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de rebus Pastonionsibus et quibusdam aliis.

## EDITORIAL.

Once again the Mighty Pastonian - not silenced as the Thunderer has been - emerges from the vaults this year, with, hopefully, a face lift and rather more life. Not without a great deal of effort from a few, however - for the Sixth Form still shows the same apathy towards this kind of venture which I notice my predecessors also had to contend with.

We have still managed to produce a magazine and have made an attempt to raise it from being purely a record of the School's year. I hope this will encourage younger members of the School to keep the tradition of the Pastonian alive.

This year marked the last School Speech Day and the last time a First Form will parade past William Paston's tomb on Founder's Day. It also marked the retirement of Mr. Grantham-Hill, who, after forty-two years, has become very much a part of the School. We will not miss him yet, because he is still for a while to help out in the class room, teaching A level Mathematics. We wish him good luck in his retirement and also extend our good wishes to Messrs. Brett and Freeman and to Mrs. Wilson in their new posts.

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Perhaps the Sixth Form's unenthusiastic response to providing contributions towards this magazine is due to their eagerness to work in the now silent sanctuary of the Nelson Room and the Berney Library. These improvements are a great help to the Sixth Formers' natural tendencies towards hard work and will no doubt be shown in next year's A level results.

Finally I would like to thank Mr. Brown for his help and encouragement, without which the magazine would not exist, and to wish good luck to succeeding Pastonian Editors.

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<u>School</u>	<u>Officials</u>
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Captain of the School -	A. J. Nichols.
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Captain of Football -	I. J. Robertson.
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Captain of Hockey -	L. Bridgland.
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Captain of Cricket -	D. Oakley.
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Captain of Athletics -	P. Life.
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Captain of Cross-Country -	D. J. Butler.
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Magazine Committee:-	Editor - N. Tudman.
	Chairman - Mr. A.D. Brown.

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S A L V E T E.

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Autumn Term 1978.

Form IA - G.F. Anderson, A. Bailey, S.J. Ball, D.J. Bodle,  
D.P. Bones, C.J. Buchanan, P.J. Clarke, E. Coman, W. Convery,  
S.C. Corbett, A. Culverhouse-Steadman, J.M. Dye, D.I. Foster,  
M. Hardy, K.A. Hopkins, G.C. Horsnell, P.A. Jolly, J.C. Kearns,  
T.A. Lawson, K.A. Ling, P.J. Loughran, R.J. Martins, J. May,  
S.C. Parker, P.K. Plant, J.M. Shearing, A.A. Slater, C.B. Thirtle,  
S.A. Watkin, M.B. Yeomans, M. York.

Form I Alpha - J.J. Amies, P.K. Appleton, F.A. Atkinson,  
B.C. Bale, S.P. Bullimore, D.I.J. Chambers, D.A. Chapman,  
C.J. Conley, M.S. Dade, D.A. England, R.A. Finch, M.E. Furr,  
J.S. Gray, P.A. Griston, S.J. Hammond, M.V. Harrison, S.H. Heath,  
G.D. Hewitt, R.A. Kerr, A.R. Ling, P.R. Minns, B.C. Nelson,  
S.D. Nottingham, D.A. Papworth, A.P. Russ, D.A. Ryan,  
R.C. Tucky, D.W. Westmoreland, M.A.J. Witt, J.M. Woodham,  
G.H. Wootton.

Form IIA - A. Brodie.

Form II Alpha - R.T. Minns.

Form III Alpha - K. Danks, I.B. Furr.

Form IIIM - M.W. Greasley.

Form IVA - N.J. Dawes.

Form IV Alpha - C.A. Bell.

Form V Alpha - N.P. Blake.

Form Lower VI - I.E. Brodie, C. Cross, S.F. Evison, J. King.

Spring Term 1979.

Form I A - D.F. Kavanagh.  
Form IVA - A. King, P. Warnes.  
Form IV Alpha - G.A.J. Zelos.

Form I Alpha - D. Rayner.

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Summer Term 1979.

Form IA - J.M. Holland, P.J. Hughes.

Form IIII - P. Newton.

Form IV Alpha - J.W.F. Day.

V A L E T E.

Autumn Term 1978.

Form IA - F.K. Plant.

Form V Alpha - M.T. Gibson.

Form VG - H. Tait.

Form Lower VI - R.D.P. Ahlquist, P.W.C. Howett, C. MacDonald,  
S.A. Mallett.

Form Upper VI - S.J. Lunn.

Spring Term 1979.

Form IA - A. Culverhouse-Steadman.

Form IV Alpha - E. Cook.

Form Lower VI - S. Colebrooke, R.I. Heron.

Summer Term 1979.

Form IIA - N.H. Ogden.

Form II Alpha - L.J. Bayfield, A.C. Wardle.

Form IV Alpha - J.W.F. Day.

Form IVL - M. Digby, J.F.A. Shotton.

Form VA - M.A. Allenby, M.S. Brighton, S.D. Cooper, D.I. Hewett,  
J.R. Hughes, H.D. Judd, T.J. Ogden, G.F. Philpott.

Form V Alpha - N.P. Blake, D.M. Chapman, J.M.E. Davis,  
M. Kovacevic, D.A. Riley, G.J. Simonds, H.F. Storey,  
K.W. Woodrow, A.I. Wright.

Form VG - R.J. Amis, M. Colebrooke, C.D. Earle, A.J. Grant,  
S.H. Gray, P.J. Havercroft, K.J. Turner, J. Webster.

Form Upper VI - R.M. Aherne, J.L. Atkins, J. Atkinson, P.H. Barnes, G.H. Barney, T.M. Bird, M. Bridglond, D.J. Butler, C.F. Davies, T.W. Dixon, G.K. Farquhar, M.A. Finch, M.S. Forrester, N.L. Fulcher, F.R. Foster, M. Gatenby, I.F. Hayward, C.H. Holmes, F.D. Holmes, M.F. Jermy, R.J. Lerner, P.F. Life, C.A. Lucas, S.B. Macro, J. Mills, B.H. Morris, P.M. Neil, A.J. Nichols, D. Oakley, M.W. Osborne, N. Parker, T.J. Richmond, I.J. Robertson, J.R. Startup, A. Thomas, D.W. Thomas, P.R. Thorning, N.C. Ward, R.G. Watson, M.S. Williamson, D.M. Witcombe, D.J. Yaxley, F.K. Yaxley.

# STAFF NOTES.

The future of the School, or rather, perhaps, the lack of future, cast melancholy and foreboding over the whole year, which ended with four departures. Of Mr. Grantham-Hill's retirement there is separate record in these pages, as is fitting, but the exodus of three others, after two the previous year, together with the difficulties of replacing them, are a sign of the times. Since no attempt has been made to remove the uncertainty mentioned at the end of last year's Staff Notes - who, in a year or two, will be teaching what, to whom, where, and when - no one can be surprised if Staff up anchor and steer off to more encouraging climes; and if the Authority advertises their vacant posts only in the "E.D.F.", there is no cause for amazement if there are few applicants. Interviews early in the Summer Term had been suggested, at least to examine what round holes

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will be available in the approaching New Order for fitting square pegs into, but no mention of dates or plan of interviews had been made by the 19th. July. The stealthy and manipulating hand of the anonymous bureaucrat feels heavy on our shoulders and we can hardly be expected to submit tamely to his fell arrest.

Mr. D. Freeman has been with us since 1971; coming home from Uganda in time to avoid the IDiosyncracies of the Amin regime, he has done yeoman service in so many departments that we could not but marvel at his modesty, which cloaked such diversities of talent: Science, Maths, Music, VI Form 'General' Periods, Astronomy, and, to cap all, Latin. He came for such a role, and nobly has he played it, and we wish him well in his new post in Somerset.

Since 1975 Mrs. H.A. Wilson has brought stability back to the English Department after a traumatic period of illness, arrival and departure, and retired talent filling gaps. She was the first woman to hold a permanent appointment here for thirty years or so, and our male chauvinism will never be the same again, I hope. She tackled English, and French, in an exemplary fashion, and awakened enthusiasm for those subjects where none appeared possible; she completely revived the Junior Library, managed

the Tuck Shop, produced variety shows and wireless extravaganzas, and everywhere shed sweetness and light in our dim piggery, and sometimes the light was the light of the firebrand, thank goodness. A spasm of hilarity has been a good thing.

Mr. J.H. Brett took over from a similar melange of replacements, in the Modern Languages Department, and in his unostentatious way has brought much sensitivity and good teaching into French and German in the School. Since 1975 he has gone quietly on with his job, and none can doubt the debt his pupils owe to his devotion and scholarship, outside the classroom as well as inside it, and his realistic modes of teaching. We shall miss his tall figure in motor-cycle habiliments striding through the Common Room, shedding rain, snow and gum-boots, and we wish him well in his new post at Sheringham.

Mr. Grantham-Hill is succeeded by Mr. T.H. Bartlett, from Thorpe Grammar School. Mr. Freeman by Mrs. B. Barrett, from Notre Dame High School; Mrs. Wilson and Mr. Brett by A.M. Others ---- at the time of writing we do not know whether replacements are obtained or obtainable, which is helpful in planning the 1979-1980 time-table.

We were happy to receive a surprise visit in the autumn from

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Mr. T.A. Edwards, formerly Senior English Master, retiring from the headmastership of the Abbey School, Ramsey, but were shocked and grieved at his sudden death not long afterwards. The Old Master, Mr. G.O. Shuffrey, dropped in several times, always welcome. Our gymnastic impressario, Mr. M.H. Stannard, achieved new success in foreign fields by leading the North Walsham "It's a Knock-Out" team to victory at Yarmouth and near-victory at some unpronounceable place in Yugoslavia and another in Lancashire. Mr. B.A. Beckett called in on a transatlantic escape from the University of St. John's, New Brunswick, and spoke of being telephoned by Peter Mattocks, son of Dr. J.G. Mattocks, now <sup>doing</sup> post-doctorate physics at the University of Western Ontario, Prince Edward Island.

For the answer to the sixty-four thousand million dollar question mentioned in the first paragraph, see next year's gripping instalment, or the one after that, if there is anyone to write it, a Pastonian to publish it, or a you to read it.

F.L.H.

G E M S   F R O M   T E R M  
A N D   E X A M.

" I realised that the sacs of flour were not flour but heroine." (IV A)

Just budding 'into womanhood, of course.

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" He was soon touching 85 M.P.H. on the duel carriageway." (IV alpha)

Pistols and swords for two, coffin for one, we suppose.

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" The new king will want to see Falstaff privetly." (Lower VI)

Hedging his bets?

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( In Chaucer's 'Franklin's Tale', c 1380 A.D.) " Aurelius' love is a very strong love and leads him to America to find a magician." (Lower VI)

A pre-Columbian "Go West, young man" ?

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" Then very polajeticaly the voice poligised to Mr. Green." (III alpha)

Up the pole?

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" I followed him into the bank-volt and he locked me in." (I A)

A current account, of course.

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"The incinerator burns all the waist paper." (II A)

And the scrapes, of course.

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"As the river is lower than sea level, many locks have had to be built." (III A)

Rawlocks?

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"One of the six Acts of 1879 was the right to search for seductive literature." (IV A)

Porn-braking?

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"Oliver Twist was a young awful." (I A)

But not orphan.

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"Howard wore an English tweed suite on most of the journey." (III alpha)  
Three-piece, of course.

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"The Eynsford-Hills think Eliza's choice of words is part of a new fad graze sweeping through the upper and middle glasses." (IV alpha)

A kind of gobletdegook.

'Nuff said.

F.L.H.

## H. G - H.

Some men embody so fully the ideal qualities of their calling that they come themselves to be the criteria by which others are judged. Humphrey Grantham-Hill has set the standards of excellence to which other Paston school-masters will aspire and against which their achievements will be measured. One will become accustomed to criticisms like: "It would never have been allowed in H.G-H.'s day," or sometimes (we hope), "That's good! H.G-H. could hardly have done better."

Mr. Grantham-Hill, an old Pauline and a graduate of King's College, London, joined the School staff as junior Mathematics master under the Headmastership of Major Percival Pickford, in September 1937. He quickly established himself as an accomplished Mathematics teacher, as patient and committed when teaching the rudiments of geometry to puzzled first-formers as when preparing Sixth formers for Cambridge scholarships. Successful examination candidates from 'O' level to Mathematical Tripos acknowledge their debt to H.G-H.'s professional competence.

His active interest in the School Football and Cricket teams led him into the exacting role of Senior Games Master. For forty years his Wednesday afternoons and Saturdays were given up to managing teams, arranging their transport, equipment and also

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refreshments, and, as like as not, providing transport in his own car for players from a distance. He expected (and indeed received) no reward for these activities, save the satisfaction which comes from helping promote a worthwhile activity, and from the occasional expression of gratitude from the more articulate or percipient of the beneficiaries. The School's high standing among Norfolk schools in all kinds of sport, but especially in Football and Cricket, owes much to his experience and enthusiasm.

He is a religious man. Indeed his devoutly held Christian beliefs are the main source of his inspiration and strength. When he first came to the School, it was a somewhat narrow and austere religion that he subscribed to. Since the war his rather Puritanical and dogmatic creed has mellowed, but without any weakening of his Christian dedication to the pursuit of the right and the service of his fellow men. To his high principles of duty and service he adds a very personal and individual warmth of human relationship. Most Pastonians know him as a benign and kindly man, encouraging, helpful and infinitely approachable. He has helped to perpetuate the tradition of understanding and tolerance between Staff and Boys, which has for so long been a special and valued characteristic of the Paston way.

For many years he was the School's representative on the Norfolk Branch of the Assistant Masters' Association, and became a member of the Joint Four Committee of the Combined Grammar Schools' professional associations. These activities took him into the amateur fringe of the educational bureaucracy, where, as a member of the Teachers' Panel of the County Education Committee, he fought an impassioned battle for the principles he believes in. His prolonged defence of the grammar-school system was eloquent, if unavailing, and was marked by the periodical dropping of those libellous literary block-busters which have always been his way of conducting controversy with higher authority. But, even at his most outspoken and tactless, he never seems to give offence. Everyone respects his sincerity and guileless honesty.

In recent years ill-health has taken its toll, but no one is surprised that he has brushed aside medical advice to retire, and that he has served his full term to compulsory retirement age. We all wish him a return to good health, and many years of continued contact with the School he has served so well.

G.V.C.

## S P E E C H     D A Y.

Speech Day was held on the afternoon of Thursday, September 27th. After a break of several years which has been filled by a number of Open Days, only the members of the higher forms of the School would have had any experience, and that of the haziest, of this phenomenon.

The Chairman of the Governors, B. Burgess Esq., made the opening address and this was followed by a report by the Headmaster. The prizes were presented by F.P. Ball Esq., who had until recently been Headmaster of Thorpe Grammar School and was also known to many of the boys when he taught Maths in the school when Mr. Grantham-Hill was away sick. This was followed by an address in which Mr. Ball urged his listeners to academic research by citing a number of interesting details about dolphins. The Head Boy gave the Vote of Thanks.

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## Prize List:-

Form Prizes.

IA	J.M. Dye	S.C. Corbett, D.I. Foster.
I alpha	D.C. Bale	J.J. Amies.
IIA	J. Wayman	D.R. Mason.
II alpha	S.T. Haines	P.J. Watts.

IIIA	S.S. Gibson.	F.S. Browne.
III alpha	C. Mulley.	M.J. Taylor.
IIIM	G.B. Woods.	M.J. Dixon.
IVA	R.A. Woods.	P. Sargent.
IV alpha	R.M. Fellowes.	D.J. Tooley.
IVL	I.R.N. Tebble.	A.E. Walker.
Vth year	J.C. Comerford,	A.J. Watson, M.F. Auckland,
	A.P.J. Billington,	M. Sargent, J.J. Gibson,
	S.W. Lee,	H. Lester, N. Stubbs.

### Special Prizes.

Besant Reading Prizes.	Senior: P.F. Life. Junior: N.S. Jones.
Blofeld Verse Reading.	Senior: R.L. Aherne.
English Prize.	T.W. Dixon.
History Prize.	T.W. Dixon.
Modern Languages Prize.	M.W. Osborne.
Science Prizes.	I.P. Hayward, D.W. Thomas.
	A.J. Nichols.
Mathematics Prize.	D.J. Yaxley.
Craft Prize.	J.M.E. Davis.
Head Prefect Prize.	A.J. Nichols.

## Advanced Level:-

R.M. Aherne	English (O)
J.L. Atkins	Physics, Chemistry, Biology (M), G.P.
P.N. Davies	History, Latin, Mathematics.
T.M. Bird	History, Geography, Mathematics (O), G.P.
L.J. Bridgland	Mathematics (O).
D.J. Butler	Geography, Mathematics, G.P.
T.W. Dixon	English, History, Geography, G.P.
G.A. Farquhar	Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, G.P.
M.A. Finch	Mathematics, Chemistry, Biology.
M.S. Forrester	History (O).
P.R. Foster	History, Geography, Mathematics, G.P.
M.L. Fulcher	Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.
M. Gatenby	Mathematics, Physics, Geometrical and Mechanical Drawing.
I.F. Hayward	Mathematics (D), Physics (D), Biology, G.P.
C.A. Holmes	History, Geography, French, G.P.
F.D. Holmes	History, Geography, French, G.P.
M.P. Jermy	Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry (O), G.P.
R.J. Lorzor	History, French, German (M), G.P.
P.F. Life	Chemistry (O), Biology, G.P.
J.A. Lucas	Geography (O), Art (O).
S.B. Maury	Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, G.P.
J.D. Mills	Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, G.P.
B.H. Morris	Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry (O).
F.E. Neil	Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry (O).
A.J. Nichols	Physics, Chemistry, Biology, G.P.
I. Oakley	Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, G.P.
M.W. Osborne	English, French, German (M).
H.M. Parker	Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.
J.J. Richmond	English, Geography (O), G.P.
I.J. Robertson	Geography, Mathematics, G.P.
J.R. Startup	Physics (O), Chemistry (O), Biology, G.P.
A.O. Thomas	Mathematics, Physics, Biology, G.P.
D.W. Thomas	Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry (M).
F.J. Thorning	Mathematics, Physics (O), Chemistry (O).
K.G. Watson	History, Geography, Latin, G.P.
M.S. Williamson	Mathematics, Chemistry, Biology, G.P.

D.M. Witcombe	Mathematics (O), Chemistry, Biology, G.F.
D.J. Yaxley	Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, G.F.
F.K. Yaxley	Geography, Mathematics, Physics (O).

(O) indicates a pass at Ordinary Level.

(H) indicates a merit and (D) a distinction in a Special Paper.

(G.F.) indicates a C grade or better in the General Paper.

Norfolk County Scholars:- I.P. Hayward, A.J. Nichols, D.W. Thomas.

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Ordinary Level:-

The following achieved a grade C or better in the number of subjects recorded below:-

M.A. Allenby 5,	R.J. Amis 3,	K.A. Argent 8,
M.F. Auckland 8,	N.P. Blake 3,	A.P. J. Billington 8,
M.S. Brighton 0,	G.C. Brighty 7,	I.J. Bryant 6,
N.C.F. Calow 7,	J. Campbell 5,	J.C. Comerford 6,
J.A. Clarke 5,	P.A. Clarke 6,	M. Colebrooke 6,
M.D. Conley 2,	M.P. Collins 6,	S.D. Cooper 5,
D.M. Culling 7,	J.M.E. Davis 7,	I.C. Devereux 7,
C.D. Earl 6,	D.A. Eddison 3,	R.A. Edmonds 8,
A.V. Fiske 6,	B.C. Foulser 6,	M.N. Gladwell 8,
D. Gibson 3,	J.J. Gibson 8,	K.J. Goodson 8,
A.J. Grant 3,	S.H. Gray 7,	R.J. Hamilton 4,
J.A. Hanney 6,	P.J. Havercroft 5,	D.J. Howell 2,
B.J. Hodge 6,	J.R. Hughes 3,	J.A. Hunter 6,
P.S. Jenkins 5,	N.D. Judd 5,	A.J. King 7,
M.J. Kite 6,	M. Kovacovic 2,	R.G. Lea 5,
S.W. Lee 8,	N.M. Leeder 9,	H. Lester 9,
H.R. McManus 6,	T.J. Ogden 3,	G.F. Philpott 4,
J.C. Figgis 6,	C.P. Pitcher 6,	J.F. Plummer 7,
H.A. Rushton 7,	M. Sargent 8,	J.A. Shirley 6,
G.J. Simonds 2,	N.F. Storey 4,	N. Stubbs 8,
N. Tait 7,	N.W. Thomas 5,	K.J. Turner 5,
A.J. Watson 8,	J. Webster 2,	K.W. Woodrow 6,
A.J. Wright 0,	S.M.M. Yeomans 8.	

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The following University and Polytechnic places were gained by last year's leavers. We apologise for any omissions:-

J.L. Atkins	London Hospital
J.G. Atkinson	Imperial College, London.
P.W. Atkinson	Goldsmiths College, London.
T.M. Bird	Keele University.
G.A. Farquhar	Nottingham University.
P.R. Foster	Cardiff University.
L.L. Fulcher	Nottingham University.
I.F. Hayward	Queen's College, Cambridge.
F.D. Holmes	Durham University.
S.B. Macro	Leeds University.
J.D. Mills	Leeds University.
B.H. Morris	Thames Polytechnic.
A.J. Nichols	Leeds University.
N.M. Parker	Salford University.
A.O. Thomas	Sussex University.
D.W. Thomas	St. John's College, Oxford.
R.G. Watson	Sheffield University.
L.S. Williamson	Leeds University.
D.M. Witcombe	Goldsmiths College, London.
D.J. Yaxley	Southampton University.
F.K. Yaxley	Lanchester Polytechnic.

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### S A I L I N G.

Sailing on Barton Broad has continued on Saturdays with little change, in spite of the demise of the C.C.F. Interest has, in fact, been decidedly more consistent than when the sailing was part of the C.C.F. training. The cabin yacht has been under sail for 45 hours and the dinghy for 34 hours. All fifteen subscribers (50p for the season) have been sailing solo, and at

least half of these had no previous experience. Winds have been lighter than usual and experience in reefing will have to wait until next season. Sailing is available to third formers and above who can swim at least 60m in light clothing.

N. Rushton is to be congratulated on his selection for the team representing Norfolk at the National Schools Sailing Association regatta at Rutland Water in July. With three firsts and two seconds he won the trophy for the wayfarer class comfortably.

#### The Art Department.

The Art Department made several visits last year. 4th. & 5th. year groups visited the 'Painters in Paris' exhibition at Norwich Castle Art Gallery early in the year. These two groups combined again the annual exhibition of Foundation Students' work at Yarmouth College of Art. The extremely high standard of work in all media, including printmaking, painting, graphics and textile design surprised most of us. At the end of the Summer Term Mr. Sampson and Mr. Sherratt accompanied the 4th year group on a visit to the Tate and National Galleries. The new extension at the Tate has mostly increased the number of modern works on

display there. While some pupils found the sheer quantity of paintings a little overwhelming, it was noted afterwards that everyone saw something which had made an impression on him personally. Certainly the tremendous diversity of art on view at the Tate was a real 'eye opener' to just how 'wide open' and complex the visual arts are to-day.

B.S.

Exchange Visits between North Walsham and Aubusson.

It was an apprehensive group of travellers which gathered in the North Walsham Market Place very early on March 31st. Six boys from the Paston School and thirteen girls from the High School were to be the 'guinea-pigs' in a new exchange link between North Walsham and Aubusson, an ancient town in the central department of Creuse. The object of the exchange was twofold: first for us to find out how the French way of life differs from ours, by staying with a French family; and secondly to improve our French.

Mrs. Woolliscroft and Mrs. Pascoe from the High School, and Mr. Brett from our School went with us to help if we had any difficulties.

After a very long journey we arrived early the next day and

were introduced to our respective hosts for the next twelve days. For the whole of our stay we were treated excellently, both in our accommodation and in our visits to the school and into the surrounding district. We were encouraged at the school to participate in as many lessons as possible, and this was a great success in that it gave us an insight into how their methods of teaching compare with ours. From this experience we found that the majority of the pupils enjoyed school, mainly because they were given more freedom and therefore did not feel confined within the school. This feeling of freedom spread to us fairly quickly and it wasn't long before we were frequenting the various bars of the town - during school hours.

We visited many places of interest in, and around, Aubusson, including the tapestry exhibition and College of Art, where tapestries are also made; it is these tapestries which have made Aubusson famous;

In the homes of our hosts we found out more about the French way of life and the language than can be learnt from any text-book. Their meals probably struck us most, with their differences from our English meals - and here I am sure I am speaking for one member of the party, who, on his first day, was offered roast pork and chowrs. But I must be quick to point out that this was

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in no way typical of their meals, which were not always as different from our own as this; however, they were always delicious.

The visit was a great success and we all made a great many friends, while over there, not to mention a great improvement in our French. Many thanks are due to Mr. Brett, Mrs. Woolliscroft and Mrs. Pascoe for organising this trip and for all the advice and help they gave.

Then there was the return visit which started on Friday, June 22nd, with our French friends travelling the same arduous journey as we had done the previous March. The train was one hour late, arriving at 8.45 p.m. and an apprehensive group left the train. The official engagements did not start until the following Tuesday and so the weekend was left for the hosts to get to know the French and to try to understand their many and various habits. Tuesday saw the first official function, a garden party at the High School, where the two parties were able to mix for the first time, and both parents and pupils enjoyed the food and tea provided. Next day the parties combined to visit the Norfolk Show, and a Jew managed to get themselves and their guests well and truly lost in the showground. Thursday we all went on a trip to King's Lynn to visit the Wedgewood

Glass Factory, where we purchased many of the 'seconds' from the gift shop. Next we went on to Cambridge, where time was allowed for visiting the various churches, colleges and, of course, the river.

The weekend was left for the hosts to provide activities for their guests, though a trip to London was arranged by some girls from the High School for the Saturday - but the cost prevented some from going. The following Tuesday, the French contingent and a few of their hosts went to the Rowntree Mackintosh factory and enjoyed the various chocolates produced there. They visited the Cathedral and spent some time shopping. The last engagement was a beach barbecue on Thursday, which was more basic than at first anticipated. But though we had to cope with sharpened sticks as our only cooking utensils, a thoroughly enjoyable time was had by all.

These two weeks that the French stayed in North Walsham and the two weeks of our stay in Aubusson proved an experience not to be missed, and I am sure that anyone wondering whether to go to Aubusson next year should not think twice but should go and sample a different way of life.

G.B. / S.G.

Austrian Holiday.

During the Easter holidays Mr. Drage, Mr. Warne and Mr. McFhee took a party of 45 boys to Austria. After a hovercraft journey from Ramsgate to Calais and a trip along the coast to Ostend, we travelled overnight to the Austrian-German border via Cologne, Frankfurt and Munich.

From our hotel in Birgitz, near Innsbruck, we made some enjoyable trips, especially to Oberammergau, Mittenwald and Garmisch, all in South Germany, and to Rattenburg. In this town there is the famous glassworks where, as well as choosing from a large collection of items made of glass, visitors can watch the glass being blown and engraved. Most of our presents were bought here, as they will engrave items free of charge. On the same day we visited the large Achensee Lake in the mountains. The trip to North Italy and the town of Vipetino was also enjoyed by all, especially the view while crossing the Europa Bridge. Other visits were made to the Olympic Ski Jump in Innsbruck and the Olympic downhill ski runs at Axamer Lizinne.

Our compliments must go to the staff of the hotel for their hospitality and to our three teachers for their organisation of our holiday.

### The Geography Expedition.

It was a cold, bleak day in North Walsham, when the intrepid chosen few made their way to the expedition bus. It had begun. Our journey was to discover new lands north of the Wash - our destination the notorious Boggle Hole Youth Hostel to which many go and from which few return.

The ensuing days engaged us in a wide variety of field work and various expeditions took us to Eskdale, Teesside, Whitby and Middlesbrough and included a visit to Durham University Geography Department, where an Old Pastonian, Ian Seccombe, showed us round. The evenings were spent in revelry at the local alehouse and subsequent intimidation by a local farmer. This excitable yokel even erected barricades to prevent our nightly return to the Youth Hostel. However Major Sampson's C.C.F. training came to the fore in a cross-country route march to outflank the enemy.

It only remains for us to thank our leaders, Mr. Williams and Mr. Sampson, and to hope that next year's trip is as useful and enjoyable.

M.A.B.

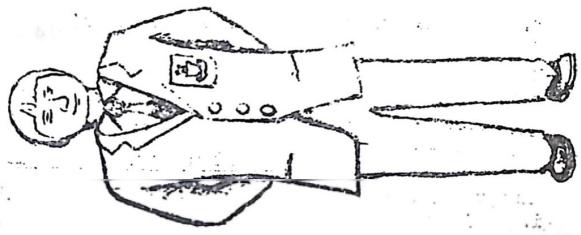
### The Paston Grand National.

Arthur Ticktack, Racing Correspondent from the "News of the Sun" gives his verdict on the Top Twelve Contenders.

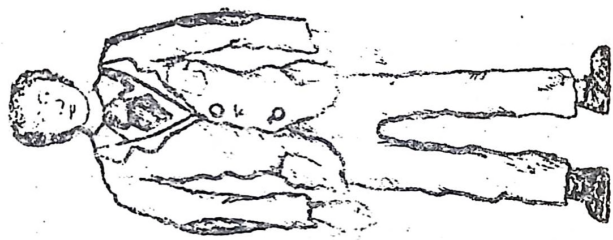
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(reliable old veteran who stays well over a long distance)

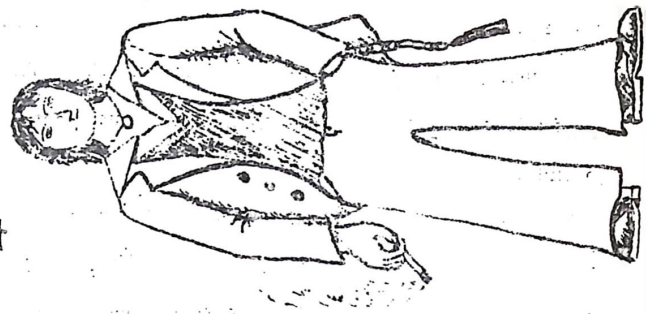
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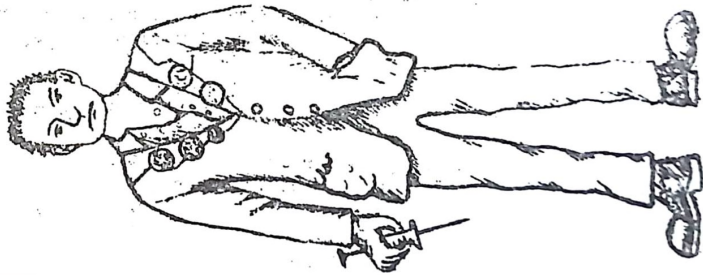
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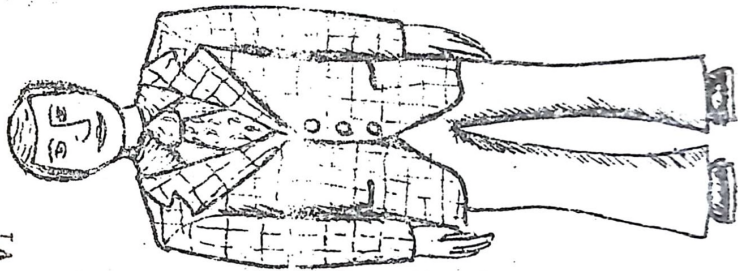
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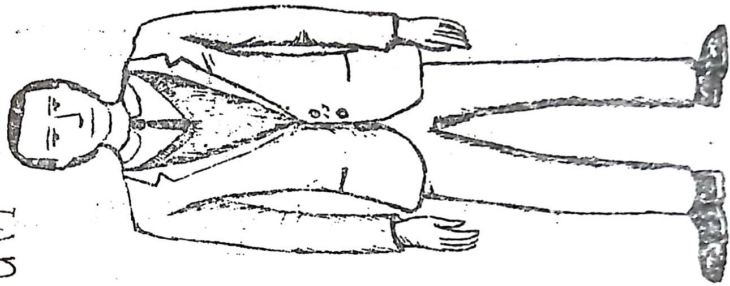
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2. PUNCTUATION by Lore Work out of Missing Apostrophe.  
(a stickler for the correct approach - always a reliable performer)
3. STIR IT UP by Wooden Spoon out of Parental Involvement.  
(tough competitor, sound in mind if not in limb, but stamina uncertain)
4. FIELD TRIP by Long Distance Runner out of Sprained Ankle.  
(injury prone, but a strong outsider who cannot be discounted)
5. WHAT A DISH by Cordon Blue out of Junior Library.  
(attractive little runner who could distract the rest of the field)
6. SUPERSTAR by Folk Singer out of Beatlemania  
(strong contender but best days are over and could be boxed in on rails)
7. IDI'S UNCLE by Mud Hut out of African Bush.  
(foreign competitor who may find it difficult on this course)
8. EXTRA COVER by Sponsored Run out of Loud Hailer  
(tireless contestant who cannot be discounted over a long distance)
9. FRENCH BLUE by Swear Box out of Lousy Homework.  
(could shock other runners and gain surprise advantage)
10. WAR WINNER by Super Sax out of Allied Bomber.  
(noted for short, sharp bursts, a likely stayer with several victories already)
11. WEATHER MAN by Seaweed out of Stephenson Screen.  
(a long record but might make heavy weather of the soft going)
12. RECORD CATCH by Happy Angler out of Tall Story.  
(totally unpredictable, performance varies according to mood, weather, season)

The success of the 1st XI in the previous season would clearly be very difficult to emulate, as we had lost such good players as Day, Coggins, Havens, Walker, Fiske, Lunn and Heavens. Still the first game started off on the right note with a 2-0 win over a touring German School XI. The team played well and could have scored more than 2 goals. In this first game several new players were introduced into the team. Davison and Dixon in defence, Amiss in midfield, and Oakley and Jones up front.

This game was followed by a 2-2 draw against Thorpe. The School went 1-0 down after an unfortunate own-goal by Davison, but were quick to equalise; only to go behind again before they equalised once more.

The next game was against Yarmouth, where the team was beaten 1-0. Here the School played fairly well, but failed to put away several early chances and were beaten by a 25yd. shot in the last minute of the game.

By now the players had gained more confidence and understanding and there was a marked improvement in each game. This was shown in the next game when the team beat Hamonds away 6-3, with Oakley scoring a hat-trick of fine goals.

Our usual fixture against Fakenham was called off owing to bad weather.

The next game, a return fixture against Yarmouth, was again lost (3-4). The School were playing well and, with the added experience of Fiske in midfield, they dominated the first half, going 2 up. However, in the second half, the team relaxed and some bad errors in defence led to Yarmouth going 4-2 up. A goal by Turner in the last five minutes reduced the arrears, but it was too late to save the game.

This was not an ideal warm-up for the Cowles Cup, which had been won by the School for the last three seasons. In the first round the School was down against Oriel Grammar. This turned out to be a scrappy game, but the School was always in charge and ran out 3-1 winners, with goals coming from Linter, Robertson and Fiske.

This game was followed by a friendly against C.N.S., which was easily won 7-3, with Oakley scoring his second hat-trick of the season.

Unfortunately for the School the team was being changed considerably every week owing to a series of injuries and players calling off, and also because Robertson played in only a very few games, as the School released him when he was invited to play for Norwich City Youth.

The next game was against Hamonds and resulted in a 3-3 draw. The match proved similar to the Yarmouth game. Again at first the School dominated the field and went 2-0 up and again they lost their grip on the match, making silly errors which led to goals for the opposition.

This game was followed by the quarter-finals of the Cowles Cup and the School easily beat Thorpe 5-1, with Oakley scoring another hat-trick.

So again the School were in the semi-final of the Cup, and, when drawn against C.N.S. away, were very confident of reaching the final for the fourth year in succession. However our 7-3 win earlier in the season over C.N.S. was not to be repeated. The team crashed out 7-1 and suffered their heaviest defeat for years. The team started off fairly well, but then went 2-0 down after two bad mistakes in defence. The School tried desperately to get back into the game but everything went wrong and more goals were conceded.

The final game was also lost, this time to King Edward VII Grammar School, King's Lynn, 2-4. Several newcomers were played because of injuries and other players calling off.

The School also entered two teams in a 5-a-side tournament held at the North Walsham Secondary Modern School. The first team - Oakley, Robertson, Minter, Bridgland and Finch - won the tournament, beating Ludham 2-1 in the final. The second team - Nichols, Aitken, Davison, Richardson and Moy - were beaten by Ludham in an earlier round.

Winning this final took the School into the Norfolk Tournament, where they again reached the final. Their opponents were

N.W. Venture Scouts. The School took the game too casually and allowed the Scouts to score an early goal, which the team could not get back. It should be mentioned that the Venture Scout team consisted of four present pupils of the School and one Old Boy!

In the whole the season was not too bad, as the following table shows:-

Played	won	Lost	Drawn	Goals	
				For	Against
11	5	4	2	34	29

The team was not as successful as previous seasons, but certain games stand out as many beaten teams came from schools at least twice the size of ours.

I hope that next season's team will enjoy its football as much as we have done - and with more success.

Finally many thanks must be given especially to Mr. Sampson, who gave up so much of his time to coach and train the side, and to the ever-present Mr. Grantham-Hill for his valued support.

D.E.M.

#### Football - Other XIs.

There was an early match for a scratch Under 15 XI against a touring German school, won 4-2. Then there were the Thorpe matches; the 2nd. XI won easily; the Under 14 XI won 4-3, after they had led 3-0 and needed a fine save by Hunn off the final kick of the match for their win; the Under 13s began their double figure defeats. Next the Yarmouth matches; the 2nd. XI continued to win, the Under 13s to lose, while the Under 15 XI had a good 3-3 win, helped a lot by Walker. The Under 16 XI came into action with two successive draws, the second a cup tie at Wells. The Under 13s lost their cup match v Blyth-Jax by their usual double figure margin, despite valiant goal-keeping efforts. The next round of the Yarmouth matches saw another big 2nd. XI win, a bigger Under 14 defeat, and the Under 13s - now propped by some first formers - did not lose too badly.

The Under 15s lost their cup match v Hewetts 2-5, the opposition including several County players: Walker put us 2-0 up, but Hewetts had equalised by H.T. The weather deteriorated and we had to play into heavy rain at the end, when Hewetts scored two late goals.

Next the Under 16 XI won their replayed cup match v wells 6-0, though the first goal took a long time in arriving. The junior teams played well at C.N.S. and again v. Thorpe, but lost: time and time again their opponents were much larger boys and referees unkind. Such handicaps however had no effect on the 2nd. XI's winning run.

Things brightened up against Fakenham: the Under 15s won and the Under 13s had their big day: their small-sized stars ran everywhere, their big-sized non-stars got in people's way and Haines scored the winner from a long way out. At King's Lynn the 2nd. XI had various difficulties before being allowed to complete their season with a 100% record. The Under 12s obtained a draw by a late goal.

The Under 16s, our last team in any Cup, lost heavily to Fakenham; they were below strength, luck was against them, but they did not play very sensibly. The last matches before Christmas were against C.N.S.: the Under 15s found their opponents below full strength and won 4-3, with a splendid last goal from Tuffrey; and the Under 13s confirmed their improved form by only losing 0-1.

The 2nd. XI were easily the most successful School side. They were captained by Osborne, Howett was in goal, and there was an assortment of players depending on who was wanted by the 1st. XI, usually including Woodrow, A. Fiske, Colebrook, Amis, Grant, Webster, Dixon, Bird, Symonds.

The Under 15s were captained by Grainger, who was also a key man in the N. Norfolk side, had a goal-keeper (either Munroe or Ayres) and a goal scorer (Walker) from the year below, had Bradbury, Tuffrey, Buck up front. Boutle and K. Fiske at the back, and Locke and Dring being useful. Zelos arrived too late for their matches, but went straight into the N. Norfolk team.

The Under 13s' good players were so small - Overall (captain), Kemp, Baker, Huines - with Woodham, Branch, Mason, Wayman, Storey and Grainger increasing in size but not mobility. Woolton, Bale, Minns and Buchanan moved up from the Under 12s, who had other good players, Anderson, England, Ling, Foster and Corbett. The Under 12s had two late matches, drawing an exciting match with N. Walsham Secondary, and beating the touring Leigh Rangers in the Easter holidays.

There were various indoor 5-a-side tournaments in which School teams won almost everything. The Junior side was Locke, Grainger, Boutle, Buck, Tuffrey, and they won two tournaments, although having to go to penalties in one match. Tuffrey scored a surprising number of goals.

The main 6-a-side Under 15 Norfolk competition was not organised, and we were again not allowed to compete in the competition held at Trowse. 12 teams took part in a competition for Under 16s held at Martham. Our first team really ought to have won, but let up too soon in their last game. Our second team of Grainger, Gibson, Colebrook, Collins, Atis, Turner reached the semi-final by skill and luck, reached the final with a splendid goal by Collins, and there their goal-keeping and cramp ended them.

H. G-H.

### 1st Eleven Cricket.

Although the figures for this season may not be impressive, they do not really give a true record of the way the 1st XI played this year. With the help of Mr. Williams' lunch-hour training programme, Paston were able to muster what seemed a very formidable squad of cricketers, but their thoughts of great things were dashed, and the School finished a hard season having won one, lost one, and drawn six of their eight matches.

The first two games of the year were both all square at their ends, and no one could really say that these results were unjust with close scores being on the boards after two exciting games with Hamond's School and the freshmen of U.E.A. The only win was to come next, and it could not have happened at a better time.

The opponents were North Walsham Police, and a splendid half-century by Paston's skipper, Doug Oakley, saw his team to a comfortable 95, for the loss of only one wicket. This score proved too much for the Police, who were dismissed for 69 runs. This match always proves a bit of a vendetta and the schoolboys were glad to have this under their belts.

The next two matches were drawn, although the second of these, against Yarmouth Grammar School, was technically an abandoned match, because of a tragic accident which occurred in the neighbouring contest between the schools' Under 15 XIs. The first of these games, however, had a very nail-biting finish: when stumps were drawn, Paston were only four runs short of victory over their old rivals, Fakenham Grammar School.

In the next game, when our opponents were Gravesend Grammar School from Kent, was a disaster. Paston were all out for 71, a score soon passed by our opponents for the loss of only two wickets. One of Gravesend's batsmen, sporting a Kent County cap, displayed his skills with an entertaining 42, without forfeiting his wicket.

With the retirement of Mr. Grantham-Hill this year, the traditional match against his XI was even more of an occasion, as a presentation was made to H.T.H during the tea interval. The match, however, was a draw with the School a little fortunate to escape defeat. This was entirely due to the glorious bowling of Grainger, who claimed the majority of the seven visitors' wickets to fall, in what was only his second match with the team.

Another draw with Hemond's School of Swaffham ended a rather discouraging season, although this result was somewhat decried by everyone other than the visitors' captain, who chose to bat on well after tea, leaving Paston to reach in 68 minutes a total his side had taken a little under three hours to amass.

Although the official 1st XI season was over, a 20 over match was arranged between the Masters and an all-school XI. The boys won the match, but after the two innings only two runs separated the two sides. Some good match had a very close finish, with good scoring stints from Mr. Williams and Mr. Harre.

The averages for the season were calculated and it was found that the batting was duly topped by our valued captain, Doug Oakley. Jon Webster, with his slow left-arm bowling, remained at the top of the charts all season. During the season Martin Colebrooke was awarded his School colours for his performance with the ball. Richard Amis and Barry Morris were also awarded their colours - for service - and these were presented at the School's final assembly of the year.

All in all, Paston's cricket this year was good, considering that they had to follow past champions such as Clive Baker and Ian Coggins, which is not an easy task, and I think that Doug Oakley deserves a great deal of credit for leading his team so well throughout the season.

B.L.

### Results.

v Langley School match drawn.

Langley 102 for 9 declared. (Webster 3 for 11)  
Paston 170 for 9.

v Hammond's. lost.

Paston 79 all out.  
Hammond's 81 for 2.

v Thorpe. match drawn.

Thorpe 139 for 6 declared.  
Paston 81 for 2.

v North Walsham Police. won.

Paston 95 for 1. (Oakley 51 not, Fiske 41).  
North Walsham Police. 69 all out. (Colebrooke 5 for 24)

v Norwich School. match drawn.

Norwich. 117 all out. (Oakley 4 for 41, Webster 3 for 28).  
Paston. 53 for 6.

v Fakenham G.S. match drawn.

Fakenham. 116 for 3 declared.  
Paston. 113 for 7. (Amis 76).

v Gravesend G.S.	Lost.
Paston	74 all out.
Gravesend	75 for 2.

v Yarmouth G.S. match drawn.  
Paston 94 for 1. (Amis 45 n.o. Colebrooke 28 n.o.)  
(this match was abandoned when a visiting player collapsed  
and died in a junior game between the two schools).

v Hamond's. match drawn.  
Hamond's 136 for 9 declared. (Colebrooke 4 for 52.  
Oakley 3 for 29)  
Easton. 67 for 4. (Oakley 31)

Batting.

Batting.			Highest	Average.
Innings	Not Out.	Runs.	Score.	
K. Amis	9	186	76	26.6
D. Oakley	10	185	51 not	20.6
Riley	7	86	20	17.4
M. Colobrooke	8	79	28 not	15.8
Davison	7	63	17	9.0
Fiske	7	54	41	7.7
Seager	7	13	5	4.3
B. Morris	7	15	7 not	2.5

### Bowling.

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average.
Webster	20.1	2	56	8	7.0
Grainger	18.1	4	62	6	10.3
M. Colebrooke	93	31	238	17	14.0
D. Oakloy	82.5	21	243	16	15.2
Kite	51	13	162	6	27.0

Catches:- Oakley 4, Kite 4, Seager 3 (stumpings 3), Fiske 3, Amis 2, Davison 2.

Last December saw the staging of the first Mammoth Spectacular Review which enjoyed outstanding success with pupils and staff alike. In fact, certain members of staff are still talking about it (mostly with cries of 'slander!'). It was not however achieved without much hard work and effort from a relatively few small group of people both on stage and behind the scenes.

There have been many rumours spread about the making of the Review, most of them made up by embarrassed Upper Sixth Formers who failed all their 'A' Levels, but here is the true story of its origin. It all began as the brain child of the joint producer/directors, Hilary B. de Wilsonsheim and Roger T. Goldwyn-Drageburger, and was at first planned to be a melodrama depicting the fall of the Roman Empire, but then we decided to do something on a rather larger scale, and, after Mr. Brown told us a joke about Julius Caesar and a bowl of cold custard, we decided to develop it into a 1½ hour review.

We were very fortunate in having an excellent cast who did not mind dressing up as women and a team of scriptwriters, including the infamous Timothy Dixon, winner of the Trafalgar Shield and believed to be a distant relative of John G. (an obscure comedian). We were supplied with a magnificent wardrobe; the dressing room was always full of pretty skirts, dresses, rubber and leather wear - and some of the costumes worn on the stage were quite good as well.

Culture was provided by the notorious Theodore Rot whose renowned poetry, previously banned by the R.S.P.C.A., has now been included in the 'A' level syllabus, whilst our follow-up to 'Grease', enigmatically entitled 'Elubber', shocked supporters of the Green Peace organisation.

It is hoped that the Review will become an annual event carried on by subsequent sixth forms, although it will be very difficult to better the high quality and originality of this first review. At the time of writing preparations are being made for Review '79, which despite many crises and an initial lack of scripts promises to be the event of the year once more.

Nelson.

Last year's success on Sports Day unfortunately turned to failure this year, with Nelson having to surrender the Sports Shield. This cup, however, be put down to the absence, through injury, of both Grant and Simonds, who had, last year, been the backbone of our victory. Nelson athletes achieved few first places, and it was only due to the occasional wind that we were prevented from collecting the wooden Spoon.

At other sports we fared better. We reached the final of the Cricket, after a hotly disputed semi-final against Tenison. In the final we met Hoste, and, after a very fast and entertaining match, Hoste just managed to take the Trophy, although, for a while, it had looked as if Nelson could pull off a shock result, especially with the ferocious bowling of Nunn and Colebrooke,

In closing I would like to congratulate all those house members who have received colours, and voice the hope that next year will bring somewhat greater success.

M.A.

Wharton.

There were very few formal house competitions last year, through lack of organisation due to the general apathy. Unfortunately in those that were held, the House failed to maintain its usual high standards.

In both the running events Wharton did not fare too favourably, propping up the bottom in the Cross-Country, and only coming one place higher in the athletics.

After losing a very close-run match to Hoste in the semi-final of the Cricket competition, Wharton saw fit to take the wooden Spoon by losing to Tenison in the match for third and fourth place. However, Kite ended up with very respectable bowling figures.

It was nice to see quite a few new awards for house colours this year. The worthy recipients were Aherne, Forrester, Moy,

Richmond, Thorning, Brown, Green and Kite.

With such a lot of up-and-coming youngsters in Wharton, it seems a great pity that the future changes in the School will inevitably bring an end to all the house competitions. Until this happens, though, I am sure that these youngsters will strive to put Wharton where it belongs, at the top.

Lastly, may I, once again, say many thanks to Mr. Lamb for all the help that he has willingly given to the house throughout the year.

T.S.J.

### Badminton.

Badminton has again proved a popular activity in the School and the School teams had a reasonably successful season last year.

In the Norfolk Schools Under 16 League the School achieved victories over Cromer, Martham and Stalham, but they met with superior opposition at Yarmouth and Thorpe St. Andrew, and so they did not quite qualify for the regional play off. The Under 19 team played only one match - against Norwich School - which was won quite comfortably. But at the end of the season they achieved a resounding victory over the Staff team, who put on a good performance despite their short period of training.

There are some very promising players in the Junior School who are attending coaching lessons at the North Walsham Secondary School, and I hope that they will do well in the Under 16 team next season. We also have a nucleus of better players, most of whom gain further experience by playing with local clubs. Roger Pennington again represented the County at Under 18 level and Neil MacLellan represented North Norfolk in the Norwich Junior League.

Finally I would like to thank Mr. Williams for all the time he has spent running the club, and for providing transport to and from matches.

R.S.F.

### The Film Society.

This has been a fine year for the School Film Society. We have produced our first feature 'This was the Paston School', which was shown to the School in July, and we have also improved our techniques for showing the regular end of term films. Many thanks go to our last President, Mr. Brett, and we wish him well in his new appointment. We welcome Mrs. Ferdue who has taken over as President.

The society is always open to new members, who, for the small subscription charge, can use the society's equipment to make short films and also enjoy reduced admission charges for the films we screen.

The summer term film was the who's magnificent "Tommy": its fascinating blend of rock music and exciting visual action was enjoyed by both the seniors and the more fickle juniors. Thank you to all who gave their support.

The Christmas film will be "Captain Konos, Vampire Hunter", a not-too-serious Hammer Horror made in 1973. Forthcoming attractions include "Lonty Python and the Holy Grail".

B.II.

### Tennis.

In the County Cup Competitions the School teams had about the same amount of success as last year. The Senior Team, after a fairly comfortable victory over Langley in the first round of the Loore Cup, had to play Thorpe St. Andrew for the second year running. Due to some late substitutions our team was much weakened and in consequence we lost drastically, 9-0.

Thorpe St. Andrew also brought about the downfall of the Junior Team in the first round of the Stevenson Cup. Although the team was lacking a strong third pair, they put up a valiant fight, finally going down 6-3.

In the School competitions Pennington won the George Hare Cup for the second year running by beating Richardson, 6-0, 7-5. In the Mrs. Marshall Cup Woods and Day were involved in a closely

fought final, with Woods eventually winning 6-0, 4-6, 6-4.

Finally I would like to thank Mr. Brown for providing transport to our matches and Mr. Robbins for arranging the School competitions.

R.S.P.

### Athletics \_ \_ \_ Report.

Unfortunately the weather on Sports Day caused many of the School's athletes to be on anything but their best form - still this did not prevent the spectators from enjoying a full afternoon of sport.

Sports Day was only the prelude to our season, and it was the Norfolk County Schools Sports that showed what the Schools athletes could achieve.

Life, as everyone expected, easily won the Senior Discus. Grant also gained first place - in the Senior Long Jump, while Ridout, a find from Sports Day, battled well to achieve a very creditable second place in the Triple Jump. On the track Easton's success was somewhat sparse with only Aitken and Tuffrey gaining first places, both in the same event, the 400m Hurdles, though Aitken was in the Senior event and Tuffrey in the Middle Age Group.

At the Norfolk Schools Sports, again held at Lakenham, Life and Tuffrey had easy victories in their respective events. Aitken, in the 400m Hurdles, and Ridout, in the Triple Jump, both fought well to take third places.

Next came the Inter-Grammar Schools meeting, though this year there was no senior age group, as some of the Schools no longer have sixth forms. Again the School did well, with Tuffrey and Dring deserving a special mention.

In conclusion I would like to thank Paul Life for the work he did as Athletics Captain and Mr. Stannard for his enthusiastic encouragement.

School Sports Day.  
Wednesday, May 16th.

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The following won their events on Sports Day:-

	Junior	Middle	Senior
100m	J. Storey (T) 13.5 secs	C.P. Downey (T) 12.1 secs	A.J. Grant (N) 11.5 secs
200m	J. Storey (T) 29 secs	C.P. Downey (T) 25.7 secs	A.J. Grant (N) 24.5 secs
400m	P. Woodham (N) 73.1 secs	D.R. Tuffrey (N) 60.8 secs	M. Aitken (N) 57 secs
800m	L.D. Hopkins (W) 2 mins 49.5 secs	G.B. Woods (W) 2 mins 33.3 secs	D.W. Linton (H) 2 mins 17 secs
1500m	S.D. Kemp (T) 5mins 28.8secs	S.J. Howc (H) 5mins 10.4secs	D.W. Linton (H) 4mins 51.3secs
High Jump	L. Faircloth (N) 1.30m	J.N. Dring (H) 1.53m	I. Wones (T) 1.58m.
Long Jump	S.A. Barker (N) 4.38m	J.N. Dring (H) 5.39m	A.J. Grant (N) 5.87m
Hurdles		80m D.R. Tuffrey 13 secs	100m L.J. Ridout (H) 15 secs
Triple Jump		J.N. Dring (H) 11.10m	L.I. Ridout (H) 11.77m
Javelin		J.N. Dring (H) 39.60m	P.F. Life (W) 36.12m
Discus		K.J. Grainger (H) 28.70m	P.F. Life (W) 36.51m

	Junior	Middle	Senior
Weight		K.J. Grainger (H) 10.69m	A.J. Grant (H) 11.75m
4 x 100m	1. Tenison	Haste	Tenison
Relay.	2. Nelson	Tenison	Nelson
	3. Wharton	Wharton	Haste
	4. Haste	Nelson	Wharton
		5. Staff Team	
	10 secs	33 secs	49.2 secs

The Athletics Cup was awarded to P.F. Life.

The Mortimer Cup (best individual performance by a Middle or Junior Competitor) was awarded to J.N. Dring.

### HOCKEY.

Once again there is very little indeed to report. With the Football XI out of the Inter-County Competition this year it was to be hoped that Hockey would enjoy a plethora of matches. Unfortunately the weather did not help and the 1st. XI only played one match, against the Bishop's XI, which was a hard-fought game and showed some considerable talent in the School team. There was also a friendly for charity against the girls of the High School, who proved no match for the boys' fast and aggressive play.

There is a fair-sized nucleus of boys throughout the School who enjoy the opportunity to play Hockey and, if a reasonable number of fixtures can be arranged for them at all age groups, the standard of play and their enjoyment of the game cannot but be improved.

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## IN MEMORIAM.

This very potted biography of an Old Pastonian is sheer, unadulterated, sloppy sentimentality, but who was ever hurt by sentiment? The hush of one generation has often been another's meat!

In the spring of 1918, while news from the Western Front was bad, paradoxically patriotism and tradition were in flood. Two small Pastonians took the train for London - they had appointments at the Admiralty. Their only qualifications for a life in the Royal Navy were that they were 15 years old, had passed the Junior Cambridge Examination and were in the Nelson tradition. Nelson too was fifteen when he had his interview at the Admiralty, but he had the advantage over the 20th century Pastonians, in that he had already been at sea for three years and his own Uncle Suckling was on the interview board!

One boy was accepted and I never saw him again - but the War was over before he came out of Dartmouth. The Navy then had a surplus of aspiring midshipmen. He transferred to the Merchant Navy. I followed his career until he retired as Captain of the Pride of the British Merchant Fleet. The other boy came back to school the next day, disappointed and disillusioned. He had

passed the dreaded interview only to be told by the Surgeon Commander that he ought to be wearing glasses! He couldn't believe it. It was the cruellest cut of all. He stayed at school for the rest of the term. He wanted to show the Admiralty that, if he was not to sail warships, he would make them!

In the end he had to settle for an apprenticeship with a firm that was making boilers and gun mountings for the Navy. He went off north on the M & GNJR with his father's cheque for £300 in his pocket, with which to buy his apprenticeship and complete his education. It is likely that he fully expected to spend the rest of his working life there, as he did, and the last 16 years were as the Company's Managing Director.

The Second World War found our Old Pastonian as Chief Engineer of his firm. Again it was taken over by the Admiralty. This time it made turbines and gun mountings and ammunition hoists. Of course, he was now a frequent visitor to the Admiralty; this time as a V.I.P. The Navy needed his engineering expertise. At the Admiralty he heard about mini-submarines and pleaded that it was just the work for his boilermakers. So it came about that the little ships from his workshops sank a greater tonnage of Hitler's Navy than Nelson ever sank of Napoleon's fleets. He felt more kindly disposed towards the

Admiralty now. when he retired many years later, it was the Admiralty who put his name forward for an honour. "Thank you, your Majesty!" - but he thought, "If they had accepted my first offer, I might have come here years ago."

Their Lordships remembered him again when it was decided to preserve his most famous little sub - 'for all time' - at Portsmouth. He stood among the crowd of tourists and trippers and scrambled egg and viewed his little warship in the shadow of 'Victory'. He thought of Nelson's school-room and the spot where Nelson had sat - "Between the fireplace and the parlour door" - the room he himself had used as a school dining room, his own place at table two, just across the gangway, and forgave the Admiralty for the hurt of 60 years before.

The Vicar said his ashes were to go back to his beloved County of Norfolk, to the village where he was born. He told the congregation how, as a boy, he had had aspirations to be an officer in the Navy but had settled for a captaincy in industry. I believe the person knew most of the story. He might have said that there is a danger in the '70s of thinking that tradition is a myth, ambition out of date and pride a deadly sin. He might have said that the ethos of our school days or its antithesis will very likely affect all our lives, one way or another.

The Society of Old Pastonians.

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President 1978/79: R.G. May Esq.

President 1979/80: G.V. Griston Esq,

The Annual Dinner was held this year at the Hotel Grosvenor on September 15th. Over sixty Old Pastonians attended. The arrangements were made by our new Dinner Secretary, P.H. Barnard, who received the congratulations of all present - and was duly re-elected at the A.G.M., after the Dinner. The other elections at the A.G.M. included the appointment of I. Kiddle, one of our representatives on the Foundation Governors, as Vice-President.

We were interested to hear from the Chairman of the Governors that although C.R. Forder has returned to York, his interest in, and his research into the history of the School continues, and that he has unearthed quite an amount of new information since the publication of the School History. This, we were told, is to be preserved in the School Library.

Various items of news of other Old Boys have come to hand during the year.

D. BLAXELL, an officer in the Corporate Research Branch of the Consumer and Corporate Affairs, Canada, has recently received an award of 2,500 dollars in recognition of an exceptional

contribution to its effectiveness and efficiency. He developed and implemented the MUAMS computer system. (He gained his PhD at Cambridge and studied further at Yale.

J. BUNTING writes to say that he has completed the second year of his course in Town and Country Planning at Bristol Polytechnic.

J.F. BOWLER, writing from Yorkshire, reports that after twenty year years he is still with the Inland Revenue, and has now reached the status of H.M. Inspector of Taxes. He is also a magistrate. A formidable combination!

E.D. FULLINORE is on a research project in U.S.A.

V.G. GOTTIS was awarded the O.B.E. in the Queen's Birthday Honours List last year.

J.R.S. STABLES wrote a long letter from "Radio 3 commentary position, Headingley Cricket Ground" - rain had stopped play! He is still working on 'sound' for B.B.C. T.V. and radio (on the technical side) and has been involved with such diverse programmes as 'Play School', 'The Old Grey Whistle Test', 'The Sunday Service', 'Any Questions' and various sporting events. He is based at Manchester, but is spending three months this winter with T.V. outside broadcasts in London.

On the subject of the B.B.C., I wonder how many present Pastonians know that ROBIN NASH and DAVID CASS are both Old Pastonians? (Their contemporaries would know them as R. Drane and D.K. Czarnocki respectively).

J.E. THIRTLÉ also appeared recently on the 'Look East', talking about his puppet programmes for the B.B.C.

R. HUDSON has qualified as a M.B. B.S. at the London Hospital Medical College. He is now a House Physician at Broomfield Hospital, Chelmsford.

F.R. LIXER is in medical practice at Harrogate.

R. BAKER, having been assisting in the Music Department, at

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Sheringham Secondary School, has taken up a post as Head of Music at Cromer Secondary School.

M.H. CHAMBERLAIN is taking up a post as a Careers Officer in Great Yarmouth.

OBITUARY.

It is with regret that we record the death in July 1979 of F.A. BRETT. He had many interests, apart from the Society of Old Pastonians, including golf - at which sport he excelled. He was twice Norfolk County Champion and a former Norfolk captain. In business he was a well-known and respected antiques dealer.

F.B.P.

The following successes in University Examinations have been brought to our notice :-

M.A. Goodwin	2, i Hons in Geography, University of Sussex.
R.L. Winch	1st class Hons in History, University of Sussex.
R.V. Raven	2, ii Hons in Law, University of Kent.
G. Hobley	Class 3 Hons in Law, University of Kent.
S.W. Baker	2, ii Hons in Public Administration, Trent Polytechnic.
G.G. Norrell	2, ii Hons in Law.

The Pupils of the Paston School, being a commentary on  
the illustrations to be found in the centre pages.

This year's Pastonian contains as a bonus a centre spread of illustrations depicting stereotyped pupils of the various school years.

First we have the innocent, angelic 1st and 2nd former, wearing a correct Marjoram-purchased uniform (although perhaps a little on the large size "to allow for growth").

Next comes the 3rd former, whose uniform is now a somewhat better fit (note the tie with as large a knot and as small an end as possible - a strange tradition peculiar to the third form). His shoes are nicely scuffed and his pockets full of sweeties.

After him comes the disruptive element of the School - the fourth year. These intelligent lads are very popular with the Staff and also with the shop assistants of the town.

The fifth form constitutes the social drop-out element of the establishment. They are easily recognisable by the abundance of badges and total lack of musical taste.

The Lower Sixth, however, show excellent taste, especially in their mode of dress, by which they are easily visible from at least 3 miles.

Finally comes the crème de la crème - the Upper Sixth Former, who has reached the zenith of his cultural and intellectual powers.

H.T.

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## Hoste House Report.

The past year yet again proved a successful one for Hoste. Of the three competitions organised, we were victorious in one and runners-up in the other two.

In the Cricket the House retained the title, beating a weak Wharton team in the semi-final and Nelson in the final. K. Grainger played well in both these matches.

On Sports Day we were very unlucky not to have won; the final position was decided by the last race of the afternoon, the Senior Relay.

The Hoste Cross Country team maintained its high standard by finishing runners-up. The juniors ran well and finished first, with Overall running well to come third. The middle group, despite some good running, came third. The seniors came a close second.

Finally congratulations are due to those who received their house colours and many thanks to Mr. Couper and his fellow House Masters for their support and encouragement.

D.M.M.

## Tenison House Report.

This has been another successful year for the House, with victories in the Cross Country and Athletics.

There were no House Matches in Football last year, but this year's have already got under way. There were only two first XI players in the team, but our strength in depth proved too much for a weak Nelson team, which looked good on paper. We won 8-2, with 3 goals from Fiske (including 2 penalties), 3 from Wones and 2 from Bradbury. Holding the defence together was Cox with some unorthodox tackles - but you will have to wait for next year's report to find out how our intrepid heroes got on.

The Cross Country was won by Tenison, keeping up our good reputation, although some people took the wrong course and ran nearly a mile further. The senior team won their section, the

middle finished in the top four, and the juniors won their section.

The Cricket House Matches turned into riots, led by Oakley, when we played Nelson and finished with equal scores. We had lost fewer wickets, but, according to the rules, Nelson went through with a faster run rate. There were good performances from the 'Fast' bowlers, Fiske and Oakley, with good support from Webster, who attempted to spin. In the losers' final Tenison defeated Wharton, putting up a score of over a hundred and then bowling out Wharton quite cheaply.

A very good effort led us to a victory on Sports Day, when we came out on top, which was quite a surprise. Let's hope we can look forward to another successful year.

I.W.

