the previous meeting. The financial state of the Association was presented by John Williams, and it was a revelation to many that the fruit machine is vital to our healthy financial position.

Harry Icough, thanking the committee for their invaluable assistance, had no need to state his obvious enjoyment of his year in office; he had, he stated 'attended every function to which he was invited, and many to which he was not!' Ever smiling, he performed his last duty—that of presenting the chain of office to the new president, who this year is the popular 1st XI cricket captain, Peter Williams. Peter was proposed and seconded, and the voting for his occupancy of the presidency was unanimous.

All other officers were returned to their respective positions with the exception of Denis Brookland, who stood down. Mike Callaghan was welcomed to the committee in his stead.



## OLD ROAN DINNER AND DANCE

**The Bull Hotel, Chislehurst—13th February, 1971**

Once again the old boys entertained their wives and friends at the 'Bull' and this popular venue lends itself most admirably to our particular function. The pre-drink bar is a little crowded, but who minds when the company is so convivial.

This year we were able not only to welcome our ladies and friends but also to honour our president, 'Harry' Icough, who is so deserving of everything that we can say on his behalf.

It has indeed been a pleasure to have him, at last, in the president's chair at the annual dinner and dance, and he was so evidently enjoying himself that it placed the seal of success on an already pleasant evening which might easily have been marred by the non-attendance of the booked band and the appearance of a substitute band at the last moment. Never mind, everyone was in joyful mood and obviously quite determined to have an excellent evening, which, happily, this time was not affected by snow or ice.

We were also pleased to see and welcome Mrs. Icough and Dr. Taylor and his wife, who, I feel sure, must enjoy this evening, which is one of the relaxed occasions during their year.

The toast of the visitors was this year in the capable hands of Ron Bartlett, well known to many Old Roans, and a pleasant task he made of the reply, reminding us at one stage of the important effect of giving birth to a speech.

In conclusion, my thanks are due to everyone who helped and offered to help, and with these thanks I must especially mention Stan Berry, our able toastmaster.

## CRICKET 1970

*Secretary:* H. Henning, 61 Ovington Court, Kempton Walk, Shirley, Surrey

Cricket nets started at the field at Easter this year, sustaining the impetus invoked by winter attendances at the Eltham Sports Centre, where each Thursday at 9.00 were gathered those aspiring to summer stardom, who, even now, as the season begins, should know how successful their season will be. In particular we look to the bowling of Viv Lawrence and the batting of John Girdwood.

Fifth February saw this year's all male cricket supper at the field; here, for one evening in mid-winter, an inner glow manifests remembrances of summer sun. Well over 100 Old Roans, together with those of the Kent team not winning the Ashes in the Antipodes, as well as many most welcome guests gathered to hear a review of the year's activities. They were delighted to drink toast after toast to the success and friendship of the club and to listen to one of the best guest speakers for many years, Frank Crozier, who would have us believe he plays for the B.B.C.

Those of you holidaying in the third week in August might like to watch the Old Roans playing at various Kent county grounds; or, alternatively, you might like to follow matches on the Isle of Wight tour; Mike Callaghan will sell you a 1971 fixture card!

## OLD ROAN LAWN TENNIS

*Hon. Secretary:* T. E. Flack, 21 Crathie Road, S.E.12

At the time this was written, tennis had already begun. Tennis was played at Easter, and a few devotees had commenced before this.

It is puzzling to know why we get so little support. The cost of playing must be the lowest in the area and no large subscription needs to be paid, since dues are collected on a basis of a small charge for each session. The 'devotees' play each Sunday morning about 10.30 a.m., so if you want some pleasant exercise in attractive surroundings, get out of bed that bit earlier on a Sunday morning and join us at the club.

## THE OLD ROAN DRAMATIC SOCIETY

*Hon. Secretary:* B. R. Thomas, 51 Sunnysdale Road, Lee, S.E.12 (01-852 0889)

The Dramatic Society's close season has been a quiet one with no activities of any note. The possibility was explored shortly after Christmas of putting on a May production, but difficulties proved insurmountable and our public will have to wait until November, when the usual autumn show will be presented. The interim will have to be devoted to restoring scenery and props, and anyone with a practical turn of mind (and hand) who is willing to help is invited to get in touch with the secretary or any member of the Society.

## JOHN ROAN SCHOOL CHAPTER No. 5085

The Chapter meets in the months of May, June and September, and, in consequence, there has been no meeting since the last report in the November 1970 issue of the Roan Magazine.

During 1971 convocations will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London, W.C.2, on Tuesday, 25th May; Tuesday, 22nd June; and Monday, 27th September. At the May meeting the Chapter is looking forward to welcoming a new member.

Enquiries from any Old Roan mason who may be contemplating joining the John Roan School Chapter should be addressed to W. F. Dines, 41 Walnut Way, Buckhurst Hill, Essex (tel. 01-504 5620).

### OLD ROAN FOOTBALL CLUB

Secretary: C. Shepherd, 58 Northdown Road, Longfield, Kent

#### First Eleven

After regular summer training the side's failure to score in the opening two games was disappointing. However, Colin Castledine returned from 'hibernation in Worthing' to score the team's first goal in the following match and so inspire others to add three more in a 4-0 victory over the City of London Police. A further four points were collected before Christmas from the few league games that could be sandwiched between cup-ties, including those of the A.F.A. Senior Cup, in which the side reached the last 32 before going out to the Civil Service, the very successful Southern Amateur League club.

It was during this period that Bryan 'Boggy' Marsh and Roger 'Ada' Larkin were blooded—and that is the right word for these two added the extra bite at the back which makes a good footballing team into a winning combination—and two 'class' players returned, namely Brian West, after a short spell with Dulwich Hamlet, and Fred Jacobs, after a very long absence through injury. Thereafter the side, following continual changes of personnel, some due to injury, but mainly to the employment of different formations and tactics, was more settled and began an unbeaten run culminating in the winning of the league's Queen Mary Cup. The side with, John Leach, a willing mid-field work-horse, and Graham Townsend, outstanding in defence, also challenged hard for the league championship, and the chance of pulling off the league and cup double remained bright until a vital penalty miss against R.A.C.S. at the beginning of April. Nevertheless, the side should finish as runners-up.

Team from: Steve Rider, John Stanford; Keith Calnan, John Girdwood, Roger Larkin, Dave Lee, Bryan Marsh, Simon Perry, Graham Townsend; Fred Jacobs, John Leach, Colin Moore, Jimmy Russon; Terry Barry, Joe Broadfoot, Colin Castledine, Roy Hunt, Brian West.

#### Queen Mary Cup Final

Towards the end of a season that promised much yet looked like yielding little, the 1st XI scored a solid victory against West Kent to bring the Queen Mary Cup back to the school field.

Although Old Roan turned round a goal down they never really worried their many supporters who braved the wet blustery Good Friday weather at Harveys Sports Ground.

The Old Boys put a first half of missed opportunities out of their minds and with the wind at their backs reduced the already suspect West Kent defence to tatters.

Hunt equalised with his head from Broadfoot's pinpoint cross and then Jacobs slid home a penalty after a certain goal had been fisted off the line. Castledine got the third from a narrow angle,

and when West Kent pulled one back, Hunt made victory certain with another powerful header almost on time, making the final score 4-2.

It was a victory built on the solid defensive work of players like Larkin, Lee, Marsh and Townsend, and finished off by the imagination of a hard-running forward line in which West and skipper Broadfoot were outstanding.

Time and again these two got goal-side of their full-backs to provide the sort of service that Hunt and Russon thrived on. Had not the forwards been guilty of some rather nervous finishing early on, then victory could have been even more decisive.

#### Second Eleven

The 2nd XI has had its most successful season since gaining promotion to Division I in 1967-68, and has a chance of finishing in second place. In fact, the team was unbeaten in league games until the end of January, but the loss of four out of the following five games dealt a severe, if not fatal, blow to the side's prospects, which will only be redeemed by a determined and successful 'run-in'.

Ironically, the team has had more than its usual quota of captaincy and team changes in this successful season, but, surprisingly, its performances have not suffered; indeed, it could have gained from some former first team players' determination to regain their former positions. The side also appeared to have played more effectively when adopting a 4-3-3, rather than a 4-2-4, formation.

Of the more regular members, Don Bourne, a fourth team player last season, has performed vigorously well, though the addition of discipline to his game would benefit the team enormously; Doug Weaver had many fine games, especially when playing in the back four towards the end of the season, whilst Terry Barry has played better in the middle of the front runners than on the wing, though one is never sure when this talented player will 'turn it on' or tantalisingly stroll casually and ineffectively through a game.

If, as is possible next season, this side plays in the Premier Division, it should at least be capable of holding its own, provided it is well organised, carefully guided and efficiently captained.

#### Third Eleven

At this time last year the 3rd XI had reason to feel satisfied with their performance in holding its own after being promoted to Division II of the South London Alliance. Now, looking back on this season's results, perhaps its members are a little disappointed, as it seems that a chance of further promotion has been missed. Having to play Peek Frean, one of the poorer sides, with weakened sides on both occasions, meant the loss of four points which could conceivably have made all the difference.



Once again, the team has benefited from the very able assistance of schoolboys. (As a very selfish thought—if the school had not done so well in the cup perhaps the 3rd XI would have done even better!) It must be a sign of age, for it seems that these lads get bigger and better every year. Our thanks go to Phil Pearce, Paul Petty, John Hutley, Phil Lancelott, Dave Davis and Fred Spink for helping out on occasions throughout the season.

#### Fourth Eleven

Fast, fit, skilful, constructive—what better words could be found for not describing the 4th XI! But substitute these attributes with enthusiasm and determination and you have what has been their most successful side.

After an early run in the league cup lasting no less than ninety minutes, attention was turned to the league programme. Combining their new 4-2-4 style with the added enthusiasm of the fixture secretary, early in the new year the side found themselves eight points clear at the top of the league table. Alas, later in the season, when the team became more unsettled, valuable points were lost; other teams took advantage of games in hand and promotion was missed. The side is assured of third place, however, the best position attained since its formation about seven years ago.

#### Fifth Eleven

The first half of the season over, the 5th XI was in an almost invincible position: if we couldn't clinch the title then we would at least be runners-up! At the time of writing, and only one match remaining, the side has only three further victories to its credit, so the final placing will be somewhat lower than originally 'estimated'.

Considering the numerous changes in team selection from one week to the next, this season's performance has been good, and the many players who have represented this eleven have adapted themselves very well. Of the regulars, Rod Stanbridge and Del Baxter were stalwarts in the back row, whilst Alan Sainty made some remarkable saves in goal. Paul Kennedy has had some fine performances in mid-field, with Paul Watts, the defensive striker, or striking defender, ably supporting him. Up front, where the majority of new members were first 'blooded', John Huntley scored some well-taken goals before being promoted to a higher eleven, and John Lockyer and Tony Heywood have also served the side well.

With a more regular side, plus the same enthusiasm for playing well, the 5th XI's prospects for next season look promising.

#### Sixth Eleven

After the dizzy heights of last season's success, culminating in a nail-biting third place, 1970-71 has seen life at a more mundane level for the stars of the Beckenham League Division IV. A less

consistent line-up, with only Monty Smith, Roger Hedges and Keith Berry amalgamating an ever-changing defence, has led to more defeats than last term and the goal flair of Dave Minter, Dave Bryden and Jim Bird dried up inexplicably, even though Colin Barnes slotted in many fine individual goals. However, on 31st January, we did manage to hammer nine goals past S.E.M. in a demonstration of how we can play on big wide pitches against a square defence, unable to contain wide-running, fast wingers.

It's been a good season; we have consolidated ourselves and will finish in the middle of the table. Injuries to key players Mick Roberts, Bernard Hampton and Ian Clatworthy have deprived us of necessary strengths at inopportune moments, and had Glen Pullen, Paul Kennedy and Fred Fuhr not been required for other elevens, the final league position could well have been higher.

The 1st XI's success and the high positions of most of the other sides, especially that of the 2nd XI in the division immediately below that in which the 1st XI play, coupled with the fielding of a 7th XI on many Saturdays during this season is evidence that in both quantity and quality the club is now stronger than ever. Accordingly, it is hoped to enter the 1st XI in the new league now being formed by the amalgamation of the Greater London and Metropolitan leagues, with the ultimate, but perhaps over-optimistic, aim of attaining senior amateur club status.

Finally, this article would be incomplete without an expression of thanks to Reg Lentle and his assistant for all their co-operation and hard work. Many thanks Reg!

#### FOR YOUR DIARY

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| 5th June, 1971      | Old Boys v The School cricket match at the school field.                           |
| 12th August         | Meeting to finalise arrangements for Braithwaite Camp in the pavilion at 8.30 p.m. |
| 11th-18th September | O.R. Braithwaite camp.   |
| 1st October         | Diamond Jubilee Dinner at the school.  |

The bar in the War Memorial Room is open every Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday evening (and Sunday mid-day).



# ENGLISH SCHOOLS INDIVIDUAL TROPHY COMPETITION FINAL

## ROAN CHAMPIONS.

FIRST LEG - ROAN 1 RYDENS 0

The first leg of the Final had all the atmosphere, tension, and excitement of the Big Match. The game was played on a beautiful May evening at the Valley and one hoped that the football would match the occasion.

As the teams kicked off the Roan Supporters let their presence be known - they were a considerable force to be reckoned with - never waning in their encouragement.

The School came exceedingly close to scoring in the first few minutes when from a free-kick Hutley hit one of the uprights and the ball curled invitingly across the goal. The game developed into a typical final with both defences working hard and taking no chances. The result was a game where neither mid-field had time to take control and create flowing moves. All the same there was plenty of action and lots to cheer about.

Almost immediately after the start of the second half Russon found Hutley with a headed pass and our bustling striker hooked the ball left-footed over the goal-keeper and into the net. From that time the School seemed to take control with our back four looking very safe. Rydens seemed to tire and lose a little heart. When the final whistle blew we had held our 1-0 lead and now looked forward to resuming the game at Walton. There was, one felt, an air of confidence in our team and an impressive will to win - one also felt that the second game would indeed be a test of character.

THORPE, PUDDIFOOT, PEARCE, AITKEN, GIRDWOOD, PETTY (CAPTAIN), THURLEY, LANCELOTTE, HUTLEY, RUSSON, PLUNKETT.

Reserves: SPINK, DAVIS, DENNIS, HENNING.

SECOND LEG - RYDENS 1 ROAN 2

Again Davis was unfit and Aitken stayed in the centre of a reorganised defence. As previously Rydens began well and had the better of the first 20 minutes. They scored, through an unfortunate mistake, to level the account.

Gradually, however, our midfield three grew in confidence, with Petty playing particularly well, and the defence remained in good control. Our forwards too were seeing more of the game. Aitken took a free kick from the halfway line, Lancelotte flicked on, and Russon tempted the goalkeeper to commit himself, before shooting low and hard under his body into the net. Such a goal, five minutes from halftime changed the pattern of the game.

In the second half Roan proved again the fitter side, and dominated more and more. Plunkett was unlucky to hit the post with a shot which had the keeper beaten. The back four, Puddifoot, Pearce, Aitken and Girdwood were having a fine game. Aitken, in particular, was dominant. Thorpe, as usual, played well.

We increased our lead through Hutley, who challenged the keeper for a ball (fairly). The ball ran loose and Hutley shot, leaving the home defence nowhere in sight. Apart from a shaky period of five minutes after this, Roan were in no danger.

Rydens were a skilful side but lacked the determination and the will to win; our boys had this and thoroughly deserved their victory.

