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## SCHOOL NOTES - December 1960

The annual Commemoration Service was held on July 22nd in the Parish Church. The sermon was preached by the Rev. R. W. Bansall, Rector of Barlborough, and the Choir sang the anthems "How beautiful are the feet" (Handel), "Good Christian Men" (Lang) and "Time your harps" (Handel).

On May 25th we were very pleased to welcome an Old Boy, Mr. Clive Bond, who is on the Staff of the University in Uganda. He talked to the Juniors about his work in Africa and showed some excellent slides.

On Wednesday, July 13th, the annual Leaving Dance was held in St. James' Hall. This was well attended and it was a very enjoyable function.

In the Summer term, on July 16th, we were delighted to welcome the Mayor and Mayoress who paid an official visit. The Mayor, Alderman H. C. Mullett, is a Governor of the School.

Our congratulations go to the following scholarship winners in the last school year:

T. M. Sporton, Open Scholarship in Natural Sciences at Queen's College, Cambridge.

J. L. Barber, Open Exhibition in Mathematics at St. John's College, Cambridge.

J. S. Handley, Leverhulme Scholarship at the London School of Economics.

State Scholarships were awarded to G. E. Roe, S. P. Riley, C. B. Hurley, K. J. Pickard.

County Major Scholarships were awarded to M. A. Cowley, R. A. Fletton, C. B. Hurley, T. Keating, K. J. Pickard, S. P. Riley, G. E. Roe.

County University Exhibitions were awarded to R. A. Few, J. Girdwood, N. F. Hobart, C. J. Swan, J. Wier.

The following boys entered degree courses at the University this year:

D. F. Horsfield (Balliol College, Oxford), R. H. Thompson (Merton College, Oxford), J. R. Barber (St. John's College, Cambridge), G. Batty (Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge), T. M. Sporton (Queen's College, Cambridge), S. G. Whittington (Queen's College, Cambridge), R. F. B. Skyrme (Manchester), M. J. Rush (Manchester College of Technology), R. J. Buswell (Manchester), K. J. Pickard (Manchester), T. Keating (Manchester), W. F. Nightingale (Sheffield), I. D. Brown (Sheffield), I. J. Burden (Sheffield), R. P. Harbord (Sheffield), J. S. Handley (London School of Economics), N. F. Hubert (London School of Economics), D. J. Rees (Imperial College, London), I. Wharf (Imperial College, London), P. G. Ward (King's College, London), A. Stevens (Guy's Hospital Medical School, London), J. Boyden (Courtauld Institute of Fine Art, London), M. J. Mellor (Leeds), A. Weir (Aberystwyth), T. A. Haley (Birmingham), C. A. Skevington (Liverpool), L. J. Tunnard (Bradford Institute of Technology), J. Denby (Loughborough College of Technology).

The following entered upon Sandwich Engineering Courses:

English Electric Company - D. Burnham, K. M. Jobs, M. W. Taylor, G. Twigg, R. J. WyIde.

Bristol Aircraft Company - R. Fidler.

Chesterfield College of Technology - M. E. Taylor, G. Varley.

The following boys entered Teacher Training Colleges this year:

Westminster - D. S. Wagstafr, D. W. Smith, J. Tranter.

Loughborough - J. A. Briggs, R. P. Wilson, D. Lister.

Padgate - L. M. Maddison.

Goldsmith's - B. Smith.

Derby - J. Parsons.

Worcester - E. K. Milner.

Matlock - F. Wright.

Sheffield - D. Roberts.

In the annual French competition arranged by the Societe Nationale des Professeurs de Francais en Grande Bretagne nine boys were awarded prizes and one was given a certificate. In competition with the other schools we were Honours Concours for the Plaque.

We were delighted to take part in the B.B.C. "Top of the Form" contest. Unfortunately, on October 4th, we were beaten by the Manchester High School for Girls, but the four boys, C. M. Thorpe, S. E. Wakelam, R. J. Pountain and J. Rice acquitted themselves well.

On Thursday, November 3rd, a party of 30 boys went to the Nottingham Co-operative Arts Centre to see a production of "Britannicus" by Jean Racine.

On July 6th we held a very successful Parents' Evening for parents of second formers and on November 3rd an equally successful Parents' Evening for parents of fourth formers.

D. G. Price spent a month at the Eskdale Outward Bound course in August and he received a merit award.

We were sorry to say goodbye to Mr. J. A. Cant at the end of the Summer term when he took up another post in Liverpool. He has given much service to the School and we offer to him our very sincere thanks. We hope that his stay in Liverpool will be happy and successful.

We have welcomed this term Mr. Poole, Mr. R. Parkin, Mr. J. Fisher and Mr. F. W. Dawber, and we hope that their association with the School will be a happy and successful one.

We are very much indebted to Mr. and Mrs. L. Crookes and Mr. Geoffrey Crookes for the gift of a complete recording of the "Messiah." This is a very valuable addition to the Music Library.

At the end of this term, Mr. D. Bowler is leaving us. We thank him for his services to the School and wish him well in his new post. In his place we welcome Mr. G. A. Windle B.A. (Cantab.).

On December 14th, a party of boys from the Middle School, accompanied by Mr. Fisher and Mr. Dawber, attended a performance of "Macbeth" given by Buxton College.

## SCHOOL NOTES – May 1961

The Annual School Carol Service was held in the Parish Church on Wednesday, December 21st, when the Choir and the Congregation sang carols and the lessons were read by members of the Staff and the boys.

We congratulate the following who have obtained entry to Oxford or Cambridge : R. N. Bourne to Balliol College, Oxford, for 1961 ; R. A. Few to Trinity College, Oxford, for 1961; C. B. Hurley to Merton College, Oxford, for 1961; S. P. Riley to Queens' College, Cambridge, for 1961; G. E. Roe to St. Catherine's College, Cambridge, for 1961 ; J. Girdwood to Exeter College, Oxford, for 1961, and G. E. Proctor to New College, Oxford, for 1961.

The annual Sixth form party was held in St. James' Hall on December 14th, 1960, when it was the School's privilege to invite the Sixth formers from the St. Helena School,

During this term two successful Parents' Evenings have been held for the parents of boys in the Upper Sixths and for the parents of boys in the Transitus forms. It is encouraging to see these meetings so well attended.

Parties from the School have attended a variety of lectures and plays. In the Christmas holidays a party attended a lecture on "Colour Television" at the City Hall, Sheffield. On March 8th, 120 boys attended a lecture in the Chesterfield Civic Theatre arranged by the British Association for the Advancement of Science, and on March 27th a party heard a lecture on chemistry at Sheffield University. Earlier in the term a party visited the Chesterfield Civic Theatre to see a performance of Shakespeare's "The Merry Wives of Windsor. A group of fifteen boys accompanied by Mr. Parkin paid an interesting visit to Markham Colliery.

We offer our very sincere congratulations to D. G. Price who has obtained the Duke of Edinburgh's Award - Gold standard. This will be presented to him by the Duke of Edinburgh in May, 1961.

At the end of last term Dr. W. R. Hallows left us to take up an appointment in Slough. We wish him every success and thank him for his services to the School. At the end of the School year, Mr. F. W. Newton moves nearer his home to a post in Harwich. He has our best wishes for his future happiness.

The Easter Service took place in the Parish Church on Wednesday, 29th March. We were very happy to see the Archdeacon after his recent illness and we hope he is now completely recovered. The School owes much to him, not only for his sermon at the Easter Service, but also for the many ways in which he helps us in other Services. At this Easter Service the Choir sang "Lead me, Lord," "Surely He hath borne our griefs" (Handel), "O Saviour of the World" (Goss) and "How beautiful are the feet" (Handel).

"Never Take No for an Answer," the Italian film made from Paul Gallico's "The Small Miracle," was shown to the School by Mr. McKay and Mr. Fomison at the end of last term.

The School offers its congratulations to Mr and Mrs J. Fisher on their marriage and wishes them every happiness in the future.

## SCHOOL NOTES – December 1961

The Annual Commemoration Service was held on July 28th in the Parish Church. The sermon was preached by Canon Ralph Foster, Vicar of Worksop Priory Church and the Choir sang the anthems "And the Glory" and "In thee is gladness."

On Thursday, July -17th. the Annual Dance was held in St. James' Hall. This was well attended and it was a very enjoyable function

In the Summer Term, we were again delighted to welcome an Old Boy who is this year the Mayor of Chesterfield. He, with the Mayoress, visited the School and spoke at Assembly.

Our congratulations go to the following Scholarship winners in the last school year:

State Scholarships: R. A. Fletton. P. C. Hole. J. C. Rice., R. J. Walton.

County Major Scholarships: D. P. Frisby. P. C. Hole., J. C. Rice, R. J. Walton.

County University Exhibitions: J. G. H. Bryan, G. Elliott, R Gascoyne. P. J. Haysman, G. A. Lilleker, W. H. Pickering, B. F. Speakman, J. Wilcockson.

The following boys entered degree course,, at the University this year:

G. E. Roe (St. Catharine's College, Cambridge), S. P. Riley (Queens' College, Cambridge), C. B: Hurley (Merton College, Oxford), R. A. Few (Trinity College, Oxford), J. Girdwood (Exeter College, Oxford), R. N. Bourne (Balliol College, Oxford), G. E. Proctor (New College. Oxford), C. D. James (Jesus College, Oxford). J. Weir (London School of Economics), G. Fisher (London School of Economics), G. Elliott (London School of Economics), P. D. Ashmore (Queen Mary College. London University), J. Wilcockson (Queen Mary College. London University), C. J. Swan (Imperial College, London University). A. Hirst (Guy's Hospital Dental School). M. B. Winterbottom (University College, London University), J. D. Gilling (University College, London University) M. A. Cowley (Birmingham). R. A. Fletton (Birmingham), J. G. H. Bryan (Birmingham), L. N. Shrimpton (Birmingham). B. Taylor (Birmingham), J. Simmonds (Birmingham), D. L. Cresswell (Leeds), R. C. Else (Leeds), D. R. Hoults (Leeds), D. R. Benson (Leeds). R. W. Dexter (Leeds), D. Mellors (Leeds), D. J. Shepherd (Leeds). T. Navin (Leeds), J. T. Steggals (Leeds), G. S. Watmore (Leeds). B. Morley (Leeds), P. J. Haysman (Sheffield), R. M. Gidlow (Sheffield), W. H. Pickering (Manchester), P. G. Hancock (Liverpool), D. G. Farnsworth (Liverpool), E. J. W. Birley (Glasgow), A. Scotney (Hull). J. C. W. Tingay (Hull), I. Goodwin (Chelsea Polytechnic). B. W. Watkinson (Sunderland College of Technology).

The following boys entered Teachers' Training Colleges this year:

St. Mark and St. John: R. D. Borman. A. Jarvis. R. Bemrose.

Westminster: D. R. Flint.

Shoreditch: P. J. Fielding.

Matlock: D. S. Taylor.

Nottingham: D. P. Eyre.

Chester: E. D. Godber.

Worcester: R. Davenport.

The following entered upon Sandwich Engineering Courses:

P. R. Turton Dip.Tech., Southern Electricity Board.

P. A. Brown Dip.Tech., Metro-Vickers, Manchester.

E. Swain H.N. Dip., Loughborough College of Technology.

A. Street English Electric Valve Company.

A. Cutts H.N..Dip., Chesterfield College of Technology

In the Annual French Competition arranged by the Societe Nationale des Professeurs de Francais en Grande Bretagne, six boys received prizes and three were given certificates.

J. C. Rice was awarded the special prize for "Theme".

The following boys went on Outward Bound Courses during the Summer Holidays and all received good reports:

R. A. Few (Moray Sea School); E. T. Moseley and D. P. Eyre (Ullswater); J. M. Hubert. J. C. Bennett, J. G. Elliott and R. M. Smith (Eskdale).

On July 11th, a very successful Parents' Evening for parents of second formers was held. and a similar meeting for parents of fourth formers was held on November 9th.

On October 23rd a party of boys went to the Deincourt School, North Wingfield, to see a performance of a French play "La Malade Imaginaire," by Moliere, sponsored by the Notts. and Derbys. Modern Language Association.

In November a party of 110 boys visited the Chesterfield Civic Theatre to see a production of "Much Ado About Nothing" given by the resident company.

We were sorry to say goodbye to Mr. A. Jensen and Mr. F. Newton at the end of the Summer term. They both gave much willing service to the school, and we thank them sincerely and hope that they will be happy and successful in their new posts.

We have welcomed this term, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Firth, Mr. Searcy and Mr. Rogers, and also Mr. Ellis and Mr. Murfin who are helping us on a part-time basis. We hope their association with the school will be a happy and successful one.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Poole on the birth of their son and we offer them our sincere good wishes.

### **BBSBBBBSSBSBBBS !!!**

At the beginning of September the Science Sixths took over the first instalment of the new School at Brookside. My first impressions of this great event I find very great difficulty in recording, so inextricably are they linked with memories of the past at Sheffield Road, and with hopes for the future when the whole School is likely to be at Brookside, and this present compromise is itself a memory.

It is only against the memory of years spent in converting former dining halls, cloakrooms and worse into extra laboratories that one can appreciate the joy of planning and, wonderfully to relate, of moving at last into brand new, brightly decorated, rooms containing light-coloured, functional furniture.

Only former members of Upper Science Sixths, over fifty strong in numbers and over seventeen in average age, who have had to share a perpetually blacked-out form-room with junior science classes will be able to understand the luxury in using two classrooms as form-rooms completely distinct from laboratories.

Is it merely nostalgia, I wonder therefore, when I overhear the following comment: "You have to be so careful here - down at Sheffield Road it didn't matter what you spilled on the bench, they couldn't prove whether it was you or your grandfather who had done it"? Or when members of Staff recall the old days when they could chat in a lab after school and share their common problems. Now we write notes to each other and wave as we pass on our three mile journey from one part of the school to the other. Even so, no one would willingly put back the clock after tasting the pleasures of the future; the only regret we have is that the whole School cannot be with us for the present at Brookside.

One undoubted advantage of the present arrangement is that it does enable a more mature system of discipline to be tried out, a system in which personal responsibility for study and behaviour in general should prove to be good training for the University years ahead. Will this compensate for the loss of opportunity to practise the leadership of younger boys usually gained in undertaking the more traditional duties of School or House Prefect? And what effect will this have on the Lower and Middle Schools who no longer meet their Sixth Form heroes on the Science side and who no longer see advanced work being done in School? To try to counteract this, it has been arranged that each form spends one whole day per week in the main school and, in addition, most of the mathematics classes are held at Sheffield Road. By starting afternoon school at Brookside some 15 minutes earlier, it has been possible, too, to provide transport after school to Sheffield Road so that anyone wishing to join in after-school activities there is able to arrive on time. This has been well supported, and may it continue to be so as long as the present division remains. The Erasmus Darwin Society in particular was formed three years ago to bring Arts, Modern and Science Sixths together in common discussion and to oppose the idea of the "two cultures"; now that the Scientists are separated geographically by force of economic circumstances by about three miles from their erstwhile colleagues, it is even more important to keep the Society going.

Briefly, then, Brookside has many advantages over Sheffield Road, but the fact that these tend to be cancelled out in part at present is due solely to the artificial segregation of its inhabitants from the main school. May the economic state of the country improve in the near future sufficiently to allow the rest of the School to join us here! Then all our weekly timetables, abbreviated by writing B for Brookside and S for Sheffield Road, will readBBBBBBBBBBBBBB instead of my present one of:

**BBSBBBBSSBSBBBS !!!**

J.J.H.

**Norway 1961**

On August 2nd, a party of 33 boys, accompanied by three masters and one master's wife, set off from Chesterfield Midland Station for London on the first stage of the journey to Norway for what proved to be a memorable holiday. Leaving London Airport ten minutes after the scheduled departure time of 3-0 p.m., we had an uneventful flight to Stavanger, arriving at approximately 7-25 p.m. local time, having had to put our watches on one hour, once we were out of the net of British Summer Time.

On arrival at the hostel in Stavanger, we had a sharp introduction to a Norwegian supper which was unanimously voted a miss among ourselves. On recollection, I believe it began with something vaguely resembling soup as we know it, and to which the dubious title of "sickerage" was appropriated by us. I hope I have spelt the name correctly, but this is one case where the Oxford dictionary is of no assistance.

It is a known psychological fact that one can often endure something unpleasant when one knows there is something different to follow which might be more enjoyable.

The "something different" was two distinguishable types of meat (one type was likened to "Kit-e-Kat" by a member of the party), accompanied by a sauce-like fluid which I cannot find words to describe; this combination was supplemented by very thick pieces of bread and marmalade.

As time went by, thanks to the kindness of the Warden who endeavoured on request to produce a more British sort of meal from the resources he had available, mealtime became a happier occasion even though, for some, it meant a bread and marmalade existence at times.

A short tour round our more immediate surroundings was enough for most, and then bed, although some people seemed to hold the stubborn view that Norway was a new "planet" where sleep was unnecessary.

The following six days were spent exploring the wonderful city of Stavanger (the fourth largest in Norway, though it is no bigger than Chesterfield) and the surrounding area, which included cruises along the Lyse Fjord to the famous Pulpit Rock, to the lonely Utstein Monastery and into Tanangerfjord for deep-sea fishing.

Of all the wonders and charms of the country which we saw, however, there was nothing to compare with the wild beauty of the fjords, twisting and turning among the precipitous cliffs of the towering mountains.

With such wonderful scenery all around us, it came as no surprise to find the natives of the country such naturally friendly and reserved people, and we can all total up many enjoyable hours throughout the week spent in their company.

We learnt a surprising amount about their way of life, their habits, and their customs, and were astonished to find that we resembled each other in so many ways. Many people tend to think of foreigners as being totally different from ourselves, but we certainly found that Norwegians could quite easily be taken as Englishmen in all but language and complexion.

Time passed all too quickly, and on Tuesday morning we set off to a mountain lodge, had a very appetizing meal and then split up into two parties, our guide, Miss Gunn, a Norwegian student, leading a party to the Pulpit Rock, while Mr. Parkin took the less energetic on a shorter hike.

The route to Pulpit Rock gave us a closer view of the beautiful Norwegian mountain scenery and, although it was by no means a leisurely stroll to our destination, everybody agreed that the view from the Pulpit was worth walking a hundred miles to see. From the Rock, the drop to the water of the Lyse Fjord below is a sheer 1,800 feet, but when put in terms of a third of a mile it seems more in its proper perspective. Two or three of the party on the edge of the Rock seemed to give the impression that they were seriously contemplating "ending it all," but Mr. Pollard, from a distance, persuaded them that it "just wasn't worth it," and we set off back for the lodge.

Next morning, we woke up to see the rain beating down and at 11-00 a.m. we made our way through the pine forest to the nearest road, where we caught a bus and eventually arrived back in Stavanger for last-minute shopping, and dinner at the Mortepumpen Restaurant. We then returned to the hostel, collected our luggage, and said goodbye to our friends there.

The group left for the airport in high spirits, oblivious of the news of the air disaster which had been enacted only a few miles away in the wild region of the Lyfylke Fjords. We were late leaving Stavanger Airport, the reason unknown to 33 members of the party but not to the other four. At 1 a.m. on the Thursday morning, the lights of Clacton-on-Sea were seen by those still awake, and very soon after, our Viking airliner touched down safely at London Airport.

At St. Pancras, in the grey light of the dawn, we learnt and were stunned by the news of the tragedy, and it was with a strange sort of relief that we stepped off the train onto Platform 1 of Chesterfield Station at 8-30 a.m.

Many thanks to Mr. Parkin, Mr. Young, Mr. and Mrs. Pollard, and, of course, to our Norwegian guide, Miss Gunn, who all did so much to make this holiday an enjoyable and memorable one for all concerned.





## SCHOOL NOTES – May 1962

The annual School Carol Service was held in the Parish Church on Wednesday, December 20th, when the Choir and the Congregation sang carols, the lessons were read by members of the Staff and the boys.

We offer our very sincere congratulations to J. C. Rice, who has been awarded an Open Exhibition at St. Catharine's College, Cambridge; and to D. P. Frisby who has been awarded a Leverhulme Scholarship at the London School of Economics. We also congratulate the following boys who have obtained entry to Cambridge: P. C. Hole to Corpus Christi College, Cambridge; M. R. Askew to St. Catharine's College, Cambridge.

We should like to offer our very sincere thanks to R. N. Bourne for his generosity in presenting a cup to the School for six-a-side hockey.

The annual Sixth Form Party was held at the Saint Helena School at the end of the autumn term and we greatly appreciated the hospitality of the Sixth formers of the Saint Helena School.

During the spring term, two successful Parents' Evenings have been held for the parents of boys in the Upper Sixths and for the parents of boys in the Transitus Forms. The value of such evenings is shown by the large number of parents who attend.

On February 19<sup>th</sup>, a united S.C.M. Rally was held in the Saint Helena School Hall by kind permission of the Headmistress, when the guest speaker was Professor W. H. G. Armytage, M.A., of the Department of Education, Sheffield University. The theme of his talk was "The World Church."

Parties from the School have attended a variety of outside functions, including lectures on "Rocket Fuels at Sheffield University, "Science in Space" by Dr. Kaiser at Gosforth Secondary School, the Faraday lecture at the City Hall, Sheffield on "The Future of Telecommunications" and a visit to Ferranti Works and Ringway Airport, Manchester. Over 100 senior boys attended a performance of "Much Ado about Nothing" at the Civic Theatre.

The Easter Service took place in the Parish Church on Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, when the Archdeacon preached the sermon. The Choir sang "Lead me Lord", "Surely He hath borne our griefs" (Handel), and "God so loved the World" (Stainer).

We said "goodbye" at the end of the Easter term to Mr. Warmington, who retired after 28 years at the School. There is a tribute to his work in this magazine, but we should like to take the opportunity of offering our thanks to Mr. Warmington for his loyal service and to wish him and Mrs. Warmington many happy years of retirement.

We cordially welcome to the Staff Mr. P. Turner, B.A. (Oxon.). Mr. Turner joins us to take English and Religious Knowledge.

Mr. G. Jephcote has been appointed to referee the English Schools' Trophy Final between Stoke and Liverpool. The School heartily congratulates him on this honour. The final is played in two legs, on the Port Vale ground on May 3rd, and at Anfield, Liverpool, on May 7th.

## BROOKSIDE ITEMS

The settling-in period has now been completed at Brookside, and we have become accustomed, though not inured, to constant commuting between the old building and the new. We regret that there is no immediate prospect of completing the new school, so that the present division will continue for some years.

However, the distance between the two buildings is not so great as to keep us in isolation. We are sometimes visited by members of the Staff who do not teach at Brookside; we have housed the Erasmus Darwin Society at two of its meetings, and occasional groups of junior boys come in after games and ask to be shown round.

Although the biology pond is at present harbouring spontaneously arriving organisms only, it has been a most prolific source of life throughout the term, much to the benefit of the chemistry department.

The February hurricane did us no damage, but perhaps gave some of the physicists an insight into the aerodynamics of dustbins and their lids; in addition, it demolished a neighbour's ugly shed, to reveal a distinguished veteran in the shape of a Model "T" Ford.

Our roses have been pruned, our system of bells is at last in working order, and table-tennis helps to prevent lunch-time tedium. Thus we progress, adding amenity to modernity as the mellowing process continues.

### **AN APPRECIATION: TO E.L.W.—**

Mr. Warmington joined the Staff of Chesterfield Grammar School - as it was then called - in May, 1935. His arrival was quiet and unostentatious, but before long he began to interest himself in school activities. In 1938 he took over the duties of School Librarian, and he had at that time much to do with the classification and cataloguing of the books.

During the difficult years of the war, he took on many extra duties. He was the Magazine Editor for some years. He took a commission in the Cadet Corps, and he rendered valuable assistance during the absence of the regular officers.

Throughout, his literary and critical faculties have been easily recognised and appreciated, and most of the official magazine accounts of school plays, staff plays and Greek plays were written by Mr. Warmington. He has devoted himself to writing poetry in the modern vein, and examples of his compositions have from time to time appeared in the Magazine.

Amongst his many interests Mr. Warmington included music, and until this last year he has been a member of the School Choir.

Mr. Warmington has always shown a special kindness to any boys in difficulty and he has done much to encourage them. His regular attendance at School Prayers has been a fine example to the School.

His sincerity and his genuine love of his subjects will long be remembered. Both Staff and boys will wish to him and Mrs. Warmington many years of happy retirement.

## SCHOOL NOTES – December 1962

The Annual Commemoration Service was held on Friday, July 27<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Church. The sermon was preached by the, Rev. R. C. Hubble, and the Choir sang the anthems "Te Deum" and "How beautiful are the feet."

Our congratulations to the following scholarship winners in the last school Year:

Birks, A. R., Marriott, R., Mellor, H. G., Tankard, P. G., Wildsmith, E., Morris, J., Norris, R. J., Pountain, R. J., Taylor, I. A., Bargh, T., Boyce, D. C., Brealey, P., Cooper, M. J., Crosby, M. E., Hays, R. A., Newbold, J. M., Renshaw, M.

The following boys entered degree courses at the University this year:

Rice, J. C., Hole, P. C., Askew, M. R., Frisby, D. P., Walton, R. J., Lilleker, G. A., Hubert, J. M., Marriott, R., Crosby, M. E., Wilks, G., Wilson R., Gascoyne, R., Hull, H. R., Hampson, M., Moseley, E. T., Thomas, J. C., Newbold, J. M., Lockwood, C., Gattie, R. A., Boyce, D. G., Cliff, I. P., Hays, R. A., Marsden, K., Renshaw, M., Horrocks, J. L., Turner, S. C., Morris, J., Speakman, B. F., Costigan, A. P., Bargh, T., Armitage, A. P., Coombe, R. D., Weir, G.

The following entered Dip. Tech. Courses:

Berresford, H. I., Austin, J. G., Haywood, Harris, D., Bland, I. R., Slack, D. W.

The following boys entered Teacher Training Colleges:

Wells, S. C., Padley, C., Pickard, J. S., Eadon, D. H., Valentine, C.J., Johnson, S., Craddock, W. A., McDowell, D. L., Watkinson, J. S., Halford, T. E., Cox, J. R., Dixon, T. E., Leaning, K. G.

In the Summer term a successful Parents' Evening was held for parents of second formers. More recently a Parents' Evening for parents of fourth formers was held on November 13th.

In the Summer 7 boys attended Outward Bound Courses at the Eskdale Centre.

Eleven boys attended a course at the Kinder Mountain Training School in August as part of their training for the Duke of Edinburgh Awards. In the Summer term the Chairman of the Governors, Alderman E. Swale, OBE., D.F.C., J.P., presented the Duke of Edinburgh Silver Awards to:

Barber, C. W., Dixon, T. E., Jackson, J. M., Taylor, J. A., Thompson, R. G., Turner, C. H., Wheatstone, K. C.

Recently Bronze Awards have been presented to:

Dymond, R., Chappell, J. A., Linacre, R. D., Portman, R. M., Stanton, W. R., Walker, I., Wilson, J. R.

We said goodbye to Mr. Fisher at the end of the Summer term and we wish him every success at Brighton. We have welcomed in his place Mr. S. E. Davey, and we hope he will be very happy with us.

On Tuesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, the Headmaster, on behalf of the School, received a Lectern Bible given by Mr. and Mrs. Peppitt in memory of David who died on 16th January, 1962. David was a member of the School from 1950 to 1957 and was Vice-Captain in 1956/7.

In addition to this, some of his contemporaries wished to make a suitable gift to the School in memory of David. A picture was chosen, and this will be hung in the Memorial Room with a suitable inscription below it. Mr. David Walker, who was in the Sixth Form with Peppitt, travelled from London to attend the Assembly as a representative of these Old Boys.

We were sorry to learn of the illness of Mr. Bryars, but we are very happy to see him fully recovered. During this Christmas term Mr. Fawcett has given valuable assistance with the music of the School, and we are extremely grateful for his help.

A group of fifth formers visited the Civic Theatre on November 6<sup>th</sup> to see a performance of "A Man for All Seasons", and Mr. Rogers and Mr. Turner accompanied a party of Sixth formers to see the Old Vic company perform "The Tempest" at the Lyceum Theatre, Sheffield.

At half term two parties of boys explored Derbyshire. On Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Andrew and Mr. Heathcote took a party to Buxton and Deepdale. Mr. Hetherington, Mr. Jephcote, Mr. Beresford, Mr. Watkins and Mr. Young took a party to Edale.

We offer our very best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. K. Pollard on the birth of their daughter.

At the end of this term we shall be very sorry to say goodbye to Mr. Poole when he moves to a new post. We wish him

every success and thank him for the generous service given to the School.

Congratulations to John L. Roberts of Trinity College, Oxford, on being awarded a half-blue for Gymnastics.

## **BROOKSIDE NOTES**

Brookside is a year old, and already novelty is giving way to routine. The crocodile pond is no longer merely the receptacle for haphazard forms of natural life, but shows the results of deliberate planning - it is now the biological pool, and boasts among its plants a water-lily hiding still, we think, several bashful perch.

The television set, too, can now be considered second hand; at least, its formidable aerial array proved to be no match for one night of whole gale. and had to be returned to its chimney and given stronger moorings.

The Lower Science were joined by Lower Modern for a week of exams. The novelty of staying put in one building for a period of days instead of spending part of each day in two buildings three miles apart was appreciated by all, and gave us a glimpse of joys to come - 1964-65 did someone say?-or was it 1984?

The new laboratories, too, came into their own for the G.C.E. Advanced Level Practical Examinations and showed just what we had been missing in previous years. The lower ceilings of modern class rooms seem to trouble no-one, however, except one table-tennis devotee of the over-head smash; perhaps our architects will design a three foot trench for table tennis in the next instalment - it might be cheaper than ceiling lamp replacements!

J.J.H.

## SCHOOL NOTES – May 1963

The Annual Carol Service was held in the Parish Church on Wednesday, 19th December. when the Choir and Congregation sang carols. The lessons were read by, members of the Staff and the boys.

We offer our sincere congratulations to E. Wildsmith who has been awarded an Open Exhibition at St. Catharine's College, Cambridge. We also congratulate H. G. Mellor and R. Norris who have obtained entry to Oxford, and A. R. Birks, R. McLean and P. G. Tankard who have obtained entry to Cambridge.

The annual Sixth Form Party with St. Helena School was held on Thursday, 13th December, in St. James's Hall. About two hundred Sixth formers spent a very enjoyable evening together.

During the Easter term, two successful Parents' Evenings have been held for the parents of the Upper Sixths and for the parents of Transitus forms.

Parties from the School have attended a performance of "King Lear" at the Sheffield Playhouse, and later in the term some members of the L.VI Science forms visited Manchester College of Technology.

On Tuesday, 9th April, we were delighted to welcome Mr. Williams, of Messrs. Markham & Co. Ltd., who talked to members of the Science Sixth on the subject of Engineering.

We have, during this term, welcomed five Student Teachers: Mr. Ford (Nottingham University), Mr. Hiles and Mr. Williams (Sheffield University), Mr. Sear and Mr. Williams (Sheffield Training College), and we wish them every success in their future posts.

The Easter Service took place in the Parish Church on Wednesday, 10th April, when the Archdeacon preached the sermon. On this occasion the Choir sang "O for a closer walk with God" (Myles Foster) and "Lift up your heads" (Handel).

A party of 23 boys, accompanied by Mr. B. O'Kelly, Mr. P. Turner and Mr. M. Rogers, spent a week of the Easter holiday in Paris. Mr. B. B. Andrew and Mr. R. M. Adlen took a group of 34 boys to Thurstone Sands, South Devon.

## BROOKSIDE NOTES

Since the last issue of these notes, our established routine has continued, almost without interruption. The phenomenally severe weather had very little effect; the heating system kept the building constantly warm, and nothing froze except the biology pond. Although we maintained an unfrozen patch at one end, the perch eventually succumbed, possibly because the method of maintaining a hole in the ice did not help with the oxygen supply which was so essential to the fish.

Just before Christmas, the Erasmus Darwin Society accepted our hospitality, and enjoyed an evening of strange sights and even stranger sounds. In February, we acted as hosts to the mathematics teachers of the Borough's primary schools, who held a two-day course here. From what we saw and heard, we learned our arithmetic the hard way.

It gave us great satisfaction to learn, recently that the rest of the school will be joining us here within a finite period of time. The remoteness of the two sections of the school has certainly posed its problems.

## WHERE DO ALL THE LEAVERS GO?

"Plus ca change, plus c'est la meme chose." This paradox may well be applied to a school such as ours, which is ever changing and yet seems to remain unchanged. Each year a number of eager newcomers arrive and an almost equal number of seniors leave, yet the broad pattern of school life and its population appear to alter but little. The same forms, sports teams, societies, school offices and activities live on. With few exceptions, the shape, size, appearance, aspirations, pranks and reactions of boys suffer little change. Yet change there is, beneath the surface, as indeed there must be in any living corporate body, as it adapts itself to meet the needs of society and face the challenge of a world ever new.

For nearly four hundred years, boys have been passing through this school to take their place in almost every walk of life in many parts of the world. Hardly a week goes by without a mention, in the local press, of the achievement or

activities of some Old Cestrefeldian. There is a file of such accounts, carefully kept by the second master, and a study of this makes absorbing reading. Another, no less interesting document, is the Leavers' Book, in which a careful record is kept, year by year, of the name of each boy who leaves, with details of his intended career. I was reading this recently, when the thought occurred to me that an analysis of where the leavers of last year went might be of interest and enlightenment to boys at present in school, to parents and to Old Cestrefeldians.

At the beginning of the school year, 1961-62, there were just over 800 boys on the school register. 203, or one-quarter of the school population, were in the sixth form. The intake of new boys numbered 130 and the number of boys leaving school, 140. 11 of these were below school leaving age and left to attend other schools in areas where their fathers took up new employment. Thus, 129 boys left school to embark on their future careers.

Just under one-third of this total of leavers went on to University to study Medicine, Law, Pharmacy, Dentistry, Civil Engineering, Economics, Architecture, Languages, English, Mathematics, History, Geography or Science, 15 went to Teachers' Training Colleges; 6 to Colleges of Technology; 2 on works-based sandwich courses and 3 to the College of Art. Thus, 61 boys, or approximately one-half of the total of school leavers, went on to pursue courses of full-time further education.

The remaining half of the total was split up as follows:

1. 25 boys left from the sixth form for careers in the Civil Service, accountancy, local government, banks, metallurgy, architecture and laboratories.

2. 35 boys left from Transitus forms, at the age of 16, after sitting the G.C.E. ordinary examination. Their careers range over the following: engineering apprentices, laboratory assistants, accountancy trainees, Civil Service, clerical assistants, local government, N.C.B. trainees, printing, H.M. Forces, Merchant Navy, libraries, banks, hairdressing, travel bureau trainees, quantity surveying, G.P.O. apprentices, drawing office trainees, agriculture, shops, and family businesses.

3. Only boys left from the fifth forms at 15 years of age before sitting for the G.C.E. One of these went on a farm, one into catering and one as a craft apprentice.

Many conclusions can be drawn from this very brief survey. I shall confine myself to but a few.

It is indicative of the healthy condition of the school that so few boys leave before sitting the G.C.E. ordinary level examination and that so many go on to pursue courses of full time education. This is particularly encouraging at a time when we hear so much about wastage in grammar schools.

Tribute must be paid to the interest taken in careers by parents, the headmaster, the Youth Employment service and the boys themselves. Yet the picture is far from perfect. There is still plenty of room for improvement, and so I make this plea to everyone in school at the present time: choosing your career is one of the most important decisions you will ever make; so choose wisely; take advantage of the expert advice and guidance available outside and inside school, but most important of all, bend all your efforts to obtain the best qualifications to give you a good start in the world outside, when you, in your turn, will help to swell the ranks of the Old Cestrefeldians.

R.M.A.

## SCHOOL NOTES – December 1963

The Annual Commemoration. Service was held on Friday, 26th July in the Parish Church. On this occasion the sermon was preached by the Rev. L. Weatherhead and the Choir sang the anthems "Te Deum" (Stanford), "Teach us Good Lord" (Nicholson) and "Go forth with God" (Martin Shaw).

We offer our congratulations to the following Scholarship winners in the last School year:

E. Wildsmith (Open Exhibition to St. Catharine's College, Cambridge), T. W. Bakewell, A. J. Blackshaw, J. D. Cantrell, S. H. Halsall, R. L. Jenkinson, M. F. Stringfellow, D. Welch, J. C. Harbord, M. H. Tipler, J. R. Oakley, R. S. Thompson, D. W. Turner, D. Green, G. R. Thorpe, A. M. Johnson, County Awards with Distinction.

The following boys entered degree courses at Universities:

Merton College, Oxford - H. G. Mellor, Balliol College, Oxford - R. J. Norris, St. Catharine's College, Cambridge - A. R. Birks, E. Wildsmith, P. G. Tankard, R. McLean; Queen Elizabeth College, London - M. J. Bradshaw; King's College, London - P. Brealey; Charing Cross Hospital - B. R. Keeton; Imperial College, London - R. J. Pountain; Royal Dental Hospital, London - C. H. Turner; Bartlett School of Architecture, London - J. C. Harbord; Queen Mary College, London - M. Stringfellow, J. R. Lenthall; University College, London - S. R. Drury, D. G. Pashley; London School of Economics - M. J. Cooper; Leeds University - D. Green, G. T. Rhodes, R. A. Green. S. Arnold, P. W. Haslam; Liverpool University - A. Hemsley, J. Nurse, K. Woolley, D. A. McDougall, D. W. Turner, R. D. Twigg; Birmingham University - I. A. Taylor, P. J. Walton, P. J. Renshaw; York University - P. V. Bembridge, D. J. Lee; Manchester University - R. M. West, M. W. Smith; Manchester College of Technology - G. S. Lomas, D. J. Elliott; Sheffield University - T. W. Bakewell, S. Bradley; Reading University - J. D. Parker, R. E. Thompson; Hull University - D. Moore.

The following boys entered Dip. Tech. courses in Colleges of Advanced Technology:

Loughborough College of Technology - I. Leverett, T. E. Bagwell; Bradford College of Technology - K. J. Briddon, R. Cuff; Battersea College of Technology - P. A. Chadwick; Nottingham College of Technology - J. Armistead, T. Yates.

The following entered Colleges of Advanced Technology - Leicester College of Technology - M. S. Smith, D. J. Harvey; Bradford College of Technology - A. Rowley.

The following entered Teacher Training Colleges: St. Paul's College, Cheltenham - P. N. Sheppard, C. W. Barber, G. R. Eales; College of St. Mark and St. John - D. E. Windle, A. Marsh; St. Peter's College, Saltley - P. Robinson, A. V. Smith; Sheffield Training College - R. B. A. Harrison.

In the Summer term Parents' Evenings were held first for parents of boys in the Lower Sixth forms and later in July for parents of Second formers. More recently, on November 7th, a Parents' Evening for parents of Fourth formers was held.

During the summer holiday six boys attended a course at the Kinder Mountain Training School as part of their training for the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.

On Monday, 22nd July a party of members of the Staff and their wives had a very enjoyable journey through Nottinghamshire to Southwell.

We said goodbye to an unusually large number of members of the Staff at the end of the Summer Term: Mr. E. Watkins, who went as lecturer to St. Mary's Training College, Cheltenham, Mr. A. Beresford as Head of Department in a Northamptonshire School, Mr. F. W. Dawber to a post of responsibility in Altrincham Grammar School, Mr. K. Pollard to a new school in Derbyshire and Mr. G. M. Rogers who returned to the stage. To all these we say a very sincere thank you, and we offer our very best wishes for their future success.

We welcomed to the Staff Mr. F. I. Chapman (Biology), Mr. I. Newsome (Science), Mr. Earley (Science), Mr. Barlow, (Science), Mr. Peart (English), Rev. H. Squire (Divinity and English), Mr. Roberts (P.E. and English).

A group of Sixth and Fifth formers visited the Civic Theatre in November to see a performance of "The Government Inspector", by Gogol.

At half term two parties of boys explored Derbyshire; one party under the direction of Mr. Heathcote, Mr. Searcey and Mr. Dinner, and the other party with Mr. Hetherington, Mr. Young and Mr. Turner.

We offer our very best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Firth on the birth of their daughter, and to Mr. and Mrs. Adlen on the birth of their son.

In October we welcomed the following H.M.I.'s - Miss Burton (English), Mr. Bullock (Science), Mr. Comber (Science), Mr. Evans (Mathematics), Mr. Wake (History and Geography), Mr. Boyden (Classics and Divinity), Mr. Shaw (Modern Languages), Mr. Gould (Woodwork), Mr. Denham (Art), Mr. Salisbury (Music). They visited us regularly from October 7th-11th for the purpose of a Full Inspection.

Some forty advisors covering many possible careers visited the School for a Careers Convention on Tuesday, 12th November. In the afternoon from 3-5 p.m. and from 6-30-8-30 p.m. they answered questions raised by pupils or their parents.

In November a group of five senior boys spent a week-end at the Sixth Form Conference held at Buxton where the problems of World Population were discussed.



## SCHOOL NOTES – May 1964

The Annual Carol Service was held in the Parish Church on Friday, 20th December, when the Choir and Congregation sang carols. The lessons were read by members of the Staff and the boys. We were glad to welcome the new Archdeacon of Chesterfield, the Venerable T. W. Ingram-Cleasby, who conducted the Service.

We offer our sincere congratulations to D. Welch who has been awarded an Open Exhibition in Natural Sciences at Queens' College, Cambridge; to A. J. Blackshaw on being awarded an Open Exhibition in Natural Sciences at St. Catharine's College, Cambridge; to E. L. Cooper who has been awarded an Open Exhibition to read Modern History at University College, Oxford. We also congratulate M. H. Tipler (St. Catharine's College), R. L. Jenkinson (Sidney Sussex College), J. D. Cantrell (St. Catharine's College), S. H. Halsall (Queens' College), who have obtained entry to Cambridge.

The annual Sixth Form Party was held on Thursday, 7th December, when the St. Helena School Sixth formers invited our Sixth formers to their School.

Two Parents' Evenings have been held during the Easter Term for parents of boys in the Upper Sixth and Transitus Forms.

On Thursday, 12th March, 115 boys, attended the Faraday Lecture at the City Hall, Sheffield..

We have welcomed this term as Student teachers: Mr. Allen, Mr. Hopgood, and Mr. Sims from Sheffield University, and Mr. Hart and Mr. Hoverington from Sheffield City Training College.

The Easter Service took place in the Parish Church on Wednesday, 25th March, when the sermon was preached by the Archdeacon. On this occasion the Choir sang "The Heavens are telling the glory of God" (Haydn), "O Saviour of the World" (Goss), and "How beautiful are the feet" (Handel).

We regret very much the long illness of Mr. J. R. Webster. His presence in the School is very much missed, and we wish him a speedy and sure recovery.

We offer our sincere good wishes to the Rev. M. E. Squire on his marriage to Mlle. C. Quinche.

We congratulate sincerely two Old Boys who have brought great distinction to the School. Dr. B. V. Bowden, who has been elevated to a Life Peerage and is now Lord Bowden of Chesterfield. Mr. A. C. L. who has been appointed Professor of the London School of Economics and Political Science.

During the Easter term, the School suffered a sad loss when Mr. H. Fell, the Caretaker, died. He had served the School faithfully and loyally for 24 years. We shall remember with gratitude his service to the School, and we offer our very sincere sympathy to Mrs. Fell and her daughter.

The School welcomed another visit from Mr. L. Lodge, who maintains a keen interest in our activities. He travelled from London to see a performance of Macbeth by the Dramatic Society, and took the opportunity of giving a Friday morning talk to the School.

Mr. G. Jephcote, who has been Secretary of the Derbyshire G.S.F.A. since its formation in 1952 was appointed Secretary of the National Grammar Schools' Football Association at its Annual General Meeting at St. John's College, Oxford, on 11th April.

## BROOKSIDE NOTES

Brookside is now three years old and, for the first time, these notes have been compiled by students. Thus we hope to present a student's eye view of recent happenings at our noble Temple of Science.

Of the year's new arrivals, the one which aroused most interest was an impressive grand-piano, which occupies a large part of Room 1. This is of great "service" at morning assembly, but restrictions on its use have disappointed the lunch-time exponents of popular music.

Two visits have taken place to scientific meetings this year; in December the Lower Sixth attended a British Association meeting at Edwin Swale School, and in March a party heard a Faraday lecture in Sheffield on electrical generation.

Both senior and middle school societies have held a meeting at Brookside. The already traditional Erasmus Darwin Society's Christmas meeting took place at the end of the autumn term, and the Elizabethans visited us to see the Analogue computer.

Two scientific projects are currently under way at Brookside. For the benefit of ornithologists, a number of nesting boxes have been placed at strategic points around the building. Although a careful watch has been kept, no birds have been seen in the vicinity, but it is rumoured that an egg with a lion on it has been found in one of the boxes.

A group of third-year students, under the direction of Mr. A. H. Yorke, of Sheffield University, has begun the construction of yet another computer. This machine, if completed, will be a binary computer working on the principles of negative mathematical logic and will be able to perform all simple mathematical operations. Despite some setbacks and several minor injuries the team is still enthusiastic and hopes to complete the first part of the project by the summer.

At the beginning of the year, we welcomed Mr. Barlow to the teaching staff and at the end of the autumn term, we said farewell to our caretaker, Mr. Allen. Mr. Beresford, who succeeded him, has also left us, but we must emphasise that he has become Head Caretaker at Sheffield Road and was not frightened away by the Brookside population.

By the end of the year, all the pioneer sixth-formers will have left Brookside, and we understand that construction of the remainder of the new school will have started. Soon the question: "However did we cope with the conditions in the laboratories at Sheffield Road?" will be replaced by "However did we cope with constant commuting between Sheffield Road and the Science Block ?" but we have managed to overcome most of the problems of the divided school and we have enjoyed our time here.

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## SCHOOL NOTES – December 1964

The Annual Commemoration Service was held on Friday, July 24th in the Parish Church. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. W. Neil of Nottingham University and the Choir sang the anthems, "Achieved is Thy Glorious Work" by Haydn and the "Te Deum" in B flat by Stanford.

We congratulate the following students who gained Open Exhibitions:

Open Exhibition in Natural Sciences to read Medicine at St. Catharine's College, Cambridge: A. Blackshaw.

Open Exhibition in Natural Sciences to read Physics at Queens' College, Cambridge: D. Welch.

Open Exhibition in Modern History to read History at University College, Oxford: E. L. Cooper.

We also congratulate the following who were given County Awards with Distinction:

McIver, K. G., Milner, P. R., Mothersole, P. R., Mowbray, R. A., Hesslewood, S.

The following students entered degree courses at the University this year:

A. J. Blackshaw (Cambridge), J. D. Cantrell (Cambridge), S. H. Halsall (Cambridge), D. Welch (Cambridge), R. L. Jenkinson (Cambridge), M. H. Tipler (Cambridge), E. L. Cooper (Oxford), C. G. Allen (Oxford), S. R. Hesslewood (London), J. P. Sloane (London), A. M. Johnson (L.S.E.), J. R. Oakley (L.S.E.), P. R. Mothersole (L.S.E.), P. J. Hadfield (Manchester), R. S. Thompson (Manchester), G. Wilcockson (Manchester), M. B. Tate (Birmingham), M. A. Thompson (Birmingham), R. A. Riley (Birmingham), P. R. Milner (Leeds), I. D. H. Gasson (Leeds), L. J. Rodgers (Leeds), J. Drury (Leeds), C. A. Childs (Leeds), G. R. Thorpe (Nottingham), E. R. Bonner (Sheffield), N. A. C. Bright (Liverpool), T. A. Roberts (Liverpool), J. D. Wilbourn (St. Andrews), R. Horrocks (Aberdeen), A. E. Coppin (London, 1965).

The following students entered Training Colleges:

M. G. Smith (Saltley), J. M. Thompson (Saltley), W. H. Hoskin (Loughborough), D. L. Purnell (Leicester), J. C. Pett (Westminster), D. R. Millward (Westminster), C. Babister (St. Mark and St. John), D. M. Clarke (York), D. G. Tye (Derby), C. Jackson (Matlock).

The following students entered Colleges of Advanced Technology:

Degree Courses

B. A. Gibbs (N. W. Polytechnic).

J. G. Hopkinson (Nottingham).

R. G. S. Smith (Liverpool College of Commerce).

J. Kay (Woolwich Polytechnic).

Other Courses

P. D. Roddis (Lanchester), J. V. Nash (Huddersfield), C. J. Askwith (Salford), P. S. Smith (Liverpool College of Building).

In the Summer term a successful Parents' Evening was held on July 16th for parents of second formers. More recently a Parents' Evening for parents of fourth formers was held on Tuesday, 3rd November. A special Parents' Evening for parents of Transitus students was held in November to explain the C.S. E. examination.

A party of Sixth formers with members of the Staff attended the British Association lectures in Sheffield in July and also the one-day course arranged at Bolsover in September.

### THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH BADGE SCHEME

On Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, the Director of Education for Derbyshire, Mr. J. Longland, visited the School and presented a Gold Standard badge to Derek Millward and a Silver Standard Badge to Desmond Millward.

### LUDWIG GEORGS GYMNASIUM ORCHESTRA FROM DARMSTADT

It was with genuine pleasure that the School acted as host to the visiting Orchestra from Darmstadt from July 5th to 12th. Concerts were given in Newbold Green School, Matlock Training College., Welbeck College and the Civic Theatre.

### ROAD SAFETY BADGES

On Tuesday, September 22nd, Chief Inspector Bradshaw, Derbyshire Constabulary (Chesterfield Division), visited the School to present five "V" Badges, two Knight Ensign Badges and 25 Cycling Proficiency Badges.

A party of boys with Mr. O'Kelly visited Deincourt School on October 22nd for a performance of a French Play, "Le Cid" by Corneille.

We said goodbye at the end of the Summer term to Revd. H. Squire and Mr. J. Firth, and we wish them every success

in their new appointments. In their places we welcome Mr. A. D. Ballard and Mr. D. Mellor, and we hope their stay in Chesterfield will be a happy and profitable one.

At half term, two parties of boys explored Derbyshire. Mr. Heathcote led a party to Birchover and Mr. Hetherington one to Kinder Scout.

On Saturday, 31st October, Mr. Kershaw escorted a party of 56 students to a Shakespearean production at Stratford of "Henry VI". During the Autumn term a party of 131 students went to see the Civic Theatre production of Shakespeare's "The Tempest".

It was with great sadness that we heard of the death of one of our Sixth formers, Robert Birley. He was a Sub-Prefect and was to be Captain of Sailing. We all offer our very sincere sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Birley and John.

At the Chesterfield School Governors' meeting on 9th October, Mr. Charles Yates of Wilcockson and Cutts, Architects, presented to the School on his own behalf an artist's impression of the new school at Brookside. This valuable picture will be treasured by the School, and we owe a great debt of gratitude to Mr. Yates, both for the picture and for his services over the building of the new school.

During the year, we were sorry indeed at the death of one of our best loved Old Boys, Mr. F. Merifield. It is the wish of the Old Cestrefeldian F.C. that there should be a memorial in the form of a shield to be known as the Frank Merifield Shield, and this will be used for the House League.

The School congratulates Alderman E. Swale, Chairman of the Governors, on his well-deserved honour of C.B.E.

One of the School's Old Boys became a life-peer, Lord Bowden, and the School further congratulates him on his appointment as Minister of State, Department of Education and Science.

Congratulations also to Chris. Rowland on his entry to Parliament as M.P. for Meriden.

## **BROOKSIDE NOTES**

Brookside is now four years old and is beginning to show the effects of age. Putty is peeling off several of the windows, and some of the lampshades have mysteriously lost the will to adhere to their fittings.

We welcome Mr. Newsome here in place of Mr. Firth, whom we were sorry to lose at the end of last term. A welcome, too, for Mr. Mellor, an old boy, who has returned to school to teach pure mathematics. Last but not least, we are pleased to see that our new caretaker, Mr. Gilding, is beginning to understand what he has let himself in for.

Two visits of scientific interest have taken place so far this term; in September a party of boys from the Upper Science forms was invited round the laboratories of the British Coke Research Establishment, and in October the biologists attended lectures and demonstrations at Moorfield School, Bolsover, on the subject of Genetics. It is hoped that a visit to the new Chesterfield Telephone Exchange will be arranged in the near future.

The members of the Upper Sixth Science Third Year are already engaged in preparations for the Erasmus Darwin Society's traditional Christmas Party. We hope that it will be as successful as in previous years.

With reference to the Brookside Nesting Box Scheme, we heartily congratulate J. F. Waterfall, of the third year, whose multi-storey nesting mansion has actually been seen to contain a bird.

We also convey our congratulations to last term's third year, who, with the help of Mr. A. H. Yorke, of Sheffield University, completed their binary computer. This means that there are now two idle computers in the physics workshop.

In conclusion, we should like to say that, as scientists, we still enjoy our enforced segregation, albeit regretting the deprivation suffered by the rest of the school.

E. J. Woodhouse

## EUROPEAN TOUR, 1964

Everyone in the party was very cheerful as the red and ivory East Midland motor coach left Chesterfield on the first leg of its journey to Dover, at approximately 11-30 a.m. on the 19th of August. The coach made its way southwards via Huntington, Royston, Dartford Tunnel and then on to Canterbury, where we enjoyed an excellent dinner at the Slatter's Hotel.

At Dover, we boarded the 11-30 p.m. steamer, the Konigin Fabiola, bound for Ostende. Four hours later, after a rough but not unpleasant crossing, we docked at Ostende, where our coach made history by being the first East Midland coach to set its wheels on the continent. After a speedy journey via the Autobahn, we arrived in Brussels shortly after dawn for breakfast at the Rembrandt Restaurant.

We pressed on through Belgium and on into Germany, where we had our first experience of foreign hotels and an opportunity for real sleep at the Weibres Kreuz Hotel in Altenahr. During our stay in Altenahr, we ascended the chair lift behind the town and spent an enjoyable afternoon walking in the wine producing countryside surrounding the town.

On Saturday 22nd August, we made our way through the imposing Rhine Gorge and on into Nuremburg, where we stayed the night at the Hotel Drei Linden. Next day, we travelled on to Munich, the capital of Bavaria, where a short time was spent sightseeing. The afternoon saw us on the last leg of our journey to Fuschl-Am-See, sixteen miles from Salzburg. Owing to the lack of accommodation at the Seehotel Schlick, the majority of the party were billeted around the village in private homes, although we all ate at the same hotel.

The first day at Fuschl began with a sightseeing tour of Salzburg, in which the Hohen Salzburg fortress was visited. During the afternoon, we visited Hellbrunn, with its amusing trick fountains; Berchtesgarden, where the former hideout of Adolf Hitler was situated; Konigsee for a short shopping expedition.

Next day, we ascended by cable car, the giant Krippenstein Mountain (6,919 ft.) and then into the magnificent Dachstein Ice Cave (4,413 ft.), a real highlight of the holiday.

After a period of swimming and boating during the following morning, we all took a steamer on the Wolfgangsee and visited the White Horse Inn and the town of St. Gilgen.

On the Thursday, we made the long trek to the Grassegloekner (12,457 ft.) via the steep and twisting alpine road, with a total of fifty hair-pin bends. During the ascent, we called at the Edelweiss-Spitze observation point (8,451 ft.).

Friday morning was spent boating and swimming, and in the afternoon the bus took us into Salzburg for shopping.

Early Saturday morning, we said farewell to the hotel staff and set off on the long homeward journey. Our first stop was at Innsbruck, where we were allowed a short sight-seeing tour before moving on to the border town of Feldkirch, to spend the night at the Hotel Baren. The following morning was free, and in the afternoon we visited the attractive Liechtenstein, the smallest principality in Europe.

On the last day of August, we left Feldkirch and crossed into Switzerland, calling at Zurich, Baden and Basle, where we crossed into France and then stayed the night at Sewen, in the Haut-Rhin region.

The following day, we left Sewen and journeyed on through the hills of the Vosges and on to Epinal, Nancy and Metz in the valley of the Moselle, and then into Luxembourg, where we stayed the night at the Beau Séjour Hotel in the capital city.

On Wednesday, we enjoyed a free morning, and in the afternoon we travelled on to Brussels, where we had dinner at the Rembrandt Restaurant. At Ostende, we boarded the cross channel ferry at midnight. After a pleasant crossing, we docked at Dover a little before dawn. We passed through the customs with surprisingly little fuss, much to the relief of certain members of our party. After breakfast at the Slatter's Hotel in Canterbury, we began to retrace our steps back to Chesterfield, and we arrived safe and sound at eight minutes past six, seven minutes early.

On behalf of the party, we should like to thank Mr. Evans for the wonderful way in which he drove the coach (2,500 miles) always remembering to drive on the right whilst on the continent; and to Mr. and Mrs. Jephcote, Mr. and Mrs. North, and Mr. Young, to whom no amount of thanks would be sufficient for a wonderful holiday that will be remembered for a long time to come.

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## SCHOOL NOTES – May 1965

The Annual Carol Service was held in the Parish Church on Tuesday, 22nd December when the Choir and congregation sang carols. The Archdeacon conducted the service, and the lessons were read by members of the Staff and the boys.

We congratulate the School Captain, S. E. Wakelam and the School Vice-captain, J. A. Revill on obtaining places at Queens' College, Cambridge.

On 21st December, Alderman E. Swale, C.B.E., D.F.C., J.P., the Chairman of the Governors, visited the School to present Duke of Edinburgh Awards - Gold standard, Linacre; Bronze standard, Walker, Thacker, Cox, Ewart, Plater, Heathcote, Ramsay.

The annual Sixth Form party with the St. Helena School was held on Monday, 21st December in the St. James' Hall. During the Christmas holidays many boys attended careers lectures arranged in the St. Helena School and the Chesterfield School.

During the Easter term we welcomed four student teachers - Mr. Page, Mr. Pearson and Mr. Emson from Sheffield University and Mr. Ibbotson from the Sheffield City Training College.

Two Parents' Evenings were held during the Easter term for parents of boys in the Upper Sixth and Transitus forms.

Mr. J. J. Bowler from the County Education Office visited the School on 15th January to talk to Sixth formers about grants for Further Education.

On March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 100 Sixth formers attended the Faraday lecture on 'Colour Television' in the City Hall, Sheffield.

On Tuesday, March 16th, 225 boys attended the Regal Cinema to see the film 'Macbeth'; on March 26th. Mr. McKay and a party of Sixth Formers visited Birmingham Repertory Theatre to see "The Winter's Tale," and on May 8 a party of 50 visited Stratford-on-Avon for a performance of "Love's Labour's Lost," at the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre.

On April 2nd a Conference for Sixth formers was arranged to give a clearer picture of the variety of courses at Universities, Colleges of Advanced Technology and Training Colleges. The speakers were: Professor W. Eastwood, Department of Civil Engineering, The University of Sheffield, A. J. Hunt, Esq., Department of Geography, The University of Sheffield, Dr. C. Whitworth, Principal, Royal College of Advanced Technology, Salford and L. J. Jay, Esq., Department of Education, The University of Sheffield.

The Easter Service took place in the Parish Church on Friday, 9th April when the sermon was preached by the Archdeacon. On this occasion the Choir sang "Lord for Thy tender mercy's sake" (Farrant), "Jesu, Word of God Incarnate" (Mozart), and "But Thou didst not leave His soul in hell" (Handel).

A party of thirty first-years, accompanied by Mr. Heathcote, Mr. Turner and Mr. Young, made an historical trip through north Derbyshire, visiting Carl Wark, a Roman fort at Bamford, Pevenil Castle, The Peak Cavern, Mam Tor and its iron-age fort near the top, and Windy Knoll Cave. The visit ended at the Museum in Buxton.

## BROOKSIDE NOTES

As one approaches Brookside, the sweet scent of newly mown lawns and the welcome signs of another spring contrast favourably with the urban approach to the old school buildings on Sheffield Road. Let us hope that the rest of the school will soon share our idyllic surroundings.

Two happy events have recently increased our experimental mouse population by fifteen, and the patter of tiny feet has been heard around Brookside. Although delighted by their success, the biologists concerned are puzzled how a pure black pair has produced brown offsprings!

The efforts of a wild mouse have somewhat interfered with breeding experiments being carried out in the biology department. However, owing to the combined efforts of Hobster and Willmot, positive scientific results are now being obtained. The stock has increased quite considerably; this has necessitated the erection of new cages. Rather than

exterminate excess mice, we are prepared to give them to good homes. Anyone interested please contact either of above persons.

On Tuesday, 2nd March, the whole of the Science Sixth attended the Faraday Lecture on "Colour Television" at the City Hall, Sheffield. For many, this was their first opportunity of seeing colour television.

In December, we welcomed the Erasmus Darwin Society for the traditional Christmas entertainment, when the third year sixth presented "Not so much a meeting, more a load of tripe !" The tripe was suitably disposed of at the end of the show.

Under the direction of Mr. J. D. Last, of Sheffield University, a group of third year students has built and successfully operated a satellite tracking station. The satellite they are tracking is called Oscar, which stands for Orbital Satellite Carrying Amateur Radio. Oscar sends out a continuous telemetry signal containing information about its temperatures and battery voltages. Part of this signal is morse code for the greeting Hi ! The satellite, of course, is American.

Recent visitors to Brookside may have noticed the steerable aerial on the roof. It is nonchalantly described by our experts as a "six over six Yagi array, with slot feed !" As it is steered by hand, the operator is at the mercy of the elements.

On April 1, at 7.5 p.m., the first contact was made with Oscar, and the telemetry received is now being processed, prior to being sent to Oscar headquarters in America.

C. M. Burton

## **A HISTORY OF THE PRESENT SCHOOL BUILDINGS**

By 1844, the buildings of the old Free Grammar School, built in 1710, on the site of the old St. Helen's Chapel, had reached such a state of dilapidation that it was decided to build a new school. After 1832, there had been no master appointed to the school; so when the new buildings were erected in 1846 a new headmaster was appointed. By 1832, the number of pupils on the roll had diminished to two; however, with new buildings, and the appointment of a headmaster, the number on the roll steadily rose.

The original building consisted of two rooms, in two storeys, with the staircase in the bell-tower. The bell-tower was built with provision for a clock. But, because no funds were available at the time, no clock was fitted; a deficiency which continues to exist. At the same time as the school house was built, a large house for the headmaster was built adjoining. The building was constructed in the Elizabethan style of sandstone, with limestone window mullions and other ornamentation. The total cost was £2,400.

The new building was described in a contemporary publication, as being "an extremely handsome edifice overlooking the Midland Railway Company's new line in the beautiful, fertile valley of the Rother."

At Christmas, in the year 1860, the Headmaster's house was extended at a cost of £240; and in 1872 the school-house was extended at a cost of £500. This extension consisted of what are now Rooms One and Eleven; so that the school now consisted of two classrooms and a large assembly hall, which could be partitioned off into two more classrooms. At this time, the tuition fees were fixed at £6 to £10 per annum, with an extra fee of £3 a year for Greek.

In 1899, the school-house was again extended at a cost of over £6,000, by the addition of a new wing, with chemistry and physics laboratories, lecture and class rooms and a gymnasium. The school now became, in the words of its prospectus, "one of the finest and most up-to-date educational institutions in Derbyshire." These extensions made the main-school buildings virtually as they are today.

In 1926, provisional plans for an assembly hall with a stage were drawn up; the building was to be erected where the present dining-hall stands; however, through lack of funds, these plans were never fulfilled. In 1928, the North Wing was built.

Hurst House, which was built in 1847, was purchased by the school in 1928 from a Dr. A. Green; up to this time, it had been a private residence. It was used until 1934 as the Headmaster's house, because in 1928 the Headmaster's house adjoining the school buildings had been converted for additional form rooms. In 1934, the headmaster moved to a private residence, and Hurst House was turned into a junior school for those boys intending to go to the Grammar School when

they were ten. Entrance to the Grammar School in those days was by payment of fees or by scholarship. However, even fee paying boys had to pass a simple examination.

The huts were built in 1914 as “temporary ” buildings, and, apart from some superficial alterations to the main school buildings in 1936 and the provision of a dining-hall in the mid-1950’s, the school has remained basically the same up to the present day.

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