

Junior Town Quiz

Towards the end of the Christmas term a letter heralding the school's first chance of a television appearance was received. The letter was from the producer of Anglia Television's "Junior Town Quiz." It was an invitation for the school to provide a team to represent King's Lynn in the programme.

As the questions would be based on varied aspects of King's Lynn, we selected our team from day pupils living in the town. In order that they should be fully up-to-date with their knowledge, they were given opportunities in which to gather further information. This entailed rummaging in the dusty depths of the local archives and visiting the places of historical interest. To ensure the team took in all they saw, the four boys, Robert Hancock, Roger Ibbetson, Peter Williams and Richard Larrington, frequently tested each other.

A short time later the team set out for Anglia House, hoping for a successful television debut. The tension rose as they neared Norwich and the studios. On their arrival the receptionist's news came as a terrible anti-climax. The producer had muddled the dates, their appearance was in a fortnight hence. As a compensation the team were allowed to watch that week's quiz.

A fortnight later the same team set out once again, second time lucky. After rehearsals and make-up they were ready to go on the air. Confidence had been gained by a win over their competitors Bury St. Edmunds in rehearsal. Things went well for the first half of the "real thing," being able to maintain an early lead. But alas, the second half proved to be their downfall, all too frequently "I'm afraid I don't know" was heard from our team, this latterly becoming their catchphrase. An amusing answer was given to the question, "What sailor gave his name to a street in King's Lynn?" The answer which was given by one of the team's historians was Oliver Cromwell! Bury St. Edmunds thus latterly secured a lead and went on to win.

For their labours the team each received a book - token. As a first effort it was considered quite satisfactory, and early on in the quiz several of the team had covered themselves with glory.

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Driving Review

Since the last edition of the "Mitre" we have acquired yet another double-decker, a retired Eastern Counties Bristol. This means that we now have three double-deckers, though the A.E.C., until recently, has been laid up awaiting a new gearbox.

Last year it was mentioned that the "evergreen" petrol Commer was soon expected to be replaced by the younger diesel Commer. We are happy to say that this has not come about, and she is considered the favourite by several drivers.

The majority of the school's drivers were drained off at the end of the last school year. The remaining few had plenty of driving to begin with, but numbers soon increased and now there are quite a number once again.

The Mini-bus, though not as sturdy as her Commer counterparts, has given many miles of good service going to and from King's Lynn daily. It also took the 'A' level Geography group on their expedition to the West Country. Praise, I am sure, will be showered on its performance for this journey elsewhere in the magazine.

The Hillman and Mini-Minor have been used by the learner drivers to practice in. The three small buses have carried the overspill from the double-deckers. At present we have ten fully qualified drivers and several learners with tests in the offing.

The whole question of "driving at school" has come under considerable fire. Much has been written in the national newspapers, with which our school has been associated. The outcome has probably been a laudable one. Many think that it should be included in the curriculum of more schools. Our widespread buildings give us more opportunity for driving than most. One letter which appeared in the *Observer* probably shows the opinion of many.