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Christmas holidays have now finished and doubtless many of you these days have been abroad. Some of you will probably have been abroad before, but for many of you it will be your first experience of foreign parts. I remember the first time I ever left Wales and travelled to a strange country. I was subconsciously always making comparisons at the differences and the similarities of the people I met, and of my new surroundings. They say that travel broadens the mind, and if this is the ultimate effect, then it is a very beneficial and enriching experience. Comparisons may be odious, but they are inevitable and a natural human reaction when in a new situation. However, because something is different from that with which you are familiar, it does not necessarily mean that it is inferior. This is a trap to avoid in your thinking and not only is it rather a narrow-minded reaction, it is also fundamentally very bad mannered, particularly if you should be tempted to give utterance to your thoughts. Wales is not a very big country and although we are justly proud of it and of the beauty and variety of our countryside, many aspects of our life here would seem strange to the average visitor from overseas. At the same time, we in Wales have played host to people from all over the World, not only to tourists, but to the regular cultural guests who come to take part in our International Eisteddfod at Llangollen. I hope that none of them should ever return home feeling that they had not received every courtesy and a sincere welcome. I would like to feel that they would have a very Welsh and warm welcome and return home feeling that here in this small country they had been received with honesty, Kindliness and sincerity. They would have learned something of our ways, of our culture and of all those things which go to make of the Welsh a very individual and definable people, no better, no worse than anyone else, but just different.

I think too, that when anyone from Wales travels abroad, he or she must think of themselves as individual ambassadors for their own country. Therefore it is even more important that we should all be very careful to present a picture of tolerance, kindness and above all, good manners, to our foreign hosts. We are always guests when we go abroad, whether we have paid for the pleasure or not, and it is only right that we should always remember this and comfort ourselves accordingly.

So I say, be proud of your country, of your School and be yourselves. May I extend to all of you, Staff and Pupils, present or past, sincerest wishes for a Happy and successful New Year.

R. I. DENIS JONES

HEADMASTER.

LLANELLI BOYS' GRAMMAR SCHOOL MAGAZINE, 1974

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"At Christmas play and make good cheer,
For Christmas comes but once a year".

(Thomas Tusser, 1524-1580).

EDITORIAL

Once again the New Year is upon us, bringing in its wake gloomy economic forecasts of Britain's future. However, we hope to brighten up your vision with this year's literary fare, the annual school magazine, which we hope shall shine a little light onto the present darkness. In its many pages are recorded the everyday affairs of the school, together with the artistic wealth which has been contributed. We would like to take this opportunity to extend a special thank-you to Mr. Brian Darby, who has co-ordinated the production of the magazine, and Mr. Donald Hughes for help with the Welsh material.

STAFF, 1974-1975

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R. I. Denis Jones

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Combined Science
and Handicraft

Art

Welsh

English

English

Religious Instruction

Scripture, History
and Music

Economics and
History

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Physics

Mathematics and
Religious Instruction

Mathematics

Classics

Welsh

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J. R. Thomas	French and Careers
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I. Davies	Music
I. W. H. Davies	Russian
D. Preece	Music
H. Sherlock	Music
E. Williams	Music
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Herr. D. Bennewitz	German Assistant
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E. Evans	Physics
R. Jacob	Geography

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Temporary Teachers

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Caretaker
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Islwyn Rees
C. Hopper
F. Anthony
E. Barney
C. Davies
L. Davies
B. Hughes
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F. Jenkins
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E. Rees
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S. Samuel
S. Thomas
M. Williams
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D. Williams
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Cook
Assistant Cook
Assistants

Supervisory Assistants

HEAD BOY'S LETTER.

Christmas, 1974

It was in 1968 that I proudly became a first former of the School. Since then the school has seen some marked changes - a new headmaster, new faces among the staff, structural modernisations and an alteration in the hours of attendance. The school, in those days, was of a very fine quality, and today, I believe, it is even finer.

At that time it was an honour to be a small part of such a great community, but to have been made head boy as well stirs emotions which words cannot express.

I have been fortunate in having such a devoted body of prefects. It should be borne in mind that they play an essential part in the organisation of the school. This year, their strength and reliability has left nothing to be desired.

The boys of the school should consider themselves very fortunate to have a headmaster of such great quality in Mr. Denis Jones. Under his guidance, the school will, I am certain, continue to provide to those lucky enough to be its pupils, the excellent education for which it is renowned, and keep up its traditions by setting high standards, both in academic achievement and in the sporting world.

Finally I wish to thank the deputy head boys, senior prefects, and prefects, for their relentless efforts; and take this opportunity to wish them, members of the staff, and boys, an auspicious and fruitful New Year.

GRAZIANO A. LUZZI.

PREFECTS, 1974-1975

Head Boy : Graziano A. Luzzi.

Deputy Head Boys : Kevin Adams; Anthony McGowan.

Senior Prefects : Philip House; Nigel Jones; Nigel Murphy; Leslie Simpson;
Paul Trincas.

Prefects : Anthony Barker; Ian Bonnell; Peter Burd; Andrew Byrne; Jeremy Coughlin; Kevin Daniels; Huw Davies; Hywel Davies; David Davies; Simon Davies; Keith Edwards; David Evans; Elfyn Evans; Jan Eynon; Andrew Griffiths; Emyr Griffiths; Robert Harries; Byron Jenkins; Ronald Jenkins; Brian Lewis; Neil Lewis; Stephen Lloyd; Christopher May; Graham Morris; Julian Murphy; Kerry Murphy; Caerwyn Owen; John Owens; Nigel Patterson; Gareth Phillips; Roger Phillips; Mario Picciau; Michael Paynter; Emyr Price; Stephen Roberts; Alan Roderick; Stephen Ryan; Colin Samuel; Gwynfor Shepherd; Kevin Stacey; David Stallard; Robert Sully; Jonathan Taylor; Gareth Thomas; Meirion Thomas; Michael Thomas; Nicholas Thomas; Richard Thomas; Roddy Thomas; Andrew Walters; Tony Waters; Alun Williams; Andrew Williams; David Williams; Meirion Williams; Rhys Williams; Huw Williams; Neil Williams.

DE OMNIBUS REBUS.

Richard Evans 6 Beta.

The number of boys on the roll this year is 894 with 48 members of staff.

At the end of the last summer term, Mr. J. J. Lloyd and Mr. Ronald Jacob announced their retirement. Mr. Lloyd has taught mathematics here for 31 years and has been head of department for the last six, while Mr. Jacob joined the staff 13 years ago and has been head of the geography Department for the last 17 years. Mr. Jacob has, however, immediately come out of retirement to fill in the post of geography master, temporarily. We wish both Mr. Lloyd and Mr. Jacob many happy years of retirement.

Dr. W. K. Davies left the staff last summer to take up an appointment as head of the Physics dept., in Amman Valley Comprehensive School, and Miss Elizabeth Treharne, the first full time female teacher to be appointed in this school has also left to move to Port Talbot. We were also sorry to lose Mr. Dorrien Jones, the school secretary at the end of last term, as he has left to become staff cartoonist on the 'Western Mail'. We wish Messrs. Jones and Davies and Miss Treharne every success in the future.

This term also, Mademoiselle Bouju and Herr Bethmann the French and German Assistants, have been replaced by Herr Deiter Benewitz and Mademoiselle Joelle Le Fol. We hope that they will have a happy and profitable stay in Wales.

The school has, however, gained the services of two female teachers this year, Miss Pam Evans and Miss Bethan Clement, as well as four male masters, : Dr. Leonard Hugh, Mr. Clive Thomas, Mr. G. Owen, and Mr. Elwyn Evans who is temporarily teaching Physics and leaves this month.

The school caretaker, Mr. Islwyn Rees, has suffered a spell of ill-health recently and his post has been temporarily filled by Mr. Charles Hopper. Mr. Michael Walters, an old boy of the school, has also joined the staff in the capacity of laboratory technician.

We wish all new members of staff an enjoyable stay in school.

We regret to announce the death of a former member of the staff Mr. Haydn Jones, who was Head of the Music Department until his retirement in 195 .

It is also with regret that we announce the death of an Old Boy of the school, Mr. Ronald Thomas who had been treasurer of the Old Boys' 'Union' since its formation. At the time of his death Mr. Thomas was Headmaster of Brynsierfel Welsh School.

At the Annual Dinner of the Old Boys' 'Union' in January, Mr. Fred Edwards was presented with a cigarette lighter to mark his retirement from the office of Secretary of the Union, an office he had held for over 26 years.

The year started with the school being entertained in January by the drama society's production of 'She stoops to Conquer' which although beset by the caretakers strike, proved a resounding success, not only with the general public but with other schools in the area as well. A full report appears in the magazine.

In February the school participated in the 'Sponsored Schools' Splash held in aid of the Llanelli and District Theatre appeal and the school alone raised the magnificent total of £230.

Also in February the school accepted delivery of a spanking new 32-booth Tandberg language laboratory which was installed in B6, superceding the seven year old Monitor lab. in B5.

The school has also been visited by several musical ensembles during the year which gave recitals to the lower forms. These include the London Gabrielli Brass Ensemble and the Band of the Queen's Dragoon Guards.

In May the school played host to the London correspondent of the Russian newspaper 'Isvestia' - Mr. Olag Vansiliev and his family. They were shown around the school and spent most of the day here.

During the spring term, the decaying old greenhouse was demolished and a new aluminium structure erected in its place. The new greenhouse has considerably more glass in it than the old one.

In June the sixth form society held a barbeque on the beach for the sixth forms of both schools - although the standard of the food left something to be desired, a good time was had by all.

We extend our congratulations to the following of our boys who obtained the "O" Level General Certificate of Education and the Certificate of Secondary Education in the June 1974 Examination.

P. D. Ashdown, J. P. Aston, G. Bacco, A. D. Barker, M. J. G. Battersby, L. di Battista, D. W. G. Beynon, R. I. Bonnell, P. Bowen, P. J. L. Burd, S. E. Burnhill, D. E. Clement, N. Clement, J. J. Coughlin, A. J. Davies, D. G. Davies, D. H. Davies, D. M. Davies, D. R. Davies, J. H. Davies, K. Davies, H. P. Davies, M. V. Davies, P. P. Davies, P. G. Davies, P. W. Davies, P. A. Davies, R. J. Davies, V. Davies, W. K. Dignon, W. G. H. Edmunds, A. D. E. Edwards, Bryan Edwards, K. H. Edwards, C. W. Evans, C. M. L. Evans, E. A. Evans, E. W. Evans, G. Evans, J. W. Evans, L. I. Evans, R. W. G. Evans, J. Eynon, G. Francis, P. Francis, K. Frater, N. D. Frost, R. J. Gifford, M. Gower, A. L. Gravell, J. W. Gravell, C. F. Green, A. J. Grey, S. H. Griffiths, M. J. Grinter, I. L. Harries, J. Harries, W. J. Harries, R. J. Harries, J. Harries, G. A. Hathaway, G. Henley, G. M. Hind, D. H. Howells, O. D. Hughes, T. J. Hughes, A. D. James, D. A. Jenkins, D. K. Jenkins, J. V. Jenkins, J. R. S. Jewell, S. Hohn, R. E. Johns, A. Jones, D. R. Jones, D. U. Jones, D. Jones, M. B. A. Jones, S. R. Jones, R. J. Keatley, C. J. Lavallin, A. F. Lewis, G. H. Lewis, N. G. Lewis, T. C. Lewis, A. E. Lines, D. M. Llewellyn, M. Llewellyn, S. A. Lloyd, A. P. Loader, C. J. Maliphant, T. Marzans, B. J. Morgan, C. L. Morgan, E. B. Morris, S. Morris, J. M. Neil, J. C. Nicholls, C. D. Owen, N. Patterson, D. S. Perks, A. T. Phillips, A. Price, W. Pryor, T. V. Raven, C. N. Rees, I. M. Rees, M. G. Rees, I. I. Rees, N. P. Rees, P. J. Rees, A. H. Richards, D. S. Richards, H. Richards, N. A. Richards, T. W. Richards, G. M. Roberts-Davies, S. L. Roberts, S. Rowlands, J. Ryan, Stephen Ryan, Stewart Ryan, D. E. Stallard, A. H. Summers, G. W. Tilleke, B. A. Thomas, G. W. Thomas, H. V. Thomas, I. G. Thomas, K. Thomas, K. W. Thomas, M. R. Thomas, N. H. Thomas, S. W. Thomas, G. W. Thomas, M. A. Tovey, S. B. Turner, A. C. Williams, D. Williams, D. Williams, D. C. Williams, D. M. Williams, D. H. Williams, J. Williams, N. Williams, N. K. Williams, P. Williams, P. K. Williams, S. R. Williams, D. G. Willmore, S. C. Wiltshire, H. D. P. Thomas.

Also we congratulate the boys who obtained the Certificate in Secondary Education : A. N. Bibby, N. Gingell, I. Lewis, B. A. Morgan, P. Morris, K. Owen, C. Pewsey, P. Sullivan, C. Watkeys.

The Science society, in a departure from their usual type of function, held a sponsored pram push last May, when several pupils from the girls school and several boys (in drag) pushed prams from the girls school to the boys school to raise money for the cancer research campaign. The event was a great success and a considerable amount went to charity.

As usual, the year has not been without its sporting successes. Alun Davies was capped for Wales in rugby at under-19 level against England. Terrance Boyle was selected as captain of the Welsh under-15 schoolboy soccer side; three boys - Neil Thomas, Stephen Perks and Dylan Jones represented the Welsh schools at Athletics and Dylan Jones also won a Welsh vest at cross-country.

During the summer break, provision was made for the sixth form social area by partitioning off a section of the canteen for the use of 6A. The common room has proved very popular both during lessons, and in the breaks.

Before the holidays the school newspaper, "The Jester" clocked up a score of 75, and to celebrate the occasion a special extended edition was published costing 5p.

In August, a party of boys from the lower forms, accompanied by Messrs. Alan Jones, Dennis Phillips, Gwynne Anthony and Meirug Richards joined the county party on an S. S. Nevassa Baltic cruise. The boys caught a train to Tilbury where they joined the ship which called at Oslo, Leningrad, Copenhagen and Helsinki.

Phillip Hughes and Alan Hopkins of form two recently took part in the BBCTV quiz programme "Screen Test" and Phillip reached the semi-finals. And three boys from form six; Noel Williams, Cerith Evans and Owain Hughes are at the moment still progressing through the Swansea Sound schools Welsh quiz series, and we wish them the best of luck.

In September the school received a visit from the Urdd Roadshow which was touring schools with a short entertainment publicising the '75 Urdd Eisteddfod, to be held in the grounds of the Stradey Castle. Dewi Puss and Huw Jones, perched on a small trolley, sang several audience participation songs in a show of approximately 25 minutes.

This month an old boy of the school, Steven Warlow, had the honour of captaining Cambridge in the Varsity Match. We are happy to say that Cambridge came out winners by the narrow margin of 16 points to 15.

We would extend a welcome to the following boys who joined us at the beginning of this term.

LOWER SIXTH: David Clement, Paul Aston, David M. Jones, Elwyn D. Davies, Patrick Dunne, Paul Hargood, Keri Hunt, Andrew Hunter, Norman Jones, Robert Lloyd, Paul Thomas, Christopher Tolley, Robert N. Williams, Uwe Gramman, T. M. Earley, Nigel Winters.

FORM FIVE: Stephen R. Lloyd, Barry Hanson.

FORM THREE: David A. Evans, Graham Burton.

FORM TWO: Michael N. Morris, Martin Bates.

1T: G. J. Armstrong, S. P. Dunleavy, E. J. Edwards, N. M. Francis, J. James, J. L. Jenkins, R. H. Jenkins, C. P. Jones, G. D. Jones, P. R. Jones, A. S. May, M. E. Mitchell, P. Newman, T. P. O'Sullivan, A. D. Owen, K. Owens, B. K. Parry, C. J. Powell, J. Pugh, W. C. Rees, I. E. Richards, I. A. Serdall, A. J. Sharp, R. J. Thomas, D. M. Williams, D. N. Williams, D. R. Williams, I. M. Williams, S. G. Wise.

1G: A. Brown, D. H. Clement, P. A. J. Clement, C. J. Cross, C. S. Cummings, A. Dowling, A. W. Dunne, A. E. George, M. J. Haws, J. D. James, A. Jenkins, M. E. John, M. D. Jones, R. J. Jones, R. P. Jones, S. Jones, S. Kenyon, H. Key, H. A. Lee, R. Lewis, J. Morris, S. O. Morris, N. Phillips, D. J. Roberts, P. J. Stevenson, J. L. Thomas, P. J. Thomas, D. N. Vaughan, R. M. Wilds, M. J. Wilkins, D. I. Williams.

FORM 1E: M. I. Caton, P. R. Clarke, M. P. Douglas, L. Edwards, S. J. Edwards, I. M. Griffiths, S. B. Haynes, D. W. Howells, A. E. James, J. John, D. A. Jones, H. L. Jones, J. D. Lewis, M. Maunder, M. N. Roberts, M. E. Tudor, L. C. Evans, S. R. Harries, A. M. Hopkins, J. A. Hughes, C. J. James, M. John, D. M. I. Jones, J. J. Lee, I. A. McKay, N. Richards, P. Smith, D. M. Williams.

FORM 10: A. B. Baxter, A. M. Davies, S. J. Griffiths, C. O. Hawkins, M. L. Davies, A. B. Homewood, C. J. Howells, P. J. Davies, N. M. Harries, A. Holland, D. A. Horton, W. N. Hughes, H. A. James, A. M. Jones, S. H. Lewis, G. H. Jones, A. H. Morris, N. A. Jones, W. L. Jones, S. E. Morris, J. A. Perego, K. Rees, D. P. Powell, P. W. Rowe, J. M. Rowlands, J. M. Stephens, D. C. Thomas, D. N. Thomas, M. J. Towner, K. D. Walker.

FORM 1C: D. M. Aitken, A. W. Jones, R. J. Cross, D. A. Jones, D. K. Bowen, P. E. Jones, G. Davies, E. L. Mc. Gibbin, J. M. Davies, J. D. C. Michael, M. Davies, K. N. Morgan, P. R. Edwards, P. Morgans, G. J. Eynon, A. Murphy, P. W. Gravelle, G. P. Owen, I. D. Phillips, P. M. Thomas, D. A. Jeffreys, S. P. Havard, S. A. Thomas, E. H. Williams, M. J. Williams, I. Jenkins, N. D. Williams, W. R. Whomesley.

Finally, we should like to say farewell to the following boys who left school after being successful at "A" Level :-

- A. G. Beard (Hull University)
- A. Cox (Aberystwyth Univ. Coll.)
- C. J. Davies (Nottingham University)
- D. V. Evans (Ordnance Survey Dept.)
- H. Job (Shoreditch)
- D. Jones (County Hall Carmarthen)

R. M. Jenkins (Wolverhampton Poly.)
 M. John (Shoreditch)
 H. J. Jones (Aberystwyth University Coll.)
 S. J. M. Jones (R.A.F.)
 W. R. Jones (Glamorgan Poly.)
 D. Loveridge (Warwick University)
 P. S. May (Swansea University Coll.)
 D. R. Miles (Aberystwyth University Coll.)
 B. P. Morgan (Cardiff Medical School)
 P. Rhys Morgan (Portsmouth Poly.)
 S. A. Owen (Manchester University)
 I. G. Thomas (Swansea University Coll.)
 J. Gareth Thomas (Swansea University Coll.)
 Mark Thomas (Nottingham University)
 G. E. W. Williams (Warwick University)
 I. K. Williams (Swansea University Coll.)
 K. B. Williams (Nautical College)
 Mark Williams (Loughborough P. E. College)
 N. M. Williams (Aberystwyth University Coll.)
 G. P. Antoniazzi (Bristol Poly.)
 R. M. Battersby (Cardiff University Coll.)
 P. A. Bolton (Brighton Poly.)
 K. P. Bush (Nottingham University)
 M. S. Charles (Manchester University)
 Adrian Davies (Civil Service)
 E. W. Gravell (Aberystwyth - Evans Morgan Open Scholar)
 D. J. Hughes (L.S.E.)
 R. I. John (Aston University)
 D. M. Jones (Aberystwyth - Elizabeth Anne Davies Scholar)
 D. S. Jones (Aberystwyth)
 Paul F. May (Technician)
 M. J. O'Sullivan (Aberystwyth University Coll.)
 D. M. Sayers (Swansea University Coll.)
 M. J. Stephens (Aberystwyth University Coll.)
 Geraint Thomas (L.S.E.)
 C. Warlow (Treforest)
 R. V. Williams (Southampton University)
 J. H. Bonner-Evans (Lampeter)
 N. Burree (Lampeter)
 A. V. Caccavale (Stoke-on-Trent Poly.)
 D. R. Challenor (University Wales Institute Science Technology)
 M. V. Davies (Cardiff University Coll.)
 T. A. Davies (Sussex University)
 D. W. Evans (Lampeter)
 D. J. Evans (Glamorgan Poly.)
 A. H. Frost (London Bible College)
 L. Hanna (Seminary Valadolid, Spain)
 M. Houghton (Local Government)
 Wynne Jones (College of Music & Drama, Cardiff)
 P. Kabit (Lloyd's Bank)
 J. D. Longhurst (Trinity Hall, Cambridge)

R. J. Mark (College of Music & Drama, Cardiff)
 L. J. Morgan (Bank)
 D. R. Newsome (Bangor Normal)
 R. A. Murawski (Civil Service)
 P. D. Marshall (Cardiff University College)
 S. G. Rolfe (Birmingham University)
 M. L. Thomas (Reading University)
 Mark Thomas (Insurance)
 M. J. Williams (Bransgrove Naval College, Shenstone)
 (Bath University)
 L. Townsend (Loughborough P. E. College)

OLD BOYS' UNION

T. J. Bowen, Hon. Secretary.

At the Annual meeting on Tuesday, 10th Sept., 1974 the following Officials and Committee elected for the year are :

President : Mr. Dennis Jones, M.A.; Hon. Treasurer : Mr. R. M. Thomas;
 Assistant Hon. Treasurer : Mr. Allan Jones; Hon. Secretary : T. J. Bowen;
 Assistant Hon. Secretary : Mr. Eric Lewis; Committee : Messrs. M. V. Drew,
 R. Harley, David P. Williams, Christopher Edwards, W. S. Alford, David R.
 Phillips, N. J. Royster, J. L. Davies, Noel Rees, W. R. G. Skym, D. Gwynne
 Anthony, Maelgwyn Thomas, Ellis Griffiths, Peter Jones, Paul Oram.

Since our last issue it is with regret that I have to report the passing of 2 Vice Presidents. Mr. Denzil Thomas and Mr. Edmund Cooper. Both these Old Boys have been good and faithful members for many years and their work and support will be sadly missed.

This year Mr. Hywel George M.A. (Cantab.) was the Principal Guest at the Re-Union Dinner which was held on Friday, 27th December, 1974. at the Stepney Hotel. Mr. George is now a Fellow and Bursar at Churchill College Cambridge. Previous to this he has held various administrative offices overseas under Her Majesty's (Colonial) Services. Other speakers included Dr. Roscoe Howells who proposed the Toast of the Principal Guest: Mr. Huw Tregellis Williams – Toast to the School and Mr. L. Jones – Toast of O.B.U.

At the Re-Union Dinner held on 4th January, 1974 the programme was as follows :

Toast.	Her Majesty the Queen.	R. I. Dennis Jones Esq., M.A.
Toast.	The School.	G. W. Beynon.
	The School Song.	
Toast.	The Principal Guest	Alun Bowen Thomas, Esq. LL.B.
Speaker.		Owen Rees, Esq., B.A.
Toast.	The Old Boys Union	Gerwyn Williams, Esq., A.I.B.
	De Omnibus Rebus	Dennis Jones, Esq., M.A.
	Fraternal Greetings from the	
	London Branch	Dr. Alan Smith (Chairman)

Unfortunately this year through illness our Patron Mr. S. G. Rees, M.A. was unable to be present and the Omnibus Rebus was given by the President Mr. Dennis Jones, M.A. We all hope that his health will allow him to attend the Dinner this year.
In conclusion may I wish all our readers a Happy New Year.

Since the above account was received from the Secretary of the Old Boys' Union, we have learnt with deep regret of the death of Mr. R. M. Thomas, who had been treasurer of the Union since its formation 38 years ago.

Editor.

OLD BOYS – Successes 1974

Jan.	John G. Richards	Appointed Head of Holywell Comprehensive High School. Flint.
	Clive Rees	Gained a Rugby International Cap against Ireland.
Feb.	Neil Cox	Passed the L.R.A.M. Teachers' Certificate Examination.
March	Ioan Evans Elwyn Jones	Elected a Member of Parliament. Created a Life Peer and appointed Lord Chancellor.
	Marcel Williams	Appointed Headmaster Maesydderwen Comprehensive School.
April	Ivor Richards	Appointed Britain's Ambassador to the United Nations.
	Alan Evans	Appointed to take charge of the Secondary Education Dept., of the National Union of Teachers.
May	Clive Rees Keith Sutherns	Selected for the Lions' Tour of South Africa. Awarded a Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons.
	Richard Creel	Awarded a Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons.
	Edgar Thomas Hilton Cole	Elected Mayor of Dyfed 5 District. Promoted to Detective Inspector in the Special Branch at New Scotland Yard.
June	Trevor Sage Stuart Blackmore Martin Winstone	First Class Honours in Engineering. Second Class Honours in Zoology. Second Class Honours in Zoology.
July	Robert Rees	Second Class Honours in Metallurgy.
Aug.	Edmund Griffiths Robert Hunt	M.B. B.Ch. Awarded a Scholarship at Imperial College, London.
Sept.	Lyndon Evans	Appointed Commander of H.M.S. Narwhal - a Patrol Submarine.
Nov.	Arnold Silverstone David G. Thomas	Created to Life Peer. Appointed Assistant Organist at Llandaff Cathedral.

Noel Lloyd
Richard Creel

Appointed a lecturer at U.C.W. Aberystwyth.
Appointed Senior House Officer, Edinburgh
Infirmary.

Brian Coslett
Jeremy Price
Stephen Warlow

Honours Degree in Civil Engineering.
Appointed Mining Engineer in Zambia.
Elected Captain of Cambridge University
Rugby Club.

AN OLD BOY REMEMBERS.

As he looks back to that final lustrum of the 1890's and the first of our school history, one very average local boy (myself in fact) cannot but feel how fortunate he was to have entered it in his teenage years at that precise moment of time. The old Century and the Victorian era were hastening pell-mell to their close and there were the liveliest speculations afoot regarding the changes which the new Century might bring into our lives. We were still in the horse and buggy age. The street gas lighters continued on their rounds carrying their long poles, while the small boy went to bed carrying his candle and snuffer. If he had a bicycle it probably had solid rubber tyres, moustache cups were still seen on the breakfast table and the cut-throat razor was in general use.

Education at the primary level had only a short while before it became free. The writer remembers the Monday morning when his father told him that it was no longer necessary to take his three-pence to school for his weekly fee. That was an important step forward and another was the creation of a Higher Grade School with a broader curriculum and some areas of choice.

I secured a place there (it is time I changed to the first person singular) and recall with keen pleasure the year I spent under the tutelage of Harry Bowen in a class of sixty boys. He was the hero of many a classical Rugby contest on Stradey field. In stature, in temperment, in liberality of outlook and in dignity he holds a place of honour among schoolmasters I have known. It was he, I remember, who encouraged me to enrol for a beginners' course in Latin Grammar one evening a week. At the final period each Friday afternoon the whole school was assembled to hear the Headmaster reading an instalment of Conan Doyle's "Adventures of Sherlock Holmes". At any rate interests were expanding.

And then, to my great surprise came the news of the impending opening of a superstructure for adolescent education in the town. True there was no building available, there was as yet no Headmaster, there were no boys clamouring for admission. But it appeared that the local authorities willed that it should be so because of the pressures of growing industrial needs in the area.

The Headmaster was at length appointed, (Mr. William Lewis B.A.) and makeshift accommodation was found for use while the school was a-building. It was designated "Intermediate and Technical". 'Intermediate' in what I could not guess, but 'Technical', then as now, carried obvious significance.

By means of examination and interviews twenty boys were selected from the neighbourhood as founding scholars to furnish the hard core. I was one of these, No. 8 in order of merit according to an announcement in the "Llanelly Guardian", and we were at length summoned to assemble.

At a central point in the town stood the Central Library. On the floor above there was a fairly large square hall known as the Mechanics' Institute approached by a wide stairway, and this was to be our home for the nonce.

How well I remember the scene. Centrally placed at the far end facing the entrance was the Headmaster's modest rostrum. On his left in the corner was a cluster of boys' desks and further down a larger area occupied by broad benches and tables obviously intended for wood-work and machine drawing. On the right of the Headmaster was another teaching area and beyond another group of desks facing a low platform.

I do not think we can have numbered more than forty to fifty boys, mostly near my own age (then in 1894 twelve). Of permanent assistant masters I remember only one, Mr. Morgan (science). Mr. Lewis himself undertook the teaching of English and History: "For tonight's homework learn the reign of Richard 11! (viz. 1½ pp of summarized facts in a thin book). He had some part time help for French and Handicrafts. There had been, I imagine, a firm intention of giving the school a strong technical slant and the provision of heavy 2ft. wide-spaced instruction books of machine drawing was evidence of this. (I remember that I got as far as being able to draw-to-scale diagrams of screws). But this bias did not last and when our school proper was ready for us in a year or so a better balanced curriculum became established.

We had had, of course, no need for a school Library with the Public Library so conveniently near and we had had the use of the Chess tables. We enjoyed our one standing joke, which was to recommend to new boys the outstanding merits of a non-existent novel entitled "The Headless Horseman", and to get within hearing distance of Mr. Boulter, the Librarian, as he let fling his objurgations over their heads for wasting his time.

After the move to the new school at the top of New Road things settled down to a conventional pattern, conditioned by the priorities of the Central Welsh Board. We now had an Assembly Hall, a gymnasium, a Science Laboratory and our separate class rooms. Behind was a playing field, but it sloped so steeply that we had to invent kinds of play to allow for this. A couple of years sufficed for the Junior Certificate and another couple for the Senior, and then a year more for the Special. For me the end came in 1900 when, with the help of The Carmarthenshire Scholarship and a College Entrance Scholarship I led the way to Aberystwyth.

I recall two incidents which left their mark on my ego, each arising from a visit by a C.W.B. Inspector. He watched me in the science lab: as I was experimenting with a "Wheatstone Bridge" measuring electrical resistances in lengths of wire. Seeing me as I was connecting two pieces by twisting their ends together he held up his hands in mock horror and cried "That would have disgraced an apprentice bell-hanger". Then explaining why, he added, "But I will ask you tomorrow to work out the mathematics of

the matter". All ended well but I felt I had been warned that science was not my metier.

The following year (it was just when the Boer War was impending-1899) a different Inspector called and asked "Billo" as he had affectionately become known to us, to be allowed to have a word with me. He took from his wallet an essay I had written a few weeks previously in answer to an examination question dealing with the then warmly controverted "Uitlander" question. While he commended the essay on the ground of style, he was critical of the position I had taken up on the matter, saying that it was premature for a schoolboy to presume to urge a political view. He thought I should have kept neutral. I did not agree, but just thanked him for his advice. What I had written had in fact been based on the reading of articles in the "Contemporary Review" in the Library.

I think I may take credit for having left my mark on the School. I founded and edited "the School Chronicle", was captain of Rugger and won the Sports Championship silver-gilt medal. It fell off my watch chain some years later while I was cycling in Bavaria and I like to think that it eventually found its way in to some museum and carried the unpronounceable name of the school with it. One other incident deserves perhaps a special mention. During my last Summer term, Miss Davies, (Girls' Headmistress) asked if I would spare an evening or two every week to act as coach for the Girls' Cricket Eleven. On the last morning of term I had to face the assembled Girls' School to receive a gift of a handsome pocket wallet.!

SCHOOL SPEECH DAY 1974

The annual school speech day was held in the school hall on Thursday, 4th April at 2 p.m. The Mayor Councillor Edgar Thomas was in attendance. The afternoon began with the singing of the school song, followed by the Chairman's Address from Councillor W. J. F. Thomas Esq., O.B.E., D.L., Chairman of the School Governors. This was followed by the report of the past year's work and results from the Headmaster, R. I. Denis Jones Esq., M.A. Because of the indisposition of the Mayoress, who was supposed to have made the presentation, Mrs. Alun Thomas, wife of the Deputy Headmaster of the school, came to the rescue at the last possible moment by presenting the prizes. There followed a musical item, after which came the Main Speech of the day from Professor R. W. Edwards Esq., D.Sc., E.I. Biol., M.I.W.P.C. A vote of thanks to the Speaker was proposed by the Head Boy and the Deputy Head Boy, and the proceedings ended with the National Anthems.

The Main Prizes for the Year 1972-73 presented at the Speech Day were :-

FOR ACADEMIC ATTAINMENT

- Form 1. Huw Griffiths, Robert Lewis, Gary Thomas, Gareth Watkins, Kurt Burkhardt, Wayne Cutler, Gary Hughes, Alan Richards, David Tudor.
- Form 11. Nigel John, Huw Morgan, Nigel Thomas, Paul Morris, Dale Williams.
- Form 111. Neville Cass, Martin Gravell, Ian Jones, Peter Roberts, Phillip Thomas, Christopher Treharne.
- Form 1V. Giuseppe Bacco, Owain Hughes, Timothy Hughes, Neil Thomas, Stuart Thomas.
- Form V. **Best Ordinary Level Results :**
Graziano Luzzi, Stephen Ryan, David Davies, Roger Phillips, Anthony McGowan.
- Form VI B. Emyr Gravell, Mark Sayers, David Hughes, Simon Charles, Mark Thomas, Stephen Jones.

FOR LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE IN SPORT AND SOCIETIES

Rugby	. . .	Phillip May
Soccer	. . .	Paul Jewell
Cross Country	. . .	Stephen Rolfe
Athletics	. . .	Stephen Rolfe
Cricket	. . .	John R. Thomas
Tennis	. . .	Andrew Cox
Badminton	. . .	Stephen Fry
Gymnastics	. . .	Peter Coughlin
Y Gymdeithas Gymraeg	. . .	Huw Jenkins
Orchestra	. . .	Neil Cox
Drama	. . .	Hugh J. Phillips
Chess	. . .	Nicholas Bowen
Library	. . .	Gary Howells
Visual Aids	. . .	Roger Miles
Magazine Editor	. . .	Peter Davies
Jester Editor	. . .	Peter Davies
School Bank	. . .	Anthony Frost
Gareth Kemp Cup for Outstanding Services	. . .	John Ellis
Sportsman of the Year	. . .	Stephen Rolfe

ANNUAL ENDOWED PRIZES

E. H. Foster Prize	. . .	R. Lindsay Jenkins
J. B. Morgan Prize	. . .	Carey H. Edmunds
Graham Rees Prize	. . .	Andrew R. Williams
William Lewis Prize	. . .	Neil Cox, David Powell
S. G. Rees Prize	. . .	Neil Cox, Peter Davies
Griffith J. Thomas Prize	. . .	Andrew Roberts
T. V. Shaw Integrity Prize	. . .	Nicholas Royster
		David Loveridge
Old Boys' Union Prize	. . .	Leslie Griffiths
John Witton Jones Memorial Prize	. . .	Meirion Stephens
W. H. Davies Technical Prize	. . .	Howell Toft

Harding Rolfe Physics Prize
J. V. Harries Mathematics Prize
Dr. Idris Jones Prize
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. . . Robert Hunt
. . . Andrew Roberts
. . . Phillip Meyler
. . . Robert Davies
. . . Kevin Jones
. . . Peter Davies

SHE STOOPS TO SUCCESS

Just over 200 years after its first performance at Covent Garden in 1773, the School Drama Society chose Oliver Goldsmith's "She Stoops to Conquer" as this year's school play.

Despite the postponement from December to a January date because of a Caretakers' Union "Work-to-rule", "She Stoops" was worth waiting for. This meant that a total of nine performances took place - five as schools' performances during the daytime in December, and four public evening performances in January.

Goldsmith's play can hardly be termed a comedy of manners, although contemporary standards are used as background for dialogue and action; it is rather "straight" comedy, character developing and situation resolved within the social context of the piece.

Period comedies are, perhaps, the most difficult for schools to perform. However, the result of a young cast's enthusiasm was a fast-moving and spirited attack of the work. Beautifully staged and dressed, the pictorial presentation

presentation gave the spectator a mellow "oil painting" effect of characters who seemed to have been lifted straight from the eighteenth century countryside.

The production treated the complications of the plot with considerable gusto as situation tumbled upon situation and continuity and pace were well maintained throughout.

Of the principal characters, the portrayal of Tony Lumpkin can either make or break "She Stoops to Conquer". Lumpkin, being the likeable, good-humoured but mischevious country squire that he is, if often over-played and can detract from the other characters of the various plots. Fortunately, Paul Morgan's bucolic creation was a carefully-balanced one. He was never better than when revelling at a local inn or feigning courtship with his cousin Con. The strength of his performance was his awareness that he was part of a team and managed to fill Lumpkin with good-natured fun and not live a life independent of the play. All credit to his wisdom of interpretation and consequent successful portrayal.

Dominating the performance, and rightly so, were Susan E. Richards and Roger Miles as Kate Hardcastle and Marlow. They restored to the piece some of the sentimental and romantic interest and made good use of business when appearing in several difficult scenes together. These difficult roles require each to portray two greatly contrasting characters: Kate, the scheming and prankish young woman who eventually stoops to take on the role of a barmaid and win her man; Marlow, the bashful and reserved man-about-town, who loses his timidity when socializing with ladies of low birth. Their first encounter together was particularly well executed and the eventual revelation proved a comic gem. Both these exacting parts were handled with confidence and maturity.

Helen Roberts and Hugh J. Phillips played the Hardcastles - - a bickering old couple - - to perfection. He, totally baffled by the odd behaviour of his guests; she, a silly, vain and mercenary woman who, aided by a selection of outrageous wigs, made good use of exits and entrances.

Helen Hayes and David Hughes as Constance Neville and Hastings proved suitable foils to Marlow and Kate, adding greatly to the interest of the sub-plot and gave staunch support to the other principals.

Minor roles, too, were given considerable thought of interpretation: Christopher Davies delighted all with a comic caricature of old Sir Charles Marlow; Susan Richards as a delightfully dim little maid injected into a two-minute appearance an enthusiastic amount of vitality, joie de vivre and conviction.

Pubbers were played by Neil H. Thomas, Simon Owen, Lucio di Battista, John Morgan, Adrian Davies, Diane Phillips, Michael Paynter, Meirion Williams and Jeffrey Longhurst.

The Hardcastle menage was as diverse a set of beings to be found in any country household: Nigel S. Jones, Mark Battersby, Julian Murphy, Caryn Edwards and Kevin Bush.

The backstage team, led by Kevin Williams, displayed the usual dedication in providing four delightful settings, painted by Mr. John Bowen and Christopher Watkeys, and all of which were changed and manipulated to period music before the audience's eyes. The stereophonic post-chaise chase caused great fun as the sounds and crash enveloped the audience.

The backstage team was completed by: Phillip Boulton, Gary Beard, Kevin G. Stobbs, Meirion Thomas and Owain Hughes. The properties were in the care of David Onllwyn-Jones, Roger Phillips, and Phillip Thomas. The foot-candles were controlled by Mark Houghton, Mark Davies and Huw Williams. The sounds were created by Keith Thomas and Richard Evans. The periwigs, wardrobe and greasepaints managed by Graziano A. Luzzi, Christopher M. May, Anthony McGowan and Meirion Williams. The photographic images for the production were taken and developed by D. Michael Morris.

The production was by Mr. W. Noel Rees.





Graziano Luzzi and Christopher May talking with Mr. Edward Heath.

FACE TO FACE WITH EDWARD HEATH

The 1st of November, 1974, was a day which will leave a permanent impression on both our minds. Our thoughts filled with anticipation, we stepped out of our chauffeured car onto the forecourt of Stradey Castle, the Victorian mansion of Mr. David and Lady Mary Mansel-Lewis, with whom the subject of our interview was resident.

Edward Richard George Heath, ex-prime minister of Great Britain, greeted us heartily as we entered the elegant, south-facing drawing room. He invited us to make ourselves comfortable, thoughts rushing through our heads about what could come to light during the course of our discussion. Mr. Heath, it emerged, was born in 1916, at Broadstairs in Kent. Edward proved, in the eyes of his tutors, to be of great potential. From Chatham House Grammar School he gained entrance to Balliol College, Oxford, where he subsequently won an Organ Scholarship. At Oxford he enjoyed a distinguished life as a university student, being elected President of the Oxford Union Society. Mr. Heath's musical interests were furthered when he was appointed Secretary of his college musical society, and was honoured in conducting the society's 1000th Orchestral Concert.

After University, he led a chequered career: he served in the British Army in the Second World War, for a year he was News Editor of the "Church Times" and proceeded to join a firm of merchant bankers in the City. These appointments led the way towards the furthering of his political aspirations, and his ambitions were realised when he gained Bexley in 1950, at his first attempt. Twenty years later, he became premier, leading the Conservatives into office in 1970, for a period of four years.

In our determination to veer a course away from party politics, we endeavoured to embark upon the subject of his private life. At the time of the interview Mr. Heath was under considerable pressure from his own back benchers and the influential 1922 Committee, the more radical elements of which were determined to see him stand down. The impression which was conveyed in the course of our conversation was clearly that he intended to stay on as leader of his party. This latter fact was seized upon and exploited by certain newspapers, eager to reveal Mr. Heath's personal intentions on the matter.

When the subject of music was introduced into the conversation, Mr. Heath stated that his musical interests play a very large and important part in his life, as indeed they have always done. At one point in his career, he mentioned that he had even considered becoming a professional musician. In 1970 he became President of the Bach Choir, and since then he has conducted a number of choirs and orchestras. He stressed, however, that he can find very little time to devote to such activities. If, after his retirement, he should be asked to accept the position of guest conductor by a major orchestra, it appeared that he would accept, although he tended to be rather euphemistic on that matter.

Our concluding topic encompassed the question of which were the most memorable years of his life, to which he replied, that in his opinion he still had a great part of his career to come ahead of him. Truly a most fitting comment on his marked self-determination.

CHRISTOPHER M. MAY & GRAZIANO A. LUZZI.

THE JESTER

This year the Jester has continued to be published tri-weekly and in June it celebrated its 75th Edition. To mark the occasion a souvenir edition was published with over 20 pages. David Davies, Graziano Luzzi and Chris May resigned their editorship at the end of the summer term, and were succeeded by John Davies and Noel Williams for issue '76. But unfortunately John left school to take up a job, and the committee was reformed with Richard Evans, Noel Williams and Neil Thomas jointly taking responsibility.

The size of the Jester has now been increased to 12 pages, with 14 or 16 for special issues, a move made possible by the re-introduction of trade adverts, and we would like to extend our thanks to Mr. Wyn Oliver for taking over the post of Master-in-charge following Mr. Noel Rees' departure in the summer.

Although the paper has not yet failed to come out on time, we have a permanent shortage of material of all sorts. Remember it's up to you to contribute an article it's your paper.

RICHARD EVANS.

YN YR EISTEDDFOD.

Eleni cynhaliwyd yr Eisteddfod Genedlaethol yng Nghaerfyrddin, ac yno y bum i'n aros am wythnos yn ystod gwyliau'r haf. Daeth dau o'm ffrindiau gyda mi, sef Alun a Simon. Roedd pabell gennyf i gysgu ynddi.

Cyraeddasom yn hwyr iawn nos Sul yn llawn hwyl, yn edrych ymlaen at wythnos fendigedig. Gan nad oedd llawer i'w wneud, aethom i'n gwelyau, a chael noswaith dda o gwsg.

Cawsom ein deffro gan y dyn rhent (mae'n eich dilyn chi i bobman). Ar ol ei dalu a chael brechwast da, aethom ein tri i'r maes eang, ac O!, dyna le. Doedd dim i'w weld ond stondinau a phobl yn prynu cofroddion. Dydw i ddim yn gwybod pam; roedd wythnos gyfan ganddynt, ond dyna fel mae pobl y dyddiau yma. Aethom yn gyntaf at stondin dolfa i brynu 'Lolfa'. Wel, son an fochyndra twlc mochyn, wir! Dyna'i gyd rydw i am ddweud wrthoch chi amdano.

Ar ol cael sgwrs gyda Mr. Huws (barchus athro!), a oedd yn edrych fel bwgan brain gyda'i got anferth amdano, aethom i mewn i un o'r banciau i gael brechdanau a phop am ddim.

Wedi llenwi ein boliau, roeddem yn barod am ragor o hwyl. Cyfarfuom a dau ffrind i Simon, ac aethom i gyd wedyn i'r Comisiwn Coedwigaeth i ddarllen 'Lol', ond yn bennaf i gael sbri. Ac yn wir, hynny a gawsom, yn chwerrthin ar y cylchgrawn a thafllu wyau wedi'u berwi ar y bobl. Wrth gwrs, nid oeddynt yn medru ein gweld gan ein bod yn cuddio yn y coed. Wedyn aethom i gael te yn y Banc - yr un un ag o'r blaen. Ond cawsom ein taflu allan am ein bod "yn cymryd mantais arnon ni", chwedl y dyn. Rybish, neu sbwriel; os oeddynt yn rhoi bwyd am ddim, dylai pawb fod yn gallu cael pob pryd o'r dydd yno. Wel, beth bynnag, aethom yn ol i'r babell, gan fod pawb am gael gwared ohonom.

Yn y nos, penderfynom fynd i'r disco ym marchnad y dref. Cawsom lawer odrafferth i fynd i mewn gan fod pobl yn gwthio y tu ol i ni ac yn rhegi fel petaent yn feibion y diafol ei hun. Ond o'r diwedd, gwthias fy hun i mewn, a'r peth cyntaf a welais o'm blaen oedd rhyw anifail mawr, tew, Mici Plwm. "Mawredd", dywedais wrthyf fy hun, "rhagor o wythio". Ond wrth lwc, dim ond casglu'r arian oedd yn gwneud. Difyr iawn fu'r noson, gyda grwpiau fel Bran, Gwellt, a'r Gwylanod. Wel, dyna grwp; roedd y gitar flaen yn ffiwso bob pum munud, a'r caneuon mwyaf diflas a sych yn y byd ganddynt. Wedyn, daeth Hergest, Ac Eraill, a phrif grwp Cymru, Edward H. Dafis. Wel, dyna hi! Aeth pobun yn wyllt wrth wrando arnynt. Roedd Cleif Prendelyn (y prif lais) yn rhoi perfformiad gwych. Ond pwy all roi perfformiad gwael gyda'r fath offerynwyr?

Un peth da a ddigwyddodd fore dydd Mercher - ni ddaeth y dyn rhent, ac felly cawsom un diwrnod ac un noson o gwsg am ddim, fel petai.

Wrth fynd o amgylch y maes mawreddog, clywsom bawb yn siarad am yr 'opera' nos trannoeth, sef 'Nia Ben Aur'. Roedd pawb yn edrych ymlaen ati yn fawr iawn. Llwyddom i gael tocynnau, ac erbyn mynd yno y noson honno, gwelsom fod gennym seddau da, yn syth o flaen y llwyfan. Ar ol amser hir, tawelodd y dorf - chwe mil ohonynt; wrth gwrs, roedd rhai ohonynt yn feddw. Yna dechreuodd yr 'opera'; ond fe'n siomwyd. Doedd dim llawer o werth i'w glywed nac i'w weld. Ambell waith byddai'r lleisiau'n uchel, bryd

arall yn rhy isel i'w clywed. Ond mae'n rhaid cofio mai dyma'r tro cyntaf i 'opera' Gymraeg gael ei pherfformio. Dau beth da ynnddi oedd y gerddorfa, a oedd yn wych, (yn enwedig Charli Britten), a Dewi Pws a oedd yn chwarae rhan y brenin, tad Nia. Ni pharhaodd yn hir, a roeddem nol ar faes y pebyll erbyn hanner awr wedi deuddeg. Ond fe gawsom yr hwyl ryfedda gyda gogleddwr o'r enw John bach. Roedd yn feddw gaib, a dyna ni'n chwarae pel droed gydag ef. Dro ar ol tro fe syrthiai ar ei babel bob tro y peniai'r bel. Roedd y tiniau a'r sosbanau yn cael eu gwasgaru dros y lle i gyd. Erbyn hyn, roedd hi'n hanner awr wedi tri y bore. Aethom i'n gwely yn llawn siarad, ond ar ol ychydig roeddem ein tri yn cysgu.

Ddydd Gwener, aethom adref yn llawn hwyl, a digon i ddweud wrth ein rhieni, ac yn edrych ymlaen at a flwyddyn nesaf pan fydd yr eisteddfod yng Nghricieth. Un peth; ni fydd cyfleusterau ar y maes pebyll yno - ond bydd rhaid i ni wneud rhywbeth ynglyn a hynny.

GERAINT WYN. (4 H.)

HEN FILWR

Swn ffrwydro'r gynau yng nghlyw
Henwr wrth gofio'i fywyd;
Eistedda yn ei gadair —
'R un fath a'i febyd.

Codi llesg fraich o fraich
A thynnu cwr y llen
Meddwl am ddyddiau ddaw —
'Yr Oes Wen'.

Atgofion yn niwl oedran
Am y blynyddoedd gynt,
A mwg y powdwr gwyn
Yn troelli yn y gwynt.

Y milwr ieuanc tal
Sy nawr yn gelain farw,
Atgofion wedi mynd
Am y diwrnodau salw.

JONATHAN GOWER. (4 M.)

ATGOFION FY MAMGU

Eisteddai fy mamgu a minnau o ddeutu'r tan a dechreuodd hi adrodd rhai o'r digwyddiadau mwyaf byw yn ei chof hi.

"Yr oeddem yn wyth o blant yn y teulu, ac anaml iawn y caem arian i wario. Pan oeddwn yn ferch fach, arferwn edrych ar ol y rhai ieuengaf o'r

teulu. Ar waelod yr ardd yr oedd yna dwlc mochyn, cwt ieir a lle i gadw gwyddau. Arferwn fynd i'r capel bob Sul i ddarllen ac i drafod y Beibl. Bob blwyddyn fe ai trip yr Ysgol Sul i le cysegredig, heb fod ymhell. Arferem fynd mewn poni a thrap i'r lle. Pan ddeuem at allt byddai'n rhaid i ni ddod allan o'r trap i'w helpu i fyny drwy ei wthio.

"Pan oeddwn yn dair ar ddeg, arferem ladd yr wydd ar gyfer gwyl y Nadolig. Cerddwn i lawr y llwybr i'r lle roedd y ffowls yn ymgynnull. Daliwn yr wydd a chlywid hi'n sgrechian, a byddai'n ceisio fy nghnoi, ond heb lwyddo. Agorwn ddrws y sied ac awn i mewn. Codwn yr wydd ar y bwrdd a thorrwn ei gwddf i ffwrdd. Rhoddai sgrech a rhedwn allan gyda'r wydd - heb ei phen - yn glos wrth fy sodlau, a'r gwaed yn rhedeg o'i gwddf fel tap dwr yn rhedeg. Yna trown yn ol i weld a oedd hi wedi marw. Y nerfau oedd yn gwneud iddi redeg ar fy ol. Wrth feddwl yn ol mae'n anodd peidio a chwertthin!!

Yna fe aethom ni'n dau i gael cwpaned o de ac eistedd i lawr, eto i sgwrsio'n ddi-stop. Fe ail-ddechreuodd: "Rwy'n cofio, pan oeddwn yn briod, fe agoron ni siop sglodion tatws yn Stryd Elizabeth. "Roedd y sglodion, yr adeg honno, yn costio hanner ceiniog, a'r pysgodyn un geiniog. Ond yr oeddwn i yn un a roddai mwy nag y dylwn. Gwnaeth yr ail ryfel byd i ni gloi y siop yn gyfan-gwbl. Pan oedd y rhyfel drosodd, fe agoron siop arall yn y stryd, a doedd dim pwynt i ail-agor y siop sglodion wedyn!!

Ar ol yr hanesion yna fe ddaeth y sgwrs i ben, ond nid cyn i ni addo cwrdd yr wythnos ganlynol i siarad am ragor o ddigwyddiadau na ellid eu hanghofio.

PEDR ap HYWEL. (4. D.)

PENILLION

Greyr glas, paid bod yn gas,
Paid bod yn gas
Wrth rai di-ras
Sy'n rheibio dy gynefin glas.

Frithyll bach, cofia hyn,
Maent yn ceisio lladd dy lyn;
Gwenwyn ddoe, gwenyn heddi,
Tybed, tybed am yfory?

LLYR. (6 B.)

DYDDIADUR PLISMON

Dydd Llun.

"Bore digon tawel ar y cyfan, - dim symud o'r car. Crwydrais o amgylch yr heolydd ond doedd dim byd anghyffredin o le. Es i gael cinio am ddeuddeg o'r gloch.

Ar ol cinio dechreuais grwydro unwaith eto yn y panda. Cefais neges dros y radio yn gorchymyn i mi fynd at dan yn un o ffatrioedd y dre. Pan gyrhaeddais yno roedd y brigad dan wedi cyrraedd ac nid oedd angen fy help. Ond ar ol tipyn bu'n rhaid i mi gludo dau ddyn i'r ysbyty. Ar ol ymadael a'r ysbyty, cariais ymlaen ar y bit arferol. Gyrrais i lawr y briffordd a gwelais nifer o bobl ifanc - wynebaw yn unig i mi, ond meddylais faint o'r wynebaw hyn y byddwn yn ei gweld rhwng barrau cell cyn hir. Rwy'n ofni y gwelaf nifer ohonynt. Wrth fynd ymhellach i lawr y stryd sylwais ar un o ymgeiswyr gwleidyddol ein tref a meddyliais am y rhagrith a'r seboni a ddeuai o'i wefusau, ac a oedd mewn gwirionedd yn bwriadu cyflawni ei addewidion petai yn cael lle yn Llundain.

"Roeddwn ar ddechrau ar stryd arall pan gefais neges ar y radio yn dweud y gallwn fynd adref yn gynt gan fod cyfaill i mi wedi dychwelyd y diwrnod hwnnw ar ol colli wythnos. Felly adref a mi heb gwyno.
Dydd Mawrth.

"Fel pob dydd Mawrth, dechreuodd y diwrnod hwn yn brysur. Diwrnod marchnad ydyw ac mae prysurdeb mawr ar yr heolydd. Roedd rhaid imi wneud dyletswydd ynglyn a thrafnidaeth - gwaith nad yw wrth fy modd, a dweud y lleiaf - on rhaid ei wneud. Gwaith blinedig iawn yw symud fy mhen a'm braich megis cloc tegan. Ond gwelaf ddigon o wynebaw gwahanol, ac O! mor wahanol ydynt - rhai anghyfarwydd a rhai cyfarwydd mewn mwy nag un ffordd. Nid wynebaw gwahanol yn unig a welaf, ond digwyddiadau ac amgylchiadau rhyfedd hefyd, er enghraifft, gyrrwr yn gyrru a'i lygaid ar gau - digrif a difrifol. Balch iawn oeddwn i fynd i ginio.

"Ar ol bore prysur a blinedig, doeddwn i ddim yn teimlo fel wynebu sesiwn mewn llysbarn yn y prynhawn, ond roedd yn rhaid i mi. Roeddwn wedi bod yn llygad dyst i lofruddiad y tu allan i le cyhoeddus yn y dref liw nos yn ddiweddar ac roedd yn bryd imi adrodd yr hanes o flaen fy ngwell. Es i'r llys ar ol gofyn caniatad i adael fy nyletswyddau am brynhawn, a'm teimladau yn anesmwyth; doeddwn i ddim yn hoffi'r syniad o ymddangos yn y llys i roi tystiolaeth yn erbyn rhywun a oedd eisioes yn rhyw fath o elyn i mi. Ond daeth fy nhro o flaen y barnwr. Disgrifiais y cwbl fel y'i gwelais, ac arhosais am y dyfarniad. "Euog o lofruddiaeth" meddai llais pennaeth y rheithgor. Es adref yn drwm fy nghalon.

Dydd Mercher.

"Dechreuais ar y 'beat' fel arfer drwy fynd heibio i ysgol. Gwelais fechgyn yn chwarae pel droed ar gae'r ysgol. Wrth nesau atynt gwelais fod gan un ohonynt bapur newydd, a gwelais fy llun ar y dudalen flaen. Gwyddwn ar unwaith fod stori'r llys ar y papurau. Sylwodd un o'r bechgyn taw fy llun i oeddy llun, a dywedodd wrthyf fod y cyhuddedig yn ddig a'i dymer yn berwi oherwydd y dystiolaeth a roddais i yn ei erbyn. Fyddai bywyd ddim yn werth byw i mi. Gadewais ar frys gan feddwl yn ddifrifol am ei eiriau. Bu'r geiriau hyn yn pwyso arnaf drwy'r dydd ac roeddwn yn teimlo'n sal iawn. Llusgais drwy'r dydd, a mynd adre'n drist a gwyliadwrus heb wybod yn iawn beth fyddai fy nyfodol."

Dyna dyddiadur tri diwrnod yn hanes y dyn a lofruddiwyd. Yn anffodus, fel y gwyddoch, ni fu fyw i weld golau ddydd byth wedyn. Felly drwy dystiolaeth y plismon cafwyd dyn yn euog, a thrwy ddyddiadur yr un plismon, cyhuddwyd yr un dyn o fod yn euog o'i ladd.

Clywyd y geiriau hyn o enau barnwr yn y llys barn.

ALAN GIBBARD (4 D.)

ANOBAITH

Caeodd y llyfr emynau yn araf-dawel; dododd ef i lawr yn bwylllog ar y sedd wrth ei hochr; eisteddodd ar y fainc bren gynnes. Cododd y pregethwr ifanc a dechrau pregethu. Siaradai yn glir ac yn uchel, ond rywfodd heddiw nid oedd am ei glywed. Fel arfer byddai'r hen wraig yn gwrando'n astud ar bregethau'r gwr ifanc, ond heddiw roedd wedi llwyr ymgolli'n ei byd bach ei hunan ac nid oedd am wrando; heddiw dim ond eisiau eistedd yn dawel a synfyfyriol roedd am ei wneud. Wrth eistedd yn llonydd yn ei sedd ni allai lai na sylwi ar yr haul tanbaid yn disgleirio'n ffyrnig drwy'r ffenestr gul y tu ol i gefn y pregethwr; dawniai'r cysgodion yn llon ar lawr yr hen gapel fel oen ifanc yn prancio'n hapus allan ym mhrydferthwch meysydd gwyrddlas cefn gwlad Cymru.

Dyma'r ail dro yn ei bywyd iddi deimlo creulondeb a gwacter oeraidd bywyd. Heddiw oedd yr ail dro iddi deimlo chwerwder a siom bywyd, yr ail dro iddi fod yn hollol ar ei phen ei hun yn yr hen fyd creulon o'i hamgylch. Teimlai ryw naws oer yn ymyrryd a'i chorff; iasodd ei hasgwrn cefn. Cododd pregethwr ei lygaid oddi ar y Beibl, ac adrych arni. Gwridodd.

Wrth i'r bregeth fynd yn ei blaen, teimlai'n fwy anesmwyth; teimlai'r sedd bren yn caledu'i chorff. Roedd elastig ei hosanau neilon yn ymyrryd a blew ei choesau ac yn chwarae ar ei nerfau. Yn awr gallai deimlo'r haul yn gynnes ar ei dillad. Ymlaciodd dipyn. Wrth ymlacio ni allai atal ei meddyliau rhag crwydro i'w gorffennol. Roedd hi yn ol yn y rhyfel byd cyntaf pan oedd ond un ar hugain mlwydd oed.

1917 - - - dyna'r flwyddyn y bu ei gwr farw. Daeth deigr yn cynnes i'w llygaid wrth iddi gofio am ddydd ei phriodas. Cofiodd y gusan gynnes honno a roddodd iddi; gallai deimlo ei freichiau yn gynnes amdani. Rhedai'r deigr yn i lawr ei bochau gan dreiglo i gornel ei gwefus. Fe'i cofiodd yn paratoi at ddiwrnod o waith yng ngwaith glo y Llan. Cofiodd y rhyfel yn ei ddwyn oddi arni, a'r llythyr hwnnw. Yn Ffrainc y bu farw; nid oedd hyd yn oed garreg fedd i atgoffa'r byd o'i fodolaeth.

Er mor fawr oedd cariad yr hen wraig at ei gwr, roedd hen lwybr caregog bywyd wedi gwneud iddi anghofio'n llwyr am y rhyfel - - - a'i gwr.

Dair blynedd yn ol, cyfarfu a gwraig tua'r un oed a hithau. Tyfodd y berthynas rhyngddynt. Ddoe, chwalwyd ei breuddwydion yn deilchion. Bu farw ei ffrind.

Daeth terfyn ar y bregeth. Cododd y wraig ac aeth allan yn dawel o'r capel. Ni welai bwrpas mewn byw bellach. Gwelai wacter ym mhob man - - -.

NOEL WILLIAMS (6 B.)

Neil Williams.

ON SAFARI

Across the seas, in lands afar,
Where mountains kiss the azure sky
And warrior men as black as tar
Hunt the wild jungles till they die,
Came, from this tiny tinplate town,
A local king in sable gown.

On amber seas where Basbab grows
As old as time and just as sage,
A pride in every Afrikaana knows
Of something equal in its age.
Yes, rugby, the deep rooted native sport,
is famed from mountain top to fishing port.

So Phil the fly-half regal sailed
As all at Stradey hailed him king,
While round the country people wailed
For they could not his praises sing,
Being blind to all his magic spells,
They sought to ring the funeral bells.

But "Phil-bach" came to the Second Test
Blest by the famous "Tanner Bank"
And kept for now his very best,
That he with ease the Spring-boks sank;
High on the sun-baked Lotus Veldt
Wherein the heart of rugby dwelt.

With feint, jink and fairy motion,
Playing the old forgotten skills,
He ran where e'er he had the notion
To fill faint hearts with gasping thrills;
Running across the caked-hard sod
Like Mercury, the winged God.

But his blue blood was spilled this day
In the shadow of the mighty posts,
As with some mystical display
Past the Springbok team he ghosts,
Making the partisan crown cry,
Defeated by his magic try.

So from their royal seats arose
J. B. and Mr. Craven, too,
A "Royal Prince" they now suppose,
But for Stradey only "king" will do;
For if only for courage and brave nerve
He must surely the crown deserve.

With pride Llanelli spreads its chest
Ignoring all the doubting throng
And they will hail you as the best
In pub and church and fervent song.
So burn your ears to Wales this day,
Phil Bennett where e'er you be
And listen to what the Welsh hills say,
Dewch nol, sospan, dewch nol i ni.

Dewch nol i sospan, dewch nol i ni.

Y GYMDEITHAS GYMRAEG

Cadeirydd	...	Meirion R. Thomas
Is-Gadeirydd	...	Elfyn Evans
Ysgrifennydd	...	Emyr Griffiths
Trysorydd	...	Gareth Wyn Thomas
Ysgrifennydd yr Urdd ..		Eurig Hughes

Dechreuodd tymor y Gymdeithas eleni gydag anerchiad gan y Dr. Leonard Hugh ar Yr Urdd Siarad Cymraeg. Dr. Hugh oedd sylfaenydd y mudiad hwn, a'i brif amcan yw cymell Cymry Cymraeg i wneud llawn ddefnydd o'u mamiaith yn eu bywyd bob dydd. Olrheiniodd y siaradwr dwf yr Urdd o'i chyfnod cynnar yng Nghwm Rhondda, a phwysleisiodd fod y broblem yn un o'r rhai pwysicaf sydd yn ein hwynebu fel cenedl ar hyn o bryd. Yr oedd yr araith gyda'r mwyaf ysbrydoledig a fagwyd yn y Gymdeithas ers blynyddoedd ac nid oedd yn rhyfedd bod llawer o'r gwrandawyr wedi ymuno a'r mudiad ar ddiwedd y cyfarfod.

Yn ddiweddarach yn y tymor aeth aelodau'r Gymdeithas ar daith gerdded o Gaerfyrddin i Llansteffan yng nghwmni merched ein chwaer ysgol. Mewn tywydd braf, cerddwyd am ryw bump awr ar hyd heolydd gwledig, a chawsom gyfle i fwynhau golygfeydd trawiadol ar y ffordd. Cafwyd awr o ddifyrrwch ar draeth Llansteffan ar ddiwedd y daith.

Tua diwedd y tymor cynhaliwyd cwis rhwng y bechgyn a'r merched yn Ysgol y Merched. Wedi cystadlu brwd, y bechgyn a orfu. Mawr yw ein diolch i'r merched am eu croeso cynnes.

Oherwydd amryfal anawsterau, ni lwyddwyd i gwblhau rhaglen y Gymdeithas yn ystod y tymor, ond teg yw cofnodi bod y Gymdeithas wedi rhoi pob cefnogaeth i'r gweithgareddau niferus ynglyn a chasglu arian i gronfa Eisteddfod Genedlaethol yr Urdd (Llanelli) fis Mai nesaf. Erbyn hyn casglodd bechgyn yr ysgol dros fil a hanner o bunnau i'r gronfa hon. Dylid nodi hefyd fod rhyw ddau gant a hanner o fechgyn yr ysgol wedi ymuno a'r Urdd eleni.

MEIRION R. THOMAS (Cadeirydd).

GEOGRAPHY - GEOLOGY SOCIETY

CHAIRMAN : Keith Edwards. SECRETARY : Nigel Patterson. TREASURER : Neil Williams.

This year's society was not formed until a number of weeks into the school year and therefore has only a small amount of activities in its past programme. These consisted of a quiz and a number of interesting filmshows.

On Wednesday October 9th "six of the Society's best" boys took up the challenge of a quiz against the same number from the Girls' Society. Our boys led all through the quiz, emerging victors by 104 points to 87. The quiz contained very varied questions and was thoroughly enjoyed by all who

attended. The team consisted of Hugh Thomas, Anthony Key, Steven Thomas, Huw Griffiths, Jonathan Davies and Neil Jones.

With the unstinting assistance of the school projectionists and the masters of the Geography Department the Society was able to show a number of extremely interesting educational films during the lunch hours of fixed dates. This series of films, however, is still in its early stages.

The members of the Society wish to thank the masters of the Geography Department for their help during the school year.

NIGEL PATTERSON (Secretary).

HISTORY SOCIETY

CHAIRMAN : J. David Davies. SECRETARY : Owain Hughes (Acting), TREASURER : Stephen Davies. LIBRARIAN : Jonathan Tucker.

FORM REPRESENTATIVES : 6A Stephen Ryan, 6B Neil Thomas, 5 Robert Jenkins 4 Stephen David, 3 Andrew Thomas, 2 & 1 Julian Barrington.

Once again the society can report a very full and active year, with even more activities in 1974 than in 1973. This was partly due to the election of the Society's first committee, which prepared a very full programme for the school year 1974-5.

The high point of the year was the society's London trip, the most successful yet. A party of 30 boys were taken to London on October 24th, visiting the Tower of London and the Greenwich Maritime Museum, travelling down the Thames by hovercraft. Members of the party were extremely impressed with the scope of the Maritime Museum, and the Society may visit Greenwich again in the future. An excursion to the Roman Gold Mines at Dolaucothi was held in the summer term.

A very comprehensive programme of films has been ordered, and several have already been shown. Titles have ranged from "Stonehenge" to "The French Revolution" and from "The Acropolis" to "Battle for the Marianas". All have been well attended, as was a very topical and well-received talk by Mr. Alun Thomas on "Cyprus" in September.

A liaison was established with the Girls' History Society, and two joint quizzes have already been held. Further activities are planned for the new year.

Plans for 1975 include a visit to Caerphilly Castle and Caerleon, a further programme of films and lectures and possibly some activities involving local history.

Finally tribute must be paid to the work of the Society's President, Mr. Alan Jones, and to our former Secretary John Davies who left School in October.

OWAIN HUGHES (Secretary).

SCHOOL SAVINGS BANK

MANAGER Hugh V. Thomas. CASHIERS : Nigel Frost, Philip Ashdown, Anthony Davies.

The new term has seen a dramatic and pleasing rise in the number of boys who are members of the School Savings Bank, the present total being 148.

A large percentage of the new members are from Forms 1 and 2, which show a healthy interest in thrift which will stand them in good stead in later life.

I must thank my cashiers, Nigel Frost, Philip Ashdown and Anthony Davies for their assistance; the Bank owes a great deal of its efficiency to them.

This term the Bank has lost Mr. Donald Hughes, who has stepped down from his position as Master-in-Charge. His work over the years has been invaluable and I must thank him, on behalf of the previous bank managers, for his faithful service. Mr. Hughes' successor is Mr. Dennis Phillips, whom I am sure will be as invaluable to the Bank as Mr. Hughes was. Thanks must also go to Mr. Voyle of the Llanelli Trustee Savings Bank.

HUGH V. THOMAS (Manager).

JOINT SIXTH FORM SOCIETY

Chair : Graziano A. Luzzi, Gwynon Jones.

Secretaries : Nigel S. Jones, Hywel Thomas, Sandra Jones.

Treasurers : Nigel Murphy, Nest Morgan.

The first event of the year was a successful 'Sixth Form Barbecue', which was held on Llanelli Beach in May.

The society has continued to hold fund-raising activities this year, with a Disco-Dance held at the Glen Ballroom in July, which raised £99 for the Llanelli Theatre Appeal. It is also hoped that members of the society will go carol singing before Christmas, as they have done in past years, in aid of a local charity. We hope that members will endeavour to attend.

The Annual Christmas Concert will again be held this year. A great deal of effort has gone into the concert, and the boys involved have sacrificed a large part of their time to make it a success.

Finally we wish to thank all those masters who have aided the society during the year, especially the headmasters, Messrs. Denis Jones and R. Challenor, the school treasurer, Mr. Anthony Harries and Mr. Noel Rees, for their support.

From the committee and members of the society, 'A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.'

HYWEL THOMAS.

MUSIC SOCIETY

President : Mr. Penri Williams. Committee : Noel Williams, Hugh Thomas, Rhys Williams, Elfyn Evans, Roger Phillips, Neil Thomas, Richard Evans.

This year, the Music society has been very active under the influence of its committee's originality. Visits have been made to operas and concerts in Swansea including an excellent performance of La Boheme and the annual Concert For Youth.

Plans for the future are extensive and these include a trip to Covent Garden, an original-style disco, as well as several trips to the Brangwyn Hall.

The quiz team of Noel Williams, Hugh Thomas and Rhys Williams were unbeaten against their female counterparts from the Girls' School throughout the year.

The orchestra under the conductship of

The orchestra under the conductorship of Mr. Penri Williams has greatly enhanced the morning assemblies with their excellent rendering of hymns.

Finally our sincerest thanks go to Mr. Williams for his sustained effort in improving the musical life of the school

FRIENDS OF THE SOCIETY. 6B.

GENERAL SOCIETY REVIEW

The year has seen some strange fluctuations in the status of the School societies. No fewer than three have died a natural death; the Astronomy Society, long the smallest in the school; the Natural History Society and the Philatelic Society. The trend seems to be away from "hobby" societies, with the History, Geography, Science, Welsh and Music Societies all flourishing. The one exception to this trend is the Chess Society, as active and as popular as ever.

One pleasing aspect of 1974 was the re-emergence of the L.V.S. which has embarked on a whole new range of social activities. After a year of little activity, a new committee has injected new life into the Service with remarkable results.

In this new climate which appears to favour strong, school-backed "subject" societies, perhaps the time is ripe for a revival of the most legendary of all school societies, the "Lit. and Deb" (Literary and Debating), which would certainly fill an enormous gap in School life.

Finally, it only remains to wish all the societies success in their 1975 programmes.

J. DAVID DAVIES.

CHESS SOCIETY

CHAIRMAN : Michael Paynter. TREASURER : Huw Williams.

SECRETARY : Malcolm Williams.

COMMITTEE : Stephen Burnhill, Ian Whitehouse.

Once again the Chess society has proved to be the most popular society in school, with 100 members. A tournament was held at the beginning of term, the winners being Michael Paynter in the Senior section, and Christopher Edwards in the junior section. Runners-up were Alan Williams and Timothy Bourne respectively.

Fixtures have been arranged with other schools and it is hoped that the society will equal last year's record of winning every match played.

PHOTOGRAPHY SOCIETY

CHAIRMAN : Michael Paynter. TREASURER : Huw Williams.

SECRETARY : Hywel Thomas.

A renewed interest has been shown in the Photographic society this term. A number of filmstrips have been displayed dealing with both the general aspects of photography and the finer details. Demonstrations have been held in the method of developing films and producing prints from negatives. It is hoped that an exhibition can be arranged displaying some of the society's work.

The society wishes to thank Mr. Victor Rees, the master-in-charge, for giving freely of his time and experience.

THE SCIENCE SOCIETY

CHAIRMAN : Graziano A. Luzzi. SECRETARIES : Leslie Simpson, Nigel S. Jones. TREASURER : Nicholas Thomas.

The Society, once again, has had a very active year. The first major event to take place under the "new regime" was in April, when four coaches of boys and girls visited the Welsh National Folk Museum at St. Fagan's, Cardiff. The outing was extremely successful and it is hoped to hold a event next term.

The most publicised event of the year has been the 'Grand Sponsored Pram-Push', which took place in May, when twenty or so prams and their occupants were pushed from the Girls' school to the Boys' via the town centre. The venture raised £169 for the Cancer Research Fund.

In addition to these events, quizzes have been held between the two schools, and even a series of scientific demonstrations. Owing to unfortunate circumstances, the liaison with the Girls' school has had to be discontinued, but the society should still prove to remain as active as it has been in the past year.

GRAZIANO A. LUZZI (Chairman).

THE LLANELLI VOLUNTEER SERVICE

CHAIRMAN : Kevin Stacey. SECRETARY : Jeremy Coughlin.
TREASURERS : Andrew Williams and Meirion Williams.

After the departure of the old committee without a word about the progress of the L.V.S. over the past year, the 1974-5 committee formulated its plans for the first term in the first committee meeting on October 1st 1974.

The first term saw a good financial start to the year when a very successful Jumble Sale and Junior Disco were held. The money from these events will help to take a group of underprivileged children to see the pantomime at the Grand Theatre (Swansea) in January, to buy Christmas gifts in the form of food parcels for Old Age Pensioners and to buy paint, etc., to decorate the houses of elderly and disabled persons.

Regular visits have been maintained throughout the term to Bryntirion Hospital where many elderly and bedridden patients were glad to see us. These visits will be continued throughout next year.

Recently Jeremy Coughlin and Meirion Williams were made committee members of the Llanelli (Housebound) Old People's Welfare Committee, and this makes possible a regular source of information about needy people who may need our help. Close contact is also kept with the Women's Royal

Volunteer Service and through the W.R.V.s we hope to start making regular visits to housebound persons in the near future.

Regular meetings are held where new ideas are discussed and it is hoped that in future, projects involving the younger students of the

hoped that in the future, projects involving the younger students of the Boys and Girls Grammar Schools will be held to help bring to their attention the social needs of our area.

Thanks must be extended to Mr. Denis Jones and Mr. Challenor, and also to Mr. Alun Williams for his help and guidance.

JEREMY J. COUGHLIN (Secretary).

SCHOOL PRINTING DEPARTMENT

The Printing Department has now been in existence for several years, and operates from a room adjacent to U2. The Department is responsible for the production of all tickets, society cards and passes needed by the Boys' and Girls' Grammar Schools. The printers for 1974 were Ian Jones and Michael Morris, of 5H, and Peter Price of Form 3. At various times, throughout the year, assistance has also been given by Neville Cass, Philip Jacob, Eilir Jones, Peter Phillips and Andrew Frost.

1974 has been the busiest year in the history of the department, as there has been a marked increase in the number of orders received. The number of tickets produced has risen from almost 13,000 in 1973, to over 20,000 this year. In the summer term, a large proportion of the departments type was deservedly replaced, resulting in a great improvement in the standard of printing.

Since the departure of Mr. Noel Rees, earlier this term, the printers have also been responsible for the production of the "Jester", the School's newspaper.

I would like to thank Mr. Denis Jones, for all the help he has given us, Mr. F. Anthony Harries for his co-operation on all financial matters, Mr. Kerry Davies, the master-in-charge, and, of course, all the masters, and boys, who have supported the Department.

IAN JONES, 5H.

CROSS-COUNTRY

MASTER-IN-CHARGE : Mr. Goronwy Owen.

CAPTAIN : Dylan Jones. VICE-CAPTAIN and SECRETARY : Ian Thomas.

Last season must be one of the greatest seasons since the formation of the club. The junior and senior teams not only did they win a trophy apiece, but they went unbeaten throughout the season.

The list of achievements included - four county runners, two internationals and three boys were county champions.

FORM 1 - Last year's form 1 team had a brilliant season, they were unbeaten and won the county and West Wales championships. In the county championships held at Carmarthen, they thrashed their opposition which consisted of

about ten other schools, and furthermore, out of a field of over a hundred competitors, four of our boys gained the first four places. They were :- Mark Davies, who became county champion, Gareth Rees, Philip Jacob, and Leighton Morris, who finished 2nd, 3rd and 4th respectively. This was announced as a county record, and the team was presented with a cup to mark the occasion.

They also overwhelmed their opposition in the West Wales championships, where Philip Jones finished in first position.

FORMS 11 & 111 - They had a fair season, the only marked victory occurring in the West Wales championships, where they gained the title.

FORMS 1V & V - The middle team had a good season also. They won nearly all their races but were narrowly defeated in the county championships where they took 2nd place. In this section, the school had three boys who were chosen to represent the County in the Welsh Championships held at Newtown. They were :- Dylan Jones, (who also was captain), Ian Thomas, and Mark Stephens.

In the Welsh championships, Dylan Jones finished 7th and went on to represent Wales in an international meeting in Ireland.

FORM V1 - Together with the form 1 team, the senior team went unbeaten throughout the season. They also won the series of Swansea League meetings, in which the school competed against a number of strong Swansea schools. Out of a series of five meetings, the school team won every one and the school captain, Stephen Rolfe came first each time. He was presented with a plaque for this achievement and the school team was presented with the League's Cup.

It was a tremendous season as far as Stephen Rolfe was concerned. Not only did he captain the school team, but also the county and Welsh teams. He was also voted the 'Young Llanelli Sportsman of the Year Award', and not only were the pupils and staff of this school proud of him but also the population of Llanelli were. He also won a 'Nos Calan' vest in Mountain Ash, where the famous New Year's Eve races are held each year. He is now a student at Birmingham University, and the school teams have already felt his loss in their midst. But he is wished all the best from everybody concerned with the club and hope his stay at Birmingham will be a happy one.

Another great loss to the club was the departure of Dr. Keith Davies, who was the nucleus of the successes achieved last year. He is now teaching in Ammanford and has already taken over the cross-country there. His loss has not been as serious as we thought it would have been, for our new master-in-charge Mr. Owen has shown exactly as much interest in the club as Dr. Davies. We have been lucky to obtain Mr. Owen as our new master-in-charge.

This season has not started in the same way as last season, but the teams are gradually reaching their peak form. We have also an impressive new form 1 team, one boy-Richard Jenkins, has already won a Gwent League vest for his performance in running for Carmarthen Harriers and soon we shall have a few boys following in his footsteps.

The form 11 & 11 team (which consists mainly of last year's form 1 team) has started in the same position which they left off last season, in their only race against Amman Valley they beat their opposition easily.

It is hoped that more success will be achieved throughout the course of the season.

IAN THOMAS (6B Science) (Secretary) .

FIRST XV RUGBY – Captain Alun Davies. Secretary: John Morgan

School made an indifferent start to the season, winning only one of their first four games, but the team has settled down during the later part of the first term, and they have won their last four games.

The School team beat a very strong Llandovery College side by four points to nil, and this was the first time school have ever beaten Llandovery. School also drew with Millfield at Stradey, and beat Belmont Abbey, so they have done particularly well against the strong sides.

Congratulations must be extended to skipper Alun Davies, who has been awarded his secondary schools cap for the second successive year.

RESULTS

- 1 School 4 pts (S. Perks 1 try) Amman Valley 15
- 2 School 17 pts (V. Jenkins, C. Lavallin, E. Price try a piece. S. Lloyd 1 con.). Queen Elizabeth Grammar School 0.
- 3 School 4 pts (C. Lavallin 1 try) Cwmtawe 12.
- 4 School 12 pts (S. Lloyd, A. Davies, G. Thomas 1 try) Whitland 16 pts.
- 5 School 25 (A. Davies, P. Dunne, N. Lewis, C. Lavallin, E. Price 1 try. S. Lloyd 1 pen 1 con). Gwendraeth 4 pts.
- 6 School 4 pts (1 pushover try) Millfield 4 pts.
- 7 School 12 pts (C. Samuel, S. Perks, A. Davies try). Bishopgore 14.
- 8 School 6 pts (A. Griffiths 1 try M. Gravelle 1 con). Gowerton 22 pts.
- 9 School 4 pts (P. Dunne 1 try) Llandovery College 0.
- 10 School 16 pts (S. Perks, N. Bonnell, E. Price, P. Dunne 1 try) Stanwells 0.
- 11 School 6 pts (I. Bonnell 1 try M. Gravelle 1 con.). Brynteg 12.
- 12 School 21 pts (S. Perks 2 tries, M. Gravelle, E. Price 1 try, J. Owens 1 pen 1 con). Belmont Abbey 4 pts.

SECONDS – Captain John Owens

The seconds had an excellent start to the season, winning 7 out of their first 8 matches, and to date they have won 9 out of 12 matches despite being forced to field side weakened through injury in some of their matches.

RESULTS.

School 11 pts	Amman Valley 0
School 25 pts	Carmarthen 0
School 19 pts	Cwmtawe 4 pts
School 4 pts	Whitland 6 pts
School 44 pts	Gwendraeth 3 pts
School 46 pts	Pipwr Llwyd 3 pts
School 10 pts	Bishop Gore 3 pts
School 6 pts	Gowerton 4 pts
School 0	Llandovery 19 pts
School 18 pts	Stanwells 8 pts
School 19 pts	Brynteg 11 pts
School 6 pts	Belmont Abbey 26 pts

FIRST CRICKET XI 1974

Captain: M. John, Vice-Captain: E. Price, Secretary: A. Gravelle.
County Players: M. John, M. Gravelle, D. Jones, W. Thomas.
Played 10 Games, Won, 7, Lost 3, Drawn none.

On the whole, the 1974 season was a very successful one for School, with several boys being chosen to represent the County side. School won most of their matches and with a good proportion of the side available for next season, the future looks bright for School Cricket.

SCHOOL V AMMAN VALLEY (AWAY)
Amman Valley all out 55. (D. Jones 7-21)
School 56 for 5 wickets. (W. Thomas 21 not out)
School won by 5 wickets.

SCHOOL V PENLAN (HOME)
Penlan 78 all out (M. John 3-18, Dylan Jones 2-12)
School 79 for 1. (W. Thomas 39 not out, M. John 30)
School won by 9 wickets

SCHOOL V GWENDRAETH (HOME)
School 107 for 3 (M. Gravelle 52, M. John 33 not out)
Gwendraeth 46 all out (D. Jones 3-12, R. Thomas 2-12)
School won by 61 runs.

SCHOOL V CWMTAWE (AWAY)
Cwmtawe 78 all out (D. Jones 2-23, R. Evans 2-7)
School 46 all out (E. Price 18, M. Gravelle 11).
Cwmtawe won by 32 runs.

SCHOOL V LLANGENNECH (AWAY)
Llangenwech 81 all out (M. John 4-9, P. Davies 2-23).
School 71 for 6 (M. Gravelle 23, M. Williams).
Llangennech won by 10 runs.

SCHOOL V NEATH (HOME)
School 100 for 9 (E. Gravelle 22, W. Thomas 19)
Neath 62 all out (M. John 6-7, W. Thomas 3-16)
School won by 38 runs.

SCHOOL V BISHOP GORE (HOME)
School 61 all out (M. John 23, R. Evans 14)
Bishop Gore all out 58 (I. Lewis 3-15)
School won by 3 runs

SCHOOL V LLANDOVERY (AWAY)
Llandovery 90 all out (R. Evans 4-17, W. Thomas 2-14)
School 65 all out (M. John 16, P. Pound 13)
Llandovery won by 25 runs.

SCHOOL V POLICE XI (HOME)
Police XI 47 all out (J. Longhurst 6-19)
School 48 for 1 (W. Thomas 21 not out, M. Williams 10)
School won by 9 wickets

SOCCER

Master in Charge – Mr. M. Richards
Captain 1st XI – Barrie Duggan
Captain 2nd XI – Robert John

The 1973-74 Season was one of the most disappointing seasons in the history of School Soccer. Led by Barrie Duggan the School 1st XI hoped for a successful season. However, it was not to be. They lost their first game 3-4 against Neath though they were victors in their next two encounters 1-0 v Maesteg and 2-1 v Cwmtawe in the Ivor Tuck 1st round. After these successes they lost their next six games, 0-3 v Bishop Vaughan, 1-2 Cardiff schools in the 1st leg of the 1st round of the Cyril Rogers Cup, the 2nd leg saw School hammered 0-4. Then Dyffryn of Newport beat school 4-0. The 2nd game against

Neath saw school lose 1-3, then came a 2-0 defeat by Bishop Gore. School broke this unhappy run in their 3rd game of the season against Neath, winning 1-0. The next game was an eight goals thriller against Glanafan of Port Talbot, a 4-4 draw in which Leighton Townsend scored all school's goals.

The next game was the staff match which ended in another 4-4 draw.

After Xmas school played a return match with Glanafan and were ham-5-1. Next came a 2-4 defeat by Maesteg. Then school won their only big victory of the season, 5-0 v Gowerton, only to lose their next game 0-1 v Bishop Gore. Once again the school side met Neath and this time they won 3-0. They then beat Maesteg 1-0, drew with Gowerton 1-1. The next match was the highlight of the season against Mandsworth of Birmingham which school won 1-0, the goal scored by Barrie Duggan.

Overall it was a very disappointing season and surely this seasons 1st XI side will do much better.

Overall Picture – School 1st XI 1973-74

Played 19 won 7 drew 2 lost 10 (excluding
Goals for 27 goals against 38 (staff match)

Top Goalscorer – Leighton Townsend 6

The School 2nd XI also had a very disappointing season. They played 10 games in all, winning three, 2-1 and 3-0 v Neath and 2-1 v Maesteg. Drawing one game against Maesteg 1-1 they lost their remaining six games, 1-4 and 0-3 v Neath. 1-7 v Llanelli Y.M.C.A. Juniors who later won the Carmarthenshire league and cup double and included four boys who have represented School's 1st XI this season. Then they lost 2-4 and 0-2 v Glanafan and 1-3 v Handsworth.

Overall Picture

Played 10 won 3 drew 1 lost 6

Goals for 13

Goals against 26

Top Goalscorer – Huw Davies 4

The 1974-75 season started on the right note with School's 1st XI beating Neath by 4-3 with goals coming from Michael Tovey (2) Terrance Boyle and Nigel Richards. Their next games were against Cynon Valley Schools in the 1st round of the Cyril Rogers Cup, drawing the 1st leg at home 1-1 with a Mark Lloyd goal and losing the 2nd leg at Aberdare 1-6, Barrie Duggan getting the solitary goal. Their next encounter came against Glanafan in Port Talbot which School won 6-3 in treacherous conditions, with goals coming from Terrance Boyle (2) Nigel Richards (2) Wayne Thomas and Barrie Duggan (Pen) then came the 1st round of the Ivor Tuck Trophy in which School defeated Cwmtawe by 3 goals to 1. The School goals coming from Ian Lewis a 20 yard drive, a superb volley by Nigel Richards and a powerful drive by Gwynfer Shepherd.

So far this season School have played 8 won 3 drawn 1 lost 1
 runs for 18 runs against 14

The second XI have so far played two games drawing 2-2 with Neath
 and also two draws with the 1st XI and Mark Lloyd and beating Glandafan 3-1 with
 goals from Simon, Gwyneth, Stephen and a penalty by Mike Harry
 this will help out to the team to play next

SCHOOL FORM 4

LLANELLI BOYS' GRAMMAR SCHOOL UNDER 15's

V

LLANOVERY COLLEGE UNDER 15's

Llanovery won the toss and decided to bat on a wet wicket. The School
 bowlers soon got to grips with the game but stubborn batting by the Llanovery
 made our job very hard before being bowled out.

Main School wicket takers were:-

	Overs	Mins.	Wks.	Runs
Mark Williams	11	5	4	12
Nigel Murphy	14	6	3	20
Simon Jenkins	9	3	2	19

School went into bat on a now fastly drying wicket. School got off to
 a good start with Mark Williams and Gareth Thomas putting on 24 for the first
 wicket until Thomas was dismissed for 15. School lost a quick wicket and Nigel
 Murphy came to join Williams. These two then put on 4-0 for the 3rd wicket.
 Williams was dismissed for 27 when the score was at 66 runs and Murphy then
 on to secure School's victory by 4 wks.

Result - School Won by 4 wks.

LLANELLI BOYS' GRAMMAR SCHOOL UNDER 15's

V

STRADEY UNDER 15's

School won the toss and decided to bat. School again got off to a good
 start with Mark Williams and Martin Gravelle putting on 36 for the first wicket
 until Williams was dismissed. Gareth Thomas and Stewart Green were then
 dismissed cheaply but Gravelle with a faultless innings of 54 not out including 8
 boundaries and Nigel Murphy 13 not out saw School to go for 3 wks.

Stradey also got off to a fine opening start of 24 until Nigel Murphy
 broke the stand. From then on School bowlers took command of the situation
 and Clive Williams with an outstanding performance taking 5 wks. for only 2
 runs and only bowling 1.5 overs. Stradey were then dismissed for 52 with
 Martin Staters of Stradey batting throughout scoring 27 not out.

Main Wicket Takers for School

	Overs	Mins.	Wks.	Runs
C. Williams	1.5	1	5	2
S. Brown	2	0	2	7
N. Murphy	4	0	1	17

Result - School won by 38 runs.

LLANELLI BOYS' GRAMMAR SCHOOL UNDER 15's

V

GOWERTON

School batted first and lost the first scores for only 43 runs with Gareth Thomas scoring 18. But School were saved from a quick dismissal by Stephen Watson scoring a commanding 36. Watson received a little help from Ian James scoring 10 not out. The tail end offered little resistance and School were bowled out for 93.

School took 2 early wickets in Gowertons' innings and a quick victory looked on the cards but the Gowerton middle order batsmen looked as if they could turn the match the other way. School then gained a most needed breakthrough running out N. Daniels, Gowertons' highest scorer for 17. From then on School bowlers inspired by the wicket of Daniels dismissed Gowerton for 72.

Main Wicket Takers for School

	Overs	Mdns.	Wks.	Runs
G. Jenkins	9.4	3	4	10
M. Williams	11	2	3	22
S. Watson	5	2	1	13

Result — School won by 21 runs.

Therefore School Form 4 enjoyed a successful season remaining unbeaten.

ATHLETICS

1974 was a year of mixed fortunes for School's athletes. As usual it was a small band of athletes who persisted in their efforts throughout the season.

For the first time, a Dyfed championship was held in which participated 4 teams selected from the result of separate championships held in 4 districts. Llanelli and district were one such team and the field event section of their sports was held on a warm summer's evening at the School field. The School had a large representation in the Llanelli team, as might be expected and in the Dyfed Championships, held at Haverfordwest. 4 boys, Stephen Rolfe, Neil Thomas, Emyr Price and Dylan Jones won county titles.

4 boys went on to represent Dyfed at the National Schools Championships at Connah's Quay where they gained two firsts and two seconds. The athletes concerned were Dylan Jones (1st 1500m), Phillip Thomas (1st 4 x 100m relay), Neil Thomas (2nd High Jump) and Stephen Perks (2nd 200m).

From this meeting Dylan Jones, Stephen Perks and Neil Thomas represented Wales (at under 17 level) at Edinburgh and acquitted themselves very well against extremely strong opposition. This was an honour deserved by all three as their dedication to the sport was exemplary.

Outside the schools championships, Perks won both the 100 and 200m in the Welsh AAA championships, in the latter setting a junior record of 22.5s while Thomas took 2nd place in the high jump. Thomas also won the Welsh games title with his first 6ft leap.

In all, a satisfying season and with no shortage of enthusiasm in the season with the junior boys it seems that next season will be a successful one.

URDD RUN

Eleven boys from this school and one from Stradey, took part in the sponsored relay run, from Llanelli to Rhyl between May the 27th and the 29th of this year. The run was in aid of the Llanelli Eisteddfod 76' Appeal Fund, in which a sum of almost £200 was eventually contributed.

The twelve boys were:- Dylan Jones, Ian Thomas, Ian Bonnell, Alan Richards, Martin Gravelle, John Waters, Ashley James, Jeff Harries, Chris Bowen, Robert Jenkins and Wyn Prior, of this school and Iwan Phillips of Stradey.

We began our 160 mile journey at 9.00 a.m. on Monday, May the 27th, and were started off outside the Town Hall by the Mayor, in the presence of the Headmaster and other members of staff. All of us ran the first mile, then eleven of us jumped onto the mini-bus, leaving one boy to keep on running, marking the beginning of the relay.

The destination set for the first day was Aberystwyth, where we arrived at about 5 p.m., and after tea with Lady Edwards (whose father founded the URDD), we returned home to Llanelli for the night.

At 8 a.m. the following day, we left the Town Hall for Aberystwyth once again in the minibus, hoping to arrive there before 10 a.m.:- the time we were to begin the second leg – destination Bala.

We arrived on time and were started-off this time by Lady Edwards' son and eventually arrived in Bala at about 6 p.m., after a difficult and wet day, through the narrow, steep roads of central Wales. We stayed the night at Glan-Wyn, ... the URDD camp on the shore of Bala Lake.

We woke up the next morning, with aching muscles, due to the hard leg we had experienced the previous day. This was the big day for us, for it was the last leg of the journey as we were to appear on the Eisteddfod stage at 2.30 p.m. This leg was the easiest we had undertaken – we were grateful that we did not have to undertake such roads as those we had experienced the previous day.

We eventually arrived in Rhyl at 12.45 p.m. and as soon as we entered the Eisteddfod field, we were greeted by Mr. Gary Nicholas and a swarm of cameramen and news reporters. After spending about half an hour with these, we roamed around the field until 2.30 p.m. This was the time when we were all to run onto the Eisteddfod stage in the big tent. It was a great event in all our lives, for we were on that stage, viewed by hundreds of people in the audience and thousands of people on television. We were on the stage for about ten minutes, where we presented a saucepan, a rugby ball and a scroll (in which Mr. Nicholas read out) to the President of the Eisteddfod. We then left the big tent and headed for another one – the B.B.C. Television studios, where Mr. Nicholas and Dr. Keith Davies were interviewed.

We eventually left Rhyl at about 3.30 p.m. and on the way home we all concluded that we had all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.

Finally on behalf of myself and all the other boys who took part, I would like to thank the following masters who went through a great deal of work in the preparation and organisation of this event.

Dr. Keith Davies in particular who was the key man in the success of the event and who looked after us exceptionally well, and also the Headmaster, Mr. Denis Jones, Mr. Gary Nicholas, Mr. Dai Smith and Mr. Denis Phillips:- We thank you all.