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SENIOR PREFECTS, 1960-1961

The following were awarded Senior Prefects' Ties on 14th November, 1960:—

C. Ratcliff, VI (Head Boy).

M. Chilvers, VI (Head Day Boy)

A. Batchelor, VI (Head Girl)

D. Gadsden, VI (Head Librarian).

R. George, VI (Captain of Cricket)

P. Laurence, VI (Captain of Football).

P. Yarker, VI (Captain of Hockey, Sergeant of Cadets)

R. Church, VI (Boarding House Prefect).

M. Grieg, Va (Boarding House Prefect)

J. Cullin, VI (Stationery Prefect)

J. Russell, Va (Head of Film Team)

P. Paxson, Va (Sacristan)

An additional tie was awarded on 11th January, 1961

G. S. Barker, VI (Magazine Editor)



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FIRST ISSUE

The founding of a school magazine is a hazardous undertaking, and it is with considerable misgiving that we place this first copy of 'The Mitre' before our readers. Together, the school and I have attempted to give a picture of Saint Michael's as it looks to us, and we hope that the result will not be too alarming for any parents or members of staff who may care to look at it!

A great deal of space is, of necessity, taken up by reports on the various school activities, and we possess the advantage—I think it can be termed unique—of being able to print a Driving Review prepared by the Head Boy, C. Ratcliff.

Being a church school, interest is inevitably centred around church music and the various services, and our Sacristan has had the task of preparing an account of church activities from the beginning of the school year to the time of going to press.

Looking back over the past months, we can hardly claim to have had a boring time. The Headmaster's sudden illness last November rendered the school leaderless, but, under the able guidance of the staff, headed by Mr. H. Tayler, and the Senior Prefects, we soon recovered the initiative and the Christmas Term was a successful one which saw an important innovation in the appointing of twelve Senior Prefects with special ties; in the Headmaster's absence, Mr. Tayler conducted the inauguration, which was much appreciated by the senior part of the school.

The return of Mr. Pott in December was the signal for us to résumé 'normal transmission', and both the Carol Service and the Concert held to mark the end of the year were successful.

Generally speaking, we have had an interesting and eventful year, with the addition to the staff of Mr. B. Davies, who came to us direct from the University of Durham; and the setting-up of a new boys' boarding house at Wolferton under! the direction of the Rev. R. H. Tomlinson, the Rural Dean.

We look forward to success in the coming cricket and athletics season, and to a fine summer for our studies.

G. S. BARKER, VI (Editor).

FOOTBALL REPORT, 1960-61

Once again the season brought some interesting football from the school XI, although we fielded a younger team than usual. The play, however, was none the less effective, and there were outstanding individual performances on several occasions.

The annual matches with Sherrardswood School in March produced some good football from both sides, whilst the school were fortunate enough to win. The team did well early in the season, but the standard of play fell towards the end of the Christmas Term. They made a strong comeback, however, against the Old Boys in December, and managed to hold their own against a vastly improved Old Boys' XI.

The second half of the season produced some dull play, although draws were several times recorded when defeat appeared to be inevitable.

Generally, a fairly successful season with a bad patch around late October and early November. It might be also noted that the defence was stronger than the forwards on most occasions, and that there are some strong and promising young players rising in the ranks.

The following played in the 1st XI during the season:

P. Laurence, R. George, P. J. Best, B. Gunner, R. Munge,
D. Herring, K. Ashrafzadeh, M. Heading, M. Grieg, J. Annetts,
D. Annetts, M. Coats, C. Ratcliff.

P. H. LAURENCE, VI (Captain of Football).



HOCKEY, 1960-61

This season has been very successful compared with previous seasons, we now have a strong team. The defence has been good with Colin Ratcliff in goal and R. George and P. Best as backs, B. Gunner has been a great strength in the centre-half position. The forward line is not as strong as it should be, but J. Wallington, D. Setchell and P. Laurence have played hard the whole season. Unfortunately, several strong players will be leaving before the commencement of next season.

Although the two matches against R.A.F. Apprentices at Bircham were lost, we had good games and managed to keep equal until half-time.

The Langley match was won by the 1st XI 3-0. Our goals were scored by P. Paxon and P. Laurence. The whole team played an excellent game and there was some good stick work from Benedict Gunner and David Setchell. Unfortunately the Colts lost their match.

The matches against King Edward VII School, King's Lynn, were both good games. One we lost, the other we drew 1-1.

The Junior matches against Burebank were both won. The home match 6-0 and the away match 1-0.

The purchase of twenty-two new Indian Head sticks by the Head-master during the latter part of the season has generally improved the standard of the game throughout the school.

P. F. YARKER, VI (Captain of Hockey).

There are, at the time of writing, twelve fully-qualified drivers. At the start of this school year there were four, Michael Greig, Robert Church, Peter Yarker and Colin Ratcliff. Since then the following have passed their tests: Hassan Nadji (Nov. '60), John Cullin (Nov. '60), Jonathan Russell (Nov. '60), Peter Paxon (Jan. '61), Richard Greenall (Jan. '61), P. Laurence (Jan. '61), William van Riemsdyk (Feb. '61) and Michael Catterick (Feb. '61). We hope the total to be about fifteen by the end of term. This compares vividly with the year 1958-1959 when two boys "filled the bill" for all school drivers.

Readers may be interested that a driving chart had to be designed to keep check of all mileages, mainly for the sake of fairness.

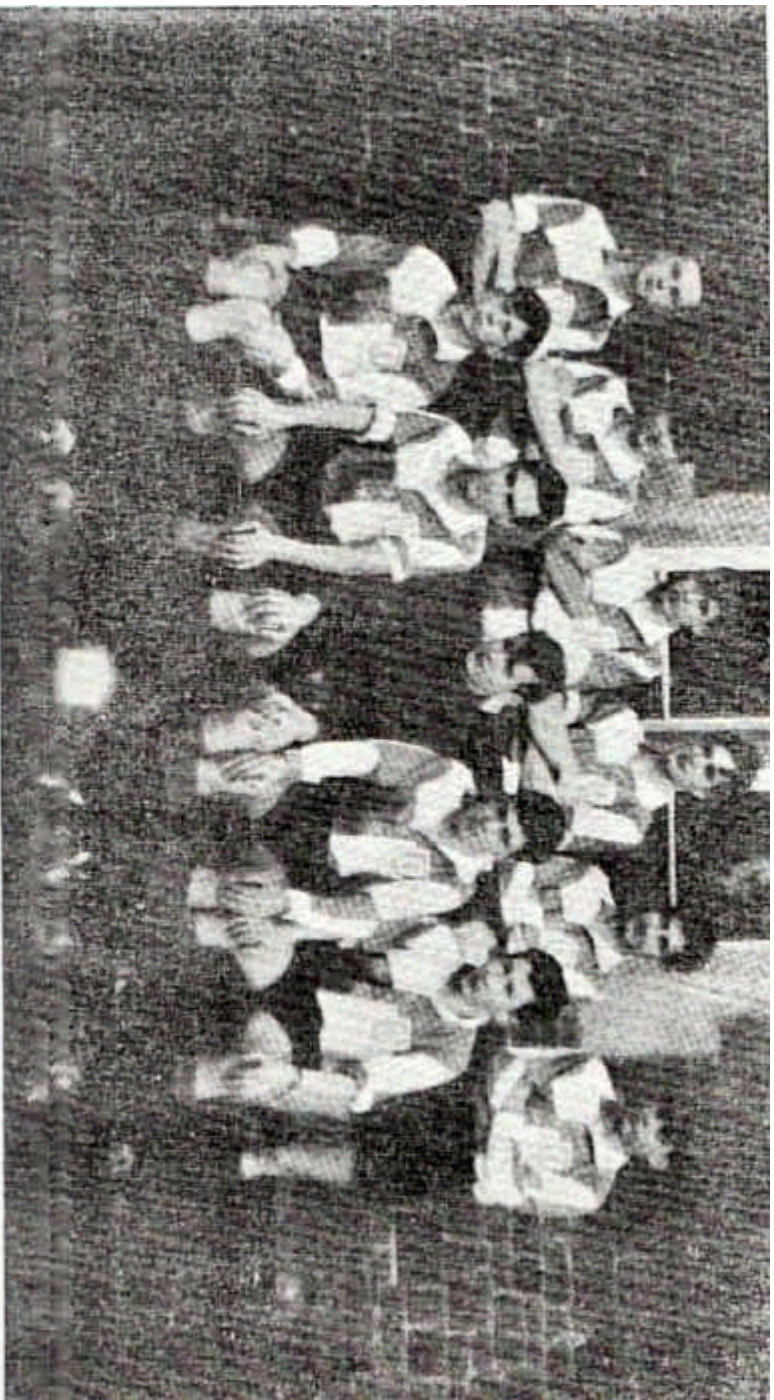
There is considerable controversy about boys driving. Because of this, together with continual warning and a sense of responsibility amongst the drivers, the driving average is high. (However, one must admit that not on all occasions do gateposts, etc., remain still whilst the vehicle passes by!).

It is worth noting here that there used to be a motor club within the school. Due to the expense of trying to continue the production of a motor magazine without seeking assistance, the club disintegrated.

However, I have found boys with considerable interest in motoring and the combustion engine who would be keen to join such a club were it revived. I have several ideas on the way in which a club could be run. Unfortunately, it would have to be left for someone else next year. With the expanding school possibly to the scientific side, next year, a chance for boys to know more about the combustion engine and other technical details would be ideal.

It is on that somewhat ambitious note that I end.

C. T. RATCLIFF, VI.



Back Row - Left to Right
Manager - Left to Right

Football 1st XI 1960 - 61 Season
B. Mangan M. Grogan J. Aeneas B. Connor
D. Herring C. Bauliff P. Laurence (Capt.)

K. Ashurstead M. Hendling
R. George P. J. Hunt



Sergeant P. Yarker receiving a shooting cup from Brigadier Trapps-Lomax, 29th November, 1960, at Dersingham Drill Hall.



The Drivers, 1961

Back Row Left to Right

C. Ratcliff R. Church J. Russell P. Laurence R. Greenall P. Yarker R. Munge

Front Row Left to Right

M. Catterick H. Nadji W. van Riemsdyk P. Paxon M. Grieg

CADETS

DRIVING REVIEW

Although it is probably not a unique feature of a school magazine to include an article on driving, it will no doubt strike a 'foreigner' to the school as somewhat peculiar, especially the aspect in which the subject must be approached. In a world of automation, it is inevitable that any business concern would compete profitably without it. This school, at its present standard, would not exist without it. Driving and the Motor Vehicle play a vital part in the running of the school and that is why it has its deserved place in this magazine.

The most dominating and characteristic vehicle of the school's transport is the double-decker. Although spoken of in the singular, there are in fact two double-deckers. Both are ex-London Transport Omnibuses, but only one is in current use. The older of the two stands as witness to its duties at the rear of the school, whilst the newer one, now decorated, for the most part, in school colours, performs the regular duties. These two double-deckers have relieved pressure on the school time schedule, and although I am not an authority on the matter, has cured several financial problems. Before the time of the double-deckers the Commer, and before that a very large shooting-brake, helped cover the many thousands of miles to and from school, assisted by a private coach firm.

During the school's existence there have been numerous changes in vehicles owned by the school. The Headmaster I believe once had a motor-cycle! At present his wife owns a Wolseley, whilst he has a Morris Mini-minor. I have heard various comments by the Headmaster in favour of this economical and most manageable little car.

For the sake of the 'outsider' to the school's curriculum, I must explain that it is common practice for boys attaining the age of seventeen to learn to drive at the school. It is not a compulsory measure, but most modern boys have some desire to learn. Most skill is gained through driving the Hillman shooting-brake to and from school, but more advanced learners have the pleasure of driving the Morris Mini-minor in King's Lynn at weekends for the sake of refinement.

For several years now boarders from the school have been attending a Cadet Detachment in Dersingham. The strength of this Detachment has grown steadily both in numbers (St. Michael's being the chief recruiting centre) and in achievements, until it reached its peak last year by winning "The King's Cup," which is presented to the best Detachment in the country. The cup was presented to the Detachment on 29th November at the Drill Hall, Dersingham, by Brigadier Trappes-Loamax, the Chairman of the Army Cadet Force Committee.

Amid resounding applause. Brigadier Trappes-Loamax announced that the Queen had graciously given her permission for the Detachment to be known in future as the "Sandringham Detachment." Brigadier Trappes-Loamax said that the winning of the cup by the Sandringham Detachment was a memorable event; this was only the second year the cup had been presented to sub-units, previously it had been an inter-Battalion cup, and as Sandringham had won it in the second year, this was made an even greater achievement, as the Detachment is the youngest in the Battalion formed only 3 years previously by Captain Nobbs, the Detachment Commander. Brigadier Trappes-Loamax paid tribute to Capt. Nobbs' energy and leadership, which, with the help of 2: id Lieut. Quick, Sgt. Major Shepherd and Sgt. Major Knight, had brought the Detachment to the top. He also acknowledged the co-operation of Mr. Pott, who had so willingly encouraged his pupils to join the Force and lend his double-decker bus to transport them to and from Dersingham.

Brigadier Trappes-Loamax presented a cup for obtaining a possible in the Edward Shield Shooting Competition to Sgt. P. Yarker; I. Dupont, who also qualified for one, was absent: owing to an illness. The Brigadier also presented several St. Michael's boys with their Cert. A Part II.

The Detachment Shooting Team, with Cpl. Van Reimsdyke, Cpl. Durham and Sgt. Yarker, led by Capt. Nobbs, won the 303 Challenge Shield at the T.A. Rifle Meeting, and Sgt- Yarker won the Individual 303 Championship Cup.

The 3rd Battalion won the Inter-Battalion Sports Shield at the Sports Meeting held at Yarmouth. The Battalion was greatly strengthened by the large entry of many St. Michael's athletes.

The Annual Camp last summer was held at Lydd, Kent. This was attended by many St. Michael's boys, and the camp this year at Dibgate is likely to be as successful as last year.

P. F. YARKER, (Cadet Sgt.).

Stop Press:

The 3rd Cadet Battalion won the Inter-Battalion Sports Shield for the 3rd year running at Yarmouth on 11th July.

Cpl. Van Reimsdyke was presented with silver medals for winning the over-17's 100 yds., 200 yds., Long Jump and being in the winning Relay. R. Buckley won 2 silver medals for winning the under-17's 100 yds., and being in the winning Relay.

Cpl. Greenall won 3 bronze medals for coming 2nd in the Discus, Hammer, and shot'..

LIBRARY REPORT

The County Library provides our book section with a quantity of volumes which are brought to the school in a special bookcase-fitted van. The selection is changed, and a new assortment chosen every six months. Hitherto, we have not had a large selection, owing to the fact that we were only permitted to choose from the Juvenile Fiction and the Non-Fiction sections, and so had only 120 books for general reading. We were lucky, however, to be able to choose volumes for the purpose of special study.

At the last change-over, however, which took place on Thursday, May 18th, a pre-chosen selection of books numbering some 300 volumes in all was brought to us. They included a large number from the Adult Fiction Section, an important innovation, and one that naturally has proved popular amongst the senior school. In addition, we retained several books required for Advanced Level studies in Geography, History, Art and English Literature.

G. BOWERS, VI (Librarian).

FILMS IN WINTER

An entertaining programme of films was arranged for the Christmas Term, and among many good ones the school saw a fine performance by Humphry Bogart in the comedy-thriller "We're No Angels," and an equally entertaining saga filmed with usual Hollywood gusto in "Ivanhoe," with Robert Taylor and George Sanders.

Three excellent Westerns were screened, including the classic "High Noon," in which the late Gary Cooper gave a most sympathetic portrait of a Marshal who is hunted down by a killer he had previously helped to jail. In addition to these, comedy was well represented by Danny Kaye in "Knock on Wood," and "Merry Andrew," and by Sir Alee Guinness in "Barnacle Bill," which, I may point out for the interest of school readers, was filmed at Hunstanton.

The Lent Term was marked by an outstanding performance by Jose Ferrer in "Cyrano de Bergerac," and we hope that it brought home to the school the fact that the spoken word, if not abused, can be music to the ears—even if discord is sometimes inevitable.

The programme was enlarged by many thrillers, amongst which were "Scaramouche," "Kim," "Pony Express," and "Tarzan's Fight for Life."

Heacham Church Hall was first used for showings, but later, owing to changes in the Parish arrangements, the cinema was transferred to Ingoldisthorpe Church Hall. The transport system functioned well, thanks to the efforts of the Head Boy, and we hope that the school appreciated our efforts to bring them weekend entertainment. My thanks are also due to my colleagues in the Film Team: R. Munge, G. Kimberley, R. Brown, R. Nairn and G. Wase, who rendered me very good service throughout a heavy programme.

J. V. H. RUSSELL, VA (Head of Film Team).

QUOTE -

"A good beginning and a good ending make a good speech if they come close enough together"

ANNUAL CHOIR VISIT TO LONDON

Each year, for the last 5 years, a party of St. Michael's Choir have been taken down to London, during the Summer Term, to sing at a Eucharist at St. Stephen's, Rochester Row. The service, an annual Thanksgiving Eucharist of the Melanesian Mission, has always been a success, though, naturally, some years have been better than others, and the Choir always look forward to going to sing at this Service.

The first year only part of the Choir went down, in the Commer van and a coach, and, being the first time, everything was exciting. On that particular occasion the Choir started off from Heacham at 5 a.m., so as to be in London in time for breakfast, and returned to Heacham the same night, after seeing the Royal Tournament, arriving at Heacham at 2 a.m. the following morning.

The second year the Choir went down in the first of the school's two double-deckers, and great competition took place as to who would sit downstairs and who would sit upstairs. This time, too, we started early in the morning and returned in the small hours of the following morning.

The third year was a little easier, the Choir made the double journey in two days, going down one morning and spending the late afternoon and evening sight-seeing and singing the Service and returning to Heacham the following day, arriving about 10 p.m.

The fourth year we again did the journey in one day, but the first double-decker was near the end of its life as a school transporting vehicle and we did the journey at a more leisurely pace.

Unfortunately, this year the Choir is not going down to St. Stephen's to sing, as the Service coincides during Heacham's "Blood Relations Week" and, as a great deal of singing has to be done in Heacham that week, it is felt that it will be a little too much for the members to also go to London.

M. H. CATTERICK, Va.

CHURCH REPORT

Since the beginning of the last autumn term, more boys have willingly come forward to play their part as Servers in the two Churches of Mary the Virgin, Heacham, and St. Michael's, Ingoldisthorpe.

On most red letter days a Sung Eucharist is held in Ingoldisthorpe Parish Church, where four servers take part, two taperers, a crucifer and a book boy. Both the village school and St. Michael's attends these services.

At the end of last Christmas Term two candle-lit Carol Services were held in Heacham Church, one for the benefit of parishioners, while the other mainly for the benefit of the boys' parents. On both occasions the Church was packed. The candles gave out a beautiful effect over the whole Church.

During Lent a daily Communion was held in Heacham Church at 7 a.m., when the servers took their turn each morning to serve. Through Passiontide. the Rev. David Jenkins, the S.P.G. Secretary for Schools, came and helped with the Passiontide Services.

School extended over Easter last Term. On Maundy Thursday a Communion Service was held in Heacham Parish Church at 8 p.m., with D. Durham and C. Mayes serving. The Three-hour Service representing the last three hours of Christ suffering upon the Cross, was held on Good Friday from 12 to 3 p.m. in Heacham Parish Church.

The servers took part in the six Communion Services during Easter Day, the first being:

6.15 a.m. with G. Kimberley serving,
then

7 a.m. with J. Cullin serving,

8 a.m. with P. Paxon and P. Bowen serving,

9 a.m. with R. Hill and C. Mayes serving,

11.45 a.m. with P. Bowers and G. Wase serving,

7.45 p.m. with D. Bain and C. Wills serving.

On Trinity Sunday this year His Grace the Bishop of Thetford came to preach at the Morning Service (Matins). His text being from Exodus Chap. 20, vs. 4-6 "Thou shalt not make unto thee a graven image ..."

The two most senior forms in the school, 5A and Sixth, take part in reading the Lesson from the New English Bible every morning in our everyday service at Ingoldisthorpe Church.

P. PAXON, VI (Sacristan).

CHURCH MUSIC

It is not without considerable gusto that the majority of the school sing in Church each morning. The choir of about sixty boys and girls lead the singing and by the end of the last verse everyone gains knowledge of the tune and is able to sing with confidence.

The choir has travelled far and wide for services in other Churches during the past years, but due to the very full term this summer the Melanesian Mission at St. Stephen's, Rochester Row in London has been omitted, although willingness to sing at it was shown. The service for the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel held each year at Norwich Cathedral has been postponed until next term, when it will be held at Gt. Yarmouth. Acting as part of Heacham Parish Church Choir, the school sang at the opening service for the Hunstanton Festival this year under the direction of Michael Illman, the Organist at Sandringham and a member of the school's music staff. The Choir also sings at the opening service of the King's Lynn Festival at St. Margaret's.

A large number of pupils learn the piano under the direction of Miss Bone, and about eight pupils learn the organ under Mr. Illman. Mrs. Bone teaches the violin and takes a theory class in preparation for G.C.E. 'O' Level music candidates.

A keen interest is taken by many boys in music, but unfortunately interest is often not developed above listening to the record player or wireless. However, there are a few who find themselves on a singular level when the subject of music is discussed.

C. T. RATCLIFF, VI.



GIRLS' REPORT

We have at St. Michael's about 25 girls, from whom we are able to pick relatively successful Netball and Tennis teams.

A Netball team travels annually to London for the Independent Schools' Netball Rally, where it is quite successful, even though it is playing against larger schools.

Besides this match, we travel to most of the local Girls' Schools for both Netball and Tennis.

We also play hockey, but, owing to the lack of senior girls, are unable to form a Hockey team. We hope next term, with the proposed extensions of the school, to be able to form one, as well as improve our past performance.

A. BATCHELOR, VI.

QUOTE —

*"There are two kinds of men
who never amount to much —
those who cannot do what
they are told, and those who
can do nothing else"*

BICYCLES

The large majority of this school has, in one form or another, a bicycle. For if one cares to walk round the racks behind the Shooting Lodge, one would see what is meant. Here, one would see a considerable number of various styles, shapes and colours of both old and new. One can see the very old type, the modern, the cared for, the uncared for, the racer, and the roadster. Some are bought new, some second-hand, some inherited, some given and others made up out of bits and pieces that were available.

A bicycle, as most of the pupils at school agree, is almost essential. This is because of the scattering of the buildings which the school consists of. But also one finds it a great help in the summer in helping to save pocket money which would go on bus fares, and giving more time to do other things. It is a great help in the winter when it is very cold or wet. The one with a bicycle transports himself far quicker than walking and stands a smaller chance of catching cold.

There are the conditions to consider which the bicycle has to go through here at school—through rain, snow, frosts, fog, hot sun—all of which are hitting at one's bicycle. Not to mention the rough roads which the Government have so kindly supplied for us. Yes, the continual jogging and bumping causes the nuts and bolts to come loose and parts to wear.

During the winter term it is essential that one's bicycle must have efficient, working lights. We have had in the past the odd individuals try to ride in the dark with inefficient lights or even none at all. We have the amusing story of one of the foreign boys (who spoke English) who was riding a bicycle with no lights and was stopped by a policeman. When the policeman asked him why he was riding without lights, he replied in pidgin-English: "Sorry, I no speak English," after which he continued on his journey.

Just recently we have had the individual who has tried unsuccessfully to mechanise his bicycle with a small two-stroke engine, most of the school hope that some day it will go.

In the last two years we have been very fortunate with having accidents on or with our bicycles. We have the unusual story of the boy who hit a cat while riding his racer, but the unlucky part was that he buckled his wheel, and the cat, which was lucky, just got up and ran away, looking as if it had never been hit. But there have been the odd unlucky drivers who have had the gruesome thrill of ruining someone's bicycle, but this is rather rare. Because there are few accidents, it stands to reason that the riding, on the whole, is quite good, and one hopes it will always be so.

C. J. MAYES, Vb.

ROMAN ARMOUR

At the time of Caesar, the Roman legionary soldier wore dress which would have seemed strange to their barbaric enemies in Britain and Gaul. The main garment was a large tunic which reached nearly to the knees, held by a heavy belt around the waist. He also wore a short cloak in one or two colours; white for officers, and brown for 'other ranks,' and his outfit was completed by heavy, hob-nailed sandals, while in the colder climates this would be supplemented by close-fitting trousers.

His armour and defensive equipment comprised a leather jerkin strengthened with strips of steel; an iron helmet on which was affixed a plume of feathers, this was never worn except in battle, and was otherwise slung over the right shoulder. The soldier might also wear metal gloves, and, in addition to this, he carried a wooden shield covered with hide and rimmed with iron. It measured 4 ft. x 2 ft. 6 ins. and was cylindrically curved in order to protect the body.

For arms, he carried two spears 7 ft. in length, with wooden shafts and long heads made of soft iron. These could be thrown between 140 ft. and 150 ft., and the heads bent when they reached their mark, making it impossible for them to be used immediately afterwards. In addition to these, the soldier carried a two-edged sword two feet in length, which hung at his right side, while a dagger hung on his left.

The legionary soldier was thus equipped to fight in campaigns. Caesar, immortalised in his "Commentaries," and but for the rank-and-file, Rome would never have attained the military glory she so deservedly achieved.

D. ANNETTS, Va.



THE BUILDING OF A CATHEDRAL

Guildford, in view of its long and distinguished history, is worthy of a cathedral; and when the scheme was first put forward, many of the local inhabitants welcomed the idea and expressed their desire to see the cathedral erected in the town, after the fashion of former days. Later, however, the majority were in favour of having it built on Stag Hill, outside the town.

Lord Onslow, to whom the site belonged, eventually gave it to the Council, and a huge wooden cross was put up to mark the site where the cathedral would eventually stand. Local architects were asked to submit plans for the building, and Mr. Edward (now Sir Edward) Maute eventually designed the prize cathedral, his services eventually costing £250, 000.

With the outbreak of war in 1939, all work on the project was suspended, and it was not resumed until 1955, when Princess Margaret unveiled the christening stone,

The site. Stag Hill, was once part of a vast Royal Forest which stretched from Windsor to Guildford, and on this promontory the Cathedral was erected in the shape of a traditional cross, the main stave being formed by the Nave.

Beyond the High Altar is the Lady Chapel, and flanking it, the Sacristy and the Canada Chapel. On paper, the cruciform plan is not immediately obvious, but from the model one sees that the subsidiary parts are all very much lower than the main building, which forms a bold cross, standing up along the length of Stag Hill.

The architectural style is basically Gothic, built up by means of modern methods, and much simple clarity so that a quiet and serene dignity is the first thing that strikes the eye.

Inside there is a complete contrast in the glowing beauty of the towering arches leading rhythmically up to the High Altar with its Dossal; the gift of the Royal Air Force Association. High above the Rose Window, in brilliant colours, depicts the Seven Gifts of the Spirit.

BROCKHILL

This is a privately-owned, terraced house, situated between Dersingham and Ingoldisthorpe on the main road to Hunstanton.

The house is owned by Miss A. Godfrey, whose work is much appreciated by all concerned. At one time she lived alone in the house with her dog "Pat."

When Brockhill was first established as a school boarding house, there were only four lodgers, but three years ago the number was increased to ten, owing to more pupils being taken into the school. Last year an additional room was built on the "L" shaded landing of the first floor. The bedrooms, very well decorated, are arranged as such, room one, four single beds, occupied by J. Wallington, P. Lawrence, R. George and B. Gunner; room two: one bunk occupied by M. Grieg and R. Jones; and room three: two bunks occupied by W. Van Reimsdyke, R. Thomas, P. Murray and R. Munge.

The day and life of "Brockhillians" slightly varies from the rest of the school. We get up at 7.15 a.m., wash, dress and make our beds. We then go down to the breakfast room, which has a window looking onto the main road. After breakfast, we walk up the wooded lanes to school, where, at 8.45 a.m., we are joined by the rest of the boarders from Heacham, and the other privately-owned boarding house at Wolferton. The school routine is then the same for everybody.

Tea, at the Shooting Lodge, is followed by an hour's compulsory preparation period. At 9 p.m., the "Brockhillians" leave the Shooting Lodge for their boarding house, which they left 14 hours previously.

Compiled by R. J. MUNGE
and J. A. WALLINGTON.

THE FASHION CONSCIENCE

The Fashion conscience of the school is, as a rule, not very high, although a few members of the senior school have a decidedly better taste than most. And, I regret to say, throughout the year the school has witnessed the advent of 'shorty' mackintoshes and pointed shoes. These may grace the streets of London or any nondescript provincial town, but with school uniform they are very much out. Luckily, however, the Headmaster has noticed these innovations and swiftly nipped them in the bud!

Fashion is not only the art of wearing the correct clothes, but knowing when and where to wear them, a point at which most people come unstuck. I have always felt that the best uniform for a public school is an elegant tweed sports jacket with grey flannels or alternatively a corduroy jacket with slacks, a style adopted by Burebank, who visited us recently for a football match. Few other schools, however, appear to have adopted the idea, which I consider a good one: sports jackets—if carefully chosen—wear well, whereas blazers can so often become shabby. For weekend wear, a dark suit, preferably grey, is advisable.

In winter the most suitable outer garment is undoubtedly a duffel coat, which constitutes a fairly uniform pattern, whilst a gaberdine raincoat of practical length is suitable for summer wear.

This form of uniform, I feel, would save parents a great deal of money, and there would be none of those constant (and well-remembered) exhortations to "put your uniform away for the holidays or you'll dirty it."

Hairstyles, too, ought to be uniform, and in this school they tend to get out of hand. More attention should be paid to them'

Shoes also play an important part in the school uniform, for although the 'winkle-picker' is ridiculous, less-pointed shoes do look becoming, especially in black. Suedes should be 'out' for school wear, but, I feel, with sports jackets and grey flannels, brown is a harmonious colour.

These ideas might be acceptable to some, but frowned upon by others. Even if we did adopt them as gospel, schoolboys being school- boys, we would still grumble and consider ourselves 'out of fashion'!

'BEAU'.

The main material used for the exterior is red brick, in fact they were baked from the clay of Stag Hill itself. The vaulting and roof construction are reinforced concrete, and the roof covering is copper. The exterior stonework for the windows and copings is of Clipsham stone, and the interior Doulling.

The outstanding architectural features are the long vistas from the West door to the High Altar, and from the West end of the side aisles to the Sacristy and the Canada Chapel. The total internal length is 565 feet, comparable to that of Exeter Cathedral.

The Nave is unusually wide, measuring 41 feet across, and the tower, when finished, will be approximately 175 feet high, the mitre on the flagstaff reaching to 200 feet. The Crypt under the Lady Chapel has been used for Divine Services since 1947. The two pairs of bronze doors which, between them, tip the scales at 2½ tons (given by Miss Courtauld and Mr. Laurence Parnell) should be as good as new after a few hundred years have passed.

The Rose Window was designed by Mona Forsyth, who has previously designed windows for Eton College and St. Columba's Church in London.

The Cathedral will seat about 1, 700 people when it is completed, and the Foundation Stone was laid by Dr. Temple, the Archbishop of Canterbury, in 1936, and twenty-five years later, on May 17th, 1961, it was consecrated by another Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Fisher, in the presence of H.M. The Queen and H.R.H. Prince Philip.

R. G.GREENALL, VI.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Music is the composer's instrument with which he transforms dreams into reality. Music, the reflector through which we see the greatness of the Viennese Opera of the 18th and 19th centuries. It is the music of this era that conductors attempt to recapture in this modern 20th century.

It might be asked today why classical music has relapsed so much that it needs recapturing. The answer is that music was a pleasure appreciated only by the rich, thus, with the raising of social standards, the 'nouveau riche' had to be adapted to new conditions.

This was no easy task, and in this way classical music has suffered a setback which is now being righted, and so we are now witnessing the growing interest in classical music both in this country and abroad.

This interest has developed greatly since the war, and despite much criticism from the younger generation, these youngsters look on classical music with a far broader mind than many of their parents did.

The reasons for this are that everybody is far more classical in outlook, and thus music is always at the forefront. Also, in this age of television and sound radio, the B.B. C. make full use of their broad-casting facilities to bring live concerts and opera into the homes of the public. Coupled with this is the great movement started by societies and orchestras such as the Halle of Manchester, the Royal Philharmonic and the Promenades of Henry Wood.

These societies all have their own big orchestras, and they also encourage in small towns and cities the up and coming newer and smaller organisations. Art and Drama schools also lay stress on classical music, and Universities play their part as well. It is in this way that younger people are encouraged to take an interest in music.

Young conductors and composers are also given all the help possible, either privately by a leading name in music, or by a society.

A good example of this was the recent competition sponsored by one of the daily newspapers for young and unknown conductors. The prize was the opportunity to conduct the London Philharmonic for half an evening at the Festival Hall. Parts of the concert were shown, and the winner had a valuable chance to bring his talent into the limelight by means of the performance.

In all these ways we can see how interest in classical music in this country has waned and revived, and is even now being encouraged throughout this country.

P.LAURENCE, VI.

JOHN SURTEES: RACING DRIVER

John Surtees, a man of great skill in motor cycling, has for the last two years performed with startling ability in the world of motor-car racing. We know, of course, that Stirling Moss and Jack Brabham are the 'old boys' of the game, and they are at present at their peak point. Surtees, however, a man of great courage and ambition, who is also very young, is giving these same 'old boys' keen competition.

It is felt by many that, in a few years' time, Surtees will burst through the barriers and finally finish at the chequered flag as the world champion. Jack Brabham, an Australian by birth, has brought England into the racing world lately, as has our own Stirling Moss, and we hope that Surtees will follow their example in coming seasons.

R. D. B. JONES, Vb.

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*"It's all right to drink like a fish
if you drink what the fish does"*