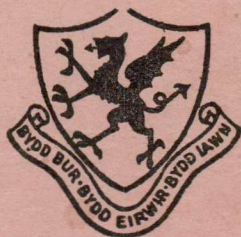


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## EDITORIAL

This year the School Magazine has been reduced in size because it is hoped that there will be another School Magazine published at the end of the school year next July which will commemorate the passing of the Llanelli Boys' Grammar Technical School.

Once again the school has had a very successful and distinguished year, with our boys being prominent in the academic, sporting and social fields. We hope that, in the future, boys, and girls, from Ysgol Gyfn y Graig will represent the school in such an august manner. It is not our place to mention names but we would like to congratulate one member of the school community on reaching an outstanding mark in his career—*The Jester*. This year *The Jester* was one hundred issues old and there will be a special item on this in the magazine next July.

Probably the main function of this magazine is to chronicle the important events of the year ; we have endeavoured to fulfil this function. The magazine this year has a committee of three editors, and is once again presided over by Mr. Brian Darby, guiding us through the magazine's preparation. We would like to thank Mr. Darby for his invaluable assistance.

We wish the School and all our other readers a very happy Christmas and a successful New Year.

STEPHEN M. DAVIES

## FAREWELL AND HAIL

This is the last issue of your magazine, for as we all know, the Boys' Grammar School is to become comprehensive. Everyone congratulates you on the long and successful life of your magazine and remembers the pleasure we have enjoyed from it.

It is commonplace today to talk about "this rapidly changing world". But, this is nothing new. The Romans observed: *Tempora mutantur, et nos mutamur in illis* — "Times change and we change with them". Many people desire change, there is always an appeal about something new, and we all have to adapt ourselves to modern ways of living.

Unfortunately, change does not necessarily mean improvement. There is today sometimes a tendency to get our priorities wrong, and it is essential that we be on our guard to maintain the high standards and ideals handed down to us from the past.

Happily, "Graig," as the school will be called, hopes to keep the School Song, Prayer, Motto and Colours. These have been treasured over the years and will no doubt be pleasant reminders of the spirit and atmosphere to be inherited from the Boys' Grammar School.

The Phoenix, that rare Arabian bird worshipped by the early Egyptians, was believed to burn itself, and rise rejuvenated from the well-laid foundations of the old.

To comprehend is to seize or take something up with the mind, and to be comprehensive implies the power or quality of understanding. This, indeed, is one of the main objects of education. If the new school can inculcate its pupils with a desire for knowledge and discrimination, it will earn and deserve its own reputation.

It has been humourously suggested that "Graig" might stand for "Good Results Are Implicitly Guaranteed". Seriously, though, I see no reason why with the united efforts of pupils, staff and parents, this should not be a correct interpretation.

Farewell and thanks to the Boys' Grammar School, and good wishes and greetings to Graig Comprehensive.

R. I. DENIS JONES.

## STAFF 1975-76

**Headmaster :** R. I. Denis Jones

**Deputy Headmasters :** M. R. Thomas ; D. R. L. Smith

**Senior Master :** H. D. Jenkins

### Assistant Masters :

W. S. Alford ...	<i>Mathematics.</i>
D. G. Anthony	<i>Combined Science and Handicraft.</i>
J. B. Bowen ...	<i>Art.</i>
Miss B. Clement	<i>Welsh.</i>
B. W. Darby ...	<i>English.</i>
K. Davies ...	<i>English.</i>
W. E. Ephgrave	<i>Religious Instruction and Sociology.</i>
Miss P. Evans ...	<i>Scripture and History.</i>
D. B. Evans ...	<i>Economics.</i>
G. I. Evans ...	<i>French.</i>
R. George ...	<i>Physics.</i>
E. W. Griffiths	<i>Mathematics.</i>
F. A. Harries ...	<i>Mathematics.</i>
J. V. Hayes ...	<i>Classics.</i>
R. L. Hugh ...	<i>English, Music, and Religious Instruction.</i>
D. Hughes ...	<i>Welsh.</i>
W. Hughes ...	<i>Classics and English.</i>
J. H. Jenkins ...	<i>Chemistry.</i>
H. John ...	<i>Physics, Mathematics, and Technical Drawing.</i>
A. W. Jones ...	<i>History.</i>
E. Jones ...	<i>German and French.</i>
D. T. Lewis ...	<i>Handicraft and Technical Drawing.</i>
Mrs. C. Lloyd ...	<i>French.</i>
P. K. Mitchell ...	<i>Handicraft and Technical Drawing.</i>
T. G. Nicholas	<i>Welsh.</i>
W. Oliver ...	<i>Physical Education and Mathematics.</i>
G. Owen ...	<i>Physical Education and English.</i>
R. Peckham ...	<i>Mathematics and Combined Science.</i>
D. C. Phillips ...	<i>Chemistry and Physics.</i>
G. L. Price ...	<i>Physical Education and Geography.</i>
H. J. Rees ...	<i>Geography, Geology and Physical Education.</i>
M. Rees ...	<i>English.</i>
Meirion Rees ...	<i>Geography and Geology.</i>
V. L. Rees ...	<i>Biology and Combined Science.</i>
W. N. Rees ...	<i>English, Drama and Music.</i>
T. M. Richards	<i>Mathematics.</i>
L. J. Sutherns ...	<i>Biology and Zoology.</i>
H. P. Thomas	<i>Physics.</i>
P. H. Thomas ...	<i>Physical Education, Religious Instruction and English.</i>
J. R. Thomas ...	<i>French and Careers.</i>
C. Thomas ...	<i>Handicraft, Design and Mathematics.</i>

E. M. Thomas ... *Mathematics and Science.*  
 Miss G. Thomas *English and History.*  
 G. D. Thorne ... *Biology and Botany.*  
 A. W. Williams *History.*  
 D. K. Williams *Welsh.*  
 J. P. Williams ... *Music.*

**Part-time Staff :**

Miss Watkin-Rees *Speech-Training.*  
 I. Davies ... *Music.*  
 D. Preece ... *Music.*  
 H. Sherlock ... *Music.*  
 E. Williams ... *Music.*

**Assistants :**

M. K. Walters... *Laboratory.*

**Administrative Staf. :**

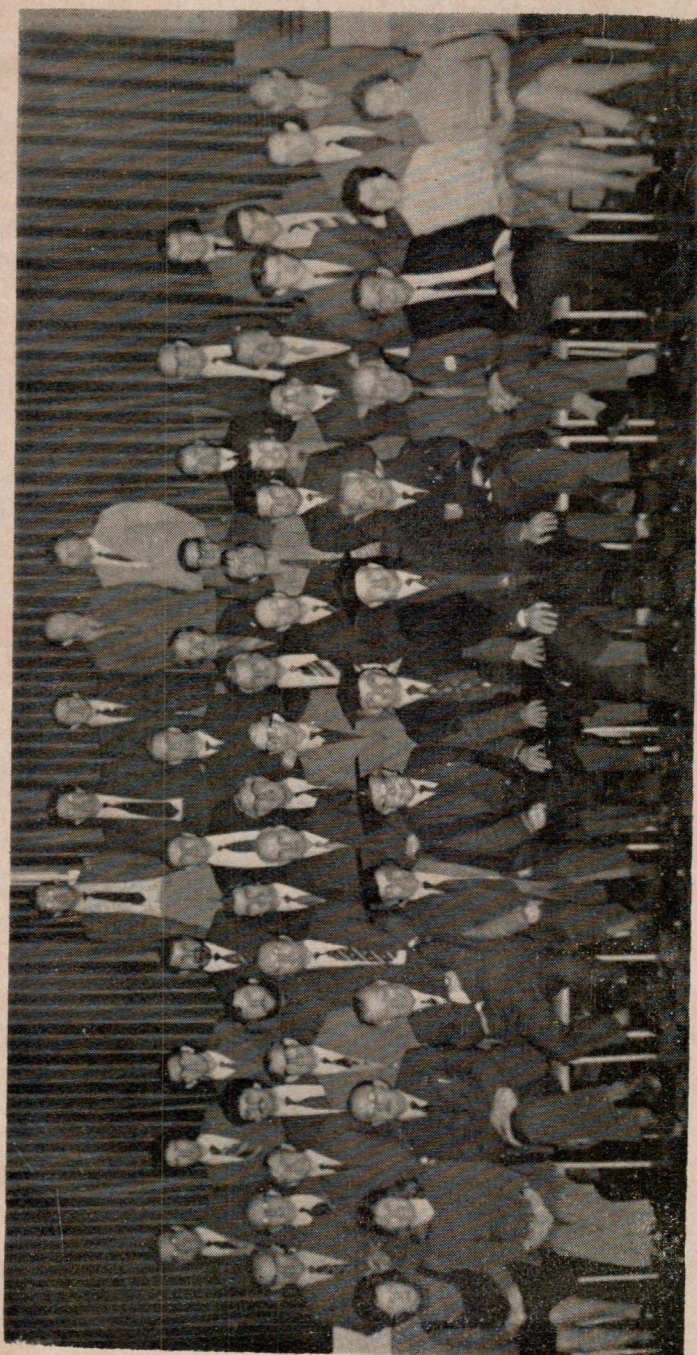
C. K. Walters *Secretary.*  
 Mrs. G. Thomas *Clerk.*

**Cleaning Staff :**

C. Hopper ... *Caretaker.*  
 F. Anthony ... *Cleaner.*  
 E. Barney ... *Cleaner.*  
 C. Davies ... *Cleaner.*  
 L. Davies ... *Cleaner.*  
 B. Hughes ... *Cleaner.*  
 M. James ... *Cleaner.*  
 M. Williams ... *Cleaner.*  
 M. Nurse ... *Cleaner.*  
 A. Roberts ... *Cleaner.*  
 C. Morgan ... *Cleaner.*  
 H. Phillips ... *Cleaner.*

**Kitchen Staff :**

J. Carpenter ... *Cook Supervisor.*  
 D. Hinder ... *Cook.*  
 S. Cloherty ... *Assistant Cook.*  
 G. James ... *Assistant.*  
 H. Kavayagh ... *Assistant.*  
 B. Richards ... *Assistant.*  
 S. Samuel ... *Assistant.*  
 S. Thomas ... *Assistant.*  
 M. Williams ... *Assistant.*  
 N. Howells ... *Assistant.*  
 J. Peregrine ... *Supervisory Assistant.*  
 J. Thomas ... *Supervisory Assistant.*  
 D. Williams ... *Supervisory Assistant.*



Back row (left to right) : Mr. W. Hughes, Mr. D. Lewis, Mr. G. Price, Mr. M. Richards. Fourth row : Mr. H. Thomas,  
 Mr. G. Nicholas, Mr. D. Hughes, Mr. K. Williams, Mr. E. Jones, Mr. B. Darby, Mr. G. Owen, Mr. E. Ephgrave, Mr. K. Davies,  
 Mr. D. Thorne, Mr. M. Rees. Third row : Mr. L. Hugh, Mr. N. Rees, Mr. K. Mitchell, Mr. A. Jones, Mr. G. Anthony,  
 Mr. C. Thomas, Mr. A. Williams, Mr. D. Phillips, Mr. G. Evans, Mr. R. George, Mr. S. Alford. Second row : Mr. H. John,  
 Mr. J. Rees, Mr. E. Griffiths, Mr. A. Harries, Mr. V. Rees, Mr. P. Williams, Mr. D. Evans, Mr. E. Thomas, Mr. J. Jenkins,  
 Mr. R. Peckham, Mr. H. Thomas. Front row : Miss G. Thomas, Miss P. Evans, Mr. M. Rees, Mr. Hayes, Mr. D. Smith  
 (Deputy Headmaster), Mr. M. Thomas (Deputy Headmaster), Mr. R. I. D. Jones (Headmaster), Mr. H. Jenkins (Senior Master),  
 Mr. L. Sutherns, Mr. J. Bowen, Mr. J. Thomas, Mrs. C. Lloyd, Miss B. Clement.  
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## HEAD BOY'S MESSAGE

In recent years it seems that the Head Boy's Message has been regarded as an instrument through which to express one's pride at receiving so great an honour. I feel that such expressions of pride and gratitude need not be emphasised here, as they can surely be regarded as the natural reaction of any boy. I believe the main purpose of this message is to make sure that all boys are aware of how much more enjoyable and rewarding their time spent in school can be if they endeavour to contribute to the various aspects of school life, whether in the academic, sporting, social or cultural fields.

I was, of course, particularly proud in being chosen as the last Head Boy of Llanelli Boys' Grammar School before the introduction of comprehensive education in September. The school has built up a great reputation for itself; let us hope that it will continue to set the high standards of academic and sporting achievement for which it is renowned. To be a member of such a school is certainly something not to be taken for granted.

I would like to thank the Headmaster and the Staff for their valuable advice and assistance. Also, I wish to thank the deputy head boys, senior prefects and prefects for their enthusiastic support and ready co-operation—their job is not an easy one. I hope that I can count on the continued support of the prefects in the New Year.

Finally, I would like to wish staff, pupils, parents, and all other people connected with our school a very happy Christmas, and a New Year which will bring continued success and good fortune.

IAN JONES.

### LIST OF PREFECTS 1976 - 77

#### Head Boy :

Ian Jones

#### Deputy Head Boys :

Martin Gravelle ; Michael Jenkins

#### Senior Prefects :

Nigel Barrington ; Neville Cass ; Paul Davies ; Stephen Davies ;  
Gwyon Jenkins ; Anthony Key ; D. Michael Morris ; Huw Thomas ;  
Phillip Thomas ; Lyndon West.

### **Prefects :**

Derrick Adams; Colin Arthur; Chris Auckland; Phillip Bassett; Gareth Beynon; John Camoby; Nigel Clement; Mark Collins; Ian Crass; Clive Davies; Ceri Davies; Julian Davies; Michael Davies; Jerry Downey; David Evans; Leigh Frances; Aled Gravelle; Kensley Griffiths; Brian Morris; Keith Harries; Michael Hayes; Freddie Hughes; Peter Hughes; Ian James; Robert Jenkins; Paul John; Alec Jones; Brian Jones; Clayton Jones; Hywel Jones; Ian D. Jones; Julian Lewis; Peter Martin; Nigel Murphy; Chris Phillips; Phillip Pound; Kevin Pulham; Alun Rees; Hywel Rees; Mark Richards; Meirion Roberts; Nigel Roberts; Peter Roberts; Michael Stephens; Paul Stewart; Nigel Toy; Gareth Thomas; Mark Thomas; Patrick Thomas; Paul Thomas; William Thomas; Chris Treharne; Jonathan Tucker; David Walters; Stephen Westcott; Julian White ; Huw Williams ; Nigel Williams.

### **SCHOOL TERMS 1977**

**Spring :** Wednesday, 12th January — Friday, 1st April.  
Half-term 21st - 25th February.

**Summer :** Tuesday, 19th April — Wednesday, 20th July.  
Half-term 6th - 10th June.

**Autumn :** Thursday, 1st September — Wednesday, 21st December.  
Half-term 24th - 28th October.

### **DE OMNIBUS REBUS**

The Editors of the magazine would like to thank Mr. Donald Hughes for his invaluable assistance with the Welsh material.

The number of boys on the School roll this year is 955 with 51 members of staff, with five part time staff.

The School was saddened to hear of the death of Mr. Tom Bowen, who had been Secretary of the Old Boys' Union for many years. Mr. Bowen had served the Union faithfully, always giving of his best. Representatives of the Union were present at Morrision Crematorium for his funeral. The Editors extend their sympathy to his widow, Mrs. Bowen, and to David.



We would like to welcome back to School Mr. Victor Rees, who has just recovered from a serious illness. It is good to see his cheerful face around the School once more. We would like to thank Mrs. R. Russell, who took over in Mr. Rees' absence.

The school this year has gained the services of two new teachers, Miss Glenda Thomas, who teaches English and History, and Dr. Emyr Thomas, who teaches Physics. We hope, and indeed know, that their stay in School will be profitable to themselves and pupils.

This year, there are no Modern Language Assistants owing to the cut-back in Local Authority Expenditure. These cut-backs also necessitated the departure of Mrs. Rosa Woods at the end of last term. Mrs. Woods taught Russian to Form Six.

The school has, once more, played host to a number of students. Messrs. Rogers, Huxtable and Vaughan from Trinity College, Carmarthen ; Messrs. Bruce, Meanear and MacCullagh from Swansea and Mr. Brasby from Aberystwyth.

During the Autumn term, an electric organ was presented to the School at a cost of £1,300. The money to purchase the organ was donated by The Old Boys' Union ; Mr. Maelgwyn Thomas and the *Top of the Form* Team, The Sixth Form Society, and the Welsh Society. It is hoped that Mr. Huw Tregelles-Williams will visit the School to give an organ recital early in January.

The School has also benefited through the efforts of the Parents' Association, which had donated a brand new mini-bus to replace the old one. Much of the money to buy the bus was raised by a Fete held in School at the beginning of the Autumn Term.

As a result of the Annual Charity Collection, £8 was donated to each of the following Charities : The Disabled Drivers' Association ; Little Sisters of the Assumption, Felinfoel ; Cancer Research Campaign ; Felinfoel Children's Home ; Llanelli Blind Association ; The Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

This year's School Play was not held at Christmas as usual, but at Easter, because of the moving of School Examinations to the end of the Christmas Term. The product of many weeks of hard work was a lavish performance of A. A. Milne's adaptation of the *Wind in the Willows* — *Toad of Toad Hall*. A full account appears in the magazine.

We extend our congratulations to the following boys who were successful in gaining grades A, B, or C, in the Ordinary Level General Certificate of Education examinations last June.

A. R. Aston, S. N. Barrington, D. T. Benjamin, A. U. Boland, C. P. Bowen, C. Bowen, P. J. L. Burd, L. D. I. Battista, C. M. Bush, N. Cass, D. Cole, I. M. Cross, N. A. Dakin, A. W. Davies, D. Davies, J. F. Davies, C. W. Davies, D. C. Davies, P. Davies, S. K. David, S. L. Davies, S. P. Davies, S. R. Davies, T. M. Davies, P. K. Douglas, R. G. Edwards, K. Evans, C. H. Evans, D. W. Evans, H. G. Evans, A. M. Frost, S. R. Gage, W. W. George, A. Gibbard, D. J. Gower, K. M. Gravell, S. R. Green, D. B. Harries, D. K. Harries, G. Harries, K. Harries, D. S. Harries, N. P. Herbert, P. M. Hughes, R. B. Phillips, M. V. Hurley, M. S. Jones, J. G. Jenkins, R. L. Jenkins, W. N. Jenkins, N. John, C. Jones, C. L. Jones, G. W. Jones, G. Jones, H. W. Jones, I. M. Jones, J. A. Jones, J. Anthony Jones, J. R. Jones, L. Jones, P. G. Jones, P. L. Jones, P. Jones, S. A. Jones, S. L. Jones, A. Key, A. M. Lewis, J. M. Lewis, P. J. Lewis, S. W. Lewis, A. I. Lewis, P. H. Mathias, N. Mazzeo, K. B. Mogford, D. H. Morgan, P. Morris, P. G. Muggeridge, G. H. Owen, B. Peake, S. L. Perrott, E. W. Phillips, J. K. Phillips, P. J. Pound, R. S. Powell, M. F. Price, P. H. Price, K. J. Pullham, P. H. Rattenbury, A. D. Rees, A. M. Rees, O. H. Rees, P. H. Rees, V. W. Rees, P. H. Richards, D. J. Roberts, N. Roberts, S. R. Roberts, W. Roberts, J. O. Roberts-Davies, M. Robinson, A. M. Ross, M. Rudkin, A. C. Sayers, M. G. G. Scott, G. W. Spencer, J. F. Stretton, C. D. Symonds, A. W. Thomas, D. W. Thomas, D. W. Thomas, G. Thomas, G. B. Thomas, N. H. Thomas, P. Thomas, P. H. Thomas, P. J. Thomas, R. D. Thomas, S. A. Thomas, S. T. Thomas, N. Tinkler, N. P. Toy, D. M. Walters, G. J. Walters, L. J. West, A. J. Watkins, J. Whittington, S. T. Wilkins, A. G. Williams, J. D. Williams, J. O. Williams, M. Williams, N. I. Williams, P. Williams, R. G. Williams, S. A. Snow.

At the beginning of October, work began on the extension of the School to accommodate the increased intake of pupils next September, when Llanelli Boys' Grammar-Technical School will become Ysgol Gyfun y Graig, Llanelli. New classrooms have also been erected adjacent to the Music Room. We would like to extend a warm welcome to the following boys, who are the last pupils to enter Llanelli Boys' Grammar-Technical School.

**Form II :** Leighton Andrews, Richard Aubrey, Simon Bowier, Kai-Clive Bouckmann, Michael Chapman, Edmund Chapron, Alan Charles, Jonathan Clarke, Gareth Darks, Gerald Davies, Kevin Davies, Neale Davies, Neil Davies, Robert Davies, Richard Dawe, Jeremy Edwards, Richard Edwards, Darren Evans, David Evans, John Every, Steven Fouracre, Steven Francis, Andrew Griffiths, Martin Harries, Stephen Holmes, Stephen Homewood, Wayne Hopkins, Paul Hughes, Stephen Hughes, Mark Jenkins, Mark Lynch, Jonathan Morgan.

**Form IM.** Andrew Beckett, Andrew Clement, Philip Daniels, Byron Davies, Christopher Davies, Robert Davies, Kelvin Dunn, Richard Edwards, Neil Evans, Michael Horns, Stephen Jacobs, Stuart James, Anthony John, Neil Jones, Paul Jones, Roger Lee, Robert Lewis, Meurig Lloyd, Peter Lloyd, Richard Meal, Kevin Mumford, Gareth Owens, Tudor Rees, Julian Rees, Kevin Rees, David Richards, Mark Roberts, Adrian Sandall, David Smith, Philip Swan, Duncan Thomas, Keith Thomas, Simon Waite.

**Form IO :** Richard Bassett, Mark Bowen, Steven Davies, Dean Evans, Peter Evans, Philip Evans, Timothy Gasser, Andrew Griffiths, Mark Halford, Mark Harrison, Gareth Howells, Kevin James, Patrick Kavanagh, Andrew McKay, Stephen Phillips, Wayne Phillips, Paul Rees, Adrian Richards, Byron Sadler, John Samuel, Julian Shaw, Evan Soar, Andrew Stanlake, Garry Stephens, David Thomas, Ian Thomas, Michael Thomas, Peter Toft, Alan Webb, Darren Williams, Gareth Williams, Jeremy Williams, Alan Young.

**Form IT :** Neil Davies, Richard Davies, Douglas Evans, John Francis, Gareth Goddard, John Griffiths, Stephen Hawkins, Lyndon Hughes, Robert Hughes, Andrew Jardine, Jonathan Jenkins, Stephen Jenkins, David Kilvington, Gareth Lee, Rhodri Morris, Mark North, Stephen Oliver, Stewart Onskew, Anthony Pape, Nigel Price, David Rees, Stephen Rees, Nicholas Reynolds, Ceri Richards, Craig Thomas, David Thomas, James Thomas, Michael Thomas, Paul Thomas, Timothy Wilkins, Mark Williams, Philip Williams, Stuart Williams.

**Form IW :** David Alford, Andrew Crass, Martin Davies, Alan Evans, Wyn Eynon, Simon Gouldstone, Hywel Gravell, Darren Hickory, Andrew Jenkins, Ian John, Gary Johnstone, Andrew Jones, Robert Lewis, William Lewis, Timothy Meredith, Simon Michael, Jeremy Morgan, Meurig Morgan, Kelvin Mumford, Andrew Parkman, Keri Phillips, Adam Rees, Dylan Rees, Geraint Rowlands, Neil Semmerce, Philip Swan, Alan Thomas, Alun Thomas, Geraint Thomas, Huw Thomas, Richard D. Thomas, Richard W. Thomas, Stephen Thomas, Ian Walker, Alun Williams, John Williams, Jonathan Williams.

A party of Form Six Boys and Girls visited Greece on an Educational Tour in the Summer. A full report can be found later in the Magazine.

A tour of Dylan Thomas country was made by members of the 6A English Group during the Autumn Term. The Group was given a guided tour of the Boat-House at Laugharne by Mr. D. M. Bradshaw, an ex-Portrieve of the Town.

The School has again this year had success in many fields : Mark Williams played for the Welsh Secondary Schools' Cricket XI which Martin Gravelle captained. Martin also played for Glamorgan County Cricket Club's Second XI and scored a century for them.

Michael Jenkins was awarded a Licentiate'ship of the London College of Music in the recent Pianoforte Examinations.

Graziano Luzzi, an ex-Head Boy of the School was awarded an Exhibition at Cambridge in the Academic year 1975-76.

We would also like to extend a welcome to the following boys who have joined the Upper School this year :

A. J. Andrews, M. A. Bailey, P. W. Barratt, C. J. Collier, D. M. Evans, G. James, G. H. James, N. G. Jenkins, I. C. John, A. H. Morgan, D. S. Morgan, K. Phillips, S. N. Phillips, S. A. Reynolds, W. Roberts, C. H. W. Simon, G. M. Towner, M. A. Williams, M. Ll. Williams.

Finally, we would like to congratulate the following boys who have gained Advanced Level successes :

P. D. Ashdown, *Imperial College, London* ; J. P. Aston, *Cardiff University* ; G. Bacco, *Liverpool University* ; M. J. Battersby, *returned to school* ; P. J. Burd, *Thames Polytechnic* ; S. E. Burnhill, *Southampton University* ; D. E. Clement, *Aberystwyth University* ; N. Clement, *Portsmouth Polytechnic* ; A. J. Davies, *Swansea University* ; D. R. Davies, *Aberystwyth University* ; E. D. Davies, *Employment* ; K. Davies, *U.W.I.S.T.* ; P. P. Davies, *Aberystwyth University* ; P. W. Davies, *Employment* ; L. DiBattista, *returned to school* ; W. K. Dignon, *Manchester University* ; P. J. Dunn, *Glamorgan Polytechnic* ; T. M. Earley, *returned to school* ; A. D. Edwards, *Trinity College Carmarthen* ; B. Edwards, *Aberystwyth University* ; C. W. Evans, *Dyfed College of Art* ; J. W. Evans, *Employment* ; Ll. I. Evans, *returned to school* ; R. W. G. Evans, *Aldermaston* ; J. Eynon, *Employment* ; K. Frater, *Brunel University* ; N. D. Frost, *Lampeter College* ; R. J. Gifford, *returned to school* ; U. Gramman, *Employment* ; C. F. Green, *Cardiff University* ; M. J. Grinter, *returned to school* ; J. Harries, *Swansea University* ; R. J. Harries, *Glamorgan Polytechnic* ; J. Harries, *Germany* ; G. A. Hathaway, *returned to school* ; G. M. Hind, *Llanelli Technical College* ; H. D. Howells, *Dyfed College of Art* ; O. D. Hughes, *returned to school* ; T. J. Hughes, *Cardiff University* ; A. J. Hunter, *Aberystwyth University* ; A. D. James, *returned to school* ; D. A. Jenkins, *returned to school* ; D. K. Jenkins, *returned to school* ; R. Jenkins, *Aberystwyth University* ; J. V. Jenkins, *U.W.I.S.T.* ; N. Jones, *returned to school* ; S. R. Jones, *returned to school* ; W. N. Jones, *returned to school* ; C. J.

Lavallin, *Cardiff University* ; A. F. Lewis, *Cardiff University* ; G. H. Lewis, *Middlesex, London* ; N. G. Lewis, *Employment* ; A. E. Lines, *Employment* ; A. P. Loader, *Bangor University* ; C. M. May, *Cardiff University* ; J. S. Morgan, *Reading University* ; E. B. Morris, *Trinity College Carmarthen* ; A. W. Morsa, *Exeter University* ; N. Ll. Murphy, *U.W.I.S.T.* ; J. C. Nicholls, *Swansea College of Art* ; N. Patterson, *Sunderland Polytechnic* ; M. T. Paynter, *Buckland University* ; D. S. Perks, *returned to school* ; A. T. Phillips, *Cardiff University* ; C. N. Rees, *returned to school* ; D. C. Rees, *Aberystwyth University* ; I. M. Rees, *U.W.I.S.T.* ; P. J. Rees, *returned to school* ; D. S. Richards, *Cardiff University* ; H. Richards, *Swansea University* ; N. A. Richards, *Trent Polytechnic* ; T. W. Richards, *returned to school* ; G. M. Roberts-Davies, *Manchester University* ; S. Rowlands, *Employment* ; I. J. Simpson, *Employment* ; A. H. Summers, *returned to school* ; J. Taylor, *Glamorgan Polytechnic* ; G. W. Thomas, *Glamorgan Polytechnic* ; H. V. Thomas, *returned to School* ; I. M. Thomas, *Cardiff University* ; M. D. Thomas, *Cardiff University* ; N. H. Thomas, *Trinity College, Cambridge* ; S. W. Thomas, *Heath, Cardiff* ; G. M. Tilleke, *Swansea School of Technology* ; B. C. Tolley, *Canada* ; M. A. Tovey, *Cardiff University* ; T. A. Waters, *Employment* ; A. J. Williams, *returned to school* ; A. B. Williams, *Leeds University* ; D. Williams, *Bristol University* ; D. M. Williams, *Bangor University* ; D. H. Williams, *Birmingham College of Technology* ; J. Williams, *Imperial College London* ; N. Williams, *returned to school* ; N. K. Williams, *Cardiff University* ; P. D. Williams, *Kingston Polytechnic* ; P. K. Williams, *returned to school* ; R. H. Williams, *Cardiff University* ; R. N. Williams, *returned to school* ; S. R. Williams, *returned to school* ; D. G. Wilmore, *Aberystwyth University* ; N. R. Winters, *Birmingham University*.

## OLD BOYS' UNION

The officials and committee for the current year are :

### Patrons :

S. G. Rees, M.A.      D. A. Thomas, B.A.

### President :

R. I. Denis Jones, M.A., J.P.

### Treasurer :

Alan Jones

### Assistant Secretary :

Paul Oram

### Secretary :

Eric Lewis, B.Sc.

### Committee :

M. R. Thomas, D. G. Anthony, P. O. Jones, E. W. Griffiths, M. V. Drew, R. Harley, D. P. Williams, B. W. Davies, H. M. Jones, W. S. Alford, S. C. Edwards, W. N. Rees, J. L. Davies, N. J. Royster, I. Hughes.

In November we learnt of the death of Mr. T. J. Bowen, a former Assistant Secretary and Secretary of the Union, and Vice-President. Our deepest sympathy go to Mrs. Bowen and David on their sad loss.

In the past year the committee have made strenuous efforts to revive the Old Boys' Union Dance by organising a Buffet-Dance. However on two occasions we were forced to cancel the event after booking a room, due to complete lack of support. If in future it is decided to try again, the committee feel that an all-out effort is needed by as many old Boys as possible to make it a worthwhile event on the town's social calendar.

On the brighter side, the Union was indeed pleased to be able to assist with the purchase of a new electric organ for the hall. After the last war a Memorial Fund was set up in memory of the Old Boys who had been killed, and over the years this Fund has grown, alas not sufficiently to cover the total cost of the organ. As we near the end of the Llanelli Grammar School, it was felt that this money be used to donate a suitable Memorial to the School, and the Union are pleased to record their grateful thanks to the other school organisations who assisted with the purchase. It is hoped that we can arrange a social evening early in the New Year so that an official presentation of the organ will be possible.

Once again this year the President and Secretary received an invitation to the Park Lane Hotel for the Annual Dinner of the London Branch.

This year's Re-Union Dinner will be held at the Stepney Hotel on Tuesday, December 28th when the Principal Guest will be David Anderson-Evans, Esq.

At last year's Re-Union Dinner the programme was as follows:

- 1 Toast : *Her Majesty the Queen*. D. A. Thomas, Esq., B.A.
- 2 Toast : *The School*. Colin Baber, Esq., B.Sc.
- 3 The School Song.
- 4 Toast : *The Principal Guest*. Reverend W. Raymond Williams, M.A., B.D.
- 5 Principal Guest : Alan Phillips, Esq., M.A., J.P.
- 6 Toast : *The Old Boys' Union*. Gilbert Bennett, Esq., M.A.
- 7 De Omibus Rebus.
- 8 Fraternal Greetings from the London Branch : Graham Hopkins, Esq., B.Sc.
- 9 Toast : *Absent Friends* : D. A. Thomas, Esq., B.A.

Hen Wlad fy Nhadau.

The committee and officials are always pleased to see new members at the Dinner and at the A.G.M., in September. Boys in their final year may join for 25p. before they leave for university, etc.

We are also pleased to hear of the successes of Old Boys in their various fields, and Mr. M. R. Thomas is continually collecting such information for inclusion in this magazine.

Will Old Boys who receive a copy of this magazine please note that a charge of 10p. will be made, and also that they should have renewed their membership for this year.

Finally it only remains for me on behalf of the Old Boys' Union to wish the School a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous and successful New Year.

ERIC M. LEWIS,  
*Hon. Secretary.*

### OLD BOYS' SUCCESSES

Among the successes of Old Boys during the past year which were notified to us were :

Dr. Douglas Bassett, appointed Director of the Welsh National Museum.

W. Vivian Davies, of Pwll, appointed Assistant Curator, Department of Egyptology at the British Museum.

Roger Vyvyan Davies, appointed General Manager of the Belgian subsidiary of Revertex Chemicals Ltd.

Rev. Laurence Bowen, now the Dean of St. Davids', while the Rev. Ivor Rees has become the Dean of Bangor.

Hugh Jones has been elected a Fellow of the Royal College of Organists.

David Morris, of Llangennech, has been awarded the degree of B.D.

Nicholas Hurley gained First Class Honours B.Ed., at Swansea College of Education.

The Annual Dinner will be held at the Stepney Hotel on Tuesday, December 28th, 1976 when the Chief Guest will be Mr. D. Anderson Evans who is now Administrative Officer to the Universities Vice-Chancellors' Committee.

## SCHOOL SPEECH DAY

The Annual School Speech Day was held on Wednesday, April 7th at 1.45 p.m.

The Guest Speaker was Mr. Alan Evans, B.Sc. (Econ.), Senior Official, Education Department, National Union of Teachers. His wife, Mrs. Evans, consented to present the prizes.

The proceedings commenced with the singing of the School Song, followed by the Address of the Chairman, County Councillor A. Francis, Chairman of the School Governors. Mr. Maelgwyn Thomas, Deputy Headmaster, then gave a report of the School's progress over the last year, and this was followed by the Headmaster's Message. The prizes were then graciously presented by Mrs. Evans.

The main address was given by Mr. Alan Evans, and votes of thanks were proposed by the Head Boy and his Deputies.

### PRIZES

#### For Academic attainment

**Form 1 :** Paul Clement, J. Marc Davies, Philip Gravell, Ieuan Griffiths, Christopher James, Jonathan James, Neil Richards, Martin Tudor, Rhys Whomsley, Steven Wise.

**Form 2 :** Julian Barrington, Andrew Berry, Kevin Davies, Jonathan Evans, Ian Griffiths, Philip Hughes, Wayne Johnstone, Ainsley Jones, Colin Jones, Nigel Mann, Ian Morgan, Jeremy Thomas, J. Mansel Thomas, Rhodri Thomas, J. Mark Walters, Peter Wilson.

**Form 3 :** Wayne Cutler, Gary Hughes, Harold Phillips, Huw Rees, Christopher Ryan, Gary Thomas, Gareth Watkins.

**Form 4 :** Francis Davies, Kevin Evans, Clan Jones, Paul Mathias, Huw Morgan, Richard Powell, Dale Williams.

**Form 5 : Best Ordinary Level Results :** Julian Errol Davies, Paul Davies, Michael Jenkins, Alec Jones, Ian Jones, Peter Roberts, Christopher Treharne.

**Form 6B :** Phillip Ashdown, D. Russell Davies, Richard Evans, Andrew Hunter, Gareth Roberts-Davies, Neil Thomas, Stuart Thomas.



## For Leadership and Service in Sport and Societies

**Rugby**, Alun Davies. **Soccer**, Steven Lloyd. **Cross Country**, Dylan Jones. **Athletics**, Neil Thomas. **Cricket**, Wayne Thomas. **Tennis**, Alec Lewis. **Gymnastics**, Paul Trincas. **Y Gymdeithas Gymraeg**, Meirion Thomas. **Orchestra**, Byron Jenkins. **Drama**, Andrew Byrne. **Chess**, Huw Williams. **Library**, Steven Williams. **Visual Aids**, Steven Davies. **Jester Editor**, Neil Thomas and Richard Evans. **Magazine Editor**, Christopher May. **School Bank**, Huw Thomas. **Gareth Kemp Cup for Outstanding Services**, Nigel Spencer-Jones. **Sportsman of the Year**: Alun Davies.

### Annually Endowed Prizes.

**E. H. Foster Prize**, Grazianno Luzzi ; **J. B. Morgan Prize**, Colin Samuel. **Harding Rolfe Physics Prize**, Nicholas Thomas. **Graham Rees, Prize**, David Davies. **S. G. Rees English Prize**, Anthony McGowan. **Griffith J. Thomas Prize**, Grazianno Luzzi. **T. V. Shaw Integrity Prize**, Meirion Williams and Tony Walters. **Old Boys' Union Prize**, Anthony Frost. **John Witton Jones, Memorial Prize**, Newton Johnson. **W. H. Davies Technical Prize**, Robert Sully. **J. B. Harries Mathematics Prize**, Leslie Simpson. **Dr. Idris Jones Prize**, Kevin Adams. **Dr. Idris Jones Prize**, Anthony McGowan. **Dr. Idris Jones Prize**, Emyr Price. **Dr. Idris Jones Prize**, Steven Ryan.

## PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Officials and Committee for the current year are as follows:

**President** : Mr. R. I. D. Jones, M.A.

**Vice-President** : Mr. T. H. Griffiths.

**Chairman** : Mr. A. R. Davies.

**Vice-Chairman** : Mr. R. Burton.

**Treasurer** : Mr. I. Thomas.

**Secretary** : Mrs. A. S. Phillips.

### Committee :

**Staff** : Mr. D. L. Smith ; Mr. M. R. Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. V. J. A. Sendell ; Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Manel Thomas ; Mrs. J. Perego ; Mr. and Mrs. D. W. B. Glenister ; Mr. E. H. Jones ; Mr. and Mrs. J. Jones ; Mrs. J. A. Davies, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Clunn ; Mrs. Joy Davies ; Mr. and Mrs. G. H. P. Wilson ; Mr. H. John ; Mr. and Mrs. W. R. D. Powell ; Mr. J. Barnard ; Mr. D. Barnard ; Mr. T. Hoskins ; Mrs. D. Price ; Mr. W. Lloyd ; Mrs. M. Bowen ; Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Clarke ; Mr. and Mrs. H. Jones ; Mr. and Mrs. D. Jones ; Mr. and Mrs. K. Evans.

The original Parents' Association held its last General Meeting on the 25th January, 1972. After a lapse, due to lack of support, of almost four years the Association was reformed on 10th December, 1975 during a meeting held in the School.

The meeting was attended by such a large number of parents that Mr. R. I. D. Jones expressed his pleasure at seeing such renewed enthusiasm in the Association; he also wished the Association every success in its future activities.

From here the Parents' Association went on to form a solid working Committee, obtaining help from the rest of the Association whenever the need arose.

As an Association we have made a few mistakes, as can happen to any organisation setting foot on new territory for the first time, but we have also had success and this has come in abundance.

We were aware of the deteriorating condition of the School Mini-Bus and to obtain a new one was to be our first objective. This seemed a mammoth task at first, but Mr. Taylor (our Chairman at the time) quickly spread optimism and enthusiasm throughout the Committee.

Our first attempt at fund raising was a *Meet the Staff and Coffee Evening* on 18th February. This was a financially successful evening and we received our first contribution to the Mini-Bus.

Serving refreshments during the school play *Toad of Toad Hall* was an added bonus, as was the Gymnastics Display and later a Disco, both organised by Mr. G. Price, the proceeds of which were donated to the Parents' Association.

The next idea the Association came up with was a Sponsored Walk. This was to take place on 9th May from Kidwelly Castle to the School. Everyone found it a most enjoyable outing; many parents took part but the majority of the walkers were the boys themselves. Well done boys! This was a phenomenal success bringing in an amazing total of over £800

Now with some money behind us and the threat of the ever increasing price of vehicles, it was decided to go ahead and order the Mini-Bus, which it was suggested, should be presented at our Fete in September.

For months members of the Committee worked and planned and organised; everything had to be ready for the Fete. Bands were contacted, the Army approached for displays, so were the Police Force, the Fire Brigade and several other organisations. Games, competitions and stalls all had to be arranged, so did car parking facilities and signposts. Everything from drawing pins to who should open the Fete had to be carefully considered.

After a Summer of continuous sunshine and drought, the Eve of the Fete arrived and yes, you've guessed; rain, an unbelievable downpour occurred. Everything became waterlogged so quickly that it was decided the only possible solution was to hold the Fete indoors.

Fortunately, on the day, it did stop raining and enabled several hundred people to attend with their families, at what turned out to be a very enjoyable day.

After this we indulged ourselves slightly by holding a Parents' Association Supper Dance, This was held on the 8th October at the Goodig Hotel, Burry Port at a cost of £2 per ticket. A letter was sent out informing parents of this event. It proved to be such a success that it will now become an Annual Event. On the same evening a disco was held by the Sixth Formers in the school and the proceeds were accepted gratefully by the Association.

Our next venture was a Cookery Demonstration to be held in the School on 19th October. Sally Oakley, from the Milk Marketing Board and of *Sally's Snappy Snacks* fame on Swansea Sound Radio gave a successful demonstration to a packed hall. During the interval we were entertained with several pieces of music being played by a trio of boys from the school.

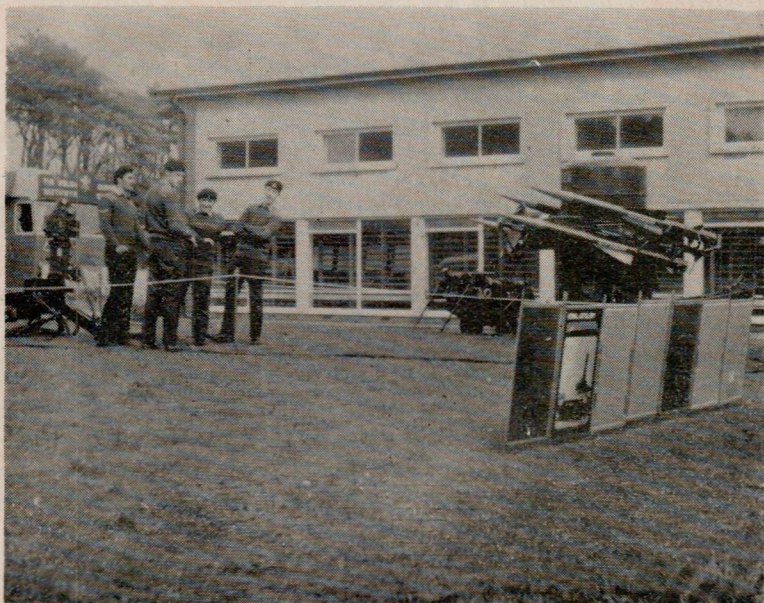
Carmarthen Youth Orchestra have kindly offered to give us a Concert on 21st November, free of charge, allowing all proceeds to be donated to the Association funds. This once again we are sure will be a resounding success.

Our last effort this year is our annual Christmas Draw. We hope to raise several hundred pounds and by so doing, complete payment on the Mini-Bus. However this occasion will not mark an end to our fund raising endeavours, Already for 1977 we have a list of events, e.g. Stainless Steel Party. A Coffee Evening. Car Treasure Hunt. a Barbeque. a Barn Dance, another sponsored Walk, and already plans are being laid for our Fete 77'.

The School is in need of a multitude of things, which only we as a Parents' Association can provide, so parents when you read our letters of appeal for your support at our functions, please do all you can to come along. We would also like to see some more parents joining our Association thus swelling our funds, so when next you see a Membership Form, please fill it in.

We should like to take this opportunity to thank anyone who has helped us in any way, however small, over the last year. Thank you one and all.

A. S. PHILLIPS,  
*Hon. Secretary.*



*Photograph : Peter Toft.*

## TOAD OF TOAD HALL

Seldom in the theatre these days, is the audience given an opportunity for happy emotional involvement and imaginative participation. Disenchantment and cynicism appear to be the demand of playwrights. Viewed in this sombre light *Toad of Toad Hall* came as a breath of spring and appropriately restored some of the magic, charm and delight into lives of all ages.

Presented by the School Drama Society, there is no need of excuse that the participants were schoolchildren. Their infectious enthusiasm and pure joie de vivre which the company injected into A. A. Milne's musical play, considerably infected the audience by its sheer exuberance and resulted in an unqualified success.

Those whose lives were nurtured on Kenneth Grahame's book, *The Wind in the Willows* will have fully appreciated the reverence given the work in Noel Rees' production of *Toad of Toad Hall*.

Cleverly avoiding the extremes of both pantomime and more realistic theatrical conventions, the compromising result was a happy enterprise for both school and audience. *Toad of Toad Hall* proved a totally absorbing and theatrically-rewarding experience.

Sumptuously staged and lit, the magic of the evening began as soon as one entered the school hall; gone was the conventional school stage. In its place, a fascinating framework of ramps, river-side contours, enveloped by hanging willows, giant bullrushes and reeds, all glittering in a spring afternoon's sunshine. Such a scene greeting the observer could not but set the mood for the visions to follow.

During the course of almost three hours, which flew past, the audience was presented with a fascinating world: Ratty's river-bank and nautical residence; Badger's underground home; the Court House; Toad Hall itself and the inevitable Wild Wood, inhabited on this occasion by a most amusing set of Al Capone-cum-Cagney type gangsters in the guise of ferrets, weasels and stoats.

Visually "out-of-this-world", the audience was soon whisked out of a stolid Edwardian nurse-governed era into Marigold's world of the animals, which despite its pastoral setting, always succeeded in achieving the overtones of threatening harshness. Marigold was charmingly played by Caroline Willis and her nurse by Rosemary Towner.



Photograph : D. Michael Morisr.

The four heroes, Mole, Ratty, Badger and Toad were drawn with wonderful inventiveness. They were resourceful, vain, tender, tough, but always intensely loyal to each other. The strength of the evening lay in the casting and performances of this quartet. Each was wisely given individual characteristics yet together, the variety within the four bound them strongly together.

Marigold's dream, which is the essence of *Toad*, convincingly proved that animals are human to each other. This was achieved in part by the characters' individual performances but also by a clever blending of animals' make-up and human costumes.

Mole, complete with granny spectacles, was beautifully and lovingly created by Jonathan Gower. He impressed as a very quaint English gentleman and was the perfect foil to Neil Thomas' practical and shrewd interpretation of the nautically-orientated rat. Ratty presented a particularly agile performance and his reactions as the character, even when not speaking, convinced through the entire evening.

Alan Williams, as a benignant Scottish Badger, kept up his accent and movements splendidly. Eminently reliable, if a wee self-opinionated, he supervised the antics of his colleagues with dignity and compassion.

Owain Hughes in the title role, may have lacked the girth of Sir John Falstaff but he had the same wonderful mendacity to make Toad a creation all his own. An arduous role to sustain for an entire evening, he achieved his task with considerable elan. His swash-buckling, vain and conceited antics made him a triumphat anti-hero and an altogether irrepressible but irresistible Toad.

Supporting the leading players was as diverse a set of characters to be found on any stage : Freddie Hughes as the Judge and Meirion Williams as a fat-faced rural policeman revelled in a show-stealing scene at the Court House ; Vivian Jenkins and Huw Williams portrayed an altogether droll horse, Alfred, complete with the legendary canary-coloured caravan ; Mama Rabbit, sportingly played by Marc John, was sufficiently burdened in her expectant condition by Andrew Blewett as an ever-curious Harold Rabbit ; Susan Richards made a suitably bucolic bargewoman ; Bronwen Lloyd was spirited as the jailer's daughter, Phoebe, and Rosemary Townner aided and abetted Toad's escape as the commonest of washerwomen. Together with a score or so of other cameo characterizations, the entire company worked particularly well in a well-disciplined team to capture not only the evocative pastoral magic but also the feasting and the fun of the work.

*Toad* must surely rank as one of the most spectacular productions to have been seen in Llanelli during recent years. Full credit is owed to a dedicated backstage team which ensured that the ten settings, charmingly painted by Cerith Evans, Tony Walters and Dylan Howells, suffered no embarrassing hold ups and flowed one into the other with absolute precision. The Stage Director was Richard Evans, the Stage Managers, W. Nigel Jones and Ian D. Jones who were assisted by Stephen Gelly, Richard Williams, Martin Samuel, Paul Muggidge, Christopher May and Paul Stewart.

The technical aspects of the visual presentation were particularly effective : Stephen Davies, Huw Thomas, Julian White and Nicholas Moore being responsible for the lighting and Nigel R. Winters for the commendable sound system and effects.

Properties were the responsibility of Neville Cass, D. Michael Morris and Ian Jones.

The Orchestra, under the direction of J. Penri Williams, ably supported the performers. On occasion, one could sense a slight tongue-in-cheek tempo to some of H. Fraser-Simpson's haunting score and such slight innovations were apt and effective. Fortunately, the accompaniment remained in good balance to the voices on stage. The production accompanist was D. Michael Jenkins.

Members of the orchestra were : Christopher Treharne, Ann Ll. Jones, Simon Thomas, Noel Williams, Paul John, John Marc Davies, Cerith Evans, Helen Ll. Jones, Anne Marie Treharne, Stuart Thomas, Kay Hughes, Gwyon Jenkins, Philip Pryor and Hugh Thomas.

Staff involved were Miss Bethan Clement, Mrs. Cecily Lloyd, Mrs. Gwynneth Thomas, Miss Pam Evans and Messrs. John Bowen, Ronald Jacob, Donald Hughes, Wynne Oliver, Evan Jones, David Lewis, Keith Mitchell, Keith Williams, Charles Hopper, Myrddin Rees, Keri Davies.

The Business manager for what must have been a particularly expensive production was Mr. Alun W. Williams.

The choice of *Toad* must have been one of the most ambitious possible. The sum total of the evening was that rare experience of magic, and only after the performance when one was hit by the cold night air, was one brought gack to the hard reality of this world and one's fond farewells to the characters at the riverbank.

## EDUCATIONAL VISIT TO GREECE

After many months of planning and hard saving, the day finally dawned for our much discussed tour of Greece—a tour in which we combined “business with pleasure”.

The twelve boys from the School were a little apprehensive at the thought of being accompanied on the tour by twelve “young ladies” from the “other” school. But on arriving at the Town Hall on the morning of 16th July, our doubts were quickly dispelled when we beheld the “Bevy of Beauties” who were to be our companions for the next 15 days.



After an uneventful flight from Luton, we arrived safely at Athens Airport and were quickly whisked away through the cold night air by a waiting coach to the Hotel Demetrios, which was to be our home for the two days of our stay in Athens, during which we visited the Acropolis and Plaka. We were accompanied by Messrs Ephgrave and Morgan and their good ladies, whom we must thank for their efforts to make our tour enjoyable.

By the third day, we had become acclimatised and began our tour in earnest in the morning, when we travelled through the picturesque countryside of the Peloponnese, over the Corinth Canal following in the steps of St. Paul to ancient Corinth. In the afternoon, we visited the fortified domain of Agamemnon, Mycenae, which we entered by the world-famous "Lion Gate". We then proceeded to our overnight stopping place, Nauplia.

The third day was spent travelling west across the heart of the Peloponnese to Olympia, where the Olympic Games originated. We were struck by the sight of the collecting from the roadside shrines by the Greek Orthodox Priests of the offerings of the faithful. These shrines were unlocked and unguarded.



Photograph : D. Michael Morris.

After a restful (?) night (during which we received Greek Dancing Instruction from Mr. Ephgrave), we proceeded to Delphi. There, we visited the Oracle of Pythian Apollo, which all the states of Ancient Greece consulted in times of trouble and on matters of great importance. Delphi, hewn out of the mountain-side, at 8000 feet above sea level was a most impressive sight. We also visited the museum and Castalian Spring there.

A more restful night was spent at a Hotel on the outskirts of Delphi.

The fifth day was spent travelling to Piraeus to meet the ferry which was to take us to Heraklion, Crete.

The rest of the holiday was spent at leisure in Mallia, Crete. Our stay was made all the more enjoyable by the liberal hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Panagiotis Saridakis, to whom we are all deeply indebted.

Mrs. Saridakis—better known in Llanelli as Miss Audrey Jones was a teacher at Stebonheath Infants 'School prior to her marriage.

During our stay, a member of the party celebrated her 18th birthday, and Mr. and Mrs. Saraidakis graciously played hosts for the party and also supplied a fine birhday cake. They also gave each member of the party a souvenir of Crete, and presented to each school an informative book on Crete.

While in Crete, we visited the ruins of Mallia Palace and Cnossos, and the museum at Heraklion.

Our stay in Crete was prolonged due to a blockade of all roads by Grape Farmers protesting at the low price they were being paid for their produce. This caused the party to miss the return ferry to the mainland and necessitated the party "sleeping rough" in the hotel corridors.

The next day, we returned to the mainland by air and joined our scheduled flight to Luton, where we arrived tired but happy.

D. MICHAEL MORRIS and BRIAN JONES.

## ASTRONOMY SOCIETY

**President :** Mr. Victor Rees      **Chairman :** Richard S. Powell  
**Secretary :** D. Huw Morgan      **Treasurer :** Peter Williams  
**Committee :** John Davies ; Ian M. Jones ; Emyr Richards.

The Society has just completed a full year of activities. During the Easter and Summer Terms a highly successful long season of films was presented. These films formed a useful introduction to most branches of astronomy, covering as they did such diverse topics as the size of the universe, the propulsion of space rockets, the Solar System, and astronomical telescopes. Some of these films were watched by audiences of over one hundred boys. Plans for the building of our own astronomical telescope have been discussed, and the senior members of the Society would like to start on this ambitious project as soon as possible.

Unfortunately Mr. Rees was indisposed during the first few weeks of this term, and thus the Society lost considerable momentum. However, the Committee has drawn up an enterprising programme of events for the coming months. It is hoped to make visits to Swansea Observertory, and also to a more distant place of interest. We are going to invite guest speakers to address us, and we are looking forward to showing a further series of films.

Finally, the Committee would like to thank Mr. Rees for his unflinching support, the film projectionists for their help and the members of the Society, without whom the Society would not have succeeded.

RICHARD S. POWELL,

*Chairman.*

## THE CERAMICS SOCIETY

**President :** Mr. C. Thomas      **Chairman :** Mr. Hurley  
**Secretary :** C. Bush      **Treasurer :** C. Price  
**Committee :** P. Barrett ; C. Symonds ; G. Spencer.

The Ceramics Society is one of the school's newest societies. It was founded this term after a suggestion by a member of the lower sixth complementary pottery class and membership of the society is restricted to the boys of the lower sixth forms.

This term has been a difficult term for this society as it has had many set-backs. At the beginning of term the society was informed that no clay was available for their use. Later in the term the society was turned out of the pottery room due to an oversight entirely on their own part.

The society has plans to visit various places of interest during the coming year, including Trinity College, Carmarthen.

C. BUSH  
6 Beta, *Secretary.*

## CINE SOCIETY

It was a rather damp, dismal evening on November 9th, grey clouds rolled in from the Gower and through the trees to close the day. Fifteen people were seated in the mini-bus—thirteen lucky members of the Cine Society and Messrs. Victor Rees and Clyde Thomas. The mini-bus moved off, Mr. Thomas at the wheel, to drive through the dismal evening to the Llandaff Studios of the B.B.C. Thanks to Mr. Thomas' excellent driving, and Mr. Rees' navigation we arrived in the studios without any mishaps.

Nicholas Moore and I had organised the trip, and the response was so great that a draw had to be held to choose the members to go on the trip, and because of this we will be trying to organise another visit at the beginning of next year.

When we arrived at the studios we were met by Mr. Hywel Williams, the Assistant Engineering Information Officer. Mr. Williams showed us around the various studios, including the *Good Morning Wales* and Sound Effects studios. We saw a live radio announcement going out (the Announcer was an old boy of the school, and had been taught Physics by Mr. Rees) and we also saw the last part of *Heddiw* being transmitted—Eirian Davies, 4N, ever on the alert was soon collecting autographs. A good time was had by all and a great deal of knowledge accumulated.

The society itself has been making films for two terms now, but new members are needed to help with the making of more film. Actors, scriptwriters, cameramen, etc., are all needed. Paul Newman has already agreed to star in our next film. This film, which will be called *Box Office*, promises to be a good punchy film thanks to the help of the B.B.C. staff.

The Society is growing rapidly, already we have a membership of 53 and is run by a very efficient Committee, namely, Neville Cass, **Chairman**; Jeremy Thomas, **Secretary**; Nicholas Moore, **Treasurer**.

I think too, that the members of the society would like to thank Mr. Clyde Thomas for the help he has given us and the time he has given up to help with the running of the society and the making of films.

Want to start on the way to Hollywood? Why not join the Cine Society immediately, if not sooner.

JEREMY THOMAS,  
4G Secretary.



## **GEOLOGY-GEOGRAPHY SOCIETY**

**Chairman,** D. C. Davies  
**Treasurer,** J. L. Tucker.

**Secretary,** A. Key

This year the society has continued to work with the girls' school in arranging joint projects., such as a quiz for forms 1 to 5, in which the boys team was narrowly beaten.

A series of educational films has been arranged covering the interests of members from all years. For the senior members, excursions will be held in the forthcoming terms to the Llandeilo and Barry Districts. There are also plans for a visit to the Geology and Natural History Museums in London.

The society would like to thank the members of staff for the interest and support they have shown in the past year.

ANTHONY KEY,

*Secretary.*

## **SCHOOL SAVINGS BANK**

This year has seen a slight decrease in the number of boys who have opened Trustee Savings accounts with the School Bank.

The majority of the members are from the junior forms, and it's a pity that more boys from the senior forms don't show such a healthy interest in thrift, which will stand them in good stead in later life. Perhaps the New Year will see an increase in senior boys' savings.

I must thank my cashiers, Dale Williams, Peter Williams, Stephen Gage and Paul Thomas. The Bank owes a great deal of its efficiency to them. I would also like to thank Mr. Dennis Phillips for his faithful service as Master-in-Charge.

PAUL MORRIS

*Manager.*

## Y GYMDEITHAS GYMRAEG

**Cadeirydd,** Llŷr Evans                      **Is-Gadeirydd,** Gareth Beynon  
**Ysgrifennydd,** Geraint Jones            **Trysorydd,** Alun Gibbard  
**Ysgrifennydd yr Urdd,** Dafydd Rhys.

Ar ddechrau'r flwyddyn etholwyd y pump bachgen uchod i wahanol swyddi'r Gymdeithas.

Yn gynnar yn y flwyddyn dangoswyd Ffilm yr Urdd i fechgyn yr ysgol. Er mai dim ond ychydig ddaeth, cafwyd amser boddhaol gan bawb.

Penderfynwyd torri ar arfer y Gymdeithas o gynnal cwis cyffredinol, a chafwyd fersiwn Gymraeg o *What's my Line?* Dafydd Rhys oedd arweinydd y noson, a Huw Edwards a Gareth Thomas oedd aelodau'r panel. Cymerwyd rhan gan Jonathan Williams, Walis George, Mark Robinson, Aled a Llŷr Evans a Geraint Jones. Yn ogystal â hyn cafwyd ymddangosiad arbennig gan Miss Bethan Clement, a chafodd y panel gryn drafferth yn ceisio dyfalu ei gwaith. Y bechgyn a orfu, o ugain pwynt i ddim.

Un o draddodiadau'r Gymdeithas bellach, yw cynnal taith gerdded bob blwyddyn. Y tro yma penderfynwyd cerdded o Fethlehem, ger Llandeilo i Gastell Carreg Cennen. Daeth deugain o bobl ifainc, yn cynnwys Mr. Donald Hughes, i ymarfer cyhyrau eu traed a'u coesau. Yn syth ar ôl disgyn o'r bws rhaid oedd dringo'r mynydd anferth yma. Ar ôl dringo dros ddolydd, a nentydd, a gwifrau pigog, a rhagor o fynyddoedd — gellid gweld y Castell byd enwog. O'r diwedd cyraeddasom y castell ac aeth y rhai mwy hyderus ohonom i lawr i'r dwensiwn. Ond ar ôl ychydig, diflanodd y llawr yn sydyn iawn, a gan nad oedd golau gennym, penderfynwyd troi'n ol. Yna cerddasom i Trap, o le y cawsom ein cludo adref yn y bws.

Yn nechrau mis Tachwedd cynhaliwyd dawns yn yr ysgol, dan ofal y Gymdeithas. Cafwyd cynulliad ardderchog, a bu'n llwyddiant ysgubol.

Torrwyd tir newydd yn ddiweddar, pan gynhaliwyd gêm hoci rhwng y bechgyn a'r merched. Roedd yn amlwg o'r dechrau fod gwell tîm gan y merched. Hawdd oedd gweld diffyg profiad y bechgyn hefyd—bob tro roedd un ohonom yn ceisio taro'r bêl, gwelwyd hwnnw yn cwmpo yn wastad ar ei gefn—heb fwrw'r bêl. Y merched enillodd o bump gôl i ddim—gêm glos!

I ddiwedu'r tymor, gobeithir cynnal parti Nadolig y Gymdeithas, gyda Noson Lawen a Thwmpath Dawns i ddilyn.

Yn olaf, hoffai'r Swyddogion ddiolch i bob bachgen sydd wedi trefnu y gweithgareddau, ac i bawb sydd wedi cymryd rhan. Hefyd, carem ddiolch i'r athrawon am eu hegni a'u brwdfrydedd, a fu'n amlwg drwy'r tymor.

GERAINT WYN JONES.

## THE JESTER

A reporter is alleged to have asked a centenarian to reflect on his greatest satisfaction from life. The old man paused for a moment and then said : " I think it's the fact that I haven't got an enemy in the world. You see, I outlived them all."

The staff of the *Jester* would like to think they haven't an enemy in the world and we are 100 editions old.

When thinking of something apt, or clever, to say on such an occasion, you rush to a dictionary, look up " Jester " and find that the interpretation is " a buffoon, one who makes jokes and sport ".

It is at this point that one realises the title of this school's newspaper was aptly chosen by its founders. *The Jester* has been guilty of buffoonery, has indulged in jokes, and has reflected its own world of sport. It has been the school's means of communication. It has enjoyed the co-operation of staff and scholars in bridging a gap.

As long as young boys of the school want to be reporters, critics, cartoonists, poets, the *Jester* will live.

Launcelot Gobbo, a " jester " who served Shylock in the *Merchant of Venice* observed, " I will not rest 'till I have run some ground ". The *Jester*, with the continued co-operation of headmaster staff and pupils will cover a lot of ground.

This year, under the editorship of Paul Morris and Huw Rees, the circulation has reached 500, and for their help in making the *Jester* such a success, We would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the newspaper, and everyone who has bought it. Special thanks must go to Mr. Noel Rees, who has frequently given up his spare time to help us meet our publication date.

PAUL MORRIS, HUW REES,  
*Editors.*

## JOINT SIXTH FORM SOCIETY

**Chair,** Ian Jones ; Claire Armstrong.

**Secretaries,** Stephen Davies ; Karen Francis

**Treasurer :** Huw Thomas ; Ruth Davies.

Since the election of the new officials in April, the Society has continued to play its part in school life. As a result of dances already held, over £500 has been raised for the School. This has been distributed as follows :

£90 towards the Parents' Association Mini-Bus Fund.

£200 towards the cost of the new organ bought by the Old Boys' Union.

£200 to the P. E. Department.

£60 for *The Jester*.



Other activities have included trips to Bristol, in July, and to London, in October, and the Sixth Form Dinner held last week in Llandeilo. The officials also helped organise the Jester Tennis Tournament during the summer. Scheduled for this Christmas are dances for the junior and middle schools, and a dance for form six with Anne Nightingale of Radio One. This is the first time a Radio One disc-jockey has appeared in School, and also the first disco to feature a woman D.J.

The Sixth Form Concert will be staged during the last week of term, while members of the Society will go carol singing on Christmas Eve, as they have done in past years, to raise money for a local charity.

We would like to thank the Headmasters, Mr. Denis Jones, and Mr. Challenor, and the school treasurer, Mr. F. Anthony Harries, for their continued support and co-operation. We would also like to thank all boys and members of staff who have supported the Society's activities. From the committee and members of the society, "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all."

IAN JONES,

*Chairman.*

### LLANELLI VOLUNTEER SERVICE (L.V.S.)

**Chairman,** Jonathan Gower  
**Treasurer,** Geraint W. Jones

**Secretary,** Peter H. Price

During the year, interest was sustained in the work of the service. A number of projects are being planned for the New Year, which include the idea of taking a group of under-privileged children, from Llanelli to the Pantomime at the Grand Theatre, Swansea in January.

Regular visits have been maintained throughout the year to Bryntirion Hospital, where many elderly and disabled patients were very glad to see us. Indeed, the response from the boys was greater than expected.

Another very rewarding task was the help we gave to a bed-ridden old lady when a party of boys dug her garden.

On October 1st and 2nd, boys from the L.V.S. took part in a flag day on behalf of the Llanelli Old People's Housebound Welfare Committee and collected the splendid sum of £50.93.

Finally the committee wish to thank all of these who have helped them in their activities during the year, to Mr. Malgwyn Thomas, and especially our President, Mr. R. I. Denis Jones for his continued support.

PETER H. PRICE

*Secretary.*



## MUSIC APPRECIATION SOCIETY

**Chairman,** D. Huw Morgan  
**Treasurer,** Stephen David

**Secretary,** Richard Powell.  
**Master in Charge,** Mr. Evan Jones.

Early in the year a small party of boys had the privilege of hearing a recital given by the violin Virtuoso John Georgiailis, past leader of the London Symphony Orchestra, at Stradey School. At about the same time of the year the string section of the Richard Hickox Orchestra gave a concert at the Burry Port Memorial Hall which included Britten's Simple Symphony and Tchaikovsky's Serenade for Strings.

In March, Mr. Noel Rees took a party of music lovers to the Brangwyn Hall in Swansea where they heard the Slovak Philharmonic Orchestra play Smetena's Overture for the Bartered Bride and Tchaikovsky's first piano concerto in E<sub>b</sub>. Undoubtedly the high-point of the evening was Dvorak's 9th Symphony, From the New World, which was enthusiastically received by the large audience. Another party later in the month heard a selection of works by Bach and Stravinsky which again were well received.

During this term visits have been made to the Swansea Festival by certain members of the society and also to the Burry Port Operatic Society's presentation of *La Traviata* which included many well-known international stars. It is hoped to carry on this practice in the New Year but the Committee is anxious that some of its ventures will arouse more support next term. Finally, I would like to thank Mr. Evan Jones for his interest in the society's activities and the readiness with which he has procured information about the various musical events that have taken place in the locality.

## THE PHILATELIC SOCIETY

**Chairman,** Philip Davies, 5W  
**Treasurer,** Paul Andrews, 5J

**Secretary,** Paul Thomas, 5W

During the term, the Philatelic Society was re-established after an absence of two years. This was brought about by the great interest and enthusiasm shown by a number of pupils.

The meetings which have been held have been well attended and stamp-swapping has proved to be immensely popular.

Included in our many plans for the coming year, is a trip to London, to visit Philymphia.

## HISTORY SOCIETY

**Chairman**, Stephen David  
**Treasurer**, Peter Thomas  
**Form Representative, 4 and 5**, Nigel Mann.  
**Librarian**, John Davies.

**Secretary**, D. Huw Morgan  
**Master in Charge**, Mr. Alan Jones

Since September the Society has developed a well-balanced programme of activities consisting of the presentation of instructive films and expeditions to places of Historical interest.

The annual visit to the Roman gold mines at Dolau Cothi was again a big success although conditions restricted the more adventurous from fully exercising their enthusiasm for exploration. Thanks here must go to Mr. Jones who provided an interesting lecture beforehand on the history of the mines and who was always prepared to answer questions during the expedition.

The series of Historical Films has dealt with such subjects as the Magna Carter, the American Civil War and Ruined Cities such as Pompeii and Herculaneum. It is hoped that this series which has engendered much popular support throughout the school will be continued next term.

It is also hoped that a trip will have been arranged before the Christmas vacation which will include a tour of six east Wales castles, Raglan, Abergavenny, Monmouth, Skenfrith, Goodwick and White Castle. Any suggestions for future society activities should be made to the committee via the individual form representatives.

D. HUW MORGAN,  
*Secretary.*

## NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

**Chairman**, Jonathan Gower  
**Treasurer**, Richard Powell.

**Secretary**, D. Huw Morgan

The society, with 160 members at the end of the summer term, is without doubt the largest in the school. Thirty films, on all aspects of natural history, were shown during the year and each one was well attended.

Having made a substantial amount of money during the year, it was decided that a library should be started for the society, which has subsequently been initiated.

Plans are under way for next year's activities, which it is hoped will include a trip. A programme of guest speakers has been arranged for the New Year, and it is hoped that this venture will be successful.

Finally, we would like to thank Dr. Emyr Thomas for giving up numerous lunchtimes, and Mr. Gwynne Anthony and Mr. Victor Rees for their continued support.

## THE PHOTOGRAPHY SOCIETY

**Chairman**, Michael Morris    **Secretary Treasurer**, Paul James  
**Master in Charge**, Mr. V. L. Rees.

The Society has once again increased in membership this year, and all members have shown an active interest in all the Society's activities.

Due to the indisposition of Mr. Victor Rees, the Society got off to a slow start this term, but nevertheless a trip was arranged to Napacolor's Processing Laboratories at Neath at the beginning of term. This trip was only made possible through the assistance of Mr. Clyde Thomas, who deputised for Mr. Rees, and the co-operation of the Headmaster.

Later in the term, Mr. Ivor Jacob, a local press Photographer, visited the school and gave an illustrated lecture on colour processing which was well attended and equally appreciated.

The Society has recently acquired a camera and accessories thanks to the generous monetary gift of one of the members' parents, Mr. Toft. Encouraged by this gift, the members are now putting their photographic expertise to good use by taking and processing photographs of various Forms, the proceeds of the sale of which will go towards the purchase of a badly needed Enlarger. Once this is acquired, the Society will be entirely self-contained.

It is proposed next year to broaden our horizons by paying a visit to the Printing Department of the *Llanelli Star* to see how photographs are processed for publication. This is only one of many projects envisaged for the future. The Society extends a warm welcome to all interested in Photography.

MICHAEL MORRIS,  
*Chairman.*

## SCHOOL PRINTING DEPARTMENT

The School Printing Department has been in existence for several years and operates from a room adjacent to U2. The Department is responsible for the production of all tickets, membership cards and passes required by the School. The Printers for 1976 were Huw Rees and Wynne Hughes of Form 5 and although the amount of work has fallen substantially, due to the shortage of cards, the department has continued to be of benefit to the school.

An exhibition was set up by the printers at the end of the Summer Term for the benefit of the new entrants. Each boy was able to see how the cards were printed.

We would like to thank Mr. Kerry Davies, the Master-in-Charge, for all his assistance, and all the staff and boys who have supported the Department during the year.

HUW REES,  
5A

### YR HEN <sup>Â</sup>WR

Mae'r hen ŵr blinedig yn llusgo'i draed  
Trwy garped trwchus o goch ac aur.  
O dan y brigau yma  
Chwaraeai gêmâu plentynnaidd yng ngwanwyn ei fywyd.  
Hiraetha am ei ffrindiau,  
Cyfeillion ei blentyndod,  
Hiraetha am ei wraig  
A gerddodd yma un gwanwyn flynyddoedd yn ôl ;  
Bryd hynny roedd yn ifanc ac yn olygus—  
Nawr, mae'n hen a'i wyneb wedi rhychu.  
Sguba'r dail am dâl prin,  
Prin ddigon i brynu baco,  
Ei unig bleser yn ei fywyd di-ffrind.  
Yn fuan nawr fe fydd yn aeaf,  
Yn aeaf ym mywyd yr hen ŵr blinedig.

JOHN ROBERTS, 2H.

## DIWEDD Y GÂN

Mewn cyngerdd gofynnwyd i Siân  
Ddod allan i roi Calon Lân,  
Wrth daro un nodyn  
Fe swniodd fel asyn,  
A dyna oedd diwedd y gân.

DAFYDD JENKINS, 2H.

## GWYRDD

Gwyrdd yw'r lliw gorau yn y byd,  
Rwy'n hoffi'r lliw hwn yn fwy na nhw i gyd.  
Gwyrdd yw lliw'r gwair sydd ar y llawr,  
A gwyrdd yw'r mynyddoedd sydd mor fawr.

Glas yw lliw'r don a gwyn yw lliw'r lili,  
Ond gwyrdd ydy'r lliw sydd orau genni,  
Brown yw lliw'r esgid a du yw lliw'r frân,  
Ond mae'n well gennyf wyrdd na'r coch sydd fel tân.

Ie gwyrdd yw'r lliw gorau yn y byd,  
Rwy'n hoffi'r lliw hwn yn fwy na nhw i gyd.

ALUN THOMAS, 2H.

## Y BÊL

Pan roeddwn fachgen bychan  
Fe gefais rodd benblwy'  
Un pâr o 'sgidiau "football"  
A phêl 'r un siap ag wŷ.

Pêl gron oedd gan bawb arall  
O'r plant i chwarae'n llon ;  
O! beth wnaeth mami annwyl  
I roi i'm bêl fel hon -

Er treio'i chicio'n union  
Mynd nôl a mlaen wnai hi,  
Hen bêl ddisiap a salw,  
Ni hoffwn chwarae a hi.

Fe'i taflais mewn i'r cwpwrdd,  
Ac yno cafodd fod  
I orwedd gyda llawer  
O bethau gwael, di-nod.

'Roedd siarad mawr pryd hwnnw  
Yn Hydref saith deg dau  
Am dîm o Seland Newydd  
Na cholodd ar y cae.

Fe ddaethant draw i Gymru  
I'r Strade un prynhawn,  
A'u bwriad oedd rhoi curfa  
I'r Scarlets mawr eu dawn.

Ces innau weld y frwydr  
Ac er fy syndod mawr—  
Pêl ledr hirgron salw  
Ddefnyddid am dros awr.

Fe drechodd tîm y sosban  
Y crysiau duon mawr,  
Un cais drwy ddwylo Bergiers  
A chic gan Andy'r cawr.

Nid salw i mi mwyach  
Yw'r rhodd a ges gan mam,  
Ond pêl a garaf chwarae  
Bob cyfle ddaw 'mhobman.

Gobeithio y caf gyfle  
Pan fyddaf fawr a chry'  
I chwarae gêm dros Gymru  
A'r belen hirgron gu.

DAFYDD JENKINS, 2H.

### Y TRACTOR

Yn y dyddiau gynt bu'r ceffyl  
Yn cerdded ymlaen a nôl,  
Yn gweithio'n galed wrth dynnu  
Yr aradr ar ei ôl.

Ond heddiw tractor sydd  
Yn rhuo ar draws y cae,  
Dwy olwyn fach, dwy olwyn fawr—  
Gall dynnu heb un gwae.

DAVID RICHARDS, EIFION WATKINS, 2H



## HEDFAN

Yn y cymylau, hedfan fry,  
Dyna'r math o fywyd a garwn i.  
Mynd bant yn yr Hydref, dod nol cyn yr Haf,  
Meddyliwch, oni fydd y bywyd 'na'n braf ?

Dodi fy nyth i mewn yn y drain,  
Mae'n od, ond fe deimlwn cyn falched â'r paun.  
Deryn-bach syml, hedfan yn chwim,  
Pam nad wy'n dderyn, wn i ddim.

Edrych i lawr o'r awyr mawr, glas.  
O danaf mae byd lle mae dynion bach cas.  
O, fe roddwn fy llaw dde er mwyn cael bod  
Yn dderyn bach â'i nyth yn y coed.

GERAINT THOMAS, 2H.

## Y DREFN

Bryniau o felfed, safant yn llonydd  
Grynswth, yn wlych gan gysgodion y nos.

Tawelwch a'r wawr sy'n torri'n gytûn ;  
Y golau, dihuna'r creigiau serth ;  
Gwthia'r tywyllwch i'r tyllau  
Yng nghrombil daear,  
A thrawsnewidir byd.

Mwswg gwyrdd yn hongian fel gwawn  
Dros wefus oer y rhaeadr rheibus,  
Carlwm yn carlamu,  
Hebog yn hedeg,  
A'r cwningod yn cnoi'n y cnydau.

Mae'r drefn yn seiliedig  
Goruwch i ddyd  
Rhed yr afon i'r môr,  
Ni chwyp y nos,  
Fe ddisgyn,  
Fel eira.

JONATHAN GOWER, 6B.

# SPORTS RESULTS

## RUGBY FIRST XV

**Captain,** Gareth Thomas

**Vice-Captain,** Martin Gravelle

**Secretary,** Wayne Cutler.

School have made a very encouraging start to the season and have won eight of their first ten games, losing the other two. In those games they have scored 271 points and conceded 114 points. The top scorers are Martin Gravelle with 127 points followed by Kevin Pulham and Brian Harries with 32 points apiece.

The performance of the school players in the trials for the Welsh Secondary Schools was disappointing, with Gareth Thomas, only, being selected for the East Dyfed team. Gareth played extremely well and, consequently, was selected for the Dyfed Schools XV. However, he was unlucky not to have been selected for the West Wales side.

In all, twenty-four players have represented the school XV this season. They are : John Rees, Philip Davies, Brian Harries, Paul Thomas, Philip Thomas, Ian James, Keri Williams, Stephen Watson, Steven Lewis, Martin Gravelle, Gareth Thomas, Aled Gravelle, Lyndon West, Ian Jones, Nigel Jones, Clive Davies, Wayne Cutler, Peter Roberts, Spencer Thomas, John Andrews, Mark Barnard, Kevin Pulham, Ian Cross, and Nigel Barrington.

### Results :

School 18, Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, 10. Scorers : K. Pulham, two tries. G. Thomas one try ; M. Gravelle three conversions.

School 28, Cwmtawe 11. Scorers : Tries, B. Harries, S. Lewis, M. Gravelle two penalties, two conversions, two drop-goals, one try.

School 64, Whitland 0. Tries, K. Pulham 3, B. Harries, 2, K. Williams, N. Barrington, M. Gravelle four tries, ten conversions.

School 22, Gowerton 31. Tries, S. Watson two ; M. Gravelle four penalties and one conversion.

School 19, Gwendraeth 8. Tries, N. Barrington, two ; G. Thomas ; M. Gravelle, one penalty and two conversions.

School 3, Millfield 12. M. Gravelle one penalty.

School 12 Amman Valley 14. Tries, N. Barrington ; B. Harries ; M. Gravelle two conversions.

School 35 Maesydderwen 12. Tries, K. Pulahm two ; K. Williams ; S. Watson ; G. Thomas ; M. Gravelle one try, one penalty and four conversions.

School 26, Olchfa 6. Tries, K. Pulha, ; B. Harries ; J. Rees ; Williams ; N. Barrington ; M. Gravelle, one try, one conversion.

School 44, Stanwell 20. Tries, B. Harries, three ; I. Cross, two ; G. Thomas ; I. James ; M. Gravelle, one try, and six conversions.

In the next fortnight, School have three tough fixtures against Brynteg, Belmont Abbey and Llandovery College, and are confident that they can do well in these matches.

WAYNE CUTLER,  
*Secretary.*

## SECOND XV

**Captain,** Gareth Beynon

**Vice-Captain,** Gwyon Jenkins

The School second XV have made an excellent start to the season having won all of their first ten games. Many of last year's under 15 side have played this season and a number of them, especially Philip Davies, Stuart Denman, Russel Jenkins, David Evans, and Mark Barnard, have played vital roles in ensuring the seconds' best start to a season for many years.

The highlight of the season so far has been their victory by 50 points to 8 against Millfield seconds, the first game ever between the two sides.

In their 10 games school have scored 352 points and only conceded 52. As with the first XV, the seconds have tough opposition in their three remaining games of the term, and if they win these games, school have a very good chance of completing the season with an undefeated record.

### Results :

School v. Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, 22 - 13 ; v. Cwmtawe, 8 - 4 ; v. Whitland, 42 - 0 ; v. Gowerton, 43 - 13 ; v. Gwendraeth, 42 - 0 ; v. Millfield, 50 - 8 ; v. Amman Valley, 12 - 4 ; v. Maes-ydderwen, 46 - 0 ; v. Olchfa, 48 - 10 ; v. Stanwell, 48 - 10.

### SCHOOL THIRD XV

**Captain,** Mark Collins. For the first time ever the school has fielded a third XV. After two games they are unbeaten. However, it is hoped that more fixtures can be arranged.

### Results :

School v. Cwmtawe, 6 - 4 ; v. Whitland, 42 - 4.

### CRICKET FIRST XI

**Captain,** Wayne Thomas.      **Vice-Captain,** Martin Gravelle.

**Secretary,** Gwyon Jenkins.

**Masters-in-Charge,** Mr. W. Hughes, Mr. J. Rees.

The season again proved to be very successful as far as representative cricket was concerned. Martin Gravelle and Mark Williams represented the Welsh Schools' Cricket Association under 19, and Wayne Thomas played in one of the trial matches

As a team, school were to have played fourteen games, but due to rain and complications on the administrative side, only seven matches were played. Five matches were won, one drawn and one lost. Fine victories were recorded against a Llangennech Midweek XI, and also against Cowbridge.

Hopes are high for the future with some of the younger boys, notably Huw Jones, Clive Harding and Carl Davies, showing great promise. Other boys to have played for the First XI were : Stephen Watson, Gwyon Jenkins, Nigel Murphy, Anthony Smith, Kieron Davies, John Rees, Aled Gravelle, Gareth Thomas, Stuart Green, Steven Jones, Clive Williams, Dylan Jones, Philip Pound and Ian Cross.

### Results :

School v. Gwendraeth. Won by 51 runs. School, 95 for 3 (M. Gravelle, 52 ; G. Thomas, 20 n.o.). Gwendraeth 44 for 3 (G. Jenkins, 2 for 14 ; N. Mutphy, 1 for 7).

School v. Amman Valley. Won by 10 wickets. School 44 for no wickets (M. Gravelle, 32 n.o. ; M. Williams, 12 n.o.). Amman Valley 43 all out (C. Williams, 6 for 16 ; S. Watson, 3 for 16).

School v. Dafen Midweek XI. Lost by 6 wickets. School, 74 (M. Gravelle, 25 ; W. Thomas 22 n.o.) Dafen, 76 for 4.

School v. Tregyg. Won by 8 wickets. Tregyg 36 all out (C. Williams, 4 for 3 ; H. Jones, 3 for 13). School 38 for 2 (P. Pound, 18 n.o.,) S. Watson 10.n.o.).

School v. Llangennech Midweek XI. Won by 6 wickets. Llangennech 71 for 9 (D. Jones 5 for 31) School 72 for 4 (M. Gravelle, 27).

School v. Cowbridge. Won by 74 runs. School 152 for 9 declared (J. Rees, 45 ; W. Thomas, 39) Cowbridge 78 all out (H. Jones 5 for 26 ; S. Watson, 3 for 14).

School v. Bishop Gore. Drawn. School 160 for 7 (M. Gravelle, 76 retired hurt ; J. Rees, 38). Bishop Gore 69 for 9 (G. Jenkins, 3 for 21 ; S. Jones, 2 for 14 ; H. Jones 2 for 18).

## SOCCKER FIRST XI

**Master in Charge,** Mr. Meurig Richards.

**Captain and Secretary,** Nigel Richards.

**Vice-Captain,** Wayne Thomas.

The 1975-76 Season was one of the most successful in the history of senior football at school. In a season that was curtailed by the P. E. Department overtime ban, although all but two of their fixtures were completed, the first XI played 22 games, 13 league, three league cup, two Cyril Rogers Cup and four friendly encounters.

It was the first time that the school had entered the Afan Nedd League and they did extremely well to finish as runners-up to Dwr-y-Flein, who finished two points ahead of school. Indeed, had school played their game against Maesteg they would have had a chance of a play-off for the championship against a Neath side whom they had already beaten twice in the season. This loss was compensated in the cup competition with school winning an exiting final by four goals to three against Ynysawdre at the Afan Lido Ground in Port Talbot. This was the first time that a senior football trophy had been won by school since soccer was inaugurated as a school sport.

### Results :

- (L) School 2 v. Sandfields 2. (I. Simpson ; A. Lines)
- (L) School 4 v. Dwr-y-Felin 2. (W. Thomas, N. Clement, P. Pound, N. Richards).
- (L) School 2 v. Glanafan 3 (W. Thomas, penalty, I. Simpson)
- (L) School 2 v. Cwmtawr 1 (N. Clement, W. Thomas)
- Cyril Rogers Cup 1st leg : School 0, v. Cynon Valley 4.
- 2nd leg : School 2 v. Cynon Valley 2.
- (L) School 7 v. Maesteg 1 (N. Clement 2, I Simpson 2, W. Thomas, C. Williams, M. Williams)
- (L) School 5 v. Ynysawdre 2 (N. Clement 2, I. Simpson, W. Thomas, and one own goal)

- (L) School 1 v. Sandfields 4 )W. Thomas)
- (L) School 3 v. Cwmtawe 0 (N. Clement, P. Pound, I. Simpson)
- (L) School 0 v. Dwr-y-Felin 3.
- (F) School 3 v. Bishop Vaughan 0 (N. Clement2, M. Richards)
- Afan Nedd Cup 1st round : School 3 v. Cwrt Sart 2 (P. Pound, W. Thomas 2, one penalty).
- (F) School 2 v. Bishop Vaughan (J. Harries 2)
- (F) School 5 v. Penlan 1 (J. Harries, N. Clement, P. Pound, W. Thomas, N. Richards)
- (L) School 5 v. Glanafon 1 (I. Simspon 2, W. Thomas, N. Clement, and one own goal)
- (L) School v. Ynysawdre 1 (D. Jones)
- Afan Nedd Cup Semi-final : School 5 v. Dwr y Felin 3 (P. Pound 2, I. Simpson, W. Thomas and one own goal)
- (L) School 3 v. St. Joseph's 0 (P. Pound, W. Thomas penalty, C. Williams)
- (L) School 1 v. St. Joseph's 2 (M. Richards)
- Afan Nedd Cup Final : School 4 v. Ynysawdre 3. (P. Pound, W. Thomas, A. Lines, N. Richards.

Overall Record :

P 22 ; W 13 ; D 3 ; L 6 ; For 64 Against 42

Players who represented school were : N. Richards, W. Thomas, M. Williams, N. Clement, I. Simpson, P. Pound, A. Summers, A. Key, A. Lines, R. Gifford, S. Green, J. Harries, M. Richards, A. James, P. Davies, D. Evans, G. Thomas, M. Tovey, P. Martin, M. Hind, N. Murphy, I. Rees, and D. Jones.

## SECOND XI

**Captain**, Peter Davies. School's second XI played only five matches and of these they won four and lost 1.

### Results :

School 2 v. Sandfields 1. (S. Jones, I. Rees)

School 9 v. Dwr-y-Felin 3 (M. Richards 3, M. Hind 3, C. Williams 2, and one own goal).

School 2 v. Maesteg 1 (M. Richards, L. Francis)

School 2 v. Sandfields 1 (M. Hind, J. Harries)

School 1 v. Dwr-y-Felin 3 (M. Hind)

Thanks must go to Mr. Richards for taking so much off from lessons to lead school through their most successful season to date.

## SOCCER FIRST XI 1976-77

**Captain**, A. Key

**Vice-Captain**, P. Pound

**Secretary**, D. Evans.

School 5 v. Sandfields 1 (M. Richards 2, W. Evans, P. Pound, N. Herbert).

School 1 v. Dwr-y-Felin 1 (W. Evans)

School 2 v. Cwrt Sart 4 (W. Evans P. Pound)

School 1 v. Cwmtawe 0 (W. Evans)

School 2 v. Glanafon 2 (M. Richards, S. Rees)

School 5 v. Maesteg 1 (S. Rees, P. Pound 2, M. Richards, L. Francis)

Anthony Key, Philip Pound and Nigel Clement represented School at the West Wales Secondary Schools' Trial.



## CROSS COUNTRY

**Captain,** John Rees.

**Secretary,** Huw Griffiths

Despite attempts at arranging meetings against other schools, nobody has been able to raise a team to challenge the Upper or Lower teams. However the first team has a strong nucleus of good runners, namely, Huw Griffiths, Mark Davies, Gareth B. Thomas, Nigel Burgess and Alun Thomas. All these boys will be available next season, and this augurs well for the future.

Training has attracted a large number of boys, notably from the lower forms (more than 50 boys from Form I on several occasions). The captains of the Form I forms are : IL, Paul Hughes ; IO, Gary Straham ; IM, Andrew Beckett ; IT, Stuart-Onslow ; IW, Richard Thomas.

The secretary hopes to arrange a number of fixtures for all teams next term and school should be successful in these meetings.

Finally, thanks must go to the Master-in-Charge, Mr. Goronwy Owen, for his enthusiastic support and approach to cross-country.