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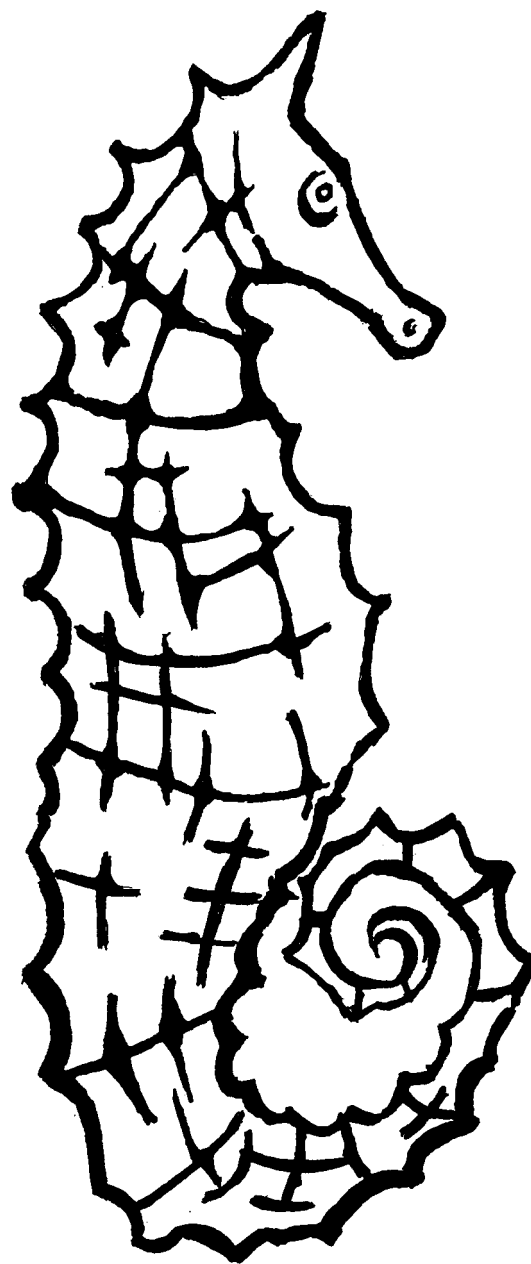
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and Fancy Goods, Etc., Etc.

# ***Foreword***

When the time has come for the foreword to be written, a magazine is ready for dispatch to the printers. I have read through the contributions which make up the 1967 issue of "Seahorse". They give detailed descriptions of the major events of the school year, and thereby will help new arrivals - there are almost 200 each year - to learn something of the activities here.

Changi Grammar School makes many demands on the enthusiasm and generosity of those connected with it. This is particularly the case with our senior pupils. The editorial board has produced a fine magazine, but I feel that much would be gained if representatives from the lower forms took a more active part in its planning and preparation. The editor, above all, needs plenty of contributions from juniors and also from the mathematicians and scientists of the Upper School. Too much is often loaded onto the willing shoulders of the members of Lower and Upper Sixth Arts. The literary side, as opposed to the reporting side, of a school magazine is important. The issue of "Fifth Dimension" from time to time during the year helped to grapple with the formidable enemy of shyness or modesty. If you have an ability to write, don't be ashamed of the fact. Reviews, current affairs, parody should all play their part in producing an exciting balanced magazine.

Time can always be found in between other activities to write something which you think others might wish to read. The new editors will need your support.

F. R. YOUNG,  
Headmaster.

17th October 1967.

## Prize Winners

1 A 1 Stephen Preston  
1 A 2 Jane Gadd  
1 A 3 Russell Collins  
Richard Stokes

### 1st YEAR MERIT PRIZES:

Peter Segar, Leslie Wallace,  
Heather Brown, Richard Murphy.

2 L 1 Caroline Bentley  
2 L 2 Carol Sheeran  
2 A 1 Rosalind Wallace  
2 A 2 Nicola Eve

### 2nd YEAR MERIT PRIZES

Angela, Topp, Angela Brown,  
Julian Lagnado, Carol Lilington

3 L 1 Clive Preston and  
Mark Cleland  
3 L 2 Richard Jones  
3 4 John Bannister

### 3rd YEAR MERIT PRIZES

Carolyn Shaw, Jo-Anne Reid,  
Margaret Haynes, Michael Allard.

4 L 1 Michael Styles  
4 L 2 David Stapley  
4 A Stuart Black.

### 4th YEAR MERIT PRIZES:

Diane Lumbard, David Sterry,  
Janie Heredge, John Owen.

## Fifth Year Prizes

Art: Penelope Kenton  
Biology: Jane Campbell  
British Constitution: Maurice Allen  
Chemistry: Michael Bayliss  
Domestic Science: Jane Smith  
English Language: Pamela Golding  
English Literature: Jane Campbell  
French: Jane Campbell  
Geography: David Griffiths

German: Sandra Walker  
Latin: Pamela Shreeve  
Logic: Robert Burke  
Pure Mathematics: Pamela Shreeve  
Add. Mathematics: Robert Burke  
Physics: Robin Tingley  
Religious Knowledge: J. Thistleton  
Technical. Drawing: Nicholas Penny

## Sixth Year Prizes

Art: Michael Smith  
Biology: Francesca Riccomini  
Chemistry: Brian Fullam  
Commerce: Anne Donaldson  
Craft: Sheila Johncey  
English: Linda Cooper  
French: Catherine Ponsford  
Geog. and History: Desmond Drumm  
German: Barbara Metcalf  
Physics and Mathematics: Alan Best,  
Robert Bentley, Anne Walmsley.

Art: Janis Dorans  
Commerce: Barbara Mitchell  
Craft.: Peter Finnamore  
British Constitution: Jonathan Snce  
Eng. and History: Francis Bradbury  
Geography: Linda Fetherston  
R.K.- Malcolm Whitehead

### HEADMASTER'S PRIZE:

Alan Best  
Mary Whiten



# University Awards

## October 1967

Robert Bentley	St. Andrews	John Pearson	Manchester
Alan Best	Newcastle	Catherine Ponsford	- Aberdeen
Lyndsay Bridger	Lancaster	Gilhan Tidey	- Manchester
Desmond Drumm	Wates	Anne Walmsley	London
Barbara Metcalf	Manchester		

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### COLLEGES OF ART, EDUCATION, TECHNOLOGY

Rosemary Haynes,		Eileen Barker	Education
Sheila Johncey,		Andrew Penny,	
Michael Smith	Art	Tan Dennis	Technology

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## G. C. E. Advanced Level 1967

Robert Bentley	Pure Maths, Applied Maths, Physics.	Rosemary Haynes	Art, English Literature.
Alan Best	Pure Maths, Applied Maths, Physics.	Sheila Johncey	Art. Pure Maths.
Lyndsay f3ridger	Eng, Literature, French, Geog.	William Neen	Geography, Pure Maths.
Desmond Drumm	Eng. Literature; Geog., History.	Francesca Riccomini	Biology, Physics.
Barbara Metcalf	Eng. Lit.. French, German.	Clement Te gg	Chemistry, Pure Maths.
John Pearson	Biology, Chemistry, Physics_	Peter Turner	English Literature, Geography.
Catherine Ponsford	French. Geography, Italian.	Sheila Ashby	Art.
Anne Walmsley	Pure Maths, Applied Maths, Physics,	Brian Dean	English Literature.
Eileen Barker	Art, Geography.	Anne Donaldson	French.
Linda Cooper	English ]Literature, French.	Michael Smith	Art,
Ian Dennis	Pure Maths. Applied Maths.	Mary Whiten	English Literature.
David Green	Chemistry. Physics.	Gillian Tidey	Biology, Chemistry; Geography.
Brian Fullarn	Geography, Physics.	Terence O'Sullivan	Pure hfaths., Applied Maths.
		Jacqueline Thompson	Pure Maths., Applied Maths.
		Patricia Wallingford	Pure Maths.
		Andrew Penny	Physics.

13 pupils passed University Test in Use of English.

# G. C. E. Ordinary Level 1961

## Form 5LI

BAYLISS Michael Thomas .....

SHREEVE Pamela Anne .....

CAMPBELL Jane Marie .....

COCKLIN Michael Leslie .....

DUNCAN Elizabeth Joy .....

GOODALL Stephen John .....

JOHNS Andrew Ian .....

SPELLER Alan Philip .....

STACEY Ann .....

THOMPSON Jennifer Elizabeth .....

BARNES Diana Bridget .....

BURKE Robert .....

DAVIES Lynne Jean .....

GOLDING Pamela Ann .....

GRIFFITHS David Alan .....

JAMES Carol Lynn .....

LAMPARD Elizabeth Ann .....

MASON Elizabeth Anne .....

MORGAN John Richard .....

THISTLETON Jennifer Margaret .....

TINGLEY Robin Kenneth .....

WESTERN Moira Anne .....

HALL Michael John .....

HOBBS Kenneth William .....

WAIN Linda Denise .....

ASHBY Christine Mary .....

DAVIDSON Alison Barbara .....

NATHAN Linda Dorothy .....

OLDING Gillian Anne .....

## Form 5 L 2

HARDY Roger Jeremy. ....

WHICKER Georgina Susan .....

CL RTIS Lynn Margaret .....

RYAN Matthew Francis .....

STUBBS Paul Leslie

WALKER Sandra Christine

COBLEY Francis David Thomas

GREEN Melvin Richard

IRVINE John

GOLDSMITH Stephanie

COLLINS Marilyn

WALSH Kathryn Alison

HALL Peter Richard

JENKINS Kay Anne

ROBINSON Philip Ian

SHEEN Susan Jennifer

HETHERINGTON J. Elizabeth

KELLY Kathleen Grace

## Form 5 A

STANLEY Linda Ann

ALLEN Maurice D. Pa' rick

BARRY David

BRIDGER Stephen Paul

CLARKE Peter Lano

KITCHEN Anthony Richard

McGRATH Lynne Elizabeth

VERNON Geraldine

BINDON Christopher Rouse

KENTON Penelope Margaret

PENNY Nicholas Stuart

TANKS John S. Willoughby

WACKETT David

WATKINS Linda Kathleen

BALLARD Sally Ann

GATT David William

LAIRD Pamela Anne

SCOTT Lynda Margaret

SMITH Jane Margaret

WALLACE Rosemary Helen

## C.S.E.

108 papers were taken by the pupils in this examination : Passes were  
 Grade 129, Grade 11 34, Grade III 2,, Grade IV 21,

**SIXTH YEAR****ADDITIONAL SUBJECTS****'O' LEVEL**

Shena Adams-Lewis	.....	Edward Shaw
Alan Beardmore	.....	Marion Shaw
Linda Bloye	.....	Christopher Slade
Glenn Garside	.....	David Swinhoe
Ann Goodall	.....	Geoffrey Vanacek
David Green	.....	Peter Finnamore
Frederick Huggon	.....	Colin Hawkins
Patrick Hurley	.....	Barry Haycock
Carolyn Innes	.....	Patricia Hough
Gillian Lattimer	.....	Jonathan Snee
Margaret Mears	.....	Stella Thompson
Barbara Ann Mitchell	.....	Angela Walsh
Hedley Nuttall	.....	

**G. C. E. Ordinary Level 1967****Form 4L1**

BLACK Stuart Hugh	SHEPHERD Georgo Victor
LEVY Susan Mary	STAMFORD Barry Christopher
LUMBARD Diane Susan	STYLE Michael John
RAWSON Patricia	WILSON Christine Agnes

**ROYAL SOCIETY OF ARTS RESULTS****Stage I (Elementary)**

Anti Goodhall	Passed with Credit
Mary E. Whiten	- do -
Pamela Watson	
Sandra C. Walker	-do-

**Stage II (Intermediate)**

Linda J. Cooper	Passed with Distinction
Carol E. Ryan	Passed
Anne Donaldson	Passed
Barbara A. Mitchell	Passed
Pat Wallingford	Passed
Jacqueline Thompson	Passed Shorthand 70 w.p.m.



*Back Row (Left to Right):- F. Huggon, M. Taylor, P. Turncr, C. Slade, D. Green, J. McClarty, C. Tegg, B. Fullam.*

*Centre Row:- A. Donaldson, E. Barker, L. Cooper, L. Bridger, G. Ockenden, B. Metcalf, C. Ryan, L. Grant, S. Ashby.*

*Front Row:- S. Adams-Lewis, C. Ponsford, D. Drumm (D.H.B.), Miss E. S. Wright (S.M.), A. Best (H.B.) Mr. F. R. Young (H.M.) M. Whiten (H.G.), Mr. G.E.T.Hurley, (D.H.M.) F. Riccomini (D.H.G.), L. Best, S. Johncey.*

## STAFF PHOTOGRAPH 1966-1967



*Buck Row (Left to Right):- D. T. Davies, N. L. Thornley, I. Hollamby, I. Iley, I. R. Adonis, C. B. Bellamy, M. J. McPherson, R. G. Marr, J. V. P. Whittle, A. A. Hibbs, N. H. Leater, J. V. Lyons.*

*Centre:- D. G. Cook, J. T. Gaffney, D. H. Lowe, D. McKnight, W. Thompson, G. M. Storey, R. H. Graham, A. Cole, C. Beveridge, D. J. Hogg, P. J. Dowd, J. C. Naylor.*

*Front:- Miss T. D. Knowelden, Mrs. M. Simons, Mrs. N. Storey, Miss B. J. Fiddes, Mrs. G. M. Cole, Mr. G. E. T. Hurley (D.H.M.), Mr. F. R. Young (H.M.), Miss E. S. Wright (S.M.), Miss S. M. Hewer, Miss J. McQuarrie, Mrs. S. Krishnan, Mrs. M. K. Collett, Mr. C. Burton.*

# LANCASTER HOUSE REPORT.

House Master: — MR. DAVIES  
House Mistress: — MISS McQUARRIE  
House Captains: -- DESMOND DRUMM  
SHEILA ASHBY.

In the last few years Lancaster House has tended to remain in the background, but this year has witnessed many triumphs by the house both in school-work and sports.

In the first term Lancaster won the Swimming Gala, having dominated the whole afternoon's swimming. The juniors were particularly successful though the seniors too must be commended on their display. Lancaster boys won the rugby competitions, though the girls failed to win the netball. At the end of that term the House Captains collected both the Sports Cup and the Work, and conduct Cup.

The second term failed to reproduce the sporting enthusiasm of the first, though there was consolation in the evening, once again, of the Work and Conduct Cup.

The outstanding achievement of the final term was the victory in the Athletics by nearly one hundred points, and all the competitors must be congratulated for this fine win. In the cricket Lancaster could only finish second.

This most successful year was climaxed by the winning of the House Shield - a fitting end to the year for Lancaster, and a just reward for the great amount of effort that was put into both schoolwork and sports.

Last year the loss of Mr. Hedley-Jones and Chris Brooks was a great blow to the House, but Mr. Davies proved to be a most able successor as House-Master. and Desmond Drumm replaced Chris Brooks as House Captain. Sheila Ashby became the girls House Captain, and she was helped by Elizabeth Lampard as Girls Sports Captain.

Desmond Drumm,  
Sheila Ashby.

# SUNDERLAND HOUSE REPORT.

House Master: — MR. GREEN  
MR. McPHERSON  
House Captains; — MARY WHITEN  
ANDY PENNY  
DAVID GREEN

Unfortunately this year has proved an anti-climax to Sunderland's previous successes. Many of our sports "stars" had returned to England, and the trickle of newcomers was so small that we were scrapping the barrel to make a sport's team complete.

But it would be wrong to say that the House did not put in much effort. The results of these efforts were that we gained victories where they were not expected, yet lost in sports in which we had thought to have stood a fair chance. Such a sport was swimming. As usual many House members had to be forced to enter. We eventually gained only 2nd place which was a disappointment after the winning performances of some of our swimmers, and after a great deal of organisation by Mr. Green who was then House Master, and Andy Penny who was House Captain.

Mr. Green's keen organisation not only lent itself to swimming but to every ~~other~~ House activity, and his interest in the House was greatly appreciated. However, Mr. McPherson stepped **into the position** of House Master when Mr. Green left. and enthusiastically continued Mr. Green's strict but fair discipline. With his keen eye and mathematical mind he neither missed a decline in our House points, nor the culprit who caused it.

For a new House Captain, when **Andy left**, we had Dave Green who proved an admirable successor.

In sport, the girls were more successful than the boys, although one could perhaps attribute this to **the fact that** the House register contained far more girls than boys. However, this need not detract any praise- which the girls deserve. They won the Hockey and **Netball**, and tried very hard on Sports' day. Though, so too did the boys, and it was unfortunate that we gained only 2nd place, again. In their own sports the boys won the Football, but came 3rd in the Rugby, Basketball and Cross-country. Again this was due to an unequal balance in the register, this time in comparison to the other Houses.

School-work and conduct **left** much to be desired as far as House points were concerned, Although, as the year progressed. with thanks to Mr. McPherson's hints to the House to pull their socks up, the number of credits, however remained the same - Low. The whole House was let down by only a few nuisances, and we hope that by now they have either returned to U.K., or realised their stupidity.

To the rest of the House, though, thank you for your efforts throughout the year.

Mary Whiten.  
David Green.

## WELLINGTON HOUSE REPORT.

House Master:       --   MR. COLE  
House Captains;     ALAN BEST  
                              LINDA BEST

Once again I have to report a disappointing year for Wellington. Each term began with us in a clear lead for the conduct cup but a sudden drop in the number of credits gained in the last month dropped us to second and third place respectively in the Christmas and Easter terms. The sports cup was narrowly lost *in the* Christmas term and a last minute goal by Sunderland in the 3rd and 4th year football match made them joint holders **with** Wellington last term.

Although the year has been disappointing for the house in general there are certain things we can look back on and be proud of. Wellington collected more **money** than any other house in the successful school fete, mainly due to the splendid effort of all members of the house and **especially** our housemasters.

The swimming gala was a total loss, yet who can forget the final relay when our senior **team** finished almost 1 length ahead of Sunderland. Members of Wellington dominated the tennis championship winning 7 of the 9 cups available.

*The* McLean trophy has been well supported by Wellington this year, with 2 of the 3 members of the squash team, 3 out of 4 in the badminton, two out three in the table tennis, 4 out of 5 in basketball as well as several members of the rugby, football and cricket teams being provided by Wellington. Also we dominated on the girls' side, with both the **hockey** and netball captains from Wellington as well as the majority of the two teams.

On the whole a year successful for individuals but disappointing as a house.

Linda Best.



Mary Ann Morfitt.



# ACTIVITIES REPORT



ROCK CLIMBING.

In its activities on Friday afternoon, the school intends to give the pupils as wide a range of as many activities as possible. The pupils therefore gain experience in a wide field of both indoor and outdoor pastimes.

During the past year, a few new activities have been added to the old list. One of these, the Folk Group, run by Mr. Gaffney, has proved very popular. Members bring records and tapes and occasionally the more talented members of the group, for example, Mike Smith, Barbara Metcalf and Rosemary Haynes, sing. Both Mike and Barbara sing at Changi Folk Club and have even sung on the radio.

In October of last year, rock climbing began as a new activity, under the guidance of Mr. James, who is a very experienced climber. Until the end of the Autumn term, Mr. James and the more experienced members of the group had to clear Changi quarry, situated behind the Junior school, of trees and dense foliage. During these first few months, the group were helped considerably by members of the F.E.A.F. Rock Climbing Club.

Owing to experienced tuition, the newcomers to rock climbing made steady progress from the Spring term onwards. Although the numbers in the group fluctuated at first, they settled down to about a dozen or more, including girls.

Climbing is a very interesting hobby and although it is slightly frightening at times, we all thoroughly enjoy ourselves. We must therefore thank Mr. James very much, for without his help none of this would have been possible.

This year, Miss Wright has helped Mr. Burton with the Sailing Activity, to which juniors are now admitted. Various Yacht Club members have kindly lent their services and their boats for the group's use. Three members of the group obtained their "B" helm certificates and the rest gained their "C" helm. Two big events took place during this term. One was the Changi Schools' Cup on the weekend 8 - 9 July which was won by Peter Turner with Michael Cocklin fourth. Also an Inter-House Sailing Trophy was competed for, which was won by Wellington (Peter Turner). On the weekend 15 - 16 July there were team races against other R.A.F. Units for the first time. The school managed to get into the finals and in fact won the first leg, but they were disqualified in the second leg and therefore came 2nd to 215 Squadron.

The rowing activity began in September under the guidance of Mr. Graham. The group received expert coaching from Corporal Din and has proved to be a very satisfactory and enjoyable activity. Numerous oarsmen will be required for next year as many members will be leaving, and it is hoped that the group will be able to enter for regattas.

For all people who are thinking of joining, remember that it depends on skill rather than physical strength.

At the beginning of the year, the Film Making Society, with Mr. Adams, began its work. There were 19 people to begin with, mostly from the

ROWING.





MURAL.

upper school, but the numbers have now dwindled to about 14. It was found that only one person had had any experience previously and so the object of the Society was to learn the technique of film making. For the first feature the group themselves decided on the subject, the script and how it was to be shot. Other activities were filmed and scenes of Singapore were used as a background for the film. It is hoped that the film will be finished by the beginning of next term.

The Geography, History and Science Societies this year, have been on numerous excursions to places of interest. The Geography Society, headed by Mr. Hogg, have been on three outings. In the Autumn term they visited the Port of Singapore Authority, and were shown the Empire Dock, Keppel Harbour and the King and Queen Docks. In the Spring term the group went by boat to Tekong, off Changi, and from there to Ubin where they saw a granite Quarry. The third excursion took place in the summer term when the group went to Jurong to see the Industrial Estate and new housing development. They then went to Kranji War Cemetery.

The History Society also had their fair share of trips. Headed by Mr. Hollamby., they have visited Chinese and Indian Temples and Malay Mosques. They have visited Chinatown, the Tiger Balm Gardens and have also been to Johore Bahru to see the Sultan's Palace and Mosque. At Easter a trip was arranged for the Society to go to Malacca to study Portuguese, Dutch and British Colonial remains and it proved very successful.

The Science Society is run by Mr. McKnight, and he managed to acquire many films to show the group. Outings were also made to the Army

Computer at Tanglin, Katong Film Studios and the Mobil Oil Refinery at Jurong. The group also visited Singapore Oxygen Works.

Aeromodelling is run by Mr. McPherson and Mr. Bruce. The Juniors enjoy flying their Aircraft and there are frequent aerial battles. This is where each aircraft has a piece of paper attached to its tail and the other aircraft must try to cut it off with their propellers. Sometimes there are mishaps as in the case of the boy who crashed his aircraft into the football post.

Life Saving has been a very active activity during the year, under the guidance of Miss McQuarrie. The pupils were entered for their medals as soon as they were ready for them and gained a number of passes.

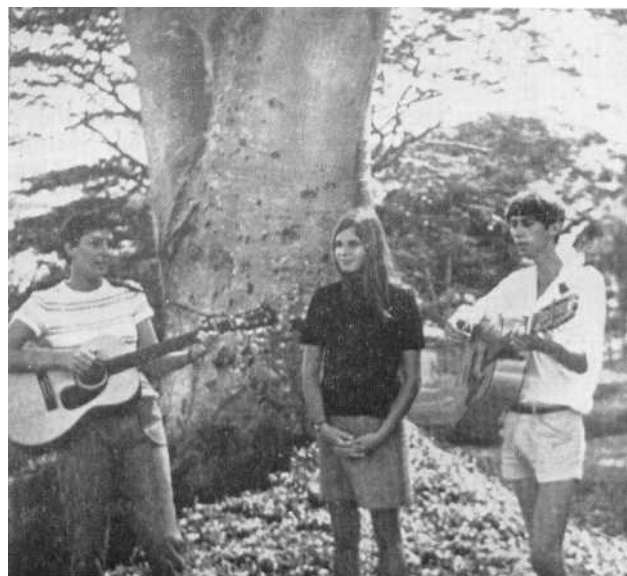
The Art and Craft Society, run by Mr. Leater, has proved to be of great value through the year especially when they helped to make and paint the scenery for the plays we had at Christmas and also the ones we had in Summer. Pottery is also carried on.

Penny Kenton in the fifth form has painted a very good mural on the second floor of the school, a modern version of the school badge.

Of course there are numerous other activities such as the Stamp Club run by Mr. Cole, the Bridge Club run by Mr. Bellamy, Chess with Mr. Thomson, Dancing with Mr. Lyons, Badminton with Mr. Whittle and R. K. Modelling with Mr. Cook. The Juniors made some very good models and they deserve a lot of praise for the hard work which they put into them.

Linda Fetherston L 6 A.

FOLK SINGERS.



# THE DUKE of EDINBURGH'S AWARD SCHEME

The training scheme has gone extremely well this year, thanks to Mr. Hollamby, who organises and runs the scheme at this school. Both the silver and bronze awards are being competed for, both sections being well represented, including four girls in the silver award sections.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme has been allocated an area of jungle in the Panti Forest Reserve, near Kota Tinggi, in South Johore. It is in this area that the expedition training and tests are carried out. The bronze expedition involves camping out at least one night, the silver expedition involves camping out two nights. The silver expedition was notable for the climbing of Bukit Sisek, 1409 feet high, involving a horizontal journey of more than three miles through secondary and primary jungle.

Besides the expedition, there is a public service standard to attain, a pursuit to follow and tests of physical efficiency. For the former two subjects the Scheme has to rely on outside examiners and lecturers, and, to our eternal gratitude, they have not let us down.

The candidates for the Award Scheme are now collecting together their efforts over the past year to be examined. Thanks again to Mr. Hollamby, and we hope that the training scheme will go as well next year,

## Annual Summer Camp of No. 2 (overseas) Sqdn, A.T.C.

This year the Annual Summer Camp was held at RAAF Butterworth. The roll consisted of the commanding officer of No. 2 (OVERSEAS) SQDN, Flt./Lt. Murphy, and three other officers from the squadron, with twenty-two cadets. Our guests on the camp were two officers and twelve cadets from the Singapore A.T.C., and two cadets flight sergeants from the United Kingdom. The camp lasted from the 29th July to the 4th August. During this period the cadets were involved in an intensive programme of training and visits.

Among the training items was a short course on the 7.62 m.m. Self Loading Rifle. After four hours of lectures on *the* rifle, cadets were allowed ten rounds familiarisation firing on the range. Besides visits to various operating squadrons and sections on the base there were excursions outside the base area and on Penang Island. These included a visit to the Prai sugar factory and Penang Hill Railway.

The most popular item on the programme was flying. Each cadet managed to get at least two flights. Some of these flights involved **landing** on jungle strips in the Cameron Highlands. The air/sea rescue demonstration given by a Mk. 10 Whirlwind helicopter was extremely interesting.

There was much to entertain the cadets in off-duty hours.

The RAAF authorities allowed us the use of their Cinema, Swimming pool and set a Reception room aside for us. All cadets had to be back at the billets by 11 p.m., except on the last nights when late passes were issued. On this night the ten-pin bowling alley in Georgetown, Penang, proved to be very popular.

The camp was thoroughly enjoyed by all and it was unanimously agreed that it was one of the best ever. It is hoped to return to Butterworth next *year*. For another camp, and it is also hoped that more cadets from this squadron will attend.

**Dave Cocks, L S S.**  
**Chris Slade U 6.**  
No. 2 (Overseas) Squadron,  
Air Training Corps.

# ART EXHIBITIONS

The Summer Term was, it seems, the most productive time of year for artists. Not only did it yield, in the scholastic field, the C.S.E. display of work, but also there was an exhibition of batiks and oil paintings by Ramli Malek.

Mr. Malek, a self-taught artist, was discovered last year by R.A.F. personnel in Kuala Trengganu. His exhibition of work in our school hall was the second he had in Singapore and is soon

to be sequelled by a third, at RAF Tengah. His recent success has no doubt helped him on his way to England where he has a place at Art College and where he hopes to learn new techniques which will supplement his artistic talent

On May 3rd., the exhibition was opened by Group Captain Thompson, who was later Presented with a picture by the artist himself. The painting, in thick oils, was of water buffalo and had, as had all his works, a typical Trengganu flavour.

During the showing, pupils of all forms came to admire, criticize and copy the artist's work. The occasion was indeed a memorable one, and to mark it Mr. Malek kindly presented the school with a Batik which can be seen on display in the foyer.

Sheena Adams-Lewis, L. 6 S.

*Mr. Young and U 6 pupils view a painting by Ramli Malek.*



# THE DRAMATIC SOCIETY

During last year, all sections of the Dramatic Society have put on plays for the public, with considerable success. The senior group has naturally been more to the fore with the school plays 'Maria Marten or Murder in the Red Barn,' 'The Admirable Crichton,' 'The Gentle Knight,' and 'Caesar and the Bront,' but the Intermediate and Junior groups have nevertheless put a great deal of work into their 'The Three Pills' and 'Scenes from Toad of Toad Hall.'

'Maria Marten' was performed at the end of the Summer Term 1966, and was very successful. The play, a Victorian melodrama, told the story of a sweet, innocent country lass, Maria, played

by Francesca Riccomini, who is led astray by the local squire's villainous son, William Corder, played by Peter Turner. It is difficult to single out individual people for praise:: everyone entered into the spirit of the play, and each person played his part well. Peter Turner as Corder made an excellent villain, complete with moustache and top hat; 600s and hisses from the audience accompanied his every entrance and exit. The two country bumpkins, Tim (alias Peter Comack) and Anne (Janet Flexman), described, much to their mortification, as "low comedians" in the programme, proved very popular with the audience. Two people, however, deserve special credit — Alan Armstrong who took over the part of mad



*The Desert Island Scene from The Admirable Crichton.*

Marten at very short notice, putting up a very good performance, and Carole Harrison for her performance as the sinister gypsy leader Ishmaela. Her "death" scene, in which on one evening she "died" horribly for a full ten minutes, was one of the highlights of the play.

Not only the performers are to be congratulated; many other people put in a great deal of work. Mr. Hibbs and a group of senior boys constructed the outdoor stage; the Art Department produced the scenery. Mr. Dickenson provided the piano accompaniment, and last but

not least, the scene-shifters, dressed in Victorian costume, raised almost as many laughs as the actors themselves.

In December the senior group also put on "The Admirable Crichton". This, though a very different play from "Maria Marten," enjoyed the same success. It is not basically a comedy as "Maria Marten" is; consequently a higher standard of acting was demanded and attained. The story, that of an English aristocratic family which is shipwrecked on a desert island with two servants, required the actors to show an almost

complete change of character in the island scenes; this was especially so in the case of Crichton, played by Peter Turner, who had to show the transformation from a mere butler to the leader of the island community. This he successfully did.

Although everybody put all they could into the play, some characters stand out from the others. As well as Crichton, these are Francesca Riccomini as Lady Mary, Ursula Walsh as Tweeny, David Thompson as Lord Brocklehurst and David Wackett as Ernest.

The Art Department here again produced very attractive scenery, especially for the island set. Mr. Iley organised the original and effective costumes, and the backstage team worked as hard as the actors to produce the finished effect.

"The Three Pills" was also put on, by the Intermediate group, under the direction of Miss Hewer, during the December Drama Week. It was very entertaining, and the group performed very well.

At the same time the juniors performed "Scenes from Toad of Toad Hall", produced by Miss Tasker; it is difficult to single out any particular person for praise because so many took part, but the production was enjoyed greatly by performers and audience alike.

In the July of this year two more plays were put on, by the Upper V1 and 5th forms, after

their GCE examinations the 5th form produced "Caesar and the Bront," a comedy set in ancient Britain; the stars of the show were Roger Hardy (as Caesar) and Anthony Kitchen as the Leader of the Britons, and Dave Wackett as Sergeant Balbus. The "extras" in this play the Roman Soldiers and the Ancient Britons were also very good.

The Upper V1 play was "The Gentle Knight", the story of a prince who preferred dragons to damsels. Worthy of special mention here are Rosemary Haynes and Mary Whiten as the princesses Bella and Donna. John McClarty as Albert the Dragon, and above all Desmond Drumm as the Shy Prince Gon. Anne Donaldson made an

more the scenery was very effective.

So for all but the most important People have been mentioned. Mr. Storey who produced "Maria Marten," "The Admirable Crichton," and "Caesar and the Bront" and Mr. Iley who produced "The Gentle Knight" put a great deal of time and trouble into the plays; everyone must agree that the plays would not have been nearly as effective without them.

Having seen such attempts from the Dramatic Society during the past year surely enjoyable performances can be anticipated in the coming one.

Frances Bradbury, L V1 A.

## National Park Expedition 1966

On Saturday July 15th. a group of twelve Biologists boarded the overnight train to travel to the National Park in Pahang. Arriving at Tembeling station the next morning the group

found an ancient bus waiting to take it into Tembeling Village. At the village the members boarded two awaiting boats for the three-hour journey to Kuala Tahan. Due to recent rains the river was fast flowing and strewn with flotsam although in places, exposed sand banks and boulders formed hazards.

Along this stretch of the river the Malays had cut down Primary Jungle. hunting the area for shifting and temporary cultivation: after which it was allowed to become Secondary jungle with dense undergrowth. Behind the secondary jungle the straight trunks of the typical hardwood trees of primary jungle lowered their green tops forming a canopy (the natural habitat of the monkeys Kingfishers. were reasonably abundant. their brilliant blue flashing across the river. Hornbills were also, seen always in groups of three. gliding smoothly and quietly over the water but cackling in the trees.

Kuala Tahan Rest House. situated high above the river. and with jungle to its rear. was reached at mid-day. Here a night-hide overlooking a small jungle pool was used in the evening by members who were fortunate in seeing deer.

The next morning the party. attempting its first jungle walk, was dressed in protective 'jungle-green'. for leeches were abundant due to heavy rain. The purpose was to acclimatise to jungle conditions of mud. sweat, toil and humidity. Undergrowth was sparse in the primary jungle. the huge canopy of green high above allowing little light for the growth of other plants. Shade. loving ferns, and many varieties of Selaginella were identified. The huge trunks of fallen trees were obstacles except where wood-destroying bacteria were active. turning them to a wet pulp eventually. In these conditions were ideal for the numerous varieties of fungi abundant on the rotting vegetation.

Orang Asli. the original people generally known as aborigines were encountered in a small clearing. These nomadic negroids with short. dark curly hair lived in small 'lean-to' huts quite open to the elements. The group examined blow. Pipes and Poisoned darts used for killing small animals. but Linda Nathan. acting as interpreter. discovered that their staple diet was fruit and fish.



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The termination of the walk was a pleasant pool on the Sungei Tahan. a tributary of the Tembeling river. Here the members de-leached. using iodine on the wormlike. two-suckered animals. which had become so attached to them! After a rest and brief meal the party split into two groups. one to walk and swim down river through the rapids and the other to return along jungle paths.

Tuesday morning. the Party was split into two groups under Mr. Naylor and Mr. Graham. Mr. Naylor's group Consisting of Pam Laird. Linda Nathan. Nigel Kicks. John Tonks and Malcolm Whilehead set off early up the Sungei Tembeling to the Second halting bungalow at Kuala Kenyans. The other group, with Mr. Graham including Miss Fiddes Diana Barnes. Margaret Mears, Ed Shaw and John Snee. set off to the first halting bungalow- at Kuala Terenggan. half an hour upriver from the Rest House. This party was going to the night hide and the other to some limestone caves.

Before leaving Terenggan for the night hide, members of Mr. Graham's group explored the locality. whilst Ed. Shaw added several butterflies



including the Magpie Crow, Common Clubtail and Tawny Rajah to his collection. In the late afternoon this party made the half-hour walk to the night hide. Conditions that night were ideal, cool and moonlit, but the watchers in the small wooden hut twenty feet up among the trees saw nothing in the glade. The other group was fortunate in seeing a Rusa deer the following night, but an early thunderstorm destroyed further possibilities. A successful tape recording of the deafening insect noises was, however, accomplished.

Meanwhile, Mr. Naylor's group made a three-hour expedition through fairly dense jungle to limestone caves. These caves contained interesting snail fossils --- unique and confined to the cool, dark conditions inside the caves with a limited fauna and practically non-existent flora. The limestone outcrop in which the caves occurred was itself impressive, towering hundreds of feet above the jungle.

On Wednesday the two parties exchanged locations, and the following day both groups returned to the Rest House.

Friday, the day of the climb. Five members, male only, assembled at the Rest House at 8 a.m., for this was to be an eight-hour expedition. A ten minute boat ride downriver found the party

*The Night Hide.*



at its starting point at the edge of secondary jungle. The path through dense jungle to the 1870' mountain was little used and prospects of observing wildlife appeared promising.

The Malay guide, carrying a lime speared on a stick for removing leeches, set a fast pace along narrow, and often difficult jungle paths. These paths were blocked at several points by fallen trees necessitating detours. Dwarfed by massive trees, often from five to ten feet in diameter, the group walked for 1.5 hours to the stream before Bukit Guling Gendang. Evidence of wild life up to this point was scarce although elephant tracks and droppings had been seen, and the scent presumed to be that of a tiger was encountered.

After a brief stop the party moved on, and after a half-hour walk reached the foothill of Bt. Guling Gendang. At this point the party was informed by the intrepid Messrs Naylor and Graham that this towering foothill was a mere ant hill in comparison with the mountains and so, greatly encouraged by this information, the group struggled up the 1 in 2 slope. The actual mountain track from the foothill was equally as steep, but was slippery and damp with fallen leaves. However, using small trees and rocks as handholds and with the aid of staffs, the members hauled themselves up the interminable hill. After a brief scramble through a narrow belt of ferns, the group arrived beneath the incongruous trig point at the summit.

The breathtaking view was of jungle, unbroken except by the Tembeling river in the far distance. Below, cries of monkeys could be heard, whilst on the summit several Malayan swallows were observed. Several butterflies attracted by the salt of perspiration-soaked jungle-green were also caught. The descent was achieved rather too quickly and painfully in certain cases, but fortunately without casualties. On the return trip to the river, white handed gibbons were sighted. Arriving at the Rest House weary, but with no regrets, the party had experienced a journey known to only a few people.

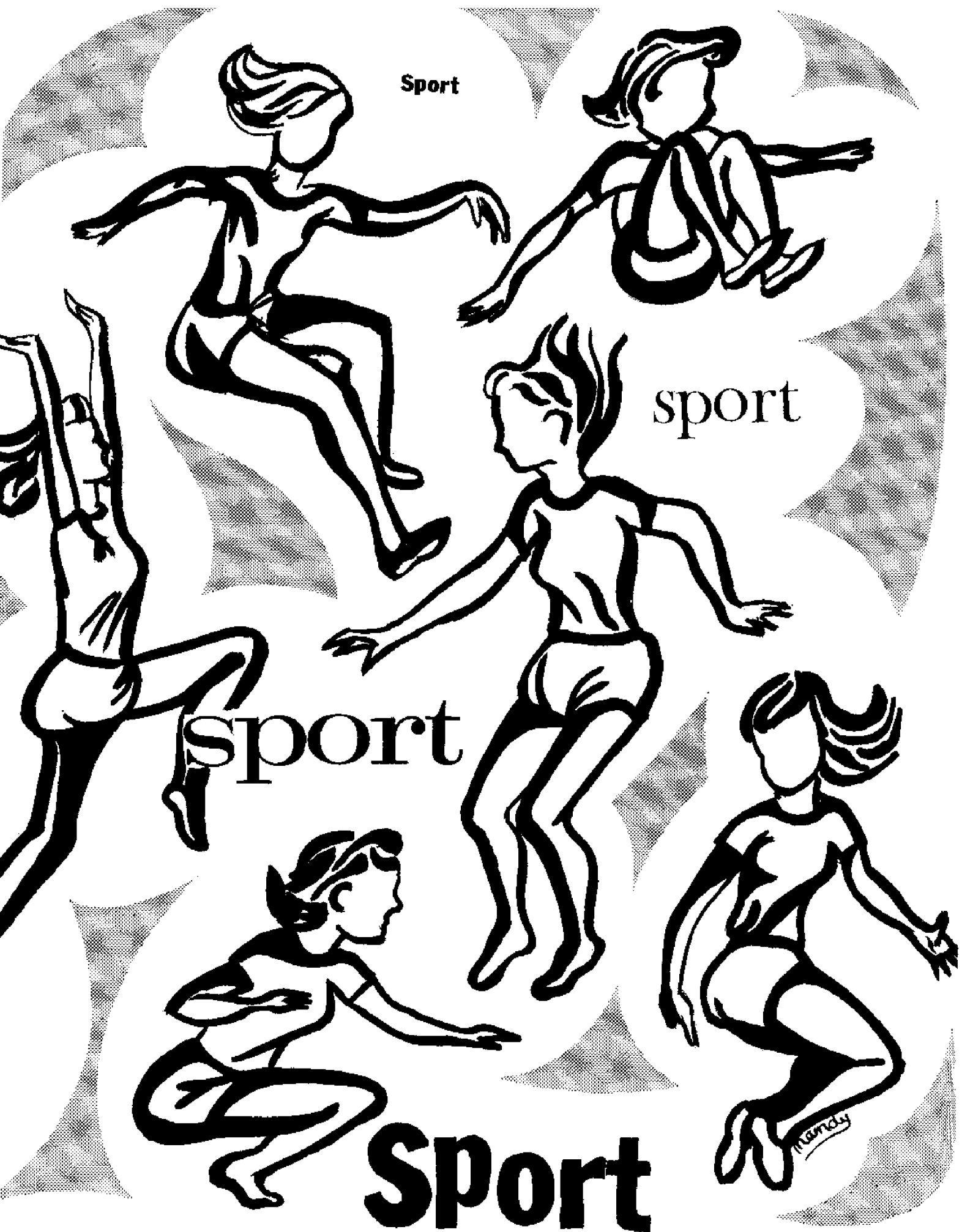
Before leaving Kuala Tahan on Saturday 22nd, the group made a brief but very interesting visit to a recently cleared site a little downstream, where villagers were planting rice.

The rice grain used was similar to that used on the hillsides of China and Japan and required little water for growth. Maize seedlings planted amongst the rice produces a two crop harvest.

And so the expeditions drew to a close with each member regretting the brevity of the stay, for this was an experience not to be missed.

N. C. Hicks.  
Linda Nathan.  
Diana Barnes.





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# THE McLEAN TROPHY

The McLean Trophy was presented to R.A.F. Changi by an ex-Station Commander, Group Captain McLean, to be competed for twice yearly by teams drawn from the various sections of Changi.

The school has always done well in this competition by fielding teams comprising pupils and staff. Last summer season, the school finished as joint holders of the cup with P.S.S. A shock defeat in the semi-final of the cricket knock-out robbed us of an overall victory.

Teams playing cricket, tennis, table tennis and water-polo all finished high in their respective leagues, with the water polo team winning its knock-out as well as scoring a run-away victory

During the winter season, the school fell to fourth position, mainly because of a lack of depth of players. On nights when the rugby and basketball teams were playing, the hockey and squash teams were weakened, as several people played in two or three teams. This fact, combined with the loss of three stalwarts in the persons of Messrs. Hedley Jones, Green and Chris Brooks, all of whom played for several teams, offers some measure of explanation.

In the summer season 1967, the school was reinforced, being able to choose from the junior school staff as well as its own, and finished second in the overall competition, an excellent result.

Results in all phases of the competition were good. The school was second in the tennis section reaching the final of the knock-out; third in athletics and swimming, and fourth in table tennis and cricket.

Over the past two years several pupils have been awarded their School Colours for sustained good performances throughout the season. Many have returned to the U.K. but here are those who remain:

R. Bentley	- Rugby.
D. Green	— Rugby.
A. Best	- Rugby, Cricket, <small>Badminton, Soccer in the swimming standards competition.</small>
D. Drumm	- Rugby, Soccer.
F. Huggon	- Soccer, Badminton
H. Nuttall	— Hockey.
J. Pearson	— Rugby.
D. Thompson	- Rugby.
P. Turner	- Cricket.
M. Taylor	- Basketball.
C. Slade	— Basketball.

Alan Best, U 6.

# RUGBY REPORT

The school section team enjoyed a successful season though failing to retain the knock-out trophy they won so splendidly last Year. The call of other sports constantly weakened the team, and injuries to key players at vital times lost us several points. During the season however, only three games were lost, and two of these were to 41 Sqd. (The Kiwis) who trounced us 11.0 in the league and scraped home 5.0 in an exciting knock out match. After 41 Sqd. were allowed an early try, play became very hard, to such an extent that two school players were carried off the field injured. Although I missed the second half (having an inch gash in my head stitched) I am assured that the team fought extremely hard, but just failed to equalize.

The only other defeat was by three points to nil, at the hands of 205 Sqd. the eventual champions, in a game which was described by the referee, Wng. Cmdr. Davies, as the best section match he had witnessed in two seasons.

The highlight of the season was an 18-3 victory over Supply Sqd. when a team of twelve boys and three staff played, all the points being scored by the boys. Another good win was when N.S.U. was overcome by three points to

nil on a waterlogged pitch, which made handling very difficult.

The school 1st XV played three games, and was undefeated. Seletar was trounced 18-0. St. John's were edged 6-5, and the staff match ended in a 6-6 draw. The victory over St. John's was the first recorded, and much credit is due to the back row forwards, Dave Thompson, John Wackett and Peter Turner, who blotted out the Singapore under 23 scrum half and fly half.

## The Staff Match.

The boys went into the staff match expecting to be well beaten, but were agreeably surprised when the pre-match line out tactics proved effective, enabling John Pearson to score. Despite the quick tackling of Messrs Bellamy and Beveridge, the school managed to see a fair amount of the ball thanks to a good supply to the scrum half from hooker Colin Hawkins. When Rob Bently converted a penalty, the school looked home and dry, but two good penalty kicks by Mr. Bellamy earned the Staff a deserved draw.

**Alan Best. U 6.**



BACK ROW: P. Turner, P. Shilling, W. Neen, D. Green, S. Bridger, D. Wackett, A. Penny, C. Hawkins, D. Swinhoe.

FRONT ROW: R. Bentley, M. Bayliss, A. Best (Capt.), D. Drumm, J. Pearson, D. Thompson.

## SECTION BASKETBALL

At the beginning of the season, the captain of the team, Mr. James, was faced with building up and training a new team. This was a big problem for most of us were complete newcomers to the game of basketball. But after much training and hard work we, beginners, found ourselves reasonably proficient at the game.

It was not until halfway through the season that the School Section team started to win games consistently, and it was about this time we had four straight victories. On the final league table the Grammar School was placed halfway down, while in the knockout competition we reached the semi-finals before being knocked out by a strong police flight team.

Out thanks go to Mr. James for training the squad and playing so well, and thank you also to Mr. Bellamy and Mr. Hibbs for being such stout members of the team.

Martin Taylor, L 6 A.



BACK ROW: C. Slade, M. Taylor, B. Dean.  
FRONT ROW: G. Hugil, J. McClarty.



## SOCCKER

Owing to the reorganisation of Section Sports the Grammar School was amalgamated with the Junior School. This, however, brought varied results throughout the season as the opposing Sections had improved even more. At the beginning, we usually lost by the odd goal and by mid-season morale was low and the standard of our play deteriorated except for one line game when Rovers narrowly won by the only goal of the match. After this game, the School team began to play even better than at first and won convincingly against 215 Squadron.

In the Knockout competition we put up a fine performance against M.P.B.W., drawing 2:2 after extra time. However, in the return game, after leading by two goals, we were defeated 3:2. At the end of the season we had

played 11 games, won 3 and lost 8, finishing 3rd from bottom in the final table.

During the school football season, there were only two games played: one against Seletar Secondary School which was drawn 3:3, and the other against the Grammar School staff who for the first time were defeated 1:0.

Our thanks go to Mr. Dowd for organizing the Section team and to Des Drumm who captained the School side, not forgetting the players who have returned to U.K. - Alan Baines, Colin Hawking and those who will soon be leaving us - Mr. Cook, Mr. Hudson, Des Drumm, John McLarty and Robert Bentley.

Fred Huggon, L 6 Se.



J. McClarty, P. Stubbs, D. Catt, R. Bentley, D. Drumm, F. Huggon, D. Allen, A. Baines, C. Hawkins, A. Best, H. Nuttall

## CRICKET REPORT

This has been a very successful year for the school cricket team. Throughout the season only three games were lost and two of these were against the teams that finished 1st and 2nd respectively in the league. The other defeat was at the hands of NASU off the

last ball of the match in the first round of the knockout.

Lack of batting depth which beared heavily on the opening pair of A. Best and Mr. Bellamy was counteracted by strength in

bowling and keen fielding. Mr. McPherson, Mr. James, Mr. Leater, B. Fullam and D. Catt shared the bulk of the bowling.

Colours were awarded to D. Catt, B. Fullam and D. Allen.

A Staff team were well beaten by St. John's Staff but a combined boys and staff team convincingly beat a Seletar commands unit.

Scores:- School 21; St. John's 87-9.  
Seletar 104; School 106-7  
(Bellamy 35 Best 50).

The annual boys vs staff match ended in an exciting tie.

Staff 45; (Best 4-12, Swinhoe 3-1).  
School 45; (Bentley 22).

Alan Best, U 6.

## SCHOOL TENNIS 1967.

There was a large number of entries for the annual school tennis championships this year. The matches were played with much enthusiasm, until the "best" players were left.

The day of the finals commenced rainy and doubtful, but thanks to the zeal of the ball-boys and others, the courts were dry enough for play. The matches were played

under the strict supervision of linesmen and umpires, and an impressive show of tennis was displayed. Particular attention should be given to the exceptional performances of Robin Thompson of the first year, who shows much promise for the future, and of Alan and Linda Best, who between them won five of the seven events. All three have left us now, and our wishes for future success go with them.

### Results.

Senior boys singles champion: Alan Best.

Senior girls singles champion: Linda Best.

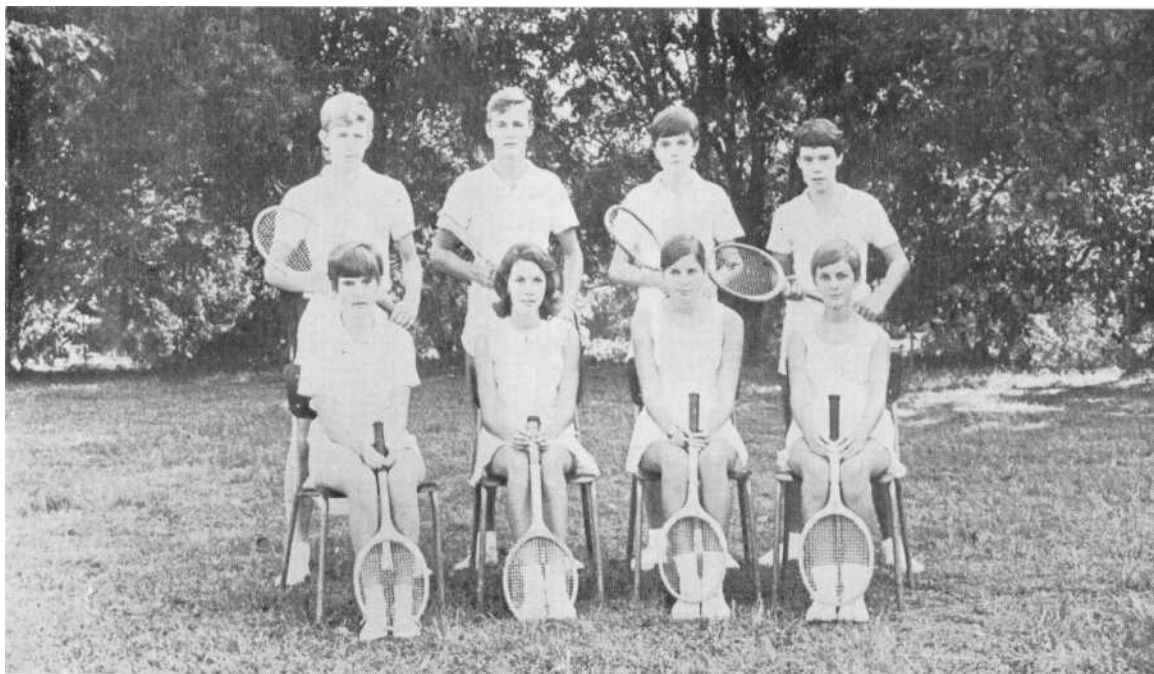
Junior boys singles champion: Robin Thompson.

Junior girls singles champion: Rosalind McColl.

Boys open doubles champions: Alan Best and Clem Tegg.

Girls open doubles champions: Linda Best and Mary Whiten.

Mixed open doubles champions. Alan and Linda Best.



BACK ROW: I. Snee, N. Neen, C. Tegg, B. Stamford.  
FRONT ROW: D. Barnes, M. Whiten, R. Haynes, J. Campbell.

# SPORTS DAY

The recent sports day held on May 31st. underwent a change of routine in that all events were held using the metric system. This meant. Of course, that there were no broken records and new records were set up ready to be beaten next year. In spite of the scorching heat, all the competitors did a magnificent job in setting up records which. I believe, will be extremely difficult to beat.

Although there are not any record-breakers to mention some of the champions need to be mentioned for their efforts. John Pearson won the 1501) m. Senior Boys' Open in 4 min. 32.2 secs. and C. Keith and D. Martin provided some excitement in the 1500 m. Junior Boys' Open when they came 1st equal in 5 mins. 27.3 secs. Jenny Thistleton. Phil Burlew and Glen Viney each won 4 medals, and also a cup for being the individual champions in their respective divisions. Other champions were: C. Bentley, R. Sutherland, R. Wallace, P. Cross and M. Whiten.

Lancaster's hard efforts certainly paid dividends as they won by well over 100 pts. It only remains now to thank Mrs. Barber for attending and presenting the prizes.

Alan Beardmore, L 6 A.



*Mary Whiten receiving one of her medals from Mrs. Barber.*



*Philip Barlow winning the 100 m.*



*Desmond Drumm and Sheila Ashby displaying the Shield won by Lancaster.*

## SWIMMING

The 1966 School gala took place on 23rd November. The afternoon turned out fine despite spasmodic showers during the morning. Competition was very fierce, particularly among the juniors, and fourteen new records were established. Philip Barker of Lancaster and Lynn Grant of Wellington each broke 3 records, whilst Anne Ockenden of Sunderland broke 2.

The final result was Lancaster 1st with 264 points, second Sunderland and 3rd Wellington.

Individual Champions were (Junior A), Sharon Kellaway, and M. Brown tied with M. McMahon; (Junior B), Rosalind Wallace and Julian Lagnado; (Junior C) Anne Ockenden and Philip Barker; (Intermediate) Sandie Walker and Nick Penny; (Senior) Lynn Grant and Geoff Vanicek.

The diving was won by Sandie Walker (girls), and Pete Shilling and Clyde Keith tied for the Boys Championship.

Mrs. Cater kindly consented to give away the prizes.

On Monday July 17th, 1967, an Inter Schools Swimming Gala was held at St. John's School. The Schools taking part were, St. John's, Bourne, Seletar and Changi. The match was conducted on a basis of one representative per school per race, but, due to the age division in the army Schools, they used one another's lanes. This method unfortunately gave Bourne an advantage over the other schools. To counteract this, Changi combined with Seletar as "R.A.F. Schools" and St. John's with Bourne as "Army Schools". The final results were:-

"R.A.F. Schools" 1581, to "Army Schools" 135.1. Individual school totals Changi 84; Seletar 741.; St. John's 721.; and Bourne 63.

Changi had a good team and won the most individual events, eight out of a possible eighteen. A special mention must go to the under 13 group who won 9 out of ten events.

Lynn Grant, U 6.



LYNN GRANT, was selected to represent Singapore at International Swimming Meeting held in Manila on May 28th, 29th, 1967. Here she competed against representatives from Thailand, The Philippines, Indonesia and the USA, including world record holder Patricia Caretto. In the photograph, Lynn (centre) dressed in the red and white uniform of the Singapore team, shows her four Silver and two Bronze awards to a group of her schoolfriends.

## ATHLETICS

The school was able to participate in only one athletics competition during the year, the Athletics Standards Competition held on Friday 9th and 16th July. For each event there were four standards, the most difficult counting four points and the easiest one point, and the school obtained in all 73 points over ten events. Particularly creditable were the 14 points obtained by 800 metres runners, and the 13 points in 200 metres. The school came third overall, gaining 11 points towards the McLean Trophy.

Robert Bentley, U 6.



## NETBALL 1966-1967

Although few matches were played this season, it has been in actual fact a valuable time for the netball enthusiasts of the school. The standard of the 1st. VII and numerous other members of the upper school was immensely improved due to regular fortnightly netball practices for anyone who wished to attend. The actual team included Gillian Tidey, captain and shooter; Julie Spencer, goal attack; Mary Whiten, wing attack; Linda Best, centre; Carol James, wing defence; Gail Ockenden, goal defence; Elizabeth Duncan, goal keeper. but many of the participants at the practices acted as stand-ins during matches.

These practices will be resumed again next season and anybody from the 4th, 5th or 6th year is welcome to attend. People who do not make the team, in which there are a number of vacancies due to the repatriation of some of the members, will be as welcome as those who do, since reserves are always in demand and the practices are useless unless at least fourteen girls attend. Transport is provided after practices, which are held on alternate Wednesdays from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Notice of practices will be given on the School Notice Board next term.

Gail Ockenden, L 6 A.

## 1st XI HOCKEY

Team:

G.K.	Lynn Grant	R.W.	Liz Lampard
R. B.	Liz Mason	R. l.	Barbara Metcalf
L. B.	Gail Ockendon	C.F.	Jenny Thistleton
R. H.	Lynn Davies	L.I.	Shena Adams-Lewis
C. H.	Sheila Johncey	L.W.	Jane Barber
L.H.	Linda Best (Captain)		

Due to transport difficulties the 1st XI were unable to play many matches this season. However the matches which were played were keenly fought, and the school finished the season with a record of 3 wins, 1 draw, 1 match lost against Seletar and St. Johns. Also two closely fought matches were played against staff teams, both of which ended in f-f draws.

Our thanks to Miss Wright and Mr. Hudson for their keen interest and support throughout the season.

Colours awarded to:-

Linda Best, Sheila Johncey,  
Barbara Metcalf.

Linda Best, L 6 Sc.

BACK ROW: S. Joncey, C. Grant, J. Thistleton, E. Lampard, G. Ockenden, B. Metcalf.  
FRONT ROW: S. Adams-Lewis, J. Barber, L. Best, C. Davies, E. Mason.



# Original Work



JUDITH SHEERAN.

# LEAVES

She awoke slowly to the peaceful snoring of her husband beside her. A faint rosy glow was filtering in through the haze of the net curtains, gradually invading the far corner of the room where her husband's clothes lay draped on a chair. One sleeve of his white shirt hung lifelessly over the arm of the wicker chair moving silently in a breath of morning air. She recalled another morning two years before when she had still been alone in her bed, smiling with delight at the prospect of the coming day. She had met him in the park and he had asked her to marry him very soon. She saw the earnest frown which had drawn his eyes together making him seem like a little child asking for an ice cream. A leaf had caught in his hair as they sat under the trees and she had picked it out, crushing it with a crackling sound into the palm of her hand. Forcing her clenched hand open he had watched the russet-brown pieces being swept away by gusts of an autumn wind.

The parting at the bus stop was brief and decisive. Bending to kiss her cheek he had given her hand an impulsive squeeze. She had still felt the brittle texture of the dead leaf in her palm. She returned the squeeze with a look of confidence. She had felt calm and sure. So did she now as she lay and gazed at her husband's shirt sleeve. It was so familiar a sight. She averted her gaze to his face, still that of a child peacefully asleep. She imagined it full of dead Autumn leaves; and when he ran his hand through his hair as he often did, the leaves would fall out rustling to the ground all around his feet. She wondered what he was dreaming of, if he could feel her thoughts on him as his lips trembled gently with the snores.

The clink of milk-bottles stirred her into activity. She slipped her feet out of bed, sure that he would not wake up, and reaching for his dressing-gown which lay near the bed she stood up waiting for the relieved groan of the springs. She always wore her husband's dressing-gown, she reflected, perhaps because it was always nearest the bed in the cold of the morning. This thought had a comforting effect on her. Tea was next now that the milk was here. She liked to watch the milk gradually clouding the clear brown liquid. She had poured the tea for Alan in that small clean restaurant in town and watched the leaves, like specks in a whirlpool, eddy around the thin flow of white milk. Suddenly she had a vision of Alan clasping her in the light of a street-lamp. They stood as if in a world apart, a universe of hazy yellow light, she with her head on his shoulder and his pale, strong hands firmly against her back. Then she saw her husband emerge from the darkness his face tinged with the fallow light. Deliberately he wrenched her free from Alan's grasp leaving him standing with hands limply hanging by his sides. Slowly and



Lyndsay hatt.

dejectedly he withdrew from the light, his face receding into the outer gloom. She turned to face her husband but he too was disappearing outside the ring of light. It was as if this world of light were her own which should be trespassed by no-one. The vision faded and she stood alone in the half light of the kitchen. The silence of the room was almost the silence of her vision, unbreakable, complete. Her ear caught the sound of the dripping tap. The sound was like familiar music ringing on the aluminium. The silence before the drop of water began its journey down was tense and expectant. The plop of the little pearl of water resounding, tolling like some gong.

She drank her tea and thought of Alan. Alan her Saviour it had seemed. The crown of thorns sat well upon his fair, soft hair. He had the face of a martyr. Had she been his cause? - a lost cause. Outside, the morning was rose-coloured, fresh and fragrant, the colour of frail roses, thornless roses, delicate and sweet.

She pushed the tea away, got up and swilled it down the sink. A pool of brown still caught around the plug, refusing to go. She poured another cup and went upstairs.

Barbara Metcalf, U 6.

## SEVEN WONDERS

The gale, it was a-howling,  
The ship was pulverised,  
And all the heaten sailors,  
They prayed and closed their eyes,  
But some there were with courage,  
And saw from afar,  
The welcome beam of Pharos,  
And th'adjacent homeward bar.

The Nile, in blue serenity,  
Looked on in ceaseless mirth,  
The Pharoah played at being Christ,  
Eons before his birth,  
They filed along the pathway,  
The worthies and the plebs,  
To see the previous monarch  
Laid in his story bed.

Babylonian Nebuchadnezzar,  
You have doubtless heard the name,  
Sought a fair and wondrous grove,  
For his ageing dame,  
She came from greener places,  
Than story Babylon.  
So he built the Hanging Gardens,  
To delight her, all day long.

Phidias, proud Athenian,  
A sculptor fine was he,  
Wrought from solid rock and gold,  
A statue for each and all to behold,  
Of Zeus, the proud,  
Zeus, the bold,  
To survey the Aegean sea.

Where is the Mausoleum,  
Tomb of Mausolus?  
Once, somewhere in Persia,  
Now, 'tis lost to us,  
Where, oh where his tall spouse,  
Beautiful as morn,  
Man, his wife and wondrous tomb?  
Lost till the eternal dawn.

Tall and great it towered,  
Helios, god of sun,  
Sculpted all in shinning bronze,  
Weighing several ton,  
Once in Rhodes it lingered,  
But now - where did it go?  
Gone, destroyed, demolished,  
Many years ago.

A temple did they build for thee,  
The Greeks, in old Ephesus,  
A shrine did they devote to you,  
Diana -  
Goddess of the silver moon,  
Goddess of the chase,

Remember us, confide in us,  
The Greeks, your servant race.

Russell Collins, 1A 3.

## TRIOLET

The wind plays with the leaves on the trees,  
And sweeps through the long, uncut grass  
Which is thick around the foothills.

Further up cows graze, watched by young boys  
With stems of esparto grass hanging from  
their lips,  
While their future steaks ruminate.

Above the cows lie the dense forests of pine,  
Where the squirrels play and store nuts,  
And the birds exchange twitters of love.

Beyond lie the royal blue carpets of gentians,  
And up on the summit, in the rock crevices  
Which are known only by children, hides the  
edelweiss.

Caroline Most. 3L1.

## THE ROMAN SOLDIER

Ringo, the Roman Soldier,  
Licks his ice-cream cornet and dreams of home.  
The Jaguars whizz down the Watling street  
Frightening swarthy Britons into their wattle huts.  
But the Roman legionary dreams of love and  
Bingo,  
And the gladiator's sword ringing against a  
Christian's skull.

"I'll follow Hitler yet,  
And wait on Soho tables,  
Wallow with Napoleon in the mud  
And swallow sand in far off Africa.  
But Vespa, Lambretta, Fiat, Lancia, Alfa-Romeo,  
Can't buy me love, when I get home."

C. Most, 3L1.

## MY GRANDAD

What silences we keep when we could speak  
To those most near and dear,  
Then out of sight and reach they go  
Those dear ones who loved us so,  
And sitting in his favourite chair that he has left,  
I think with deep regret of some kind word  
I could have said,  
To Grandad.

Jasmine Busby, I A

## BETA

And there was Time.  
The heavens shuddered and heaved a sigh of waking life.  
Worlds of mystical bodies began to whirl and  
Turn in the vast spaces of the unknown.  
The ground breathed; inhaled; absorbed the millions of coming years;  
Hungriily drew to herself the decades and centuries of motion;  
Savoured each particle, each single moment that was to give life.  
The oceans stirred from their depths a feeling of expectancy  
And swayed into a ceaseless rolling and tumbling  
Whence before they had remained without flinching or moving.  
From the very dirt and soil came a throbbing of infancy;  
Joined with the passing of days came the bursting of bud  
And the birth of the kingly Lord of the forest.  
The forest, the first kingdom no longer dormant,  
Burst from her mantle of sleep and cried out for existence.  
Reached upward and outward urgently grasping the years.  
The food of the living; the nectar of life.  
And bringing the Ambrosia of Eternity came the messengers of God,  
Whispering to every being engulfed in their ceaseless way,  
Whirling ecstatically over the terrain below,  
With a message to waken the wakeless from their slumbers.  
The winds of eternity blew the breath of being into being less souls  
And there was time.

Susan Levy, 4 L 1

## We Are the Ones Who Died

"We are the ones who died," they said,  
The countless army around my bed,  
"We are the ones who died."  
You came with your bombs,  
Your bullets, your guns,  
Your aircraft, your battleships —  
You brought with you death.  
  
"We are the ones who died," they said,  
The countless army around my bed,  
"We are the ones who died."  
You came with your soldiers,  
Who robbed us, who beat us,  
Who hated us, who killed us -  
You brought with you death.  
  
"We are the ones who died," they said,  
The countless army around my bed,  
"We are the ones who died."

Judith Sheeran, 4 L 1

## VERY FEW STAY

Many have been  
Many have seen,  
But only a few stay:  
They have other things to do.  
Traffic jams,  
Queues,  
Their white collars strangle  
Their bulging red necks.  
A bowler hat,  
A briefcase.  
Symbols of the truths  
They could escape from.  
Demanding wives  
Clamouring children.  
They all go there.  
And very few stay.

Judith Sheeran, 4 L 1



Carol Evans

## POEM

I looked up the shining silver spear,  
Engraved with strange designs.

To the hairy red hand that held it,  
And waited to die.

I looked at the bangles on the hairy wrist,  
At the roughly woven sleeve,  
At the pin that fastened his cloak on,  
And waited to die.

The smocking drew tight round his massive chest,  
Half covered by a great red beard  
And at last I saw the barbarian's face  
As I waited to die.

A great squat sunken nose,  
Between two blazing eyes, which,  
Revealed deep hatred  
As I waited to die.

The bushy brows drew together,  
The hand was raised, poised.

And I lay on the body-strewn battlefield  
And waited my turn to die.

by C. Bentley, 2 L 1

# THE COLLIER'S WIFE.

"George, are ye there lad?" No reply came through the still air of the evening. Shadows were creeping silently over the sky, obscuring the remainder of the bronze sunset, blotting out the grey, dusty heavens. The woman's face crumpled momentarily, then it changed, as if a sudden thought had come into her mind.

"George," she called again, not expecting any reply. She paused for a few minutes, then turned, and drawing herself up, she marched back along the dingy streets. It was quiet now; no more screaming children. The washing still hung, grey from the pit smoke, across the streets. Rows upon rows of dark, damp houses, back to back and cooped together like animal pens. She looked up, and saw the familiar head-gear of the pit. It turned on and on, non-stop.

Mrs. Yeats opened the front door, which led into a cramped, untidy sitting-room. Socks, shoes, trousers, and dresses were everywhere. The table had not been cleared. In the dim light of the fire, she saw George silhouetted against the wall. He was looking pensively into the fire, holding a burning piece of toast in one grubby hand. For a moment the mother felt a lump in her throat, and tears prick her eyes. She quickly pushed away the feeling, and said in a harsh voice:

"Look out, yer burnin' that bread, lad!"

The boy started violently. He turned round, blinking nervously through the dim light of the glowing fire.

"Hullo, mother. Where've yer been?"

"Lookin' fer you. Come `ere! Just look at yer face, and yer `ands! You bin down t'canal again? I've told yer not t'go there. 'aven't I? Go an' take yer shirt off, 'for yer father comes 'ome from pub! I don't know what he'll say."

"I haven't bin down canal, mother, 'onest I 'aven't!"

"Yer liar," said his mother, catching him by the collar and dragging him into the kitchen. She was a big woman, too big, with having had too many children.

"Give us yer 'ands!" She picked up the washing powder, which cleaned everything, and began scrubbing away at the boy despite protests.

"I've told yer often enough, 'aven't I? Yer not t'go down t'canal, t'isn't safethat, no fencing anywhere. Now't t'stop yer fallin' in".

"But Mum, we'rt only playin' an' throwin' stones in water. Ain't no 'arm in it, t'is there?"

"Yer not t'do it, d'yer hear me? What father will say, I don't know. Sometimes I wish yer were never born. Cause more trouble than t'rest of the family."

"I don't," George was stung into replying.

"Ay, yer do, lad. An' don't be cheeky," she added, cuffing him round the head, "Or else y'll get no supper."

The boy grew silent. He couldn't wait till tomorrow. The lads and him were going down to the canal to play pirates.

He sat down to his now cold supper, eating it hungrily, careful not to leave any. Wiping his mouth on his clean shirt, he stood up and tried to slink out of the room.

"Don't yer go t'canal tomorrow mind, or else yer father'll give yer a beating," his mother called after him.

"Goodnight," she added. All she heard for a reply was a mutter. She smiled quietly to herself, and began to clear the table.

Jane Campbell, 5 L.

## I NDEPENDENCE

The cord is cut, and thus  
From birth we are not tied  
To any man, but somehow  
Held by finer string  
Stronger than beaten brass  
Though thin,  
Entangled in the pulsing  
Of our souls;  
We sunder it, and yet  
We keep a piece within us  
Loose, and searching for another  
Severed end to join to.

Barbara Metcalf, U 6.

## LINES

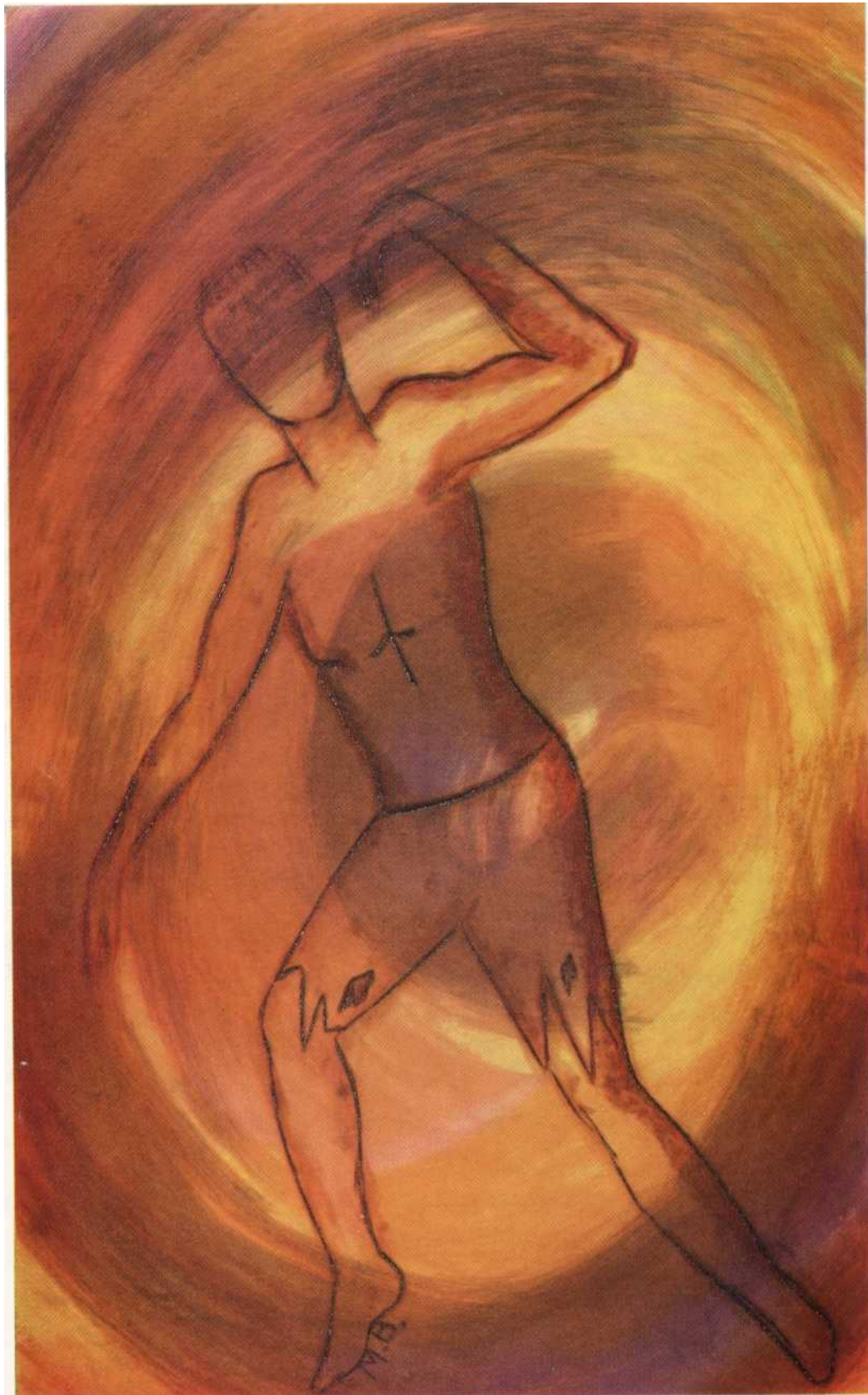
The wind scurried round me  
furtively;  
Sneaking about in little gusts  
as though it lacked the courage to be strong  
little gusts that added to the anxiety  
of my troubled heart.  
I ran, without reason  
up the black, wet road

Blindly running  
to avoid insidious, creeping thought.  
Out there, in the open  
the wide open space, I was  
Trapped  
by the Future.  
With my breath coming in short  
painful gasps  
I turned back  
Outside the door of the hot  
clutching house  
I paused  
to see the stars  
pinpoint twinkling, dipping down  
the low horizon to kiss  
the dark whispering trees.  
Suddenly,  
for a short second  
I saw the flashing trail  
of a shooting star  
zipping across the spangled sky  
And wished  
Silently  
to be Free

Sounds of dull thunder  
and raindrops on glass  
like the million small paw marks  
of a weeping cat.

Sheila Ashby, U 6.





## The Sun, the Night and the Desert.

Man is the conqueror and the king,  
But in the desert the sun is lord.

Scorching Orange and Boiling Brown.  
The sun carves a heated hollow in your back,  
The shifting sands swirl round your aching feet,  
And muscles crack into little slivers.  
Jarring and parting, jarring and parting,  
Agony.  
Where in a day you age a year,  
Where back grows humped and face withers,  
Where life is none.

Where viscious winds strike sinking sands,  
Into arrowheads of death.  
Where sand is death,  
Where thirst is death,  
Where sun is the supreme death.

Where you trudge through taunting sands,  
While sun beats scorchingly, evilly down,  
And every hill says, "Come to me,  
And you shall see your Fatherland,"  
And where you come to dry remains,  
And white-bleached bones of bird and beast.  
And the sun laughs down as if to say,  
"Ha! This is my kingdom!"

Where bloody sunset fades to cloudy pink beyond the hills  
And the land grows cruel and cold.  
Where the cold freezes your aching limbs to numbness  
Where the sands turn hard and cold,  
And in the night you wish for day,  
And in the day you wish for night,  
And it goes on eternally.  
For ever and ever and ever.

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