

Llanelli Boys' Grammar - Technical School



SCHOOL MAGAZINE

CHRISTMAS, 1971

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LLANELLI BOYS' GRAMMAR-TECHNICAL SCHOOL

Christmas, 1971

Editorial Committee :

Mark L. Evans, Anthony Ward, Ronald Leaf, Paul Williams.

EDITORIAL

This year the school magazine is much reduced in size. This is not only because of increased costs but also because of a recognition of its changed function by the editorial staff. The previous purpose of the magazine was to provide an outlet for the literary abilities of the school and to act as a window on school life over the year. The *Jester*, the school's own newspaper, has largely replaced the school magazine in these two fields.

We now see the magazine as a concise record of school activities over the year. We have endeavoured to produce as complete a record as possible.

The past year has seen the emergence of a very definite school spirit in such spheres as the successful school concerts, a flourishing 6th Form Society and the innovation of several new school societies. This is evidence of a healthy desire on behalf of the boys concerned to put more into the life of the school and hence receive more from it.

We believe that this trend could well be beneficially continued and should be taken up at all levels of school life. A greater interest in extra-curricular activities of all forms could well be fostered. If boys were to offer their particular abilities to the school and the school were to make proper use of them, both would benefit in the creation of a meaningful spirit.

We wish all the school a happy but thoughtful Christmas.

Anthony H. Ward and Mark L. Evans

HEAD BOYS' LETTER

It was with great trepidation that I took my place as a second-former in this school in 1966, having previously been a pupil at Penarth Grammar School. One of the first things which I noticed was a lack of pretty faces—the Grammar School, Penarth, being a co-educational establishment—but I was soon cheered by the sight of the large number of rugby pitches covering the field. In the years since, I have learned what an honour it is to be a member of this school and so it was with great pride that I took over office as Head Boy this year.

I have been more than fortunate this year to have such a helpful body of prefects and I would like to thank them for the help which they have unstintingly given me over the past months.

I would like to take this opportunity to point out how much my extra-curricular activities have enhanced the feeling that I 'belong' to the school as a society. This fellowship is to be found not only on the sports field but in the orchestra, in society membership, in play production; in fact anywhere there is a body of boys actively engaged in a common cause. In these activities there develops a closer bond between the staff and the boys and an awareness that one receives from life only what one puts into it.

There now remains but to wish all those associated in any way with the school a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Ieuan W. Griffiths

DE OMNIBUS REBUS

by Mark L. Evans

This year there are 860 boys on the School roll with 44 members of staff, four peripatetic members and one German assistant.

At the end of last term the school lost four members of staff, Messrs. Elliston, Cormode and Ball and Mrs. Jones. They have since taken up teaching posts in, respectively : Weston-Super-Mare, Hereford and (both Mr. Ball and Mrs. Jones) the Girls' Grammar School, Llanelli.

In their place we would like to welcome Mr. G. Nicholas, Mr. M. Richards, Mr. N. Rees and Mr. W. K. Davies; we hope that their stay will be a long and pleasant one. Greetings are likewise extended to Frau Glockler from Stuttgart, who has joined us for a year to assist in the teaching of German. Finally, we would also like to welcome Mr. Elvet Davies, who has taken over the post of School Groundsman.

As always we have had the pleasure of the company of students from the University Colleges of Aberystwyth and Swansea. We hope that their stay here has been happy and instructive. The 1970 school play which appeared too late for comment in the last school magazine was "Oliver!" produced by Mr. Myrddin Rees with Mr. Penri Williams as Musical Director. The first musical the Drama Society has ever attempted, "Oliver!" was a runaway success. The next school play, preparations for which are already well under way, will be "A Man for All Seasons"; it will be produced in the 1972 Spring Term.

At the end of the 1970 Christmas term was held a Sixth Form Concert; this was so successful that another more ambitious concern, incorporating acts from both the Boys' and Girls' Grammar Schools will be held during the last week of term. It is intended to hold three performances; one for each of the schools, with a third in public.

A welcome innovation, introduced last January, was the school hot drinks machine. It has helped considerably to fill the void left by the tuck shop's closure.

Last December a party of boys from School left for Einsiedeln, Switzerland, on the County Skiing Trip. They were led by Mr. Price, Mr. Harry Thomas and Mr. John Rees.

On March 1st was held an Eisteddfod to celebrate St. David's Day, its format being broadly based on the earlier Christmas Concert.

This year it was found necessary to place a guard on the bike shed, and we would like to thank Richard John and his band of volunteers who have performed this task admirably.

At this year's Speech Day on April 7th, the Guest Speaker was Professor John Thomas, Head of the Chemistry Department of Aberystwyth University.

Four trophies were stolen from School on May 17th. They were found in Stradey Woods during the summer holidays and have since been returned to the display case.

Adrian Summers, now of 3J, took part as a soloist in a programme from Pembroke Castle in the series "Music from the Castles," on B.B.C. Television.

During the summer holidays a large party from School, accompanied by Messrs. Gwyn Anthony, Alan Jones, Harry Thomas and Victor Rees, left on a Schools' Mediterranean Cruise aboard the Educational Cruise Ship H.M.S. "Uganda."

The School Parents' Association officially presented the new Ford Minibus (which they had been collecting for since last year) on 21st September. The ceremony was televised by B.B.C. This term the 'bus has already proved tremendously useful and it is hoped that it will continue to run successfully for many years to come.

At the beginning of this term, the 6A English group accompanied by Mr. Darby and Mr. Davies, visited Stratford-upon-Avon to see "Othello" and "Much Ado About Nothing." The trip, like last year's, was very popular, and it is now hoped to make the visit an annual event.

OLD BOYS, 1971

January :

John Keddie, M.Sc.

Huw Tregelles Williams, Diploma of Fellowship of the Royal College of Organists ;
also awarded the Turpin Prize for Organ playing.

P. L. Morris, appointed Personnel Director to the Wales Gas Board.

Keith Williams, M.Sc.

Iwan Morgan, appointed Assistant County Youth Officer for Denbighshire.

May :

Gordon Ebsworth, appointed Headmaster of Porthcawl Comprehensive School.

June :

Kenneth Lewis, Scholarship at the Royal College of Music.

Graham Thomas, O.B.E.

David Wyn Jones, First Class Honours in Music at Cardiff.

Vivian Davies, First Class Honours in Egyptology at Oxford.

Michael Daniels, Ph.D. in Marine Biology.

October :

Dorian Bennet, Awarded the George Medal.

D. John Evans, Appointed to the Chair of Computing in the Department of
Mathematics, Sheffield University.

David Wyn Jones, Awarded a Major State Studentship at Cardiff.

Anthony Ramsey, Appointed Lecturer in Geology at Swansea University College.

Richard Pulham, Appointed Lecturer in Mathematics at Aberdeen University.

Gary Nicholas, Appointed Chairman of the National Youth Senate of Urdd Gobaith
Cymru.

Dennis A. Thomas, Appointed Tutor in Economics at University College of Wales,
Aberystwyth.

November :

G. B. Andrews, Appointed Industrial and Public Relations Manager for the Amoco
Company.

Hugh Andrews, Selected to play for Wales in the World Bowls Tournament.

SCHOOL TERMS, 1972

(All dates inclusive)

Spring Term :

4th January, 1972 to 30th March, 1972

(Half Term : 11th and 14th February).

Summer Term :

17th April, 1972 to 7th July, 1972

(Half Term : 29th May to 31st May, 1972).

Autumn Term :

5th September, 1972 to 20th December, 1972

(Half Term : 23rd October to 27th October).

SPEECH DAY '71

The speaker at this year's speech day which was held in the School Hall on Wednesday, 7th April, was Professor J. M. Thomas, Ph.D., D.Sc., Head of the Chemistry Department, University College of Wales, Aberystwyth.

After the opening address by the Chairman of the School Governors, Alderman D. J. Stone, the Headmaster gave his traditional report on all aspects of school life over the past year.

The prizes were then presented by the Mayoress, Mrs. Mathonwy Jones, kindly deputising for Mrs. J. M. Thomas who, unfortunately, was unable to attend owing to illness.

A choral item, "Jonah and the Whale," which was enthusiastically received, followed the presentation.

Professor Thomas in his address examined the distractions with which the present day school pupil is surrounded, distractions which serve to prevent them obtaining full benefit from their education. In particular he cited as examples the modern media, which, while they should be enjoyed for relaxation by pupils, should not be the object of over-indulgence.

In composing his address Professor Thomas had obviously placed himself in the position of the pupil with the result that his views were of great interest to his audience and were well received.

Votes of thanks were proposed to Professor Thomas, Alderman Stone and Mrs. Mathonwy Jones by the head boy, Emyr Evans and his two deputies, Roger Smith and Stuart Blackmore.

PRIZES

FOR ACADEMIC ATTAINMENT

- Form I. Philip J. Rees, Dyfrig E. Clement, Nigel Clement, Owain D. Hughes, Noel K. Williams, Richard Evans, Christopher Lavallin, Neil Thomas.
- Form II. Andrew Morse, Emyr Price, Richard Thomas, Graziano A. Luzzi, Paul G. Hickey, Stephen Ryan, David R. Evans, David Williams.
- Form III. David Hughes, Simon Owen, Stephen Rolfe, Keith George, Emyr W. Gravelle, Mark Thomas.
- Form IV. D. Neil Cox, Peter M. Davies, Paul Kelly, David S. Powell, Nicholas Royster, Anthony Shaw.
- 6B Arts Anthony Ward.
- 6B Sci Maitland McLean.

Best Ordinary Level Results :

- Form V. Vivian Challenor, Ieuan Griffiths, Robert C. Hunt, Keith Morris.

FOR LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE IN SPORT AND SOCIETIES

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| Rugby | | Steven Warlow |
| Association Football | | Gareth Jones |
| Harriers | | Paul Williams |
| Athletics | | Clive W. F. Rees |
| Cricket | | Richard Green |
| Tennis | | Steven Owens |

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| Badminton | Alan Whittaker |
| Gymnastics | David G. Harries |
| Y Gymdeithas Gymraeg | Keri Williams |
| Orchestra | Kenneth Lewis |
| | David Creel |
| Dramatics | Emyr Wyn Evans |
| Chess | Ronald George |
| Gareth Kemp Cup for Outstanding Services | Emyr Wyn Evans |
| Sportsman of the Year Cup | Clive W. F. Rees |

ANNUAL ENDOWED PRIZES

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| E. H. Foster Prize | Eurian W. F. Davies |
| J. B. Morgan Prize | Beuno Lloyd-Hughes |
| Graham Rees Prize | John Gravelle |
| William Lewis Prize | David W. Jones |
| | Leslie Richards |
| Griffith J. Thomas Prize | David L. Coslett |
| T. V. Shaw Integrity Prize | Jeffrey Nicholls |
| S. G. Rees English Prize | Kenneth Whetter |
| Old Boys' Union Prize | John Mexsom |
| John Witton Jones Memorial Prize | Robert Phillips |
| Harding Rolfe Physics Prize | Ronald George |
| W. H. Davies Technical Prize | Trevor Sage |

SIXTH FORM SOCIETY

Chairman : Paul Arengo Williams ; Secretary : Barney Landy ; Treasurer : David Willis ; Committee : Ieuan Griffiths, Robert Harley, John Gravelle (6A Arts), William Davies (6A Science), Keith Rawlings (6A Maths.), David Welch (6B Science), Roger Williams (6B Arts).

It was with regret that the committee accepted the resignation of the Head Boy as Chairman of the Society. However the committee and members of the Society should be thankful for all the hard and dedicated work done by Ieuan since his resignation.

Since last Easter when the Sixth Form Society saw its usual reshuffle after the change of prefects, the Society has grown from strength to strength. Already a quiz, a folk and poetry evening and various Discotheques and dances have been held. The folk and poetry evening and dances have enjoyed their usual success but the outstanding difference this year has been the 'General Meeting' which has been held every half term. This, the committee felt, would give the members a greater say in the variety of functions offered. Up to date they have been successful, though on occasions have brought extra, unnecessary burdens to bear on the committee. The end of this Christmas term will surely make or break the present Society. A concert, with both boys and girls taking part, will be performed not only to both schools but also for parents. Members are also looking forward to the annual Christmas dance to be held on Friday, December 17th, where they can dance to music by Dr. Marigold's Prescription and Disc Jockey-Jumbo. All we can say to future sixth formers is "The Society is what you make it."

On behalf of the committee and the Society's members we would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, with sincere thanks to all those masters who have in any way helped the Society, especially Mr. J. V. Harries and Mr. R. Challenor for their never failing support.

P. A. Williams (6A Arts)

DRAMA SOCIETY

The end of 1970 saw the production of Lionel Bart's "Oliver!", produced by Mr. Myrddin Rees, with musical direction from the late Mr. Gareth Thomas, and Mr. Penri Williams. It was a great success. The cast numbered over seventy and lead led by Emyr Wyn Evans (now of Aber. Uni.) as Fagin. John Harris, appearing for the first time on the school stage, quickly won the hearts of the audiences with his portrayal of Oliver. A junior scholar, John must surely go on with his acting and has plenty of time to exercise his talents in the senior school.

It will not have passed unnoticed that the Society has not staged a play this school year. This is because the performance dates have been changed to their original place early in the New Year. The choice on this occasion is Robert Bolt's "A Man for All Seasons." This will exhibit the new found actors in our midst after the mass exodus of acting ability at the end of last school year. The cast on this occasion will be (in the order of their appearance) :

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| The Common Man | | Hugh Phillips |
| Sir Thomas More | | Paul Arengo Williams |
| Master Richard Rich | | Jeffrey Longhurst |
| The Duke of Norfolk, Earl Marshal of England | ..... | Garry Howells |
| Lady Alice More (Sir Thomas's wife) | ..... | Megan Thomas |
| Lady Margaret More (Sir Thomas's daughter) | ..... | Kathryn Morgan |
| Cardinal Wolsey | ..... | Tony Bennett |
| Thomas Cromwell | ..... | Peter Davies |
| Signor Chapuys (Spanish Ambassador) | ..... | Mark L. Evans |
| Chapuys' Attendant | ..... | David Hughes |
| William Roper | ..... | Barney Landy |
| King Henry the Eighth | ..... | David Willis |
| Catherine Anger | ..... | Linda Davies |
| Thomas Cranmer (Archbishop of Canterbury) | ..... | Christopher Thomas |

This play, although a complete contrast to "Oliver!" should be an excellent evening's entertainment and judging by the preliminary rehearsals should be well performed.

P. A. Williams (6A Arts)

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Largely due to the efforts of the History Department and the 6th Form History Group this Society was formed to fill a noticeable gap in school life.

Already this term a talk on Roman Carmarthenshire with slides has been given by Mr. John Little, Curator of the County Museum. A visit has also been paid to Carn Goch Iron Age hill fort and Carreg Cennen Castle. It is proposed to visit the Roman gold mines at Golai Cothi and, sometime in 1972, to visit the display of the treasures of Tutankhamen in the British Museum.

CURRENT AFFAIR SOCIETY

Chairman : Mark L. Evans (6A) ; Secretary : Andrew Williams (6B) ; Committee : Huw Williams (6A), Anthony Ward (6A), Adrian Davies (5H).

Since the last school magazine "Scope" has split into two separate parts—The Llanelli Volunteer Service and the reconstituted Current Affairs Society. As such they now follow their separate ends.

Over the New Year, 1970-71, a party from School attended the C.E.W.C. Conference in Westminster. This year a much larger party will attend the next conference, entitled "Race Against Time" and based around the theme of race relations. Last February a School party was present at the Llandovery College Mock U.N. Assembly, 'representing' the four countries—Iraq, India, The Lebanon, Malaysia.

This term two debates have been held in School ; on "The Northern Ireland Situation—Is there a Solution?" and "Is Violent Revolution ever Justified?" Also, several films have been shown in School under Society auspices and an extensive programme is in preparation for the New Year.

Finally, we would like to thank Mr. Alan Jones for his help to the Society over the year.

Mark L. Evans, 6A (Arts)

GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

President : Mr. Ronald Jacob ; Chairman : Robert A. Eynon, 6A Sci ; Secretary : Bernard Jones, 6A Maths.

The Geographical Society has been enthusiastically supported this term especially by the senior school. May be the meetings we have held jointly with the Girls' School have encouraged this. All of the lectures this term have been held in this school and have been well attended. The Quiz held the interest of a very large audience.

Our first meeting, the annual Quiz against the Girls' School, took place on October 21st. Brian Williams (6B), Paul Morgan (5), Stewart Ryan (4) and Owain Hughes (3) were able to cope so well with the searching questions fired at them that we gained a convincing win.

On November 4th, Mr. Alun J. Thomas, Schools Service Officer in Geology at the National Museum of Wales, Cardiff, gave an instructive talk on "Glacial Landforms in North Wales," the talk being accompanied by an excellent set of coloured slides.

On November 11th, Mr. D. Alun Thomas entertained a large gathering of both boys and girls with an illustrated talk on his experiences in Israel and Jordan. He showed us an excellent set of coloured slides which portrayed the character of life in Israel and Jordan really well.

On November 16th, Mr. T. R. Owen, Senior Lecturer in Geology at Swansea University, visited us. He spoke on the topic of "Rocks and Relief." This talk was accompanied by a first-class selection of coloured slides which illustrated his most interesting lecture excellently.

Meetings that have been planned for the remainder of the term are as follows :

November 26th : Mr. J. C. V. Thomas—a Geological Surveyor with the N.C.B.

December 3rd : Dr. D. Q. Bower—Lecturer in Geography, U.C.W., Aberystwyth.

Among future meetings will be addresses by Mr. Stanley Rees, our former headmaster, and Mr. Colin Morgan, the secretary of the Y.M.C.A.

In conclusion the committee would like to thank Mr. Jacob, Mr. Jenkins and Mr. John Rees, without whose help and guidance the continuation of such great interest in the Society would have been impossible.

THE STAMP SOCIETY

Formed in September, this comparatively new Society, consists of roughly thirty members from all forms in the school.

It has already held a philatelic 'auction,' and hopes to hold more such activities in the very near future.

The members meet every Thursday and Tuesday interval, in which they have the opportunity of exhibiting and discussing their collections.

In the future, the Committee, consisting of : President : Mr. Evan Jones ; Chairman : Hugh Philips ; Treasurer : Graziano Luzzi ; Secretary : Lynden Davies ; Under-Secretary : Christopher May, and Librarian : David Davies, hope to hold such activities as album view-ins, and exhibition visits. The introduction of a Club Album is also being considered. In all probability the Stamp Society will remain a very active society in this school.

Graziano Luzzi, Treasurer

THE BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES SOCIETY

Chairman : Paul Jenkins ; Vice-Chairman : Alan Phillips ; Secretary : Vivian Challenor ; Committee : Michael Blackmore, Carey Edmunds, Malcom Hogarth ; President : Mr. G. Anthony.

This term saw the inauguration of a new Society in school—The Biological Sciences Society—from an original idea by Alan Phillips and Paul Jenkins. The purpose of the Society is to further interest in biological sciences and also to attempt to perform practical work relevant to both 'O' and 'A' level work which is impossible to perform normally because of lack of time during the course.

The Society has been well and regularly attended by boys of all age groups. This, of course, has presented problems in the choosing of materials to be discussed but the Society has attempted to cover as wide and interesting a selection of material as possible and to present it as simply as possible. Topics which have already been dealt with include :—The Protozoa, Algae, Fungi and the dissection of the earth worm. Three walks—two the wood and one to the beach—have been conducted in order to obtain material for such topics as plant diseases, etc. However, the latter ended in disaster, when all and sundry were 'half-drowned' in the worst downpour of the year whilst still on the beach. Topics to be dealt with in the near future include :—Paper chromatography, Animal behaviour.

Finally, we would like to take the opportunity to thank Mr. Gwyn Anthony for his help during the year.

Vivian Challenor

THE SCIENCE SOCIETY

Chairman : Richard W. McCabe, 6A Maths ; Secretary : Edwin Gayner, 6A Maths ; Treasurer : Nicholas Royster, 6B Maths ; President : Mr. V. Rees.

This Society meets on a fortnightly basis and its aims are to show films and give lectures and demonstrations on scientific subjects of general interest.

Recently the committee has arranged for joint meetings with the Science Society of the Girls' Grammar School and this promises to be rather successful.

Richard W. McCabe and Edwin Gayner

CHESS SOCIETY

Officials, 1970-71 : Chairman : J. Price ; Captain : A. Davies ; Secretary : G. Phillips ; Treasurer : B. Thomas.

The Chess Club continued to be one of the most popular Societies last year, with special interest being shown by the lower school.

A " Jester " Sponsored Tournament aroused great enthusiasm, the Senior Section being won by N. Thomas and the Junior Section by Alec Lewis.

The Chess team in 1970-71 had a memorable year being third in the Victor Freed Tournament and sharing the first place with Croesyceiliog in the Welsh National Secondary Schools' Tournament.

The Society would like to thank Mr. John Harris for his close co-operation.

M. Thomas (Secretary)

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

Chairman : Alan Phillips ; Vice-Chairman : Paul Jenkins ; Secretary : Richard John ; Treasurer : Michael Painter.

This term, the Society has spent its time printing negatives. The Society hopes to hold another exhibition of prints in the library some time next term.

Before long the Society hopes to purchase new equipment. The Society wishes to express its anxiety at the lack of members from the lower and middle school. Boys wishing to join should contact any member of the committee.

The Society wishes to thank Mr. Victor Rees for the time he has given up on behalf of the Society.

Richard John (Secretary)

AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

The Amateur Radio Society, which has, for so long been one of the most active and well supported Societies in the school, suffered a heavy body-blow at the unexpected departure of its President and Patron, Mr. Rhys Beynon. He always took a lively interest in the Society's activities, and as yet, no other master has been found to take his place.

As a result of this absence of support, the Radio Society has experienced one of the most dreadfully inactive years in its history. In saying this, of course, I would like to thank Mr. Wynford Mainwaring G8AWT for all offers of aid which, unfortunately, we were unable to take advantage of.

We hope as a committee, that more support will be received from all quarters in 1972, and that the Amateur Radio Society will return to its rightful place, as one of the top societies in the school.

We extend our congratulations to our former Secretary, Patrick Murray GW8FBU and to Steven May GW8FLT on obtaining their Radio Amateur Sound Transmitting Licences.

Committee : Secretary : John R. Thomas ; Treasurer : David G. Thomas ; Chairman : Edwin J. Gayner ; Vice-Chairman : Steven P. May.

Y GYMDEITHAS GYMRAEG

Y Flwyddyn, 1970-71

Ychydig wedi dechrau'r Tymor Nadolig fe gafwyd cyfarfod i benderfynnu'r pwyllgor am y flwyddyn. Dewiswyd y bechgyn canlynol fel swyddogion :—

Llywydd : Richard Rees ; Is-Lywydd : John Evans ; Trysorydd : Hugh Madge ; Ysgrifennydd : Hywel Thomas ; Ysgrifennydd yr Urdd : Peter Jones
Ymhlith rhai o'r pethau a ddigwyddod yn y flwyddyn oedd :

Noson Lawen ar ddydd Mawrth y 13ed o Hydref

Fe gynhaliwyd y Noson Lawen yn y Neuadd ar ol ysgol, a chawsom y pleser mawr o gael rhai o'r merched o'r Ysgol Ramadeg arall i ymuno a ni yno. Bu'r Noson Lawen yn llwyddiant mawr gyda safon yr holl gyngerdd yn uchel iawn.

Y digwyddiad nesaf oedd **Twmpath Dawns a Discotec** ar Nos Wener y 4ydd o Ragfyr yn Neuadd Ysgol y Merched. Am hanner yr amser fe gafwyd dawnsio o dan ofal Mr. Dai Smith, ac am weddill yr amser bu Discotec dan ofal Richard Rees.

Nos Fercher, Rhagfyr 16ed—Parti Nadolig Blynyddol

Fe gynhaliwyd y parti yn ysgol y bechgyn eleni, ac fel arfer, dechreuwyd y noswaith gyda'r bwyd. Yna bu noson lawen fer, ac wedi hynny tan ddiwedd y noswaith cafwyd dawnsio gwerin, dan ofal Richard Rees.

Fe gafwyd hefyd, Twmpath a Dawns arall ym mis Mawrth. Fel arfer bu'r flwyddyn 1970-71 yn llwyddiant mawr gyda'r Gymdeithas.

Hugh Madge, 6B Arts

MUSIC SOCIETY

During 1971 the Music Society events included a dance, which raised a large amount of money, a visit to the opera "Aida," a competition, and an informal concert at the Girls' Grammar School.

Officials were elected again in September and there was a good response by boys—the Society works in "harmony" with the Girls' Grammar School. So far, events this term have been : record sessions, a visit to the Swansea Festival of Music and Arts, a dance and a quiz. The school orchestra continues to play in assembly and played in an excellent school concert given earlier in the year—a school Christmas concert took place at the beginning of December.

Outside Notes

The Llanelli Schools Orchestra continues to play on Saturday mornings in the Girls' School. They gave a concert at Easter and played works by Schubert, Dvorak, Handel, Ponchielli, Wahlberg and Tschaikowsky. Guest artists were Jill Nott-Bower and Robert Spencer (Voices, Lute and Guitar) assisted by Angela Jones, Edward Skinner and Iwan Thomas. During the Easter vacation the annual Orchestral Course was held at Trinity College, Carmarthen. It concluded with a concert for parents. Boys continue to travel for music lessons to the Welsh College of Music and Drama, Cardiff, and we are again represented in the National Youth Orchestra of Wales by Neil Cox, David Phillips (and in addition John Rodge and Edward Skinner who have now left).

Let us hope that the Society and indeed music in general will always "play" an important part in school life.

Keith Davies

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

Chairman : Ieuan Thomas ; Secretary : John Adams ; Treasurer : Edwin Gayner ;
 Librarian : Hugh Phillips.

During the year, the Astronomical Society has been holding twice-weekly meetings and discussing the phenomena of the night sky. All members are enthusiastic, and plans are being discussed to construct a telescope in school for the Society.

The Society is in contact with the Swansea Astronomical Society and our members are invited to attend their meetings. Visits to the Swansea Observatory are being arranged to take place on Friday evenings, weather conditions permitting. These visits should be very interesting and members are looking forward to viewing the heavens through the telescope.

We also wish to thank our President, Mr. Victor Rees, for his services to the Society.

CASTELL CYDWELI

Noel Williams 3 J

Mae'n hen ar lawr y dyffryn,
 Yn wyth can mlynedd oed,
 A phlant y fro yn chwerthin
 A chwarae wrth ei droed.

Mae'r Norman balch a'i cododd
 Yn gorwedd yn ei fedd,
 A'r Cymro balch a'i torrodd
 Yn cysgu gyda'i gledd.

I geisio trechu'r castell
 Gwenllian ddaeth i'r fro,
 Diwedd trist fu ar y maes,
 Nid oes ond enw'n go'.

Gerallt o Fanorbier,
 Gŵr y llyfr-teithio ffraeth,
 Bu ef yn troedio porth y gaer
 A hwylio ger ei thraeth.

Llogwyd y muriau cerrig,
 Llywelyn oedd wrth y porth,
 Ni allai nerth y meini hyn
 Wrthsefyll Gŵr y North.

Mae'n hen ar lawr y dyffryn,
 Er crefft y seiri maen,
 A'r gwynt a'r glaw wedi golchi'n lân
 Pob drwg a gwaed a staen.

TYMHORAU DYN

Richard Rees 6B

Pedwar tymor yn troi ac yn llithro
 Yn ein pasio ni heibio, yn mynd trwy ein dwylo,
 A phan ddaw y gaeaf a'i oerfel i'n poeni
 Sgwn i sawl cant arall fydd yma'n newynu ?

Nadolig yng Nghymru, half yn Vietnam,
 Edrychwch, dyna faban wedi colli ei fam,
 Ond er mwyn y nefoedd, peidiwch dweud wrtho i,
 Rwyf innau'n gysurus ar aelwyd fy nhy.

Mae'r haul yn yr wybren, ond trist Pakistan,
 Ond dewch, beth am inni gael sgwrs ger y tân ?
 Pa waeth am y miloedd draw acw yn erio,
 "Hard luck," ond yn wir, mae'n rhaid i chi drio.

Haf yma yng Nghymru, mae'n haf yn Belfast,
 Yn wir mae'n rhaid i ni weithio mewn hast !
 Mae bomiau yn ffrwydro ymhob heol a stryd,
 A'r pwysigion yn siarad o hyd ac o hyd.

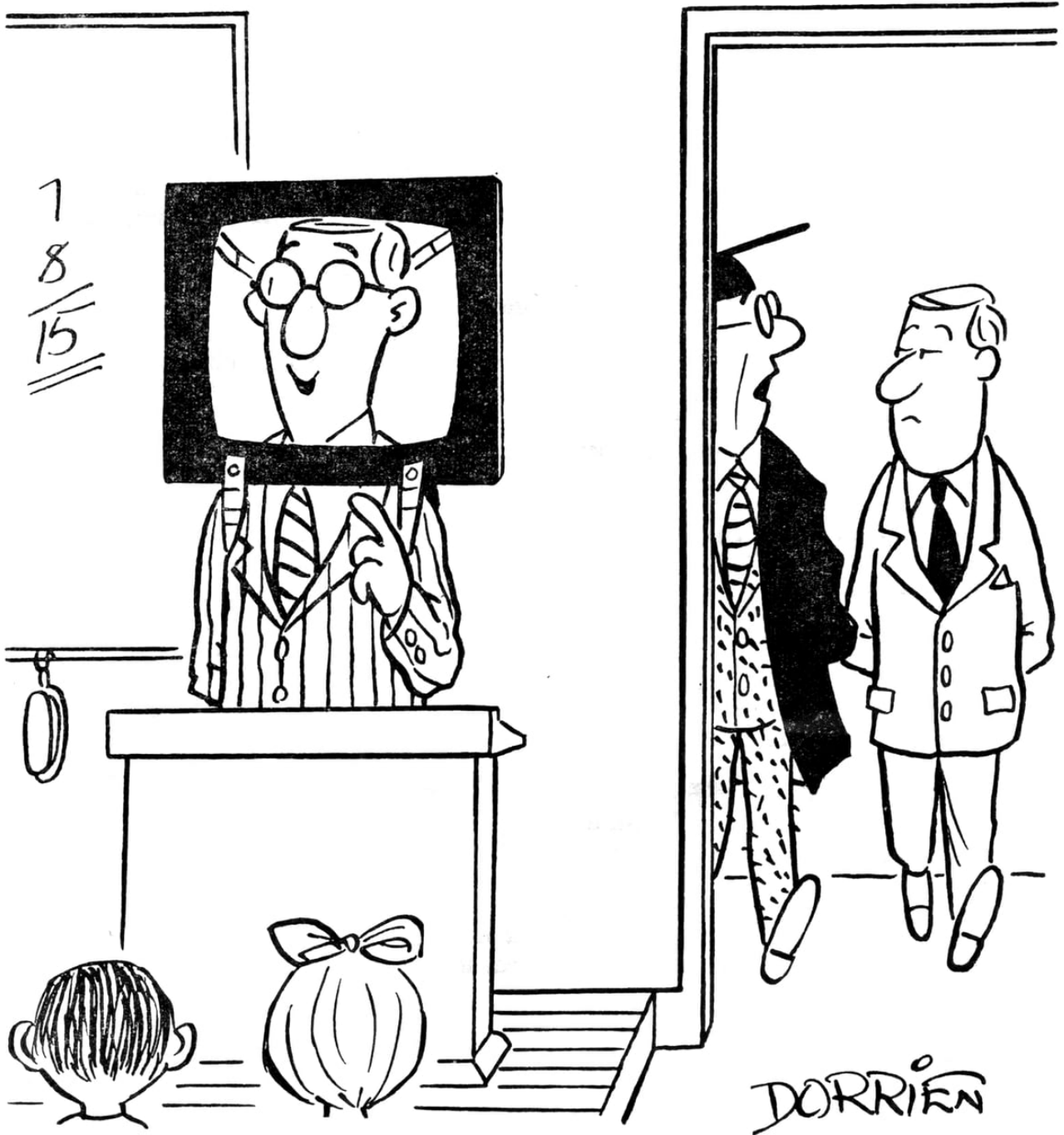
Pedwar tymor yn troi ac yn llithro
 Yn ein pasio ni heibio, yn mynd trwy ein dwylo,
 A phan ddaw y gaeaf a'i oerfel i'n poeni
 Mi wn y bydd miloedd o blant yn newynu.

THE SCHOOL BANK

The school bank has been running for about four years. Despite a drop in numbers and decimalization, the school bank continues to flourish. After the initial confusion, and with the valued help of Mr. Donald Hughes, the manager and staff successfully mastered the conversion table. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the solid nucleus of fifty savers, for their unflinching support during this time.

The school bank is now running as smoothly as ever, thanks to the accuracy, courtesy and good humour of the cashiers (who are Ian Gethin (6A Sci), Adrian Rees, David Willis, Robert John, Brian Docherty, Chris Jones (all of 6A Maths) and Alan Jones, 6A Arts. After collection, the money is deposited immediately in the local branch of the Trustee Savings Bank.

It is worth mentioning here that the habit of saving regularly can provide great satisfaction. A reduction in consumption of "pop and crisps," could easily amount to a weekly deposit of 10p, which would amount to £5.20 a year. As a school we are fortunate to have our own school bank, and it would be gratifying to see a substantial increase in the number of savers. Remember "save now spend later, spend now broke later."



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THE JESTER

Mark L. Evans, 6A (Arts), Editor of the *Jester*

As its second year in existence draws to a close the *Jester* continues to occupy a leading role in school life.

In addition to providing a news service, acting as a "soap-box" for debate and comment and encouraging all literary activities, the *Jester* is always seeking out new spheres of influence.

At the end of the 1971 Spring Term was published the *Jester Anthology of Poetry and Prose*, edited by Anthony Ward. This was intended to provide some outlet for the vast amount of creative literary work, written by boys in the school, for which there wasn't room in the *Jester*. It is hoped to make the Anthology into an annual magazine.

Another project was that of running the *Jester* as a joint venture with the Girls' Grammar School. Although this plan ran quite smoothly for two issues, regrettably, it was not permitted to continue the scheme into the new school year. I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all those girls who helped with the issues for their unstinting help.

Other notable events in the *Jester* calendar for the last year consist of : a trip by *Jester* staff to the *Star* Offices in Llanelli, a 'write-up' about us in the *Evening Post* and a tennis tournament under our sponsorship.

Also, last term was special in that it saw the departure of one of the *Jester's* founders, Mr. Peter Elliston, who has now taken up a teaching post in Weston-Super-Mare. It was his enthusiasm that first launched and then sustained the *Jester* during its first one and a half years in existence ; for this we are deeply indebted to him. Mr. Noel Rees has taken over his position of responsibility, and has given us ample encouragement in his first term at the school.

The publication of the *Jester* every fortnight for the last two years is due to a great deal of work by many people. I wish to tender my sincerest thanks to them all. Owing to lack of space I cannot possibly name them all, but there are two whom I feel I must mention in connection with the paper. They are Huw Williams, the News Editor, and Vivian Challenor, the Sports Editor; both have proved indispensable over the last year.

Peter Davies, of 6B Arts, will take over as Editor in the New Year ; I wish him all success and hope that he will enjoy his year in office as much as I have mine.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION REPORT, 1970-71

In the last issue of this magazine I stated that our aim was to raise enough money to buy a Mini-Bus for the School. We as an Association are very proud to say that not only have we done this, but through the efforts of one of our committee members we have also been able to have the school presented with a sectional building which when erected will serve as a garage for the bus and will also be used as a "Project" building.

The climax of our year came on September 21st, 1971, when in the presence of the Deputy Mayor of Llanelli, the Chairman of the Rural District Council, the Assistant Education Officer (Technical) for Carmarthenshire, members of the Governing Body, P.A., School Staff and Boys the Bus was officially handed over to Mr. J. V. Harries, Headmaster, by Mr. H. Griffiths, Chairman of the P.A.

On behalf of the Committee I would like to thank one of the parents, Mr. T. R. J. Williams, who painted the Crest that was used at the presentation and now hangs in the foyer of the school, and all who helped us to achieve our aims of the past year.

At the Annual General Meeting in November, 1971, the following were elected to serve as Officers and Committee members for the coming year :—Mr. H. Griffiths, Chairman ; Mr. C. Taylor, Secretary ; Mr. I. Thomas, Treasurer ; Mr. H. D. Thomas, Mr. D. G. Richards, Mr. W. C. Morgan, Mr. D. Thomas, Mr. K. Walters, and we welcome as new members Mr. and Mrs. Arwyn Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Jones, Mr. E. Cross, Mr. G. Rees and Mrs. Phillips.

In the year ahead we have a full programme of events which we hope you will support, among these are a " Competition Evening," Parents v. Boys, a visit to a Television studio, a Sports Forum and Ladies' Evening.

If you are interested in the work of the Association please contact any of the Officers or Committee members; you will be very welcome. There is no membership fee, and all parents are members of the Association.

Finally on behalf of the Association I would like to thank the Headmaster and Editor for giving us this space in the School Magazine.

C. Taylor, *Hon. Secretary*

OLD BOYS' UNION

The Annual General Meeting was held at the School on Wednesday, 22nd September, 1971. The Officials and Committee are as follows :—President : Mr. J. V. Harries, M.Sc., Hon. Treasurer : Mr. R. M. Thomas, Hon. Secretary : Mr. F. T. Edwards, Hon. Assistant Secretary : Mr. T. J. Bowen, Committee : Messrs. J. P. Williams, D. Phillips, M. R. Thomas, D. G. Anthony, Ellis Griffiths, E. D. Cooper, C. H. Ward, M. V. Drewe, Rhion Jones, Robert Williams, David Hughes, H. J. Richards, Eric Lewis, Noel Rees and R. Skym.

Messrs. Noel Rees, E. Lewis and D. Phillips were also elected to serve on a Membership Drive Sub-Committee.

The Annual Re-Union Dinner will be held at the Stepney Hotel on Tuesday, 28th December, 1971, at 6.45 p.m. The Principal Speaker will be Mr. Watcyn Thomas, whose toast will be proposed by our Patron, Mr. S. G. Rees. Other speakers include Mr. W. J. Thomas, Mr. Carwyn James and it is hoped the Chairman of the London Branch, Mr. Philip Francis, will extend greetings from the Branch.

The Old Boys' Scholarship has been awarded to Leslie Griffiths and the William Lewis Prize to Anthony Ward.

The programme for the Annual Dinner held last year was as follows :—

Toast : The School—Iorwerth H. Bowen, Esq.

Toast : The Principal Guest—S. G. Rees, Esq., M.A.

Speaker : David Q. Bowen, Esq., Ph.D.

Toast : The Old Boys' Union—D. MacDonald Roberts, Esq.

Greetings from the London Branch : W. Alan Evans, Esq., B.Sc. (Econ.).

In conclusion may I extend the Compliments of the Season to all our readers.

F. T. Edwards, *Hon. Secretary*

LLANELLI VOLUNTEER SERVICE, 1971-72

The Llanelli Volunteer Service was established last December following a meeting held in the Girls' Grammar School, where, after an address made by Mr. Jack Spence of the Swansea Volunteer Service it was decided to form a Llanelli branch of the organisation :—the aim being basically to provide help for those people in genuine need.

Since those early days the Volunteer Service has progressed tremendously, despite the fact that it has seen the departure of its original founder and co-ordinator—Mrs. J. Elliston. Under the leadership of Mrs. Elliston, numerous projects were undertaken : a party of under-privileged children was taken to a pantomime ; house cleaning and painting ; provision of furniture, carpets and coal for people in need, regular visits to Bryntirion, and various groups visiting housebound people.

In addition to this an 'Afternoon School' was held during April, where members were provided with an opportunity to discuss problems which they had encountered, and discussion groups were formed to study various hypothetical problem cases, after which conclusions were obtained—it was indeed an undoubted success.

Later in the month, a Jumble Sale was held in Park Church Hall, the proceeds of which were to go towards a Christmas outing for deprived children. The sale was a great success, gaining £40 for the society funds.

In May, members visited Keenan's Scrapyard for their arranged 'Woodchopping Project,' the firewood later being distributed amongst a number of housebound old people in the Llanelli area.

Following a lapse due to the summer vacation the L.V.S. restarted under the leadership of a new co-ordinator, Mr. Alun Williams. Under his supervision, another wood-chopping project was arranged for September, and in October members undertook to clear some of the undergrowth from part of Bryn Chapel Cemetery—this again was well supported. Members also helped the Llanelli Old Peoples' Welfare Committee by collecting £56 for their flag day. Later in the month, during the half-term vacation, members undertook their biggest job 'en masse,' decorating the Headquarters of the Disabled Drivers' Association in Albert Street which lasted the whole of the holiday.

Many other projects have been arranged for the coming months. Now that the weather is becoming colder, it is hoped to have at least one more wood chopping project before the year ends and members intend assisting the Meals on Wheels Association with the distribution of food to the house bound old people in the Llanelli area.

All that remains now, is for me to thank Mr. Alan Williams for his support and for the way in which he has so willingly accepted the responsibilities, as co-ordinator of the L.V.S. and to look forward to another successful year.

Alan Jones, 6A Arts

SAUNDERSFOOT '71

On the last Thursday of term a group of 18 senior boys loaded all the necessary equipment aboard a lorry, mini-bus and two cars for the school's third safari to deepest Pembrokeshire. This historic event was captured on film by that giant of the movie industry, Nigel Francis (Starpic to his friends ?).

About 3,600 seconds later we first caught sight of our home for the next week or so, Broadfield Farm Camping site. Here we set up camp whilst a few of the boys went to the beach to unload the school's fleet of sailing dinghies. As a number of boys had been there before, the camp was very quickly laid out and after a light lunch of sandwiches we ventured out on to the storm tossed bay.

Those who had been there before made a bee-line for the dinghies and the uninitiated braved the elements in the canoes. That night we ventured into the village to get acquainted with the natives, most of whom were from the North of England.

Every morning we were roused from our sleeping bags by Mr. Price and Steve Jones who had cold water ready for the reluctant members of the party. Two hours later, after washing and eating a hearty breakfast we would return to the beach and frighten every other boat owner off the water. After exhausting ourselves we returned to the camp site for a light lunch and went straight back down to the boats again afterwards.

This was the routine for most days. The exceptions were on the Tuesday when all of a sudden a group of about half a dozen boys, accompanied by Steve Jones and Nigel Francis, decided to canoe to Pendine. So the group set off on a straight course. Half an hour later, after continuous complaints from Nigel we altered course and made for a small cove littered with large pebbles where we landed. Luckily Nigel had a few shrimps left, he and Robert Rees had caught a bucketful the previous day. So we had a snack whilst the zoologists amongst us hunted for specimens. Three hours later we pulled into Pendine and refused to canoe back because of aching arms. We did have enough money between us to 'phone Mr. Price to pick us up. That night was a social flop for the boys and they had an early night.

On the Thursday we travelled to Llandyssul to try our hand at some 'white water' canoeing. When we got there we found that the R.A.F. were setting up a slalom course for a forthcoming competition. They did, however, let us canoe down the stretch. At the sight of the first rapid we all cringed, but by the time we'd reached the end everyone had confidence and was willing to attempt everything—except the cauldron.

Here Mr. Price stepped in and made everyone attempt it. Five out of the eighteen boys got through it. There was some confusion on the river when several boys capsized and got their canoes tangled up. This was soon sorted out and no damage was done.

Throughout the whole stay there was only one moment of anxiety. This occurred when, to the alarm of Steve Jones, Roger Smith and Phil Johnson, who were all a long way from the shore, in the *Enterprise*, they noticed a lot of water in the boat. It had sprung a leak. They immediately came about and headed for shore, getting lower in the water all the time. About one hundred and fifty to two hundred yards from the beach the boat got too heavy to move under sail and it capsized. At this point a passerby in a rubber dinghy gave them a tow, and luckily, did not claim salvage rights. The leak was soon repaired and the *Enterprise* afloat once more.

Sometime during the week, one of the tents had 'acquired' a 'bed and breakfast' sign and at the end of the week it was lowered and promptly disappeared as we broke camp to return to Llanelli. A film of our exploits will be shown soon and tells of a very enjoyable holiday indeed.

P. M. Harry, 6A Maths

RUGBY FIRST XV. 1971

Captain : Philip Warlow ; Vice-Captain : Adrian Rees ; Hon. Secretary : John L. Gravell.

This season has been an extremely unlucky one for School's First XV owing mainly to an unbelievable spate of injuries which has been the major factor in School's two defeats ; one at the hands of Neath, when only eleven players remained on the field at the end, and the other at the hands of Gwendraeth when, owing to trials and injuries, School



PREFECTS, 1971-72

Mark Evans, Robert Eynon, Mark Clement, Lloyd Hughes, Kelvin White, Bernard Jones, Robert John, Ian Gethin, Paul Jenkins, John Thomas, Paul Ellor
Gareth Davies, Peter Roberts, Paul Harries, Peter Musselwhite, Robert Grant, Ronald Leaf, Byron Davies, Graham Mathers, Wynne Jones, Carey Edmunds, David Thomas, Huw Williams, Alan Bowen
Paul Thompson, Tony Bennet, Barney Landy, Peter Jones, Colin Robinson, Paul King, Huw Jones, Adrian Rees, Phillip Harry, Robert Hunt, Steven Griffiths, Wayne Williams
Cerith Bassett, Phillip Warlow, Gary Howells, Alan Jones, John Gravelle, Paul Williams, Ieuan Griffiths (School Captain), Robert Harley (Vice-Captain), David Willis, Vivian Challenor, William Davies, Keith Morris, Michael Davies
Malcolm Hogarth, Brian Rees, Keith Young, Alan Phillips, John Price, Hywel Bassett, Christian Anthony, Richard McCabe, Geraint Llewellyn, Steven Owens

were without nine regular players. However, there have been bright moments, namely, the defeat of Cwmtawe and Millfield. It also looks as if Steven Warlow and Wayne Williams are set to obtain international honours. Other players who have represented School in W.S.S.R.U. trials are : Philip Warlow, Wyn Jones, John Gravell, Henry Wright and Barney Landy.

September 18 (away)—School 28 pts. Carmarthen G.S. 3 pts.

Scorers : S. Warlow 2 tries, B. Landy 2 tries, P. Warlow 1 try, Wyn Jones 1 try. G. Llewellyn 2 conversions.

September 25 (away)—School 16 pts. Cwmtawe 0

W. Williams 2 tries, I. Griffiths 1 try, G. Llewellyn 2 conversions.

October 2 (away)—School 17 pts. Gowerton 6 pts.

G. Llewellyn 1 penalty, 1 conversion, W. Williams 2 tries, D. Welch 1 try.

October 9 (away)—School 4 pts. Amman Valley 3 pts.

W. Williams 1 try.

October 14 (home)—School 6 pts. Neath G.S. 18 pts.

B. Landy 1 try, G. Llewellyn 1 conversion.

October 23 (away)—School 10 pts. Millfield 4 pts.

B. Landy 1 try, G. Llewellyn 2 penalties.

November 6 (home)—School 6 pts. Gwendraeth 15 pts.

K. P. Davies 1 try, G. Llewellyn 1 conversion.

November 9 (home)—School 42 pts. Pibwrlwyd 17 pts.

W. Williams 2 tries, 3 conversions, P. Warlow, 2 tries, 1 conversion, J. Gravell 1 try, 1 conversion, Ellis Owen 2 tries, W. Jones 1 try.

RUGBY SECOND XV.

Captain : W. Davies.

The Second XV have had the same complaint of being unable to field the strongest side but it is hoped that as the season progresses they will gain the results they deserve.

Results so far :

School 11 pts. Carmarthen G.S. 6 pts.

School Nil Cwmtawe 11 pts.

School 18 pts. Gowerton 12 pts.

School 4 pts. Amman Valley 4 pts.

School Nil Neath 20 pts.

School 46 pts. Pibwrlwyd Nil

School 4 pts. Gwendraeth 4 pts.

RUGBY SEVENS

In Hereford the Senior and Under 17 teams performed excellently. The Senior team reached the semi-final whilst the Under 17 team won their competition convincingly.

The Senior team consisted of Geraint Llewellyn (capt.), Paul King, Steven Robinson, David Welch, Wyn Jones, Henry Wright and Elfryn James.

In the first round they defeated Q.E.H., Bristol, by 5 pts.—Nil, Elfryn James scoring a try converted by Geraint Llewellyn.

In the second round they defeated Ledbury by 15 pts.—3. Geraint Llewellyn 1 try, 3 conversions, Elfryn James 1 try, Wyn Jones 1 try.

In the sem-final they were defeated by Llandovery College 8 pts.—3. Geraint Llewellyn penalty.

In the under 17 section School's team performed excellently to win the competition. The team included Wayne Williams (Capt.), John Gravell, Alan Owen, Adrian Rees, Phillip Warlow, Barney Landy and Ieuan Griffiths.

1st Round—School 27 pts. Breden 'A' Nil

Scorers : Ieuan Griffiths 1 try 4 conversions, Adrian Rees 1 try, Barney Landy 1 try, Phillip Warlow 1 try, Alan Owen 2 tries, John Gravell 1 conversion.

2nd Round—School 20 pts. Q.E.H., Bristol Nil

Scorers : Ieuan Griffiths 1 try, 4 conversions, Barney Landy 2 tries, Phillip Warlow 1 try.

Semi-Final—School 5 pts. Llandovery College 3 pts.

Scorers : Barney Landy 1 try, Ieuan Griffiths 1 conversion.

Final—School 11 pts. Cwmtawe Nil

Scorers : Barney Landy 1 try, Wayne Williams 2 tries, Ieuan Griffiths 1 conversion.

SOCCER TEAM

Officials 1971-72 Season : 1st XI, Captain : Peter Roberts; Vice-Captain : Robert Grant ; Secretary : Ronald Leaf.

The first team record up to the time of writing is encouraging : Played 7, Won 4, Drawn 1, Lost 2. For 22, against 15. Top scorers : Townshend 7, Rawlings 5.

25th September—Duffryn (away) Drew 3-3

An interesting tussle which School should have won convincingly. Duffryn gained last minute equaliser through a penalty. Scorers : Rawlings (2), Grant (1).

7th October—Milford (away) (Ivor Tuck Trophy) Won 2-1

School dominated the game throughout and missed chances kept the score low. Scorers : Lewis (1), Townshend (1).

12th October—Ystrad Tywi (home) (Ivor Tuck Trophy) Won 3-1

Once more School were dominant but Ystrad's defence did much to contain School's attack. Scorers : Rawlings (2), Townshend (1).

16th October—Maesteg (home) Won 4-1

Maesteg were a better team than any School had met and the game was more equal than the score suggests. Scorers : Harries (1), Roger Green (1), Young (1), Townshend (1)

21st October—Neath (home) Lost 5-3

School led for much of the game but Neath scored three quick goals in the last ten minutes to win convincingly. Scorers : Townshend, Lewis and Young 1 each.

3rd November—Merthyr (home) Inter-Town Trophy Lost 3-2

After trailing 2-0 for much of the second half School managed to draw level; however, Merthyr went through to the next round through a last minute penalty. Scorer : Leighton Townshend 2.

9th November—Pibwrlwyd Won 5-2

School were in charge of the game throughout and only defensive lapses in the closing minutes gave Pibwrlwyd their goals. Scorers : Harries (3), Townshend (1), Rawlings (1).

SECOND XI. Captain : Henry Boroski

The Seconds have played only one game to date against Neath on 21st October which they lost 3-1. Scorer : Bernard Jones.

The combined First and Second Eleven played two games against Pembrey Youth Club winning 2-0 and 3-1, respectively. The scorers for both games were : Paul Harries (2), Robert Davies (1), Keith Young (1), Leighton Townshend (1).

Finally the members of the First and Second Elevens would like to thank Mr. T. M. Richards for his advice and unfailing support.

Ronald Leaf

JUNIOR SOCCER

Under 14s. Captain : D. Davies

v. Duffryn, 25th September, Won 2-1

Scorers : Wayne Thomas and Allan Lines.

Under 13s Captain : T. Boyle

v. Stebonheath, 29th September, Won 4-1

Scorers : J. Lewis, M. O'Sullivan (2), M. Donoghue.

v. Olchfa, 7th October, Won 3-2

Scorers : Donoghue, O'Sullivan, Francis

v. Ystrad Tywi Won 3-0

Scorers : Donoghue, Martin, O'Sullivan.

FIRST CRICKET XI 1971

Captain : K. James ; Vice-Captain : A. Hughes ; Secretary : A. Owen.

County Players : K. James, E. James, I. Griffiths, G. Llewellyn, R. Green.

Boys represented School : M. Clement, M. Davies, J. Evans, M. F. Foden, I. P. Gethin, Rog. Green, Rob. Green, I. Griffiths, P. M. Harry, A. Hughes, L. Hughes, R. Hunt, E. James, K. James, R. John, G. Lewis, G. Llewellyn, A. D. Owen, E. Owen, P. Richards, R. Richards, A. Rees, J. Thomas, M. Williams.

Played 8 games, won 5, lost 2, drawn 1.

In the 75th anniversary year of cricket in school, the team with exciting cricket improved on last year's performances. This season proved that cricket is a popular summer sport because of the numerous players available for selection. A few mid-week matches were arranged against local club sides for the surplus of players. The concrete wicket has been ready for over a year and an artificial matting is still needed. Next season most of the present players will be available so that it could prove to be an excellent season.

School v. Amman Valley

In the first game of the season School bowled Amman Valley out for a total of 52 with P. Richards and E. Jones both taking three wickets. School's batting started well with I. Griffiths making a brisk 12. Gradually School's batting collapsed and eventually could only manage a total of 43. Thus School lost their first game of the season.

School v. Whitland

School batting first scored a total of 57 mainly through a fine knock of 22 by G. Lewis. This was a limited overs match and E. James in the last overs increased the scoring rate with some powerful strokes to score 13. Accurate bowling by G. Llewellyn, four for 11 soon had Whitland in trouble and finally they scored 45. School won by 12 runs.

School v. Llangennech

School playing with an understrength side at Llangennech in a 22 overs limited match won a closely contested game. Llangennech made a fine total of 96 for 6 in 22 overs at a rate of 4.3. The School faced a difficult task but with a glorious 34 by K. James School scored 81 for 6 in 18 overs with a rate of 4.5. School won narrowly against a more experienced side.

School v. Felinfoel

In a tremendously exciting game School won in the last over. Felinfoel batting in sunny conditions scored 58 runs in 20 overs with L. Hughes bowling well, 4 for 13. School's early batting collapsed but R. Green (21) and G. Llewellyn (17) kept School's chances alive. In the last over M. Clement hit a gigantic six for School to win by 1 run.

School v. Gowerton

Gowerton were the best side School had faced all season. School batting first could only manage a score of 39 and G. Llewellyn had the highest score of 12. Gowerton had no trouble in scoring this total and School lost by seven wickets.

School v. Dynevor

On a wet pitch School batting first found themselves in trouble but two fine knocks by Alan Owen (15) and Geraint Llewellyn (14) enabled School to score a total of 40. When Dynevor batted bowlers E. James (4-8) and R. John (4-14) kept it tight and were aided by some excellent fielding. Dynevor were bowled out for 36. School won by 4 runs.

School v. Cowbridge (away)

School playing on a good batting wicket scored their highest total of the season. The team scored a total of 131 for 7 wickets. The main contributions coming from three splendid knocks by K. James (46), G. Llewellyn (38) and J. Evans (21). This high score was to no avail because when Cowbridge started their innings the match had to be abandoned because of torrential rain.

School v. Staff

For the last three years the Staff have won this annual match. School batting first found it difficult to penetrate the well set field. School scored a total of 65 for 8 declared with E. Owen scoring 21. In the Staff's innings, Mr. D. Ball played some glorious strokes in his innings of 19 and Mr. J. Rees showed his experience by scoring 11. Ably supported by Mr. Smith, Mr. Price did not let the gym department down by scoring the winning run. So the Staff remain unbeaten. Finally I would like to thank Mr. J. Rees and Mr. E. Griffiths for their support throughout the season.

JUNIOR CRICKET XI 1970-71

Captain : M. Harry ; Vice-Captain : K. Thomas ; Secretary : R. Evans.

Last season was a good one for School, losing only one game out of five.

School v. Llandovery College

Llandovery College 113 (M. Harry 6-24, B. Duggan 2-24).

School 75 (P. May 21, S. Lloyd 11).

School lost by 38 runs.

School v. Stradey (home)

Stradey 8 (M. Harry 5-3, J. Longhurst 5-2).

School 9-0 (M. John 6, G. Lewis 3).

School won by 10 wickets.

School v. Burry Port

School 84-5 (declared) (M. John 37, K. Thomas 25, S. Lloyd 12).

Burry Port 25 (M. Harry 5-3).

School won by 59 runs.

School v. Stebonheath (in Llanelli under 15's Cup)

Stebonheath 66 (M. Harry 2-25, J. Longhurst 4-21, G. Lewis 3-21).

School 67-5 (G. Lewis 20, P. May 28, K. Thomas 12 not out).

School won by 5 wickets.

School v. Amman Valley

School 59 (E. Price 28, P. May 11).

Amman Valley 20 (M. Harry 3-7, M. John 3-1).

School won by 39 runs.

TENNIS REPORT SEASON 1971

Captain : Stephen Owens ; Vice-Captain : Nigel Neale ; Secretary : Gary Howells.

School again this year maintained their unbeaten record. Six matches in all were played, two against Bishop Gore Grammar School, one against Dynevor Grammar School, two against Cwmtawe Comprehensive and one against Gowerton Grammar School.

Opposition has again this year been disappointing which can only indicate that there is a lack of interest in most schools for this sport.

All of School's players acquitted themselves well and played consistently throughout the year. Only the players in the third pair occasionally dropped a game which shows that there is a considerable amount of talent in the lower forms.

Special mention ought to be made about Stephen Owens, School's star player; he has again this year proved his ability as a fine tennis player by being selected to play for the county senior team and also the Welsh senior team. He also won three junior titles and some doubles titles. Probably the highlight of the season for him though was that he was again this year selected to play in Junior Wimbledon.

Boys who have played this year for the School are :—Stephen Owens and Gary Howells (First Pair), Jeremy Price and Nigel Neale (Second Pair), Hugh Madge, Andrew Cox, David Hughes, Nigel Hanney, Robert Rees.

Finally the School tournament, sponsored by the *fester*, was won this year by Mario Picciau. This was said to be an unexpected win but it only goes to show that he showed great determination in beating the number one seed, Andrew Cox.

G. B. Howells, *Hon. Secretary*

CROSS COUNTRY

Master-in-Charge : Mr. D. Smith ; Senior Captain : Paul Williams ; Middle Captain : Steven Rolfe ; Secretary : Tony Bennet.

School's fixtures last season were limited, but even without match practice, six boys from school gained places in the Carmarthenshire team to run in the County Championship in Newtown, North Wales. They were :—

Seniors : Paul Williams, Tony Bennet, Robert Rees.

Middle : Steven Rolfe, Anthony Davies, Niel Williams.

In the races, all gave a good account of themselves, and helped Carmarthenshire gain one of the first five positions in the County list.

This season has seen the arrival of Mr. Keith Davies, himself a runner of extraordinary powers, who will ease the burden of team management, not borne solely by Mr. Smith. We wish him every success, and hope his enthusiasm will urge school to even greater achievements.

This season's matches :

Ammanford—Home

School started the season excellently with the newly-formed Lower-Junior Section running with great fire and determination.

Results : The Lower Juniors won by 26 pts. to 53 pts.
 The Juniors won by 25 pts. to 63 pts.
 The Middle won by 35 pts. to 44 pts.

Neath—Home

This match was run in terrible conditions, and it is to school's credit that they lost only one of the Sections to a strong Neath team.

Results : Lower Juniors won by 27 pts. to 51 pts.
 Under 15's lost by 34 pts. to 21 pts.
 Over 15's won by 23 pts. to 33 pts.

Ammanford—Away

In this encounter all the teams ran very well and revenged the home defeat by a resounding victory.

Results : Lower Juniors won by 37 pts. to 49 pts.
 Juniors won by 30 pts. to 52 pts.
 Middle won by 14 pts. to 23 pts.

St. Clears—away

Again, all school teams ran well, but due to lack of form of some middle runners the Section was lost.

Results : Lower Junior won by 27 pts. to 72 pts.
 Juniors won by 27 pts. to 54 pts.
 Middle lost by 54 pts. to 33 pts.
 Senior won by 11 pts. to 25 pts.

To conclude, it would be unfair to exclude the names of Steven Rolfe, Carl Phillips, Anthony Davies and all the Form 1 boys who have done so much to gain school's notable record.

Tony Bennet, *Secretary*