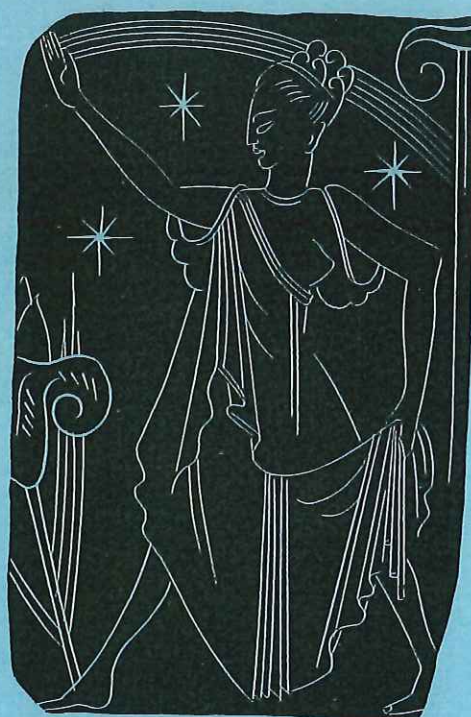


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"	2W	Penelope Russell	Susan Neville
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"	2S	Judith Rhynas	Janice Vickery
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"	4W	Ann Babbage	Heather Linay
"	4H	Brenda North	Linda Paine
"	4S	Judith Medland	Jennifer Murdock
"	5W	Margaret Topp	Jennifer Nicholson
"	5H	Lesley Burn	Christine Adler
"	5S	Gillian Catchpole	Margaret Pickett

FOREWORD

We are living in an age of change; the re-organisation of secondary education in the new borough of Waltham Forest is being discussed.

Meanwhile the school goes on; our new readers, the first formers, are settling in. The fifth and sixth forms achieve examination successes in a range of subjects, some of them leave and go on to the universities, colleges of technology, colleges of education and one of them to the Royal Ballet School. The new upper sixth settle in as prefects, anxious to lead and serve the school in so many directions, in junior and senior clubs, at school dinner, at toy-making, at entertainments for almshouse and school parties, and in service to old folk outside the school. New girls join us in the lower sixth and other forms and are soon making their contributions, not least in sharing their experiences with us. Our Canadian visitor talks of life in a Canadian school where uniform is not worn and where a student Council helps to run the school.

School parties visit Botley, enjoy winter sports in the Austrian mountains, play for the first time in national Lacrosse tournaments, visit Olympic Gymnastic Competitions, London theatres, Galleries, museums and concerts. Christine Adler visits West Germany with the London Youth Orchestra, Pamela Wells and Alison Ewer are invited to join the Essex Youth Orchestra and Jennifer Bassett is selected by the Borough to go on an Outward Bound course in the heart of the Welsh mountains.

We are sad to say goodbye to so many of our staff, to Mrs. Langton whose mature cheerful and sympathetic personality will leave a gap hard to fill; Mrs. Hughes, remembered not only for her elegance and distinction, but for an inexhaustible fund of ideas, to Mrs. Wilson, who has given so freely of her time and energy, not only to the Library and to school drama, but to stimulating lessons, whom so many of you will remember for a long time; to Mrs. Langford, who helped in the organisation of school plays and led ski-ing parties abroad, whose own neatness and precision was a living example to her Mathematics classes, and to Miss Reeves, only with us for one year, but who sent girls out into woods and hedgerows for leaves and wild flowers. Miss Bowman became Mrs. Petchey at Whitsun and left us in the summer after giving so much time and vigour to all branches of Physical Education, especially to our modern dance. We owe a great debt of thanks to those who helped us in the summer term, Mrs. Russo, Mr. Dadd, Mrs. Sheldon, Mrs. Strudwick (and Jane, of course), and Miss Rudd, whose flexibility enabled us to fill gaps in a number of departments.

We were very pleased to welcome permanent members of staff in September, Miss Harrison as Head of the Physical Education Department, Mrs. Ferguson (Mathematics and Games), Miss Fuller (Geography), Mrs. Heath (French), Miss John (English), Miss Long (Biology) and Mrs. Squires (Mathematics).

In the summer holidays Miss Acres became Mrs. Everett and Miss Crockett became Mrs. Green; we give them our best wishes for their future happiness.

Miss Burnett flourishes in her lovely warm Scottish home, and is delighted, so she tells me, with the snow. Miss Norris came to a very successful Old Girls' Association meeting in September; this success is due to the loyal support of the committee, the steady work of Miss Wheeler and the cheerful energy of the new Secretary, Mrs. Mount. The Parents'

Association has flourished and given a most welcome gift of £90, to be spent chiefly on library books.

In my first full year, I have so much appreciated the continuing links of the school, past and present.

Despite all the changes, the school continues to grow and to develop. Long may this continue.

P. M. TAYLOR.

FROM MISS BURNETT

Low Letham,
Haddington,
East Lothian.

Dear Friends,

It seems hardly a year since I last wrote in the magazine. I have heard much news from the school and have been kept well informed by those many letter writers in the VIth form and in the staffroom. Many thanks.

Now for an account of some of my recent doings. In the summer I answered an S.O.S. to teach physics in a famous Edinburgh school—1,500 boys! I was thrilled to be teaching in a first rate physics department, with views of Edinburgh spread all round me. More-over I was intrigued by Sixth formers (or younger?) swinging into school with their motor bikes and golf clubs, and with a rash of kilts and bagpipes on C.C.F. days.

There seems to be more snow on this side of the Border than when I was a school girl. At all events since early November, the Lammermoors and the Pentlands have often been white. I stare with amazement at three year olds disporting themselves on skis on the Pentlands. In December I went North to the Cairn Gorms—the road was blocked but the train got through—to sample the new hotel at Coylumbridge built for skiers. The Mountain Lodge wing there has excellent facilities for such as you—I can recommend it. I have also found myself two cottages at Balmacara on the side of Loch Asch, opposite the Isle of Skye, where I shall be spending a holiday.

But of course most of my time I spend in Haddington where I have delightful neighbours who afford lots of opportunities for baby-sitting. I also run a canteen in the Hospital for outpatients (tea, coffee, bovril, biscuits), and busy myself with the meals on wheels service. Soon I'll be involved in transporting patients in my Mini from remote farms and cottages in the Lammermoors to our local clinic. I do some mathematics coaching and I am taming one-third of an acre into a garden. Nonetheless I have breakfast in bed every single morning without exception!

In May three of us will be off in the car to Switzerland and Austria, crossing by boat Leith to Rotterdam. We have asked advice about our journeyings from Miss Norris and Miss Goldwin. I have learned how good they are to follow and hope for another twenty years in their footsteps!

I have welcomed here with much pleasure a few visitors from Walthamstow High School but not as many as I would like. Do come.

With every good wish to you all,

Yours sincerely,

Margaret Burnett.

THE SCHOOL BIRTHDAY

On Friday, 14th January Walthamstow High School celebrated its 76th birthday.

Although in the Sixth Form, we had never experienced a school birthday because we had only joined the school in September, therefore the school tradition of the thoughtful custom of filling baskets with provisions, for sick friends, impressed us considerably.

The day began with an assembly in which Mrs. Taylor recalled the spirit in which this celebration was made, and later that morning, the girls and staff made their way to St. Mary's Church, long associated with the school, for the annual Birthday Service. The Choir was led by Miss Loynes with the anthem "Praise" and the school sang other hymns, traditionally used on this occasion. Miss Rayment read impressively Luke V. verses 12-28 and this was followed by the rather startling statement, 'God is dead,' which Canon Druitt used to open an interesting sermon. This statement was culled from the American press and Canon Druitt refuted it.

In the afternoon, the well known ballet dancer and choreographer, Miss Geraldine Stephenson came to the school to give a lecture about various aspects of her work and entertained us with some of the dances which illustrated her talk. Miss Stephenson's articulate performance and amusing conversation was immensely enjoyed by girls of all ages in the school. Indeed many people thought that Miss Stephenson was one of the most interesting lecturers that had ever come to the school and she certainly had the girls and staff laughing and praising her dancing. We particularly enjoyed one about a sailor called "Tea at Sea" and others about a flower girl and a typical British student.

After the performance some girls in the Sixth Form were fortunate enough to meet Miss Stephenson and discuss dancing with her. At the end of the afternoon the baskets of produce were collected and the school was dismissed. Many people thought that our 76th birthday was one of the most enjoyable, and we, as newcomers, look forward to the next.

Carol Felt
Evelyn Cork

GIFTS TO THE SCHOOL

We acknowledge with many thanks the following gifts:—

From the Parents' Association £90 0s. 0d., and an increased donation for Progress Prizes to £5 5s. 0d.

From Mrs. Petchey—a Silver Cup for the best Tennis Couple (to be awarded annually).

From Mrs. Langford and Mrs. Strudwick—Stainless Steel Bowls (to be awarded annually to the winners of the Form Bulb Competition).

From Mr. and Mrs. Whiting—A Treasury of World Science—

Books for the Library:—

From Mrs. Wilson—Man and His Symbols—C. G. Jung.

Ed. D. Runes.

From Miss Reeves—Books on Scriptural and Zoological Subjects.

GENERAL CERTIFICATES OF EDUCATION

Awarded July 1965

The following girls received five or more ORDINARY LEVEL passes:—

Marilyn Anderson	(7)	Ruth Kempson	(6)
Pauline Ansell	(7)	Glynnis Kyte	(5)
Priscilla Attfield	(5)	Judith Langford	(7)
Shelagh Biddle	(6)	Gillian Martin	(7)
Daphne Bolton	(6)	Christine Miller	(6)
Cheryl Burke	(5)	Margaret Mitchell	(7)
Katharine Castle	(8)	Pauline Rees	(7)
Janet Clark	(5)	Maria Manzo	(6)
Lesley Cooper	(5)	Anne Phillips	(8)
Margaret Davies	(8)	Mary Richardson	(6)
Barbara Draper	(7)	Margaret Rogers	(8)
Laura Duke	(6)	Susan Rossiter	(8)
Deirdre Finch	(7)	Jacqueline Russell	(7)
Linda Field	(7)	Shirley Stansfield	(5)
Anne Gent	(7)	Jennifer Storey	(7)
Kathryn Hanning	(6)	Sandra Stubberfield	(6)
Brenda Harrison	(8)	Gillian Tuck	(6)
Susan Haywood	(7)	Janet Turner	(7)
Anne Hexter	(7)	Sally Vannoey	(6)
Margaret Holman	(7)	Barbara Walker	(8)
Jacqueline Jones	(6)	Bridget Warner	(5)
		Jennifer Whiting	(6)

The following girls received passes at ADVANCED LEVEL:—

Janet Boenke	(2)	Marjorie Hickey	(3)
Jennifer Buck	(3)	Christine Holman	(3)
Mavis Chambers	(3)	Brenda Lenton	(3)
Jennifer Coleman	(3)	Susan Oxenham	(1)
Jean Cooper	(1)	Ann Pettet	(3)
Megan Ellis	(2)	Sandra Potter	(1)
Patricia Ellis	(2)	Valerie Richardson	(3)
Marcella Evan	(3)	Jennifer Smith	(3)
Angela Flook	(2)	Denise Turner	(3)
Anthea Fryer	(3)	Susan Walters	(3)
Ann Giles	(3)	Margaret Washbourne	(3)
Mary Gurr	(3)	Janet Wheatley	(1)
Susan Harris	(2)	Susan Wood	(3)
Heather Harrison	(3)		

PRIZE-WINNERS

The McEntee Cup—All those who participated in and organised School Music 1964—1965.

Oakley Cup for Domestic Science - L.VIth.

Art Prize for the School - - - Ann Giles.

Timberlake Prizes — Upper School — Susan Walters
Middle School — Madeleine Miller

Clarissa Matthias Awards — Jennifer Coleman
Jennifer Smith
Susan Wood

Prizes given by the Parents' Association for the best progress made in the Middle School — Judith Dawes
Maureen Harris
Gillian Meadows
Vivienne O'Brien

Leadership of the School—Lord McEntee Memorial Prize—
Marjorie Hickey

Prizes for very good work:—

I.W.	Deborah Borkett	V.W.	Marilyn Anderson
	Elaine Cleghorn		Katherine Castle
I.H.	Anne Miller		Margaret Davies
II.W.	Janet Bright		Deirdre Finch
	Rosemary Evans	V.H.	Anne Gent
II.H.	Beverley Haynes		Susan Hayward
I.S.	Carol Waite		Brenda Harrison
III.W.	Jennifer Bassett		Margaret Holman
	Sheila Borkett	V.S.	Anne Phillips
	Jennifer Griggs		Janet Turner
III.S.	Barbara Peck		Barbara Walker
	Beatrice Searle	L.VI.	Ann Babbage
	Linda Watson		Lynn Burrows
	Valerie Watson		Mary Ganderton
IV.W.	Norma Chiddy		Linda Green
	Marian Cooke		Judith Medland
	Diane Crick		Judith Rhynas
IV.H.	Jennifer Hickey		Sheila Tarlton

Upper VI

Mavis Chambers	—	Chemistry
Jean Cooper	—	Geography
Angela Flook	—	Geography
Anthea Fryer	—	Chemistry, Physics, Zoology
Mary Gurr	—	Zoology
Susan Harris	—	Zoology
Heather Harrison	—	Chemistry
Marjorie Hickey	—	Physics
Christine Holman	—	Chemistry
Ann Pettet	—	Chemistry
Susan Walters	—	French, German, English
Margaret Washbourne	—	History, Scripture
Susan Wood	—	English, History

SCHOLARSHIPS, EXHIBITIONS AND AWARDS

We should like to congratulate the following:—

County Major Awards:—

Pamela Barfoot	Anthea Fryer
Janet Boenke	Marjorie Hickey
Jennifer Buck	Jennifer Smith
Katharine Castle	Denise Turner
Mavis Chambers	Susan Walters
Jennifer Coleman	Margaret Washbourne
Marcella Evan	Susan Wood

*Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music
Practical Examinations.*

Violin	Grade I	Heather Day
		Caroline Drummond (Merit)
		Susan Hobbs (Merit)
		Karen Johnson
		Linda Joyce
		Susan Joyce
		Linda Silverman
		Rosemary Whitehead
	Grade III	Marion Hartley (Merit)
		Isabel Hobbs
	Grade IV	Penelope Cranston (Merit)
		Barbara Peck (Merit)
Pianoforte	Grade I	Angela Gardner (Merit)
		Marion Lucas
	Grade III	Caroline Drummond
		Elizabeth Wyatt (Merit)
	Grade V	Gillian Catchpole (Merit)
Clarinet	Grade III	Marian Cooke (Distinction)
		Linda Paine
		Beverley Saville (Merit)
	Grade V	Heather Linay
Singing	Grade VI	Gillian Catchpole (Merit)

General Musicianship

Grade V	Pamela Weller (Merit)
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Theory of Music

Grade V	Rosemary Bass
Grade VI	Marian Cooke (Distinction)
Grade VII	Pamela Weller

Walthamstow Art and Crafts Youth Association:—

Painting Figure and Portrait		
First Class		Ann Giles
Very Highly Commended		Elizabeth Harper
Painting Competition		
Second Class		Hilary Rand
Very Highly Commended		Ann Giles
Painting Abstract		
Highly Commended		Ann Giles
Design Prints	Second Class	Susan Grange
	Commended	Jacqueline Jones
Design College	First Class	Wendy Seabright
	Second Class	Jennifer Hickey
		Jean Smith

Walthamstow High School Junior Wild Flower Competition:—
Christine Rogers 1.S.

DEGREES AND COLLEGE AWARDS

Janet Jenkinson—B.Sc.(Hons.)—Zoology—Cardiff.
Awarded University Post Graduate Studentship.

Mary Adcock—B.Sc.(Hons.)—Botany—Durham.

Gillian Hood—B.A.(Hons.)—Latin—University College, Swansea.

Patricia Shepherd—B.Sc., Applied Physics—Brighton College of Advanced Technology.

Anne Whiring—B.Sc., Applied Physics—Brighton College of Advanced Technology.

Patricia Thompson—B.A.(Hons.)—German, Bristol. Awarded 1964.

Jennifer Hamill—National Diploma of Design.

Maureen Warner—Bedford College—Caroline Spurgeon Memorial Prize for Shakespearean Studies.

Marion Salt—G.R.S.M., Royal College of Music—June 1965.

Desney Wyness—L.T.C.L. (Mus.Ed.)—Trinity College of Music—June, 1965.

Katherine Castle—Awarded a place at the Royal Ballet School.

Jennifer Bassett—Rhownair Outward Bound School, Towyn, N. Wales.

THE RENAISSANCE CONFERENCE

In May, sixth-formers taking History went to a conference on the Renaissance which was held in the Botany theatre of University College, London.

The Lecturers were introduced by Professor Bindoff, the chairman. The first lecture was given by Dr. Daniel Waley on the Renaissance in general and the second by Dr. Peter Murray on Renaissance Art. This was of especial interest as it was illustrated with slides. The last lecture was given by Peter Burke, Esq. on the Renaissance in England.

All who attended these lectures felt that it was a very worth while experience.

BOTLEY, WHITSUN 1965

During our week's stay in Botley, a number of us participated in a general field course designed to be useful for Ordinary level geography. This full course started on the first night, when we went out in groups, with only a compass to lead us (so they thought) to four check points, and finally to a hut on the edge of the grounds. Several hours passed before we all completed the course, after numerous fights with bogs, nettles, the River Hamble, and finally a frantic run from a "phantom voice", which turned out to be Miss Newey.

"Bug and Bush Hunting", organised by Mrs. Green, was most enjoyable, each group mapping and classifying a small area of wood, and even collecting insects and spiders. Riverwork provided perhaps most amusement. The object was to find out as much as possible about the River Hamble. We certainly made some discoveries—mainly mud and water. Naturally Mrs. Green came back loaded with more specimens!

There were other interesting features during the week, such as the map reading expedition when we were dropped by a van, had to locate where we were, and then to find our way home—on foot, with only a map, and that compass again!

Several visits were arranged to nearby places of interest, including Winchester College and Cathedral, and Southampton. During free time there were facilities for table-tennis, volley-ball, and tennis—on a grass court with many daisies but no lines.

The week ended with a rousing camp-fire and sing-song in which we discovered some hitherto latent talent amongst our group.

We all owe our grateful thanks to Miss Fair, Mrs. Green, and Miss Newey, for a wonderful week, which was enjoyable as well as educational.

A BABBAGE, L.VI.

ON TOUR WITH L.S.S.O.

During the Easter holidays of 1965, the London Schools Symphony Orchestra made a concert tour of Western Germany, visiting Bonn, Frankfurt and Bad Godesburg. We flew from Luton Airport in a Britannia which held a hundred players and their instruments, including six double basses, and timpani. We arrived at Frankfurt Airport and went from there to a Youth Hostel. Because of the rules of the Hostel everybody was in bed by 10.30 p.m. but was soon awakened by the strains of a tuba solo—"Silent Night" coming from the direction of the boys' dormitory. Not all the music on the trip was part of the official programme, and there were many singing sessions in the coaches which took us from town to town, and on the deck of the steamer in which we travelled down the Rhine.

We gave three concerts; one was televised and another was given in the Beethovenhalle in Bonn, the equivalent of our Festival Hall. The musical director of Bonn was present, and we gave the first performance of one of his works.

The trip was not uneventful, and we were delayed at the departure from County Hall, Westminster because the harp was too big to go through the door of the coach, and had to be transported from Luton to London by taxi!

However, despite this and other misadventures, we had an enjoyable if hardworking trip.

C. ADLER U.VI

OUTWARD BOUND

The pouring rain dampened my first views of Wales and particularly of Rhownair, a beautiful school that was to be my home for the next three weeks with eighty-three other girls. There were eleven girls with me in a dormitory called Idwal and we soon made friends.

The course began on Saturday when we learned to our dismay that we were camping out. To add to the horror we had to cook on primus stoves which were as obstinate as mules when we tried to light them in a blustery wind.

Sleeping in a tent that you have pitched is another experience that I was fearfully looking forward to. Seeing that the wind had got under the ground sheet, I was full of doubts as to the stability of the tent. Foolishly we camped on a slope for the reason that it was well sheltered but we discovered our error when, in the morning, everything was outside, including half of us and our sleeping bags!

Walking however took up a great deal of time and one had to be determined to be able to walk in bad weather. It is surprising that if one makes the effort, it is very enjoyable. Cader Idris was the final goal at the end of the course and after a hard day walking up the slippery crags the mist lifted at the summit and we could see down into the beautiful valley.

Canoeing! This was something I'd wanted to do for a long time but my enthusiasm fizzled out to nothing when I'd canoed through two sessions in the pouring rain and an almost gale force wind. To add to this, Frances and I had a leaky canoe with so much water in it that we were unable to paddle.

Rock climbing was a great experience and Tonfaru lived up to my expectations and unless you are scared of heights, rock climbing has nothing frightening attached to it. Abseiling down a mine was connected with this. To abseil, one has to sit in a piece of rope in the shape of an 'eight' and with the rope going over one shoulder to climb down the rock at an angle of ninety degrees.

In between these activities, we did different ropes courses and one of them had a water jump which quite a few people fell in; we laughed of course! But it wasn't quite so funny if you fell in yourself. For the ropes course you had to be brave but it was funny seeing other people trying to keep their balance.

Drama was the indoor activity and we ended the course with a scene acted by each dormitory to be rounded off by a party.

The badge given to the girls was only given if they had kept the pledge and the motto:

TO SERVE TO STRIVE AND NOT TO YIELD

Perhaps after reading this you think that it was a three week holiday. But every-day we had to clean our dormitories and clean a section of the school that had been allocated to us. Also, nearly everyday we had to wash and wipe dishes and cutlery for one hundred people.

Of course we had to clean and put away our own equipment every time we used it.

So now you might not think of the course as a holiday!

J. BASSETT 4.W

THE EASTER TRIP TO SWITZERLAND

It had been raining since early morning and we thought that the rain would spoil our outing through the Lauterbrunnon valley that afternoon; but, by midday the skies had cleared and the sun was visible above the mountains.

The coach is here girls?.....soon we were speeding towards Lauterbrunnen with the sun streaming through the windows of our coach. We passed through a small village and entered the valley. The steep sides of the valley towered above us, and on either side lay lush green fields dotted with gaily painted chalets. As we drove further into the valley, Miss Fair pointed out the Staubbach Falls, which she told us was one of the highest in Europe; it hung from the top of the valley like a white lace veil. We left the coach and a lift took us up to the Trummelboch falls. Inside the caves the wonder of the falls could be seen from a balcony as the water cascaded down the smooth rocks. As we left the falls, we were surprised to see a village perched right at the top of a mountain and the only apparent way of reaching it, was by a chairlift.

The next day we ourselves went on a chairlift to the top of the Neiderhorn. Everyone was rather nervous at first, but once we had begun our ride, we relaxed and enjoyed the panoramic view. Spread before us was the town of Interlaken standing between the Lakes Thun and Brienz. When we reached the top the snow was knee-deep and a bitter wind was blowing; but this did not prevent us enjoying the view of the Swiss alps. Unfortunately the time arrived for our journey down, but we were confident now and enjoyed the journey tremendously.

LINDA RICHARDSON
LYNDA POND
SUSAN THORP
V.S.

SKI-ING IN AUSTRIA

This Christmas, a party of ski-enthusiasts, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Petchey, Miss Newey and Miss Wyatt, visited Goetzens, a small village about six kilometres from Innsbruck, Austria.

Before reaching the Tyrol our enthusiasm was somewhat curbed by the scarcity of snow. However, a fresh snowfall greeted our arrival and we were all up bright and early the next morning to test the snow: if not always with our skis, at least with some part of our anatomy!

Tired of the well-worn phrase, 'And now we go for a little walk up the hill', the more advanced members of our group attempted the newly-erected ski-drag. Everyone managed to reach the top by some means or other (usually by the latter!). After a few tries we all ascended successfully much to our and the waiting Austrians' delight.

The culmination of our week's ski-ing was the taking of Test Four of the recognised "ÖSTER-REICHISCHE SCHISCHULE". Seventeen people, headed by our staff, were successful and were presented with their certificates and badges by the head of the ski-school, Herr Mair.

This provided a fitting conclusion to an enjoyable holiday, and although we returned tired, luckily no bones had been broken.

M. ROGERS
P. RODGER L.VI

SCHOOL CALENDAR 1965-66

Spring Term 1965

January.

- 7th School resumes.
- 15th School Birthday Service at St. Mary's Parish Church.
Lecture on Costume by Mrs. Stella Newton, Lecturer, Courtauld Institute.
- 22nd Junior Dramatic Club present 'Boy with a Cart' to Forms I, II, III and VI.
- 27th Careers Meeting.
- 28th Talk to VIth Form on V.S.O. by Mr. Thomas.
- 29th VI Form girls visit Woodford High School for a talk on University of Leeds.
1.30 Film of Sarawak (Freedom from Hunger) shown to school.

February.

- 9th Members of VIth Form visit Science Museum.
- 11th Mr. Daymond talks on Finland to VIth Form.
- 12th Members of VIth Form attend performance of 'Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme'.
- 13th E.F.Y.M.A. Junior Music morning.
- 24th Members of the Olympic Gymnastics Committee visit school to see demonstrations and Gymnastics Club.
- 26th VIth Form attend Lecture at Zoological Society.
- 27th VIth Form visit to 'Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme'.

March.

- 3rd VIth Form Lecture and visit to Maritime Museum, Greenwich.
- 10th Classical and Historical Society: Lecture on 'The Roman Ship'.
- 11th VIth Form Discussion Group: talk on Russia.
- 12th VIth Form attend German play 'Leonce and Lana' by Büchner.
- 13th Various forms visit Ross Wylde Hall for exhibition of 'The Englishman's Castle'.
- 16th Junior Debating Society debate with Monoux.
- 20th E.F.Y.M.A. Choral Day.
School Party attend International Gymnastic Match at Wembley.
- 24th School Music Concert.
- 29th IIIrd Form visit to Zoological Society for lecture.
- 30th Shakespeare Acting Festival adjudicated by Mr. Collins, Essex
Drama Organiser.

April.

- 2nd VIth Form attend lecture at Monoux on 'France in the 20th Century'.
- 3rd School Choir take part in a performance of St. Matthew's Passion at Highams Park.
- 5th Finals of School Hockey and Lacrosse Matches.
- 6th Public Performance of best items of Shakespeare Acting Festival.
- 7th Form I attend performance of 'H.M.S. Pinafore' at Monoux.
- 8th Finals of School Netball matches.
- 9th Lenten Service in St. Mary's Parish Church.
End of Term.
- 20th VIth Form leave for Field Study Course at Co. Antrim.
- 21st-30th IVth Form Expedition to Spiez, Switzerland.

Summer Term 1965

May.

- 4th School resumes.
- 13th Track Events: Waltham Forest Athletics Association.
- 19th Field Events: Waltham Forest Athletics Association.
- 22nd Lower VI attend University College for one day lecture conference on the Renaissance.
- 24th Semi-Finals: Waltham Forest Athletics.
- 26th Finals: Waltham Forest Athletics.
- 28th Forms IV and Lower VI attend Gas Show Room Demonstrations.
- 29th E.F.Y.M.A. Instrumental Day.

June.

- 1st Open Day.
- 2nd World Children's Day: C.E.W.C. Meeting.
- 3rd Party leave for Canoeing/Sailing/Field Studies course at Waltham Forest centre in Botley, Hants.
- 10th Form VI visit Open Day—Occupational Therapy Centre.
- 29th Waltham Forest Schools Swimming Gala preliminary heats.

July.

- 2nd The Archdeacon of West Ham talks to VI Form on the writings of the Bishop of Woolwich.
- 5th Series of lectures 'The Expanding Frontiers of Knowledge' begin at Sir George Monoux Grammar School.
- 7th Forms V and VI attend Field Study Courses at Pembroke and Shrewsbury for one week.
- 8th Finals Waltham Forest Swimming Gala.
- 9th Members of VI Form visit Commonwealth Conference at McEntee Technical School.
Old Girls and Old Staff talk to Forms V and VI on 'The Universities' and 'Teaching as a Career'.
Lecture on smoking to V Forms.
- 13th VI Form History Group attend all day lecture on the Reformation at the University of London, University College.
- 15th Sports Day.
- 16th Swimming Sports.
S.C.M. Conference (VI Form)—The Bishop of Woolwich.
- 19th Forms V and VI visit Stratford-on-Avon Shakespeare Exhibition.
- 20th Dramatic readings 'My Brother's Keeper' attended by Forms V and VI at McEntee Technical School.
- 21st Forms V attend Gas Board Lecture at Tea Centre on 'Your Looks, Food and Clothes'.
Tennis Finals.
Saturday morning Music School present 'Hansel and Gretel'—Humperdinck.
- 22nd VW present Concert.
VH present 'The Dear Departed'.
VS present Sketches and Songs.
- 23rd U.VI present '1066 and All That'.
Junior Play performed to the whole school.
End of Term.

Autumn Term 1965

September.

- 9th School begins.
- 14th Inaugural Meeting of the History Society; old girl Janet Johnson talks on 'History at the University'.
- 25th Two school delegates attend Diocesan Vocations Conference at Selwyn College, Cambridge.
- 30th S.W. Essex Classical and Historical Society A.G.M. at Woodford High School.

October.

- 4th C.E.W.C. London District Council Committee Meeting.
- 5th Geoffrey Sentinella speaks to Music Society on 'Modern Music'.
- 8th Eric Shilling and Company give performances of 'Figaro' and 'The Telephone'.
- 11th Form VI attend Ford Dagenham Lecture given by Dr. Beeching.
- 14th The Rev. J. D. Clark speaks to the Christian Fellowship Group on Albert Schweitzer.
- 21st Form VI attend Atlantic Conference at Leyton High School.
- 26th Form VI visit 'Macbeth in Camera'.

November.

- 3rd S.W. Essex Inter-Schools Classical and Historical Society attend talk on 'Castles' by Mr. Arnold Fellowes.
- 5th Third Form group visit the British Museum Ethnological Department—'Primitive Instruments'.
- 12th Cello Concert given to school by Miss Florence Hooton.
- 13th E.F.Y.M.A. Orchestral Day—S.W. Essex Technical College.
- 16th C.E.W.C. visit 'Children of Asia' exhibition at Chenil Galleries, Chelsea.
- 19th Lynn Bevan speaks to the Sixth Form on 'Life in a Canadian School'.
- 22nd Inter-School Christian Fellowship Committee Meeting in School Library.
- 24th Visit to Royal Meteorological Society—Lecture on 'The Use of Satellites Observations in Meteorology'.
- 26th Mr. Knight speaks to the Sixth Form on Golf.

December.

- 2nd Lecture on 'Brass Rubbings' to First and Second years by Mr. Edwardes of the Essex Record Office.
The Rev. Furse speaks to the Inter-Christian Fellowship.
- 8th & 10th Form VI visit exhibition 'World of the Bible'.
- 9th, 10th & 11th School Plays: 'The Hole' by N. F. Simpson.
'The Laboratory' by D. Campton.
- 16th Old Folks' Party.
- 20th Carol Concert by School Choirs and Soloists at Shern Hall Methodist Church.
- 21st Selection of Carols at Alliston House Old People's Home.
- 22nd School Carol Service at St. Mary's Parish Church.

Christmas Holidays

- Ski-ing trip to Goetzens, Austria. 22nd December-1st January.
- Victoria and Albert Museum History Lecture—December 29th.
- Energetics-Institution of Electrical Engineers—December 30th.
- C.E.W.C. Christmas Holiday Lectures 'Race against Time'.

SCHOOL MUSIC ACTIVITIES

The number of girls owning their own instruments has greatly increased during the last year and classes for violin, clarinet and almost all orchestral instruments, including brass, have expanded with success. In addition to this, participation in junior recorder groups makes a valuable preparation for learning an orchestral wind instrument.

A junior orchestra was formed this year. The junior and senior orchestras combined, now number over fifty players. The enthusiasm of the first formers has made it possible to form two choirs run by sixth form members and the middle school and senior choirs, already well established, have continued vigorously.

The Saturday morning Music School continues to flourish with increasing numbers of staff and pupils. Last summer the choir gave a performance of "Hansel and Gretel" by Humperdink. Orchestral and other instrumental performances were also given.

About two hundred girls took part in the annual school concert in March. The senior choir gave a performance of "Hiawatha's Wedding Feast" by Coleridge Taylor with the assistance of Peter Bamber (Tenor) and an old girl of the school, Desney Wyness, as accompanist. The middle school choir performed a choral fantasia of English folk songs. The orchestra gave a short programme in which both junior and senior orchestras took part, the junior orchestra making their first public appearance, conducted by a member of the sixth form. Choral and recorder music was performed which had also been prepared by senior pupils. Other instrumental music was given including a string quartet.

A short demonstration of various school musical activities was given at Open Day.

In the Spring Term the junior choirs took part in the Epping Forest Youth Music Association's performance of "The Echoing Green". The senior choir also took part in this festival, their work being "Jesu, Priceless Treasure" by Bach. An instrumental day for group and solo work was held in May by the Association. This is a non-competitive festival and is held purely for the enjoyment of the instrumentalists.

Some of the senior choir members took part in a performance of Bach's "St. Matthew Passion" by the Forest Choir. Others from the lower Sixth Form sang in "Night of Miracles" by John Peterson at St. Mary's and St. Gabriel's churches, Walthamstow.

Throughout the year, girls have attended concerts at the Festival Hall and the Royal Albert Hall as well as the local concerts of the Forest Philharmonic Orchestra held at the South West Essex Technical College.

The senior choir gave a concert of Christmas music at Shernhall Methodist Church, Walthamstow and also sang to the residents of Aliston House. Our usual annual carol service was held at St. Mary's Church at the end of term.

LINDA PAINE
BRENDA NORTH
L.VI.



HENRY VIII
U.VI. Shakespeare Drama Festival.

A. GILES, U.VI.

SHAKESPEARE ACTING COMPETITION

Our biennial Acting Competition fell, appropriately enough, in the Spring Term of 1965, Shakespeare's quarter-centenary. So with knowledge and enthusiasm increased by the vast amount of attention paid to the bard by radio, television and press, the school set about bringing him to life for themselves.

But, as always, practice presents far more problems than theory. We were soon plunged into the intricacies of costume, lighting and, worst of all, word-learning. Another practical measure was taken, a rota was drawn up for the use of the stage in order to prevent bloodshed over this vital privilege. Each form eventually triumphed over tribulation and coherent Shakespearean scenes emerged on the day of the competition.

Only the middle and upper school take part in the competition and the lower school girls gaped in astonishment as competitors fled down the corridors in half-sewn costumes. But time, tide and our judge, Mr. Collins, the Drama Adviser for Essex, wait for no girl, so three deep breaths and on to the stage and pray that the safety-pins hold. They held with great success. 4.H acted the scene from Hamlet in which Ophelia is losing her grip on the strange world about her. The scene could easily have been over-played and become funny, but the balance was maintained and Ophelia remained a tragic girl, brokenly singing out her misery. This production gained the first prize in the middle school. In the upper school, the winner was U.VIth with a scene from Henry VIII, in which Catherine pleads with Henry to tell her why he is displeased. This scene has all the pomp of the Elizabethan court contrasted with Catharine's misery. Lower VI produced a scene of one of Richard III's dark moments and reinforced the gloom whilst with dim stage lighting worlds away from this, 3.S acted (always a popular choice among the lower forms) the Pyramus and Thisbe scene from Midsummer Night's Dream, the scene was acted with a great deal of liveliness and fun, which even though it did not win first place for them, certainly caused considerable merriment in the audience.

But after all the fuss and fever of actually getting actresses on the stage, it was a tense and impatient audience that gathered to hear Mr. Collins' verdict. He made many constructive suggestions for the improvement of each performance and not only did he say what he did not like, but also what he did like. It was extremely gratifying to feel that we had attained at least a recognisable degree of artistic achievement.

After the competition some of the best scenes were staged again for the parents to see. This was, on the whole, a much more relaxed and leisurely affair, although there were inevitably some hectic moments.

The competition seems to generate more interest in Shakespeare than anything else. It has the same appeal as the 'do-it-yourself' craze, when one stages Shakespeare, one must become aware of every detail and shade of meaning and this involvement completely changes the Shakespeare of the printed page.

Upper School

First	U.VI.	Excerpt from Henry VIII.
	L.VI.	„ „ Richard III.
	5.W.	„ „ Taming of the Shrew.
	5.H.	„ „ Julius Cæsar.
Form	5.S.	Excerpt from Merry Wives.

Middle School

First	4.H.	„	„	Hamlet.
	4.W.	„	„	Twelfth Night.
	4.S.	„	„	As You Like It.
	3.W.	„	„	Macbeth.
	3.H.	„	„	Winter's Tale.
	3.S.	„	„	Midsummer's Night Dream.

Mrs. Wilson performed as energetically as usual in organising the rehearsals which contributed so much to the Festivals' success.

A. PHILLIPS L.VI

THE HOLE

In producing this modern, and somewhat unlikely play, the school drama enthusiasts were confronted by many, not altogether, unforeseen difficulties.

These difficulties were caused by the actual production of the play and by the manner in which the audience would eventually receive it. In an age when television viewers are constantly decrying plays which require a certain amount of imagination on their behalf, this last consideration was perhaps the most outstanding of their difficulties.

The unfortunate members of the cast found themselves attempting to learn unconnected sequences and to disentangle whirlpools of words. They played their lines, however, with the utmost conviction which led the audience to believe that they actually understood them.

There were many incidents in the play which the audience found amusing, including the conversations of two matronly figures, played by Ann Richards and Susan Pritchard, concerning their husbands' claustrophobia. Susan Haywood showed a remarkable talent for remaining motionless and silent during long periods of time, while other members of the cast continued, with animated controversy, to discuss the contents of the hole.

The hole itself was cleverly contrived from a most complicated arrangement of rods and red cloths bearing the mark of Walthamstow Borough Council.

The play was, despite the aforementioned difficulties, well received. The audience departed with the impression that there had been a profound criticism of society behind the play which they should have understood, even if they did not actually grasp the significance.

The audience also appreciated the presence of Brenda Harrison who played very adequately, the part of a visionary, and Susan Pritchard and Anne Richards who gave the most colourful performances.

Thus, through hard work, perseverance, and the encouragement of the producer, Mrs. Everett, the cast was able to overcome its difficulties and the three productions of the play were very successful.

MARY RICHARDSON L. VI

THE VOYAGE THEATRE

In October the Advanced Level English group, accompanied by Mr. Messenger and Mrs. Everett went to the Jeannetta Cochran Theatre in Holborn, to see the play "Macbeth in Camera". This was performed by the Voyage Theatre Company, which consists of four actors only, led by Harold Lang, who wrote, directed and acted in the play. It was based on an actual argument, which took place between two actors and their producers and the organiser of an Elizabethan festival, a brilliant, young academic. The play is the discussion which results from their different methods of interpreting Shakespeare. The festival organiser is horrified to find the actors looking for the meaning of speeches by translating them into their own words. He believes that all that is necessary to understand Shakespeare is to be found in the actual text. The actors maintain that the only way to interpret 'Macbeth' is to see what each character does in every speech and to ask why. They prove their method very convincingly by shedding new light on the character of Lady Macbeth, the England scene, and King Lear's speech to the elements. The character of the academic however, was rather weak and his point of view not put over as strongly as it deserved. In spite of this bias, the play put forward some very unusual and stimulating ideas about Shakespearian interpretation, which led to various discussions later.

JUDITH MEDLAND U.6

HAIL TO THE QUEEN!

On the afternoon of Open Day, 1965, The Junior Drama Society presented "Hail to the Queen".

It had been hoped to perform the play in the appropriate setting of the Greek Theatre, but the day proved to be cold and rainy and we retired to the hall.

The performance was the result of many long hours of rehearsal spent in the chilly Greek Theatre before school, or in the hall when the weather got the better of us. It had only been decided to use this play about four weeks beforehand and so at once a lot of work had to be done in a very short time. Fortunately, the costumes were very simple—the leading character, a goddess, wore a straight white dress and a draping white train. Mrs. Everett had very kindly offered to do the make up, but the most troublesome problem was working out how to give the effect of a hailstorm. Finally every person off stage ended up by throwing washing soda on the stage.

Many thanks are given to Miss Dodman who made all this possible, and who put in a lot of hard work.

C. WAITE 3.S
B. SAVILLE 3.S
R. EVANS 3.W



P. JOHNSON.

L.VI.

LIFE AND DEATH

The flames flare up,
And light with reddish glow
The shepherds huddled
Talking of their flocks
On this cold night.
How were they to know
What was about to happen.

The angels told them
Of a baby
Who was born
In Bethlehem.
The shepherds went there
To the stable
Where this Jesus, was
born to die.

CHRISTINE VAGG 3.S



The night was warm but windy
Stars twinkled and vanished
The trees sighed softly
As if mourning the death of a
loved one.
Silently, without fuss, he was born
A pale, weak creature
Looking as though there was no hope.
Grave faced and tearful eyes
Saw into his future.
But was there any future?
Quietly they were told,
He would not live,
They stood gazing upon him
Until, slowly he breathed his last breath.
Dawn broke, cold and raining
And the trees moaned,
As if they knew of this short life and death.

SUSAN JOLLY 3.H

THE PUDDLE

A puddle, a boy, an empty street
No mother around to reprimand
For mud-bespattered hands or feet.

A step and a jump, a massive splash,
Oh bliss was the feeling of muddy water
On clean white socks and shirt.



Again he jumped and again,—again.
Excitement mounting, all traces of clean
fresh clothes disappeared.

Filthy but happy, wild but elate,
His hair on end, his clothes askew,
His shoes, new polished, soaking wet.

Suddenly, guilt, repentance, shame,
He surveyed his condition, looked
at a clock which showed fast passing time.

PAT SALSBURY 3.S

OWLS

Deep set ringed ball like eyes,
Silky, sheen of feathers,
Hooked beak,
Folded wings,
Fanlike tail
Clinging claws,
Sorrowful looking eyes,
White breast,
Mottled wings,
Feathers around his legs, as if he was wearing trousers.
So real and alive.

V. BEAKE 1.W



The distorted oval shaped body and
the heart shaped face sloping softly
down to the cruel hooked beak.

The big, brown, circular eyes that once
were full of life, now stare at me, cold,
and stark and bleak.

The awful talons, hooked in a cruel
manner as if revenging death.

The soft downy feathers white, streaked
brown, velvety to the touch

The long, brown, black tail feathers
silky smooth.

The wings that once flew in slow, gliding
wing beats, now lie down, stiffly
folded at it's side.

MARGARET CLAPSON 1.W.

HEARTACHE

The dilapidated amphitheatre
looks cracked and broken up,
The stones are old and grey,
They have seen happier years than these,
The rostrum stands in the centre,
Squat and fat like a sentry on guard,
The weeds intermingle with the concrete,
The steps rise majestically up towards
higher ground,
The stone slabs are dotted with
leaves and weeds to hide their shadowy breaks.

S. SHEPHERD 2S

PARADISE

It was lost and regained by Milton,
Found by a pilgrim because of his progress (Bunyan).
My paradise would be like Mt. Olympus,
The home of the immortals.
Sipping nectar and mead,
eating venison.
A dream maybe but a treasure.
Old Grecian costumes,
hair-piled high,
Hearing sweet music.
Like sun-light winking on a jewel.

S. SHEPHERD 2S

THE CHILD

The old man, turned once more and said:
"This child was born to be great—but he was born also to die."
He gathered up his flowing robes and disappeared into the night.
Somewhere, a dog howled, and an angry voice
silenced it. A little wind had sprung up, and rustled the straw.
The child whimpered, and Mary picked him up.
She knew the old man would never come again, she knew who he was.
She also knew that what he had said was true.
It was peaceful outside in the night, but inside it was more so.
A deeped, more tranquil peace.
Mary felt this peace. Her son, the child who was to be a Saviour slept
on in her arms, not yet knowing of the life to come.

A. CLARK 3.W

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NETBALL

1st VII

		Summary of Results				
		Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
G.K.	M. Chambers (Capt.)	1st VII	8	7	0	1
G.D.	P. Rodger	2nd VII	7	3	0	4
W.D.	M. Topp	4th Year VII	3	2	0	1
C.	B. Walker	3rd Year VII	7	0	0	7
W.A.	P. Attfield	2nd Year VII	7	6	0	1
G.A.	B. Warner	1st Year VII	1	0	0	1
G.S.	S. Joines					

The 1st VII and 2nd year VII are to be congratulated on their results. The 1st, 4th year and 2nd year VII's entered the Preliminary Rounds of the County Netball Rally. Following their success the 1st VII took part in the Final Rally at Barkingside, where they narrowly missed winning their section. The team looks forward to greater success in 1965-66.

M. Topp U.VI.

HOCKEY

		Summary of Results				
		Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
G.K.	M. Mitchell	1st XI	1	0	0	1
R.B.	J. Mitchell	2nd XI	1	1	0	0
L.B.	J. Lyon	4th Year XI	2	1	1	0
R.H.	B. Walker	County Hockey Rally Southend				
C.H.	P. Russell (Capt.)	1st XI	4	3	0	1
L.H.	M. Rogers					
R.W.	M. Topp					
R.I.	S. Joines					
C.F.	B. Warner					
L.I.	P. Rodger					
L.W.	P. Attfield					

This season was rather disappointing, for owing to the bad weather many fixtures had to be cancelled. Despite pouring rain at the County Hockey Rally, the team played in good spirit throughout the day and the 1st XI did well to be placed second in their section.

B. WALKER L.VI

LACROSSE

1st VII

		Summary of Results				
		Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
G.K.	Helen Linay	1st VII	3	0	0	3
P.	M. Mitchell	U.15 XII	3	0	0	3
C.P.	J. Mitchell					
	C. Holman					
	H. Harrison					
3.M.	B. Warner					
R.D.	B. Walker					
L.D.	P. Attfield					
C.	M. Gurr (Capt.)					
R.A.	M. Rogers					
L.A.	J. Lyon					
3.H.	P. Rodger					
2.H.	S. Joines					
1.H.	M. Topp					

For the past four seasons matches have been cancelled owing to bad weather, so it was not really surprising that the first matches played had rather poor results. However there was a marked improvement in the standard of play throughout the season, especially in the 1st VII, who took part in the All England Schools Tournament at Merton Abbey, for the first time, and who held their own against 'Lacrosse Schools.'

M. ROGERS L.VI.

TENNIS

1st VI							
1st Couple	B. Warner			Summary of Results			
	J. Mitchell		Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
2nd Couple	S. Joines	1st	VI	6	5	0	1
	B. Danzey	2nd	VI	4	2	0	2
3rd Couple	P. Rodger	4th	Year VI	4	2	0	2
	J. Lyon	3rd	Year VI	1	0	0	1

The first VI had a particularly pleasing season, losing only to Loughton High School.

Bridget Warner won the School Singles Championship, by defeating Barbara Danzy, and partnered by Lindsey Christmas won the Doubles Championship, by defeating Mavis Chambers and Ann Pettet.

B. WARNER L.VI

Winners of the Inter-form Games Competition

	<i>Lower</i>	<i>Middle</i>	<i>Upper</i>
Netball	2.W.	3.W.	5.S.
Hockey	—	4.S.	L.VI.
Lacrosse	—	4.W.	L.VI.
Tennis	—	4.S.	U.VI.

ATHLETICS REPORT 1965

In the first Waltham Forest Athletic Sports, the high standard and interest of the school was well maintained. Due to the combined efforts of athletes and staff, the school won three major trophies, being placed first in the Under 15 and Intermediate Sections and second in the senior team section.

The U.15 team won the Challenge Shield.

The Intermediate team won The Councillor Mrs. Colin Cup and Walthamstow Schools' A.A. Shield—Handicap.

As a result of their efforts in the Essex Schools Sports, the following were awarded their Waltham Forest District Colours:—

Jennifer Bassett	Ann Babbage
Moir Woodroff	Mary Gurr
Priscilla Attfield	Shirley Joines

P. Attfield represented Essex in the Southern Counties Intermediate Championship and was awarded Essex County Colours.

SPORTS DAY 1965

The rather disappointing weather could do nothing to dampen the enthusiasm of competitors and spectators alike and several records were broken.

Junior School. Best Athlete A. Wale 2.S.
Best Form 2.W.

M. Gabb set a new record of 18.6 secs. for the 150 yards and R. Evans reduced R. Rose's hurdles record of 11.6 secs. to 11.3 secs. M. Cooke's long jump was broken by $8\frac{1}{2}$ ins., with a leap of 14 ft. $4\frac{1}{2}$ ins. by A. Wale. The ball throw was increased by C. Reeves to 153 ft. 2 ins., and 2.W reduced the relay record to 58.2 secs.

Middle School. Best Athlete M. Woodroff 4.S.
Best Form 4.S.

J. Bassett's jump of 4 ft. 9 ins. increased P. Attfield high jump record by 3 ins. and W. Seabright equalled the Long Jump record. P. Cousins increased the discus record to 12 ft. $0\frac{1}{2}$ ins.

Upper School. Best Athlete L. Fry 5.W.
Best Form 5.W.

R. Bradick reduced Y. Smith's 100 yards record of 12.8 secs. to 12.7 secs. and L. Fry's record of 18.9 secs. for the 150 yards: reduced M. Morris' record of 19.00 secs.: P. Attfield jumped well to break R. Williams Long Jump record of 13 ft. 9 ins. with a leap of 16 ft. 5.W set a new relay record of 59.6 secs.

M. Woodroff won the Open 100 yards in 11.9 secs.: and the Open 440 yards in 1 min. 11.6 secs.: The Open 220 yards was won in 28.9 secs. by L. Fry.

P. ATTFIELD L.VI

SWIMMING REPORT

The Waltham Forest Swimming Gala was held at Leyton Baths in July. In the final placings school came Third. We congratulate the following girls who reached the final:

<i>Under 13 Age Group</i>	Lynn Hulatt—3rd Free Style
<i>13-15 „</i>	Shena Hargan—2nd Breast Stroke
	Pat Salsbury—1st Back Crawl
	Margaret Ward—5th Free Style
<i>Over 15 Age Group</i>	The relay team of Heather Linay (Capt.), Susan Allen, Mary Cooke and Sheila Borkett was Third.

The Open Medley team of L. Hulatt, P. Salsbury, M. Ward and S. Hargan was Second.

The School Swimming Gala was held in the Technical College Baths amidst much excitement from spectators and competitors alike. The Open Championships were won by Pat Salsbury and Shena Hargan. Pat reduced the Front Crawl record from 44.6 secs. to 43.8 secs.: and won the Back Crawl in a good time. Shena reduced the Breast Stroke record to 56.2 secs. from 57.6 secs: and the Butterfly record to 49.6 secs. from 55.6 secs.

The Final Results were:

<i>Upper School</i>	<i>Middle School</i>	<i>Lower School</i>
5.S. 53½	4.W. 53½	2.W. 52½
L.6. 52	3.W. 49½	2.H. 49
5.W. 47	4.S. 49½	2.S. 48½
5.H. 35	3.S. 33	1.S. 31
Up.6. 32½	3.H. 29½	1.H. 28
	4.H. 8	1.W. 21

Diving Results:

Karen Frost

Pauline Sutton

Ann Massey

No. of Swimming Certificates Awarded during the year:

Preliminary	48
Grade I	31
Grade II	25
Distance—220 yards	4
440 yards	6
1 mile	1

GAMES COLOURS

Colours were awarded this year to the following girls:—

<i>Netball</i>	P. Attfield, M. Chambers, P. Rodger, M. Topp, B. Walker B. Warner
<i>Hockey</i>	P. Attfield, J. Lyon, J. Mitchell, P. Rodger, P. Russell, B. Walker, B. Warner
<i>Lacrosse</i>	S. Joines, P. Rodger, M. Rogers, B. Warner, P. Attfield
<i>Gymnastics</i>	L. Pond, P. Wells, M. Woodroff, P. Rodger
<i>Swimming</i>	None
<i>Tennis</i>	S. Joines
<i>Dance</i>	None
<i>Athletics</i>	A. Babbage, S. Joines, M. Ganderton, M. Woodroff, C. Reid-Henry.

POSTURE AWARDS

5.S	Sally Vannoey	3.H	Christine Jacks
4.W	Claire Barrett		Christine Knox
	Jill Baxter		Pat Lewis
4.H	Myra Huntingford		Sally Oates
	Susan Parker		Bridget Montgomery
	Janet Pedley	3.S	Hilary Riches
4.S	Pauline Sutton		Katherine Scott
			Glynis Wightman

CLUBS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

Badminton

Although we have not played in a badminton league this year, the number of Sixth form girls interested has increased and the standard of play improved. More matches are hoped to be arranged soon. We thank Miss Wyatt for her help and interest given in this up-and-coming sport.

Modern Educational Gymnastics and Trampoline

This club, which is only in its second year of existence, has proved even more popular than in its first, especially with the Juniors.

A great variety of ideas surfaced in reply to the many varied tasks and themes set by Mrs. Petchey (née Bowman).

Throughout the year, original work such as suspending apparatus and erecting a trapeze, added to the enjoyment of the club and led to an increase in numbers.

Two demonstrations were given, one to the Board of Governors, Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Gross (a British Olympic Gymnastics Coach) and the other to parents on open Day in June; both of which seemed to be accepted in the spirit in which they were given, with enjoyment.

We give many thanks to Mrs. Petchey who contributed so much to the running of this club, and the 4th year trampoline club.

PAT RODGER L.VI.

DANCE

This was not the year of the Dance Competition although Dance still plays a large part in the curriculum. However for a few weeks at the beginning of the summer term a National Dance Club was formed and well supported. The members of this gave a display on Open Day. 3.H also gave a display of their dance to the very stimulating music of Gluck's Ballet Suite No. 1.

CANOEING

In June of this year, a group of us spent a most enjoyable week canoeing on the River Hamble at Botley, Hampshire. We stayed in a delightful country house set in eighty-eight acres of park and woodland with the river flowing closely by. Each afternoon, at high tide we made our way to a small equipment hut, to put on yellow life jackets and to collect a paddle. Should we capsize, all wore swim-suits under their shorts and blouses. We learnt how to handle the canoes and paddles under expert tuition, and the most stringent safety precautions were observed. Although the canoeing courses took place near the house, expeditions were arranged towards the end of the week for those who had gained confidence and skill. They travelled further up the river, where they had the opportunity of venturing into white water, caused by the opening of the sluice gates of a weir. Anyone who did have the nerve, was very relieved to come out of it in one piece without capsizing, and to be paddling in calm waters once again.

HILARY TAYLOR

GLYNIS KYTE

L.VI.

SAILING

This club has been reformed as a result of the sailing course at Botley and has proved to be very popular. We sail on the Eagle Pond, Wanstead, in two Fleetwinds which carry three people, and two Cadets which carry two. One of the Fleetwinds is the schools' own dinghy, most appropriately named 'Scandal'. The other dinghies are loaned to us by the Royal Wanstead School who have also been most helpful in instructing crews, and helmswoman, rescuing capsized crews and boats, baling out and in boat maintenance. We are most grateful for their invaluable assistance.

We have had a marvellous time and are most grateful to the staff who have taken us in their cars and to those members of staff who have given up their spare time to organise the club meetings.

PAULINE SUTTON

ELIZABETH WYATT

5.S.

We shall also be starting a Canoe Club in the Spring Term and the Waltham Forest Youth Canoe Association is hoping to have a Canoe Regatta in the Summer Term, in which we hope to enter our most proficient canoeists.

GOLF AND VOLLEYBALL.

A group of Upper VIth form girls began golf this year under the expert tuition of Mr. R. Knight of the Wanstead Golf Club and also had the opportunity of going to the Indoor Golf School in Hoe Street. Others played Volleyball in the poorer weather. All of these are becoming popular recreational activities with both the girls at school and school-leavers.

OLYMPIC GYMNASTICS CLUB

Formed and run by Miss Mason, the Junior and Senior branches of this club were a new addition to the School's Physical Education activities this year.

As opposed to Modern Educational Gymnastics, this form of gymnastics is designed to be competitive, and each week, after the necessity (often painful!) of limbering exercises, we are instructed in the fundamentals of the agility, vaulting, and beam sections of this sport. With the exception of the latter, both Junior and Senior clubs showed their skills in these sections in displays given on Open Day, which were both enjoyable and successful.

Unfortunately we do not possess either an Olympic Beam or High and Low Parallel Bar, and until we acquire these, will not be able to enter any major competitions.

Much progress has been made, however, and during the year we have entered candidates for the proficiency awards of the British Amateur Gymnastic Association, and also introduced our own uniform of black leotards.

Our grateful thanks are due to Miss Mason for her encouragement and enthusiasm during the year.

The following girls were successful in the tests held on December 7th, 1965 for the 3rd Class Proficiency Award of the British Amateur Gymnastic Association.

Gillian Atkins	2.W.	Vaulting and Agility
Ann Babbage	U.6.	Vaulting and Agility
Lynn Bevan	5.S.	Vaulting, Agility and Trampolining
Heather Dewdney	2.W.	Vaulting and Agility
Ann Hollidge	L.6.	Vaulting, Agility and Trampolining
Lynda Pond	5.S.	Vaulting, Agility and Trampolining
Pauline Porter	4.S.	Vaulting and Agility
Christine Reeves	2.S.	Vaulting and Agility
Vivien Reid-Henry	2.S.	Vaulting and Agility
Pat Rodger	L.6.	Vaulting and Agility
Wendy Seabright	5.S.	Vaulting, Agility and Trampolining
Jennifer Stanton	5.S.	Agility and Trampolining
Pauline Sutton	5.S.	Vaulting, Agility and Trampolining
Rosemary Taylor	L.6.	Vaulting, Agility and Trampolining
Bridget Warner	L.6.	Vaulting, Agility and Trampolining
Pamela Wells	5.S.	Vaulting, Agility and Trampolining
Glynis Wightman	4.S.	Vaulting and Agility
Maira Woodroff	5.S.	Vaulting, Agility and Trampolining

ANN BABBAGE U.VI.

THE HISTORY SOCIETY

Since the History Society reformed itself at the beginning of the Autumn Term, two meetings have been held. In September a second year university student came to give us information on the course of history at University and the difference in the approach to this subject. At the second meeting, held in November, Mrs. Main showed us some coloured slides taken in Pompei and Rome. Both meetings were most enjoyable and well attended. It is hoped to continue, next term with more lectures and a film, if possible.

ELIZABETH HARPER AND LINDA GREEN
VI. H. Form

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

We changed our name from Student Christian Movement and became a Christian Fellowship. We are now affiliated to the Inter-schools Christian Fellowship.

The meetings have been varied with talks given on the London City Mission, the Jewish religion, the gospel message, the British and Foreign Bible Society, Albert Schweitzer, and other topics. Bible studies and discussions led by staff and girls of the school have proved useful. Film strips on the Missionary Aviation Fellowship and Feed the Minds campaign were also shown. As a group we visited the Home and Family Week Exhibition at Greenleaf Road Baptist Church.

Attendance has fluctuated from 5 to 50 and we have kept up our link with the Monoux 123 club.

RUTH FINCH U.VI

C. E. W. C.

During the Christmas holidays four sixth formers attended the C.E.W.C. Christmas Conference on "Education and Peace" and a report of it was given to the school in January. The first society meeting for this school year was held in May, when a film about Sweden entitled "Modern land of the Vikings" was shown. 'World Children's Day' (June 2nd) was commemorated by two events. Firstly by the sale of World Children's Day postcards—thereby raising £4 16s. 6d. and secondly by a very interesting and well illustrated talk given by Miss Rudd (a temporary member of the staff) on Thailand and her work as a teacher out there. In September I talked about the C.E.W.C. holiday-conference that I had been on, to Yugoslavia this summer; and in November Margaret Pickett, Susan Neville and Elizabeth Harper gave an interesting and amusing talk on their experiences whilst staying with families in Finland during the holidays. In October the school was represented at the A.G.M. of the London District Council of C.E.W.C. held at the Greycoat School, and after the Council's business had been completed, Mary Salton gave a talk on her experiences with V.S.O. in New Guinea. During "United Nations Week" C.E.W.C. arranged the services in Assembly and on the Wednesday a film "Food or Famine" was shown.

Throughout this year the C.E.W.C. Society—which did not function during 1964—has rapidly regained its popularity and we would like to thank all the members of staff who have contributed towards its success.

MARGARET KEAR U.VI

MUSIC SOCIETY

The Music Society has had a successful first term. At the first meeting, Mr. Geoffrey Sentinella gave an interesting talk, illustrated by pianoforte music of Berg, Ireland, Bartok, and Mr. Sentinella's own compositions. The lecture was well received by an interested audience. In addition, a party went to the Annual Christmas Carol Concert of the Royal Choral Society at the Royal Albert Hall. One of the Spring term meetings will be a concert given by the choir of Sir George Monoux Grammar School.

GILLIAN CATCHPOLE
CHRISTINE ADLER
U.VI.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

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Mrs. Ashwell, Mrs. Skingle, Mrs. Forman, Mr. Mount

Representing the Staff:

Mrs. Green, Miss Dodman

The outstanding success of this year's activities has been the Old Time Dancing Section which now meets at the School every Tuesday evening. In addition a number of Saturday dances have been organised which have been very successful and which have enabled us to make an additional donation of £50 to School funds to be used specifically for purchase of books for the library. A large measure of the success of these functions, as indeed of the various other functions, has been due to the excellent catering which has been provided.

It was not possible to arrange a theatre outing in 1965 but the December social was its usual success, being well supported. Unfortunately the visit to the Wembley Ice show in February was so well supported that a number of members had to be disappointed but this will be borne in mind when bookings are made in future.

The Association has continued to maintain close liaison with other Parents' Associations in the area with regard to the proposed changes in the system of Secondary Education, two of the executive committee serving on the Waltham Forest Grammar and Technical Schools Parents' joint Standing Committee, which was formed to hold a watching brief over the developments.

S. G.

OLD GIRLS' ASSOCIATION

President: Mrs. Taylor

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72 members gathered together for the Annual Reunion in September and enjoyed a long, long 'natter', pausing now and again to sample the many and varied dishes of a delicious cold buffet provided and served by Jean Yates and her willing band of helpers. It was wonderful to see how many Old Girls (and Mistresses) came to support this occasion, and when eventually, a small semblance of order was restored, a short business meeting was held and the new Committee members proposed by the committee were accepted.

Cecilia Wheeler was presented with a book token in appreciation of 17 years service as Secretary. The Association would like to express its thanks and grateful appreciation to Cecilia for all her efforts and hard work on its behalf since March, 1948.

Our Speaker this year was Miss Park, who gave an extremely amusing and interesting account of the New Arts Centre in Birmingham.

We look forward to welcoming all members to our next 'get-together', on September 15th (details will be posted to you later in the year) and in the meantime hope you will try to round-up any Old Girls who are not members and urge them to join, so that they too, may join in the activities of the Association. Any snippets of information regarding Old Girls is always welcome—please send any news you may have to the Secretary in good time for publication in next year's "Iris".

Best wishes to you all,

ELSIE MOUNT.

NEWS OF OLD GIRLS

To Universities and Colleges of Advanced Technology:—

Jennifer Buck—Portsmouth College of Advanced Technology—

History.

Mavis Chambers—Newcastle—Zoology.

Anthea Fryer—Bangor—Zoology.

Marjorie Hickey—Bradford College of Advanced Technology—

Applied Physics.

Jennifer Smith—Durham—Psychology.

Denise Turner—Portsmouth College of Advanced Technology—

Social Studies.

Susan Walters—Southampton—German.

Margaret Washbourne—Swansea—History.

Susan Wood—Rutherford College of Advanced Technology—

Social Studies.

Pamela Barfoot—Southampton—Physiology/Bio-chemistry.

To College of Education:—

Joan Baldwin—College of All Saints—Tottenham.
Jean Cooper—Stockwell College, Bromley.
Angela Flook—Newton Park, Bath.
Mary Gurr—Derby College of Education.
Susan Harris—Nottingham College of Education.
Heather Harrison—Bognor College of Education.
Anna Lekis—Digby Stuart College, Roehampton.
Wendy North—Saffron Walden College of Education.
Susan Oxenham—Eastbourne College of Education.
Sandra Potter—Shenstone College of Education.
Janet Wheatley—City of Coventry College of Education.
Barbara Carter—Didsbury College of Education, Manchester.
Linda Wilkinson—St. Osyth College, Clacton.
Elaine Wyness—Dudley College of Education.

Further Education:—

Janet Boenke—South East Essex Technical College—Advanced
Secretarial Course.
Jennifer Coleman—Holborn College of Commerce—Advanced
Secretarial Course.
Megan Ellis—South West Essex Technical College—Advanced
Secretarial Course.
Marcella Evan—Southgate College of Advanced Technology—
Advanced Secretarial Course.
Christine Holman—Computer Programming, Lloyds Bank Limited.

Library Work:—

Pamela Weller.

Scientific Work:—

Ann Pettet—St. Bartholomew's Hospital—Gynæcology Dept.

Civil Service:—

Shirley Stansfield.

South West Essex Technical College:—

Linda Bloomfield, Rosalind Bradick.

Loughton College of Further Education:—

Patricia Thomas, Eileen Waugh.

Hairdressing:—

Barbara Danzey.

Nursery Nurse:—

Christine Claridge.

Clerical Work, etc.:—

Linda Banks, Cynthia Buck, Cheryl Burke, Lindsey Christmas, Lesley Cooper, Barbara Draper, Laura Duke, Marion Edwards, Frances Fitch, Linda Fry, Christine Gardner, Cynthia Gennings, Frances Green, Ann Gent, Susan Grange, Linda Haly, Kathryn Hanning, Jean Henley, Wendy Hillier, Catherine Jarman, Christine Kell, Ruth Kempson, Janet Mitchell, Pamela Moulder, Maria Manzo, Sheila Nash, Anne Norgett, Joan Pack, Shirley Rolph, Jacqueline Russell, Pamela Slowgrove, Pamela Stevens, Sandra Stubberfield, Gillian Tuck, Ann White.

Eunice Black (née Holden) stage and T.V. actress, appeared on B.B.C.1 Television three times over Christmas. Her last West End appearance was in 'Our Man Crichton'. Recently she has been filming in 'Our Last Duchess' at Shepperton Studios.

Mrs. Burke (Hilary Smith) has completed a four year course at the Royal College of Art, London, and in addition to her National Diploma of Design has her A.R.C.A.

Mrs. Gillian Crow (née Hood) Administrative Grade, Greater London Council.

Mrs. Joy Escombe (née Waugh) is to join her husband in South America. She has been working for Unilever's in a secretarial capacity and hopes to continue to do so.

Jennifer Hamill has her own Fashion business, designing and manufacturing clothes.

Isabel Hebden is Music Mistress at Lake House Secondary School, Forest Gate.

Marion Salt is Music Mistress at Lillesden School, Hawkhurst, Kent.

Barbara Smith has been a Nanny in the U.S.A. for one year and proposes to return in the spring of 1966. She is Barbara Smith, C.N.N., N.N.E.B.

Margaret Ward is teaching at Nightingale Secondary School, Wanstead.

Margaret Watson is teaching at Roger Ascham Infants School, Walthamstow.

MARRIAGES

Sandra Brownstone to Geoffrey Rose, October 24th, 1965.

Elsie Fenwick (née Figg) to William Mount, 13th June, 1964.

Lesley Fletcher to William Admans, 2nd October, 1965.

Gillian Hood to Simon M. Crow, 4th September, 1965.

Jacqueline Lefever to Keith Marriott, June 1965.

Patricia Maynard to Terry A. Shepherd, 15th August, 1964.

Maureen McGuinness to Bill J. Stares, 6th November, 1965.

Mary Payling to David E. Payne, 31st July, 1965.

Hilary Smith to Christopher Burke, 23rd October, 1964.

Patricia Snoad to Robin Willcocks, 1st May, 1965.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Langford, a son, Peter John, 31st May, 1965.

To Irene Parratt (née Carr) a daughter, Elizabeth Anne, December, 1965.

To Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, a son, Edwyne Jon, 12th August, 1965.

To Jean Yates (née Davis) a son, John, 15th July, 1965.

DEATHS

We learn, with regret, of the death of Emily Sarah Foxon (Sadie), 16th August, 1965. She was one of the original founder members of the school, whose father was one of the businessmen to put up the money for opening the original school lower down Church Hill. Sadie never missed on Old Girls' Meeting until 1960 when she decided that she was too old to go home alone through the forest.

Vera Henderson, 1914-20, died 20th July, 1965.

Norah Rose (née Blofield) died June, 1965.

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