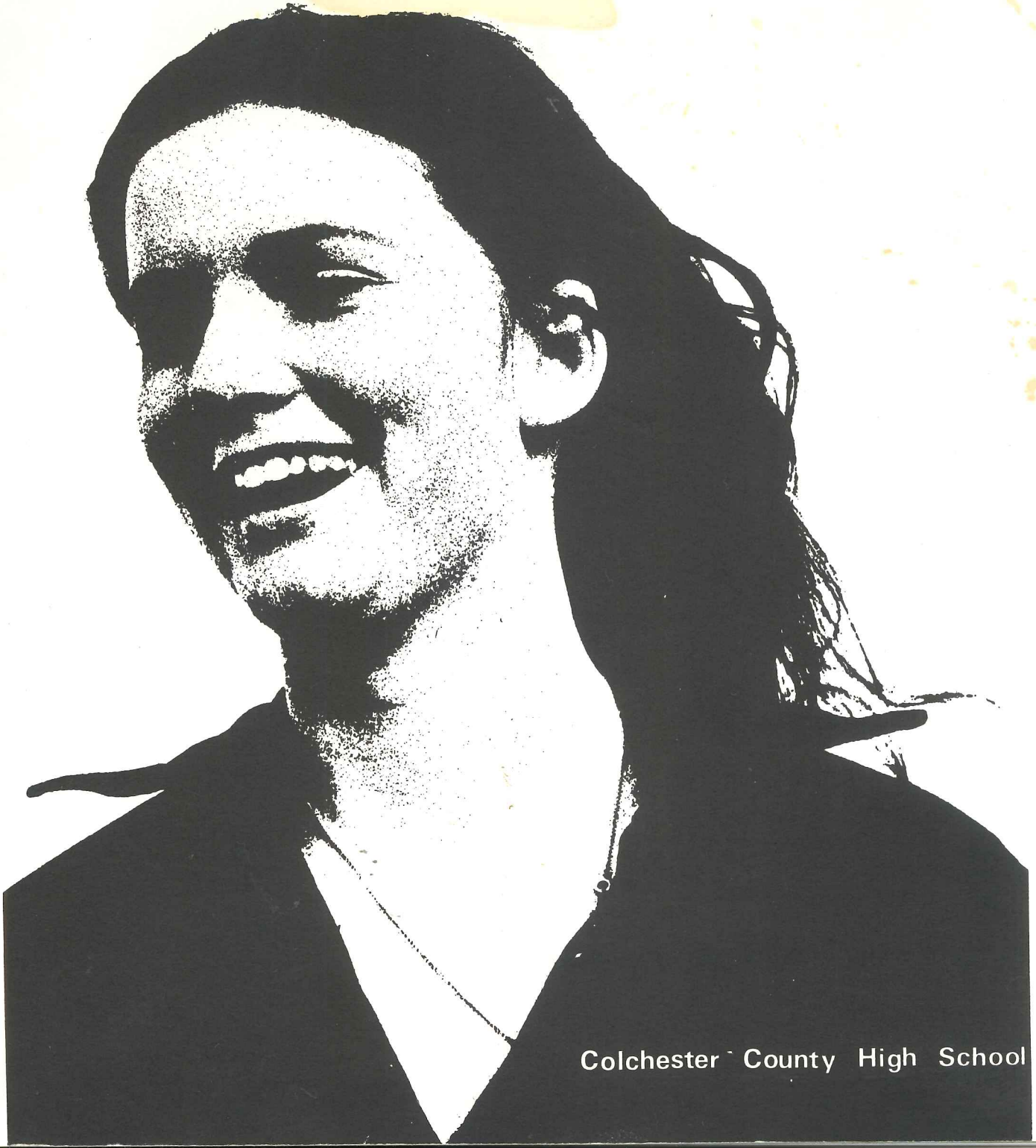






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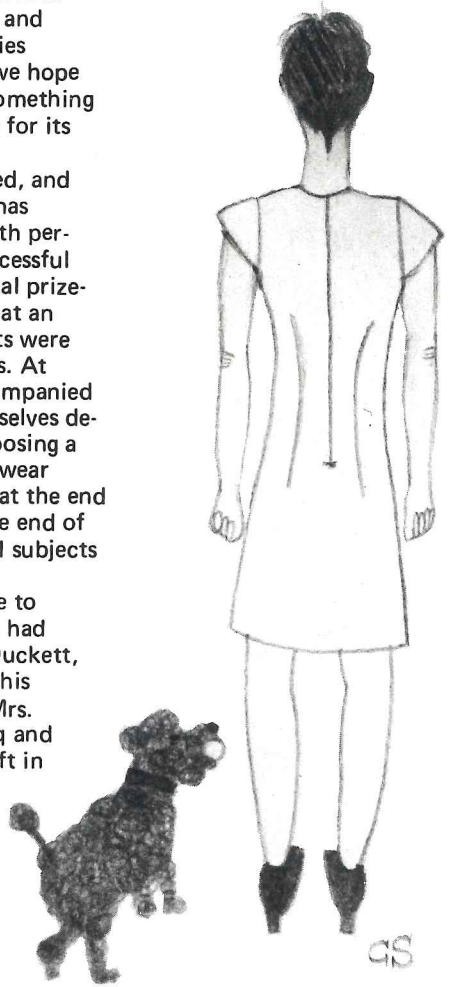
We had a superabundance of cats — see pp 6, 11, 15, 24.

Editorial

This year we have adopted a new style of magazine, allowing drawings and photographs and a less rigid format. We have decided not to have advertisements, and to combine the House Reports in one, leaving more space for original contributions of poetry and prose. The magazine, while still being a record of the activities and achievements of the school, is now more informal and we hope more universally appealing. This year's magazine has been something of an experiment and we would like to hear any suggestions for its improvement.

During the past year, several entertainments were arranged, and included a lively production of "Twelfth Night", a "Christmas Anthology of Words and Music" and at Easter, a concert with performers from throughout the school; they were all most successful and enjoyed by everyone. It was decided not to have a formal prize-giving,and instead examination certificates were distributed at an informal evening, attended by girls and parents; refreshments were enjoyed and the evening ended most successfully with carols. At Easter a party of 6th formers went on a ski-ing holiday, accompanied by four staff, to Austria; everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves despite the bumps and bruises. Faced with the dilemma of choosing a suitable fabric for summer dresses, the 6th form decided to wear dresses of their own choice, and this change was completed at the end of the year when they abandoned uniform altogether. At the end of the Summer Term an open day was held, with displays of all subjects and activities in the school.

At the end of the school year we regretfully said goodbye to some members of Staff, Mrs. Learmont and Mrs. Clark, who had been with us many years, Mrs. Tilley, Mrs. Schofield, Miss Duckett, Mrs. Macgregor, Miss Twyman and Mlle. Ducrot. However, this term we welcome Miss Berks, Miss Colwill, Mrs. Farquhar, Mrs. Herman, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Simons, Mrs. Stevens, Mlle. Declerq and Miss Ellis who has taken the place of Mrs. Ackerman who left in October.



To Mrs Learmont (with apologies to her and to Goldsmith)

Along the road that led from Norman Way
A small black car came promptly every day
And from it, up the many flights of stairs,
Producing single lines from errant pairs,
She climbed to peaceful classroom where, with windows wide,
She helped the young in learning's way to bide,
And from the maze of mis-spelt writings long
Created order and corrected wrong.
Her vivid words revealed a world unknown
And seeds of deeper knowledge, too, were sown
When books were read, discussed and analysed
And love of higher standards not disguised.
Her words of learned length and wondrous sound
Amazed the spell-bound students ranged around
And now the exile, gloating in her heart
Returns to Scottish cott to play her part,
Where with her books, her knitting and the land
At last in leisured peace she'll stay her hand.
May she be happy as in scenes like these
She crowns her labours with her well earned ease.



School Officials 1970-71

Head Girl	**Valerie Garwood**
Deputy Head Girl	**Patricia Collins**

Houses	Captain	Secretary	Treasurer
Anjou	Sarah Farr	Gillian Rodwell	Anne Parish
Hanover	Rosalind Brewer	Anne Barringer	Kathleen Carroll
Lancaster	Ruth Britter	Jane Butler	Julie French
Plantagenet	Joy Mitchell	Kathleen Needham	Helen Burrluck
Stuart	Linda Langmead	Penny Rawlinson	Deborah Ziadie
Tudor	Valerie Garwood	Elaine Malyon	Kate Nevard
Windsor	Joanne Fox	Jillian Grimsey	Angelica Goodden
York	Jennifer Westley	Judith Yelton	Linda Hinton

House Report

A wide range of Inter-House sports was played; girls played well, although there was some difficulty in raising teams.
Winners of Inter-House Matches:

Hockey	Tudor
Senior Netball	Hanover
Junior Netball	Stuart
6th Form Table Tennis	Stuart
Senior Rounders	Hanover
Junior Rounders	Tudor
Swimming	Windsor
Senior Tennis	York
Junior Tennis	Anjou

Top of the House lists was Windsor. During the Autumn term several parties were organised. York and Windsor got together for a barbecue; Anjou, Lancaster and Stuart held a party to which old people and under-privileged children were invited; Tudor and Plantagenet held a small party in the Sixth form Common Room before taking their guests to the Christmas Anthology. As usual, Houses organised the collection and distribution of produce and groceries for the Harvest Festival, and gifts were made to old people and local hospitals and homes. Magnificent House Cakes were made at Christmas and donated to various causes.



Betsy's hand

School Societies & Activities

French Circle

The French circle this year battled on against growing hostility to the very mention of the word "France". At Christmas the usual international gathering took place and was enjoyed by all present, if enjoyment can be gauged by the number who were devouring the food. Carols of many nations were sung, and the Lower IVths under the able guidance of Jenny Miller staged a Nativity scene, accompanied by a German Carol.

An attempt to interest all senior girls by inviting a young Frenchman to give a talk during the lunch hour went amiss as he arrived too late to deliver any talk.

In the Summer term Jane Websdell handed over the Presidency to Elaine Malyon and Ruth Britter, neither of whom have had much success in interesting anyone above the third year in anything French. However, the response to a Scavenger Hunt was phenomenal from the first three years, and all enjoyed it. We can only hope that more enthusiasm will be shown in the future.

Chess Club

Captain : **Kathleen Rose** Vice-Captain : **Pamela Blower**

There has been enthusiastic support for the Chess Club this year. In the Summer term a tournament was held and won by Mary Rose. The match with the Royal Grammar School had to be postponed, owing to unfortunate occurrences such as school examinations and lack of a team. We should like to thank Miss Pannell for her encouragement and supervision.

Public Speaking Competition

This year the school's team for the English Speaking Union's Public Speaking Competition progressed from the first heats to the local final. Judith Yelton, who won the Colchester prize for the best speaker, took as her subject "An average English-speaking man: a comparison", using many aptly chosen and amusing statistics to make her points. She was well supported by Sally-Ann Hale as Chairman and Sarah Farr, the Proposer of the Vote of Thanks.

Library Report

We should like to thank the following for their gifts to the library during the last year: Miss Roper, Mrs. Tilley, Mr. Buck, Elizabeth Castagnoli, Claire Forbes, Nicola van Mesdag, Aquascutum. Among the books purchased by the school was the complete set of volumes of the Oxford Dictionary of National Biography.

Unfortunately many books have been lost during the last year, particularly from the History, English and Languages sections. If anybody, after reading this, finds a school library book on her shelf we should be very grateful to have it returned.

We should like to thank the members of the Library Committee for their help during the year, particularly those who could spare the time to help with the mammoth task of book checking.

Old People's Welfare Society

This year, besides the regular help at Brambell House, members of the society sold programmes at the Colchester Operatic Society's concert, and several of the older girls took part in a street collection in Colchester. Attendance at these and at Brambell House has been excellent, with the Upper Fourth giving much valuable support.

It is to be hoped that new members will join from the First and Second years and help this worthwhile society to continue giving aid to the old people.

Twelfth Night

At Christmas, a production of Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" was staged. It was produced by Mrs. Pearson, and a prologue was specially written for the school by Mr. Pearson. Music was provided by a group of recorder players from the Junior School, who were coached by Mr. Armstrong. Mrs. Brown organised the design and making of the costumes, and scenery was kindly made by Nick Smith and Andy Collins. The audiences at both performances were most appreciative, and those girls who took part, both on and behind stage, thoroughly enjoyed the enterprise.

Thanks are due also to many members of the school for their help in this production and especially to Mrs. Davidson, our Business Manager.

The School Choirs

The Senior and Junior choirs have had a very busy and enjoyable year. The Dedication Service came early in the Autumn Term, so the Senior choir worked hard to present a beautiful setting of the twenty-third Psalm by Gelineau.

Groups of the Senior and Junior choirs entered the Chelmsford Competitive Festival during the same term and proved very successful, gaining a first prize and two seconds, respectively. The Senior choir showed versatility in their repertoire by singing the contrasting "Dirge for Fidele" by Vaughan Williams and the "Agnus Dei" by Bizet in the two-part class, and "Look upon those eyes", a madrigal by Palestrina, and "Rolling down to Rio" a rollicking sea-shanty by German in the three-part class.

Christmas was, as usual, a busy occasion for the choirs. They supported the Christmas Anthology at school, and the Senior choir joined the Colchester Choral Society, after a very successful previous year in "Carols for All" at the Moot Hall, Colchester. A record was made of the concert. The choirs and members of the school with Miss B. Taylor also sang Christmas Carols outside Trinity Church to help the Rotary Club Appeal.

After the Autumn term a group of the Senior Choir began to make preparations for an evening's entertainment at the Red Lion Hotel, Colchester, for the annual Burns celebrations organised by the Caledonian Society of Colchester. This was an invitation which pleased the choir, as it had in previous years, and we enjoyed taking part in the traditional celebrations.

The climax of the term's musical activities for both school and choirs was the Spring concert. The aim of this was to allow as many people as possible to participate in the entertainment with whatever they could offer and to perform informally. This was a marvellous success. Special additions to the concert included the appearance of the pre-junior choir and the junior percussion group, the latter of which can now be improved further by new instruments which were purchased with the profits of the concert — approximately £70. The final item in the concert was a performance in costume of selected pieces from Pergolesi's "Stabat Mater". The imaginative and understanding work of Mrs. Brown of the Art Department and Mrs. Pearson, who produced the work, made this beautiful composition all the more colourful, not to mention, of course, the hard work undertaken by Miss B. Taylor in order to produce the best possible sound from the choir.

The Junior choir ended the musical term with an appearance at the Secondary Schools' Festival.

It is obvious by the amount of work covered in two terms that the music staff have been extremely busy. Mr. Armstrong is invaluable as a sympathetic and superb accompanist, as well as a great help to the Junior choir. Miss Taylor, whose perpetual enthusiasm is an inspiration to all her pupils, has an ever cheerful approach and has arranged a most interesting musical year. We are extremely grateful.

Junior Music Society

During the Autumn and Spring terms regular meetings of the Junior Music Society were held. These were well attended and, generally, a great deal of enthusiasm for the society was displayed. Amongst other activities was a well supported piano playing competition, won by Miranda Chapman of LIVE.

C.C.H.S. Orchestra

Several of our members have played for the 1st and 2nd Essex Youth Orchestras, and we very much enjoyed the 1st Essex Concert at the Albert Hall in the Summer Term.

The Colchester Schools' Baroque Ensemble, which we also support with both instrumentalists and singers, has also given concerts in this area with attractive and interesting programmes. Some of us have also attended vacation orchestral courses.

We are sorry to have to say farewell to Isabella Marshall (viola), Claire Forbes (violin), Sally Reynolds (cello), Catherine Stewart (clarinet), and hope they will continue with their music-making, and thank them for their work for our Orchestra. This year the Orchestra will have a "new-look" with Miss Taylor conducting, Miss Cant Strings' Coach, and Mr. Armstrong (piano).

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Clarinet	Grade IV	P. Rawlinson
Violin	Grade V	S. Wright (Merit)
Theory of Music	Grade V	M. Thompson
Piano	Grade VI	V. Balls, C. Norman
Oboe	Grade VI	J. Marriner
Singing	Grade VI	S. Presant (Merit)
Piano	Grade VII	S. Presant, J. Marriner, C. Whyte (Merit)
Singing	Grade VII	J. Yelton, S. Presant (Merit)
Violin	Grade VII	H. Burrluck.

Original Contributions



Selina

I am Selina and I consider myself to be one of the most dedicated members of the feline race in my district. I live with the Dobsons, Mr. and Mrs. and three horrible, wicked, dangerous children: Barney, Lucinda and Rodney. I took an instant dislike to the children; I remember Mr. Dobson saying on the very first day . . . . . .

. . . "Coo-ee, my lovelies, come and see what Daddy has brought you – a lovely little pussy-wussy!"

"Coooo!" went the three horrors and the youngest said, "Is it for tomorrow's dinner?"

Well, if that isn't enough to offend even the commonest of cats! I remember on that first day walking delicately over the carpet to where a warm fire was glowing and there, to my utmost dismay, lay the most mangy, dirty, flea-bitten DOG I had ever set my eyes on! Ugh!

"Well!" thought I, "since I am the only respectable member of this household, I think the place by the fires should be ONE of my privileges." So I delivered a sharp nip to the dog's tail, and, do you know? He turned round and growled at me! Well! To be considered for dinner and growled at all in one day, was too much, so I piled on all my innocent charm and mewed in my most feminine voice. Of course, that did the trick and all the Dobsons petted me and I was given a big box with a warm blanket, which was some consolation for not being able to sleep by the fire.

That dog, Bumper, as he was called, and I have been enemies ever since. He and I rarely spoke to one another but I remember one humiliating time when he did.

The Dobsons were going to the sea-side so they left very early. They left the garage door slightly ajar on a small hook and placed my bread and milk and Bumper's dog-meat on the floor. About elevenses time, we both squeezed through the door to have our meal. I had only taken one or two sips of my milk when Bumper had announced that he had finished his and was still hungry. (Really, he's so greedy that dog!) I told him quite firmly that he wasn't having any of mine. He sauntered to the door. "Oh look! It's snowing," he said. I had only seen snow once before, and it didn't occur to me that it was an odd time of year for snow. Instead, with a purr of delight, I slipped to the door. Of course it wasn't snowing! I turned to give Bumper a piece of my mind and saw that he was sitting grinning at me, licking his lips gleefully. I glanced at my dish. Empty! I saw how I had been tricked and I was terribly annoyed. I stalked off in a huff and settled myself comfortably in the shade beneath the laburnum bush. As the day went on, I grew hungrier and hungrier. At last, I could bear it no longer. I walked into the garage hoping there might be a little bread or milk left in the bottom of my dish. No such luck! But, wait, what was that by Bumper's dish? Yes, it was! – a piece of meat that he had over-looked! I hadn't heard the Dobsons' car pull up, so I crossed over to the piece of meat, and began gnawing contentedly. I heard a noise. I looked up and there was Mr. Dobson.

"Oh you naughty, naughty cat, stealing poor Bumper's meat," he said. Then came the most awful words – he said that I would have no supper that night just for punishment! Oh how angry I was. Of course Bumper just grinned and bounded off to eat his supper.

Oh well, I mustn't keep you with my endless chatter, and anyway I must get some beauty sleep before tonight – There's a cats' concert just outside the garden, you know!

Jennifer Clary L5.







Complications of an occupation in imitation

Transportation to location;
Conversation, self-examination,
Consideration of pronunciation
And interpretation of notation.
Salutation of destination.
Contemplation, concentration
On direction and position
And exertion of the motion
In dramatisation.
Interruption for nutrition
More conversation and discussion.
Resumption to direction.
Education; less confusion;
More precision.
Exploration of voice projection,
Much persuasion for re-adjustification,
No reaction – exasperation!
Repetition of nutrition:
No starvation but relaxation.
One more quotation from direction –
"Let's have some action!"
Camera Rotation and actor's motion.
Near completion of production –
Exaltation!
Soon realisation of ambition–
Great temptation for celebration

Catherine Organ U5

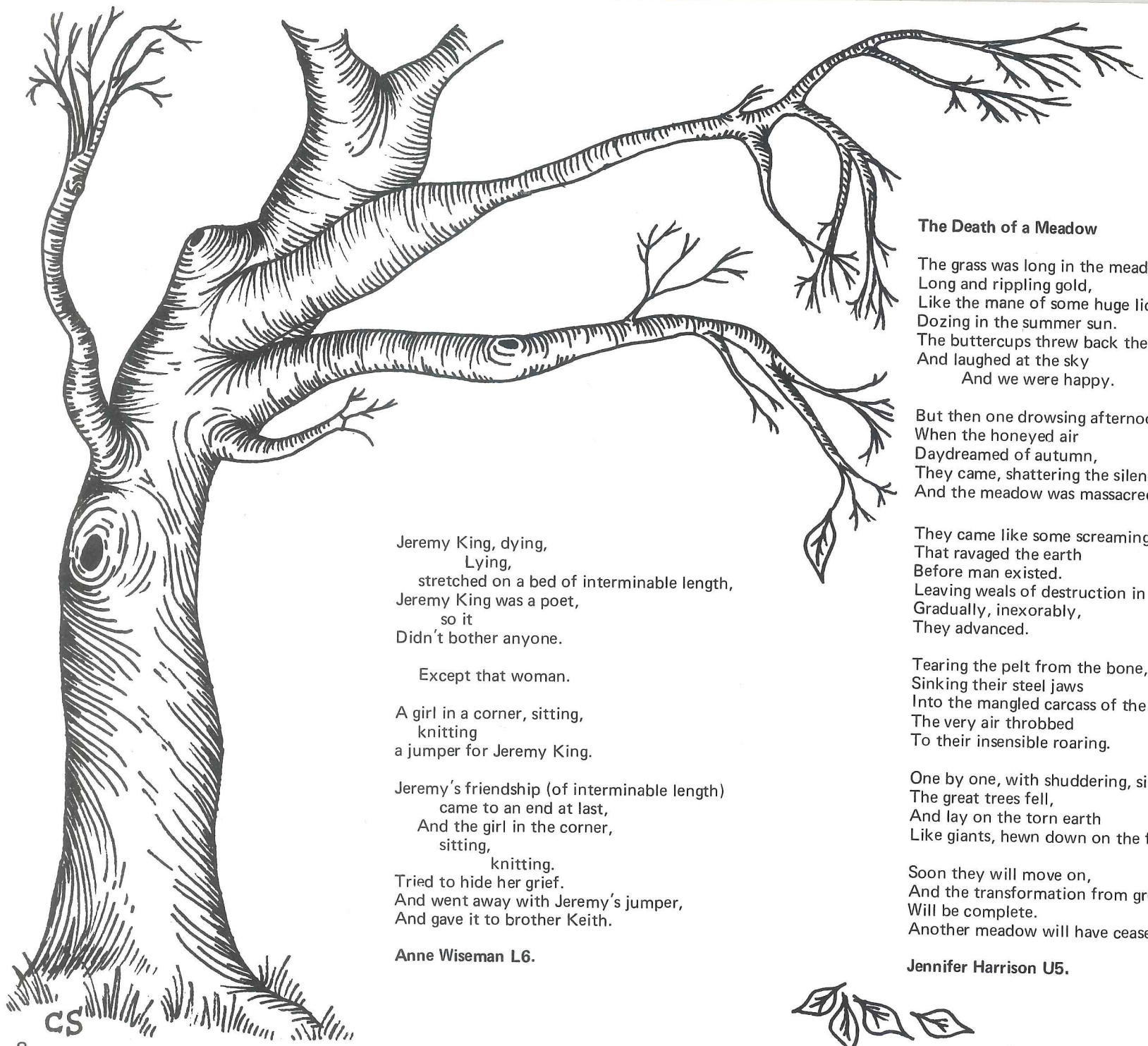
Ghost Town

Deserted . . .
Quite deserted
With structures bare
Standing there,
The ghosts of houses.
Where are the people?
Why did they leave?
The vein of one ran dry.
Cutting off the blood supply
Leaving the old town to die.

The wind mutters
As it plays among the shutters.
Sand creeps along the gutters.
The town's dead and soon the desert will reclaim it.
Although the buildings fight the coming obliteration,
Straggling and struggling to the last,
Nothing is permanent so they say.
Once started on the downward way,
All will fall into decay.
Just leave the spirits of the old
To roam the streets and sing
Of better times when Midas touched the barren rocks
And turned the town to gold.

Anne Jones U5





Jeremy King, dying,
Lying,
stretched on a bed of interminable length,
Jeremy King was a poet,
so it
Didn't bother anyone.

Except that woman.

A girl in a corner, sitting,
knitting
a jumper for Jeremy King.

Jeremy's friendship (of interminable length)
came to an end at last,
And the girl in the corner,
sitting,
knitting.
Tried to hide her grief.
And went away with Jeremy's jumper,
And gave it to brother Keith.

Anne Wiseman L6.

The Death of a Meadow

The grass was long in the meadow,
Long and rippling gold,
Like the mane of some huge lion,
Dozing in the summer sun.
The buttercups threw back their heads
And laughed at the sky
And we were happy.

But then one drowsing afternoon
When the honeyed air
Daydreamed of autumn,
They came, shattering the silence
And the meadow was massacred.

They came like some screaming, snarling monsters
That ravaged the earth
Before man existed.
Leaving weals of destruction in their wake
Gradually, inexorably,
They advanced.

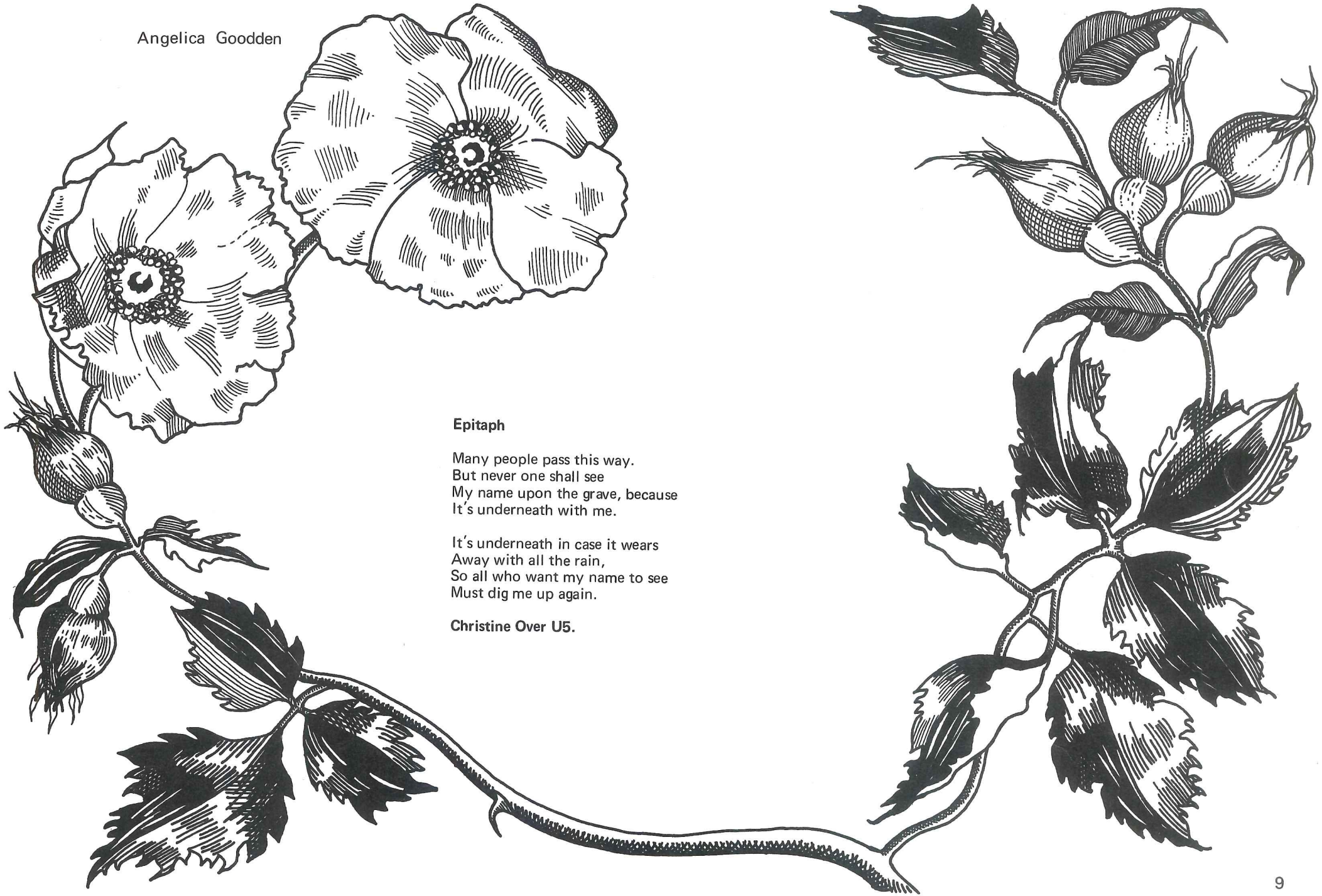
Tearing the pelt from the bone,
Sinking their steel jaws
Into the mangled carcass of the land.
The very air throbbed
To their insensible roaring.

One by one, with shuddering, silent death cries,
The great trees fell,
And lay on the torn earth
Like giants, hewn down on the field of battle.

Soon they will move on,
And the transformation from green to grey
Will be complete.
Another meadow will have ceased to breathe.

Jennifer Harrison U5.

Angelica Goodden



Epitaph

Many people pass this way.
But never one shall see
My name upon the grave, because
It's underneath with me.

It's underneath in case it wears
Away with all the rain,
So all who want my name to see
Must dig me up again.

Christine Over U5.

A Thunderstorm

The weekend had been hot and tiring, with hardly a breath of wind. It was very depressing weather, and even the dogs lay exhausted on the tiled kitchen floor. By tea-time the storm flies were numerous, especially along the hedge bordering the garden. The evening air smelt stale, and when I went out into the garden to pick up the children's toys, the sky was blackening. I had just put the toys in the shed, when the first cloud burst.

The rain was light and fresh to begin with, and danced on the paving stones. From the shed, I could see the children, their noses pressed flat against the window-pane, like buttons. The rain gradually became heavier as the wind increased. Leaves were pulled from the trees and swept round in the air. The light dribble was transformed to lashing streaks of rain which pounded on the ground. Craters in the dry garden soil were filled with water and the grass was hammered flat against the earth. The wind subsided for a second, only to restart twice as powerfully. Trees, laden with tiny ripening apples, had their fruit torn from their branches as the devastating wind and rain shook the countryside. The bombarding apples were soon joined by blinding hailstones, which rebounded as they hit the hard stone.

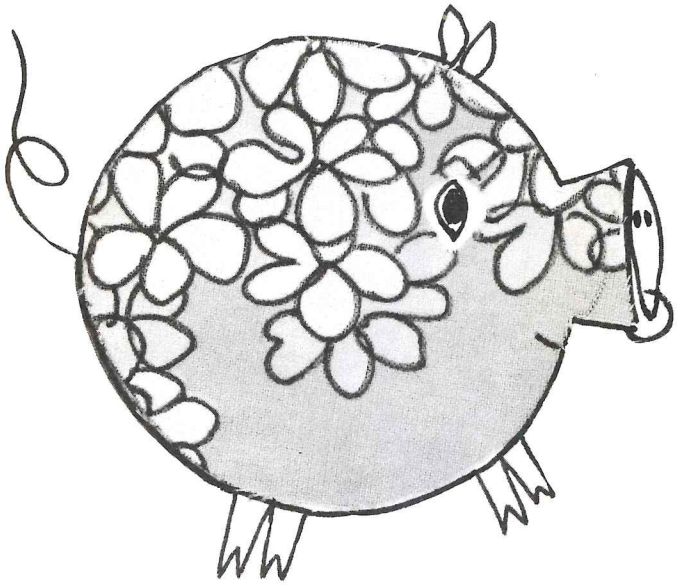
Suddenly, a bright flash streaked across the blackness, and the sky seemed to crack open, like an eggshell. The whole earth shook angrily, as thunder claps followed the lightning. The thunder was emitted from the sky with the force of a highly-explosive shell, shaking the earth. Tiny, fast-flowing rivers channelled their course through furrows of once dry soil, accumulating in a reservoir at one end of the vegetable-patch. The sky rumbled and cracked as hail and rain descended on the parched earth.

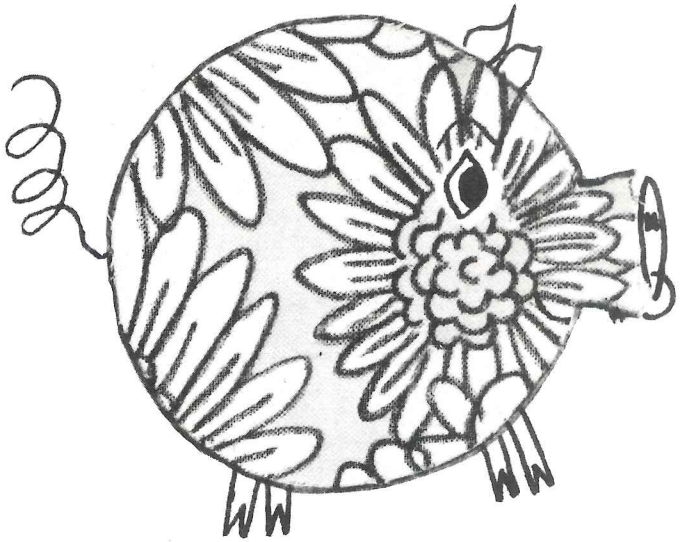
Gradually the wind subsided, and there was only an occasional flash, and rumble of thunder. Puddles stood still, awaiting the sun of the following day to dry them up. The droplets of rain trickled down the window pane, and rested precariously on the wooden struts. The night had set in as I made my way back to the house: this had been the break in the weather we had all been waiting for.

Catherine Strudwick U5.



Roberta Gilson





The sad story of Frederick Smith who loved eating Toffee Apples and came to a sticky end.

One thing Frederick was always willing
To do, was a good turn, just for a shilling.
The deed was meant to be good, of course,
But nearly every time things turned up worse.
He would clean brown shoes and make them black;
When picking plums, he would break his back.
He would water the plants and make them die,
And with his money, what would he buy?
It was always a toffee apple or two;
They were always in stock, and that he knew,
Every time he bought the same,
Until one day, misfortune came.
He bit the apple with all his might,
And found his jaws were stuck too tight.
He couldn't talk and he couldn't eat.
People stared at him in the street.
He looked a right sight, with his apple sticking out,
And everyone laughed when he walked about.
Some say it is true, and some say it's a myth,
But that was the sticky end of Frederick Smith.

Susan Brook U4.



The Sea

The sea forever raging,
Storming on the sand,
Always flowing, never stopping,
Lapping on the land.
Carrying debris from afar,
Bottles carrying notes,
Rainwashed logs, bits of paper,
Anything that floats.
Changing its mood often,
Blue or dirty grey,
Rollers of gigantic height,
Or light, fine, misty spray.
Hiding in its murky depths,
Bigger creatures spy
Smaller ones, defenceless,
Where on the sand they lie.
They pounce, and take their victims,
Stirring the sandy floor,
Eat them, then forget them,
And the sea lies still once more.

Judith Chapman M5

The Trout

Under the gloom of oak,
The rough, knotted arms of oak,
Under thickened water –
In the dark hollow of twisted root and gnarls,
Lies the trout, brown, muddened,
Unseen.
With gleams of a sudden brilliance
And flashes of emerald,
He slip-shudders upstream
With emblazoned back of rainbow light.
Lithe body halts, with sharp jerking,
Line strains and hook drives deep,
Great lustrous tail threshes,
Beating heavy water, and heaves and pounds
A last zenith leap –
Struggle ceases and body abandoned,
Earth ascends and soil clings; yet
Still he writhes with constant rhythm.

Angela Kenney U5.

The way through the wood

When I was very young, I went into a wood.

I suppose it was a wood like any other. All woods, after all, are much the same. I knew that, if I cared to look about me, I would see the majestic pine, or the royal oak, or the noble ash. I had been told about woods. But I saw no cause to verify the information I had been given.

I walked through the wood for many years, following the path that stretched out never-endingly before me. I watched the changing of the seasons, and saw how everything took place precisely as I had been told it did. As time went by I began to ask myself questions. What was this wood I was walking through? My curiosity grew, and I suddenly felt a strange desire to see and examine everything around me. I wanted to gaze at the trees, to comprehend them, to walk on with a picture of them firmly fixed in my mind. But the wood was too dark, and my eyes were too weak. Unwillingly, I continued my journey.

Shortly after this, I came across a man sitting on the path in front of me. He looked up expectantly as I went towards him, and then gazed at the ground again. He looked at me a second time, and seemed suddenly to become afire with enthusiasm. "Educo!" he cried out, jumping up, "Educo! Educam! I will lead you out of the wood! My name is Catudore the Good – follow me! "And he began to run along the path, catching hold of my hand and pulling me along behind him.

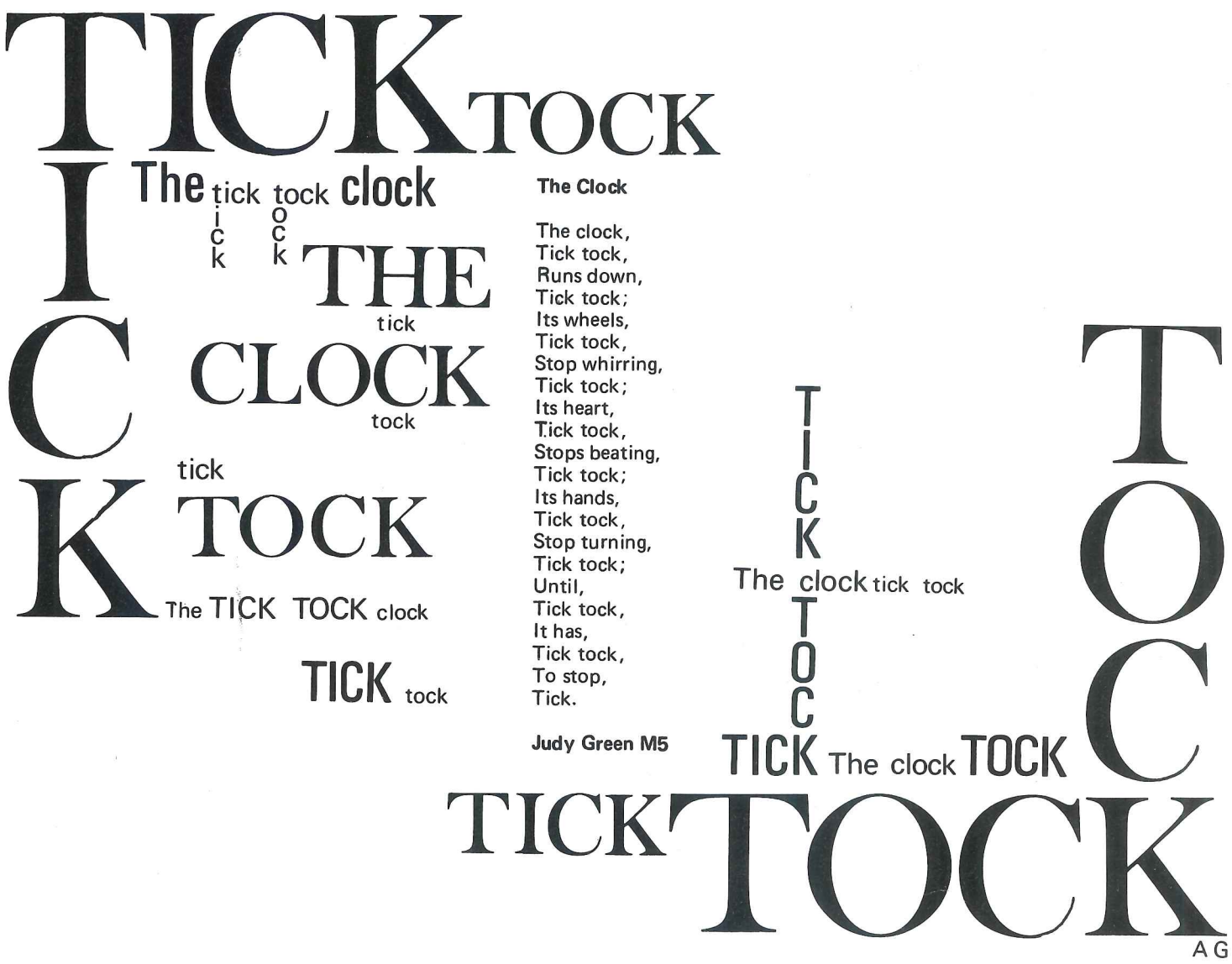
We ran along at great speed for some minutes. All of a sudden there appeared in front of us a tree whose name I did not know, a tree so vast that it blocked up the path entirely. "A Misconception", said Catudore gloomily, "a rooted and immutable Misconception, hindering our progress. Let us find a way around it. "We turned off the path and pushed our way through a jumble of thorny bushes – "Uncoordinated Facts", declared Catudore contemptuously – and soon found ourselves on the other side of the towering Misconception, ready to continue walking into the wood. "Do you see how everything is becoming brighter?" remarked Catudore, and I agreed that the trees seemed to be admitting a little more light. Then – "Look!" he cried gleefully, pointing at a profusion of lush greenery," New Ideas! And there – "he ran over to a climbing plant, whose jewel-like flowers, straying beyond their limits, had spilled over on to the trunks of the nearby trees, "that rarity of rarities – an Unruly Syllabus! Feast your eyes upon it before they prune it down to size again. And here!"he exclaimed, dragging me forward along the path, "Here, at last, is Day, and Light, and Life!" The wood suddenly came to an end. The white light of day exploded in front of my weak eyes, its searing brilliance boring into me like a needle. I ran, ran back into the wood, ran back along the path, never turning my head as Catudore called after me:

"You are not ready! Wait seven years – seven years! Then I will come for you again!"

And I must wait patiently while those seven years draw to a close.

Angelica Goodden U6

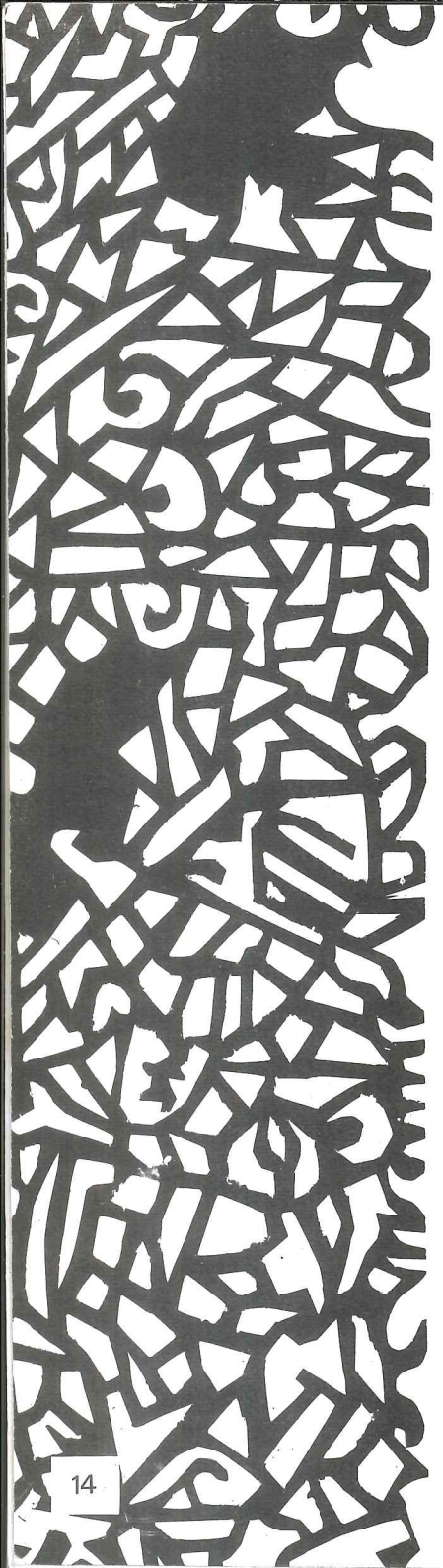
Jane Hume



The Clock

The clock,
Tick tock,
Runs down,
Tick tock;
Its wheels,
Tick tock,
Stop whirring,
Tick tock;
Its heart,
Tick tock,
Stops beating,
Tick tock;
Its hands,
Tick tock,
Stop turning,
Tick tock;
Until,
Tick tock,
It has,
Tick tock,
To stop,
Tick.

Judy Green M5



Parents' Evening

Mum and Dad are out at the County High.
For their first parents' evening-while here sit I,
Alone at home, with a single thought:
What will the teachers have to report?

Will the mistresses rant and rave,
About the way that I behave?
Will they say that I'm precocious,
Or that my work is just atrocious?

What will they tell? I can only guess —
My Maths is shocking, my writing's a mess
In exams, they are sure, I will not pass,
And I'm bound to become the dunce of the class.

My parents are back — what's the verdict to be?
But no, they're all smiles — not a word about me.
"School was never like that when I was a lad,
With such gorgeous young ladies for teachers," says Dad.

Jean May U4.

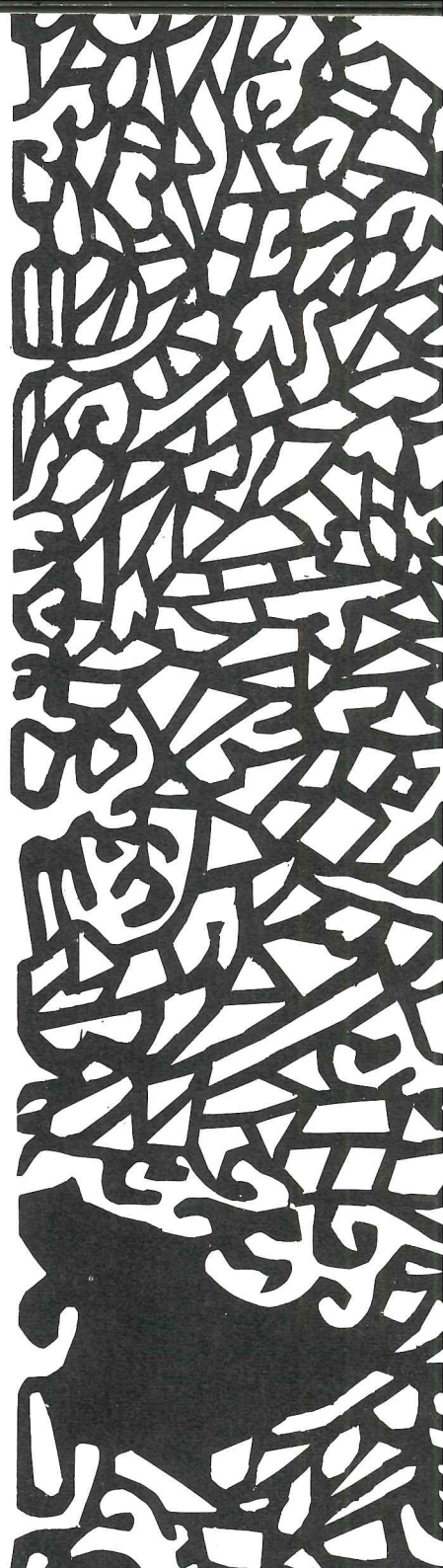
On the Sea

The rush and the thunderous buzz of the multitude
Swarming on the beaches
Packed with the populous
Throngs of colourful,
Mad, gregarious humans.
They all
Came from the sea, they all
Come back every year to the sea:
They will never escape; the call is too strong,
However bizarre the conditions,
Once they are there.
Children build castles,
Cramped between deckchairs,
With trickling rivulets down to the foam,
To the blue and white brine, hazy in Summer,
Cool to the touch, and salt to the tongue,
And cluttered with colourful,
Bright individuals,
Larking and splashing;
Mocking the ocean with hideous
Boats, and balls, and rings,
An atmosphere of humming warmth
Pervading.

The same stretch of oceanic beauty:
Yet beauty increased a thousandfold
In Winter, when then the lurid blue
Is changed to murky grey;
And cold,
Intensely cold,
The frenzied white of waters
Rings across deserted concrete.
The wild elation of the wind
Stinging, wet with salty drops of spray,
Infects my spirit, makes me want to
Cry in harmony with raucous calls of gulls;
Awakes in me a disbelief
That any who could witness this ecstasy of waters
Should choose to share the lifeless heat of summer
With a million others.

Penny Lowery L6

Ruth Summers



GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION, 1969-1970

Advanced Level

A. Arthy	English*, Geography[2], Biology†
M. Bradley	English, Geography, French
W. Brocklebank	History, French, German*†
P. Brown	English, History, French†
F. Claydon	History, Latin, French†
T. Collier	English*, History, Geography†
A. Edwards	English, History, Geography
J. Gooderham	English, History, French†
N. Goodwin-Bailey	English*, Geography, French†
C. Mallinson	English*, French*[2], German*†
C. Midgley	English, French, History
E. Mudd	English, French*[1], German*†
J. Onions	Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Chemistry†
S. Organ	Geography, French, German†
J. Payne	English, Geography, Biology
A. Rains	History, Geography, Art.
B. Ratcliffe	History, Geography[2], Biology
A. Reichert	Latin, French, German†
S. Reynolds	Latin, French, Music†
L. Richardson	History, French, German†
T. Smith	Physics, Chemistry, Biology 2†
P. Thompson	English, History, French†
S. Watson	English, History, Latin†
J. Websdell	English, Latin, French[2]†
L. Coates	Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics U
A. Cross	Chemistry, Biology†
A. Davey	Geography, Needlework.
L. Howells	Geography, Mathematics
J. Law	English, History†
P. Lower	English, French
I. Marshall	Applied Mathematics, Physics†
V. Orriss	French*, German†
C. Osborne	Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics
M. Pankiewicz	English, History
W. Potter	English, French
J. Pudney	Mathematics, Chemistry†
C. Stewart	History, Music
S. Stuart	English, History
S. Teichmann	History, Applied Mathematics†
S. Bailey	Biology
J. Barnett	History
A. Burt	Religious Knowledge
A. Cooke	Geography
B. Culley	Biology
J. Denyer	History
J. Dowle	History
I. Duncan	Art
P. Ford	French

F. Hare	English
C. Hodges	Art
J. Hood	English
L. Kempster	English
I. Kinsey	Applied Mathematics
M. Lloyd	Art
J. Magnus	Needlework
C. Martin	English
J. Miller	German*
J. Payton	English
N. Rendall	Biology†
J. Stevenson	History G
L. Walker	History
D. Wood	Art

* Grade A:† Pass in General Paper and Use of English: U Pass in Use of English; G Pass in General Paper; [1]Distinction in Special paper; [2]Merit in Special Paper.

Economics and Public Affairs

T. Collier, A. Cooke, C. Jones, J. Rogers, J. Whitting.

Human Biology

Y. Burdge, G. Catling, J. French, S. A. Hale, F. Hare, P. Lower, R. Parratt, G. Rodwell, S. Wilden.

Ordinary Level — Upper V.

9 Subjects	J. Bland, R. Bradbury, F. Church, M. Lott, P. Lowery, J. Marriner.
8 Subjects	H. Abbott, S. Ashard, D. Buckingham, A. Castagnoli, A. Davies, S. Dickinson, P. Field, F. Fusi, J. Massey. H. Potts, C. Ross, A. Round, P. Sampson, C. Ward, M. Webb, L. Wright.
7 Subjects	J. Barber, J. Brooks, H. Brown, R. Cole, J. Cooper, J. Garrett, J. Harvey, S. Harwood-Jones, C. Holroyd, C. Jones, S. Lomas, A. Martin, B. Munson, W. Nichols, K. Prentice, J. Richardson, J. Sawyer, K. Thompson, M. Thompson, M. Toon, D. Whitman.
6 Subjects	V. Balls, M. Bridges, J. Buck, C. Burgess, I. Dunt, M. Ellis, J. Emmett, S. Jones, H. Marrow, J. Porazka, S. Rix, J. Robson, J. Rowe, J. Rust, C. Stanford, R. Thompson, S. Tucker, A. Walker, C. Willis.
5 Subjects	S. Broom, E. Bunting, J. Cogger, S. Emms, E. French, C. Gilbert, S. Magee, R. Martin, R. Pearson, F. Pratchett, L. Shelley, L. Shipton, A. Wiseman.
4 Subjects	C. Campbell, E. Lilley, J. Mortlock, E. Paterson, E. Ryan, J. Sparrow, N. van Mesdag, D. Webster.
3 Subjects	A. Denyer, S. Dow, S. J. Eve, C. Goulstone, A. Hodge, A. Jury, J. Lamb, L. Mercer, H. Mewett, V. Robinson.
2 Subjects	C. Browne, D. Drury, H. Kelly, A. Jarczuk.
1 Subject	J. Belsham, J. Longbottom.

LEAVING GIRLS, 1969-70

University

A. Arthy	Belfast – Zoology
F. Claydon	University College London – Ancient History & Archaeology.
L. Coates	Hull – Mathematics
I. Marshall	Aston – Architecture.
J. Miller	St. Andrews – French and German.
E. Mudd	Leeds – French
J. Onions	Hull – Chemistry.
J. Pudney	Chelsea School of Pharmacy, London University.
S. Organ	Loughborough – Language, Politics and Economics.
V. Orris	Bradford – German
A. Reichert	Manchester – German
S. Reynolds	Bristol – Music
L. Richardson	Royal Holloway College, London – History
T. Smith	Manchester – Dentistry.

Degree Courses

J. Gooderham	N. W. Polytechnic, London – English, History, Philosophy.
A. Edwards	Enfield College of Technology – Sociology.
J. Websdell	Kingston College of Technology – Business Studies.

Colleges of Education

S. Bailey
J. Barnett
A. Cooke
B. Culley
I. Duncan
J. Hood
L. Howells
L. Kempster
S. Lee
K. Malcolm
C. Martin
S. Pennick
W. Potter
A. Rains
L. Walker
D. Wood (1971)

Physical Education Colleges

M. Bradley – Dartford
B. Ratcliffe – Dartford
C. Stewart – Bedford

North East Essex Technical College

Post "A" Level Courses

J. Dowle
C. Midgley (1971)

Advanced Level Courses

J. Law
N. Rendall
J. Rowe
J. Sawyer
S. Stuart
D. Whitman

Secretarial

S. Ashard
H. Bridges
S. Jones
S. Lomas
M. Parker

Pre-Diploma Art Course

J. Magnus

Home Economics/Catering

G. Whetnall

Radiography

K. Williams.

Speech Therapy

J. Payne

Occupational Therapy

S. Williams

Nursing

C. Brady
J. Brooks (Nursery)
Y. Burdge
A. Burt
S-A. Hale (1971)
C. Hodges.

H.M. Services

M. Davidson
S. Wilden (Q.A.R.A.N.C.)

Journalism

M. Pankiewicz

Library

A. Ablewhite
P. Thompson

Secretarial College

F. Hare

Ballet School

L. Shipton

Trainee Dresser

C. Jones (Covent Garden Wardrobe Department)

Computer Trainee

C. Osborne (Shell International)





Games Section

Netball 1969-70 Captain **Maryta Pankiewicz** Vice-Captain **Catherine Stewart**

	1st VII	2nd VII	U-15 VII	U-15 B VII	U-14 VII	U-14 B VII	U-13 VII	U-13 B VII	U-12 VII	U-12 B VII
G.S.	L. Howells	C. Browne	K. Humm	J. King	J. Bolam	R. Mabbitt	L. Simons	D. Bradshaw	J. Dinnes	P. Light
G.A.	C. Stewart	J. Grimsey	F. Collins	R. Bareham	C. Eagle	J. King	M. Watson	A. Harris	L. Moodie	S. Brook
W.A.	N. Rendall	D. Buckingham	J. Bailey	C. Golding	J. Williams	C. Cunningham	D. Turnbull	K. Ellis	S. Short*	F. Taylor
C.	M. Pankiewicz*	G. Whetnall	J. Harding	J. Dyer	S. Hunt	P. Lane	F. Wiseman	P. Wall	M. Moon	S. Wright
W.D.	K. Thompson	A. Davey*	A. Marrow*	S. Reynolds	J. Anderson*	C. Gilmour	S. Massink	D. Scott	J. Eary	C. Taylor
G.D.	M. Bradley	F. Church	L. Snapes	G. Bicknell	J. Nelson	C. Norman	A. Dow	C. Andrews	N. Holmes	D. Neil
G.K.	M. Davidson	P. Folley	J. Burchert	J. Miller	Y. Street	A. Pitt.	J. Redding*	J. Round	L. Slater.	L. Cudmore.

L. Shipton, A. Martin, J. Chapman and K. Blackwell also played. * Captains.

Match Results

Autumn Term

13th Sept.	Ipswich High School	Home	1st VII	Won	31-12
			2nd VII	Won	20-9
			U-15 VII	Won	31-11
20th Sept.	Felixstowe High School	Home	2nd VII	Won	32-12
27th Sept.	Ipswich Convent School	Home	2nd VII	Won	24-4
			U-15 VII	Won	44-2
			U-14 VII	Won	14-10
			U-13 VII	Won	22-4
4th Oct.	North East Essex Rally	Away	1st VII	Won Rally	
			U-15 VII	Won Rally	
			U-14 VII	Won Rally	
18th Oct.	Northgate Grammar School	Away	1st VII	Won	20-19
			2nd VII	Won	20-12
			U-15 VII	Won	37-12
			U-14 VII	Lost	14-15
			U-13 VII	Won	12-10
22nd Oct.	St. Benedict's School	Away	U-15 VII	Won	32-6
			U-14 VII	Won	22-10
			U-13B VII	Lost	10-14
12th Nov.	St. Helena School	Home	U-14 VII	Won	19-5
			U-13 VII	Won	10-4
15th Nov.	St. Monica's School	Home	U-13 VII	Cancelled	
	Essex County Rally	Away	1st VII	Won Rally	
			U-15 VII	Runners Up	
			U-14 VII	2nd in Section	
20th Nov.	Gilberd School	Home	1st VII	Won	33-3
			U-15 VII	Won	19-5
			U-14 VII	Drew	12-12
22nd Nov.	Ipswich High School	Away	2nd VII	Lost	14-17
			U-15 VII	Won	25-15
			U-14 VII	Won	8-6
			U-13 VII	Won	20-3
26th Nov.	Essex Schools (Exhibition)	Away	1st VII	Lost	13-16

Spring Term

10th Jan.	Northgate Grammar School	Home	1st VII	Won	14-4
			2nd VII	Won	9-6
			U-15 VII	Won	16-7
			U-14 VII	Won	10-1
			U-13 VII	Won	17-6
17th Jan.	Ipswich Convent School	Home	1st VII	Won	17-6
			2nd VII	Won	31-5
			U-15 VII	Won	23-7
			U-14 VII	Lost	9-10
			U-13 VII	Won	10-2
21st Jan	Alderman Blaxill School	Home	U-15 B VII	Won	18-10
			U-14 B VII	Lost	2-4
			U-13 B VII	Drew	10-10
			U-12 B VII	Lost	0-9
24th Jan	St. Monica's School	Away	U-14 VII	Won	25-3
31st Jan	Clacton Secondary School	Home	U-15 VII	Won	46-4
			U-14 VII	Won	17-2
			U-13 VII	Won	14-5
			U-12 VII	Won	11-1
4th Feb.	Ipswich High School	Away	1st VII	Lost	11-14
7th Feb.	National Schools' Tournament	Away	1st VII	Won Rally	
			U-15 VII	Won Rally	
11th Feb.	Alderman Blaxill School	Away	U-15 VII	Won	47-2
			U-14 VII	Lost	10-17
			U-12 VII	Lost	3-8

The 1st VII and the Under-15 VII attended the Final of the National Schools Netball Tournament held in Bristol on March 14th, 1970. The 1st team won their morning section and, after the afternoon play, tied fifth overall. The Under-15 team came third in their morning section and tied ninth overall.

Linda Howells, Catherine Stewart, Nicola Rendall, and Margaret Bradley were awarded colours at the end of the Autumn Term. Margaret Davidson and Kathryn Thompson were highly commended at the end of the Autumn Term, and were awarded colours at the close of the season.

The teams have obviously had an exceptionally successful season. This success is due to the tremendous amount of hard work done by Mrs. Nagle, and we would like to thank her very sincerely for her valuable help and encouragement.

Hockey 1969-70

Captain: **Sally-Ann Hale** Vice-Captain: **Sonia Creasey**

	1st XI	2nd XI	U-15XI	U-14 XI
G.K.	S. Emms	S. Magee	J. Holland/J. Harrison	S. Roberts
R.B.	C. Willis/S. Creasey	P. Rawlinson	M. Sawdon	P. Lane
L.B.	J. French	E. Lilley	U. Whitting	L. Rudd
R.H.	T. Smith	J. Massey	S. King	S. Brown
C.H.	S. Rix	P. Nuttall	F. Melrose	J. Archibald
L.H.	B. Ratcliffe	H. Francis	B. Brewer	C. Gilmore
R.W.	Y. Burdge	H. Bridges	S. Jones/N. Borges	S. Gregson
R.I.	S. Hale*	J. Lamb	H. Bradbeer	J. Williams
C.F.	K. Carroll	J. Sparrow	A. Kenney*	J. Bolam
L.I.	M. Salmon	S. Teichmann	V. Beardwell	L. Warren
L.W.	C. Holroyd	A. Rains*	F. Toplis	R. Davies.

The following girls also played: C. Strudwick, C. Bunting, M. Webb, J. Miller, D. Burt.

* Captains.

Match Results

Autumn Term

20th Sept.	Felixstowe High School	Home	1st XI	Lost	7-0
			U-15 XI	Won	1-0
27th Sept.	Harwich High School	Away	1st XI	Lost	2-0
			U-15 XI	Lost	4-1
4th Oct.	Halstead Grammar School	Home	1st XI	Won	3-0
			U-15 XI	Lost	2-0
8th Oct.	Gilberd School	Away	1st XI	Lost	2-0
11th Oct.	Maldon Grammar School	Home	1st XI	Won	3-2
			U-15 XI	Lost	1-0
22nd Oct.	Gilberd School	Away	U-15 XI	Drew	1-1
12th Nov.	Alderman Blaxill School	Away	1st XI	Won	6-0
			U-15 XI	Won	6-0

Spring Term

15th Jan.	Sir Charles Lucas School	Home	2nd XI	Won	2-1
			U-15 XI	Lost	2-0
17th Jan	Maldon Grammar School	Away	1st XI	Lost	6-1
			U-15 XI	Drew	1-1
24th Jan.	St. Monica's School	Away	2nd XI	Won	6-0
31st Jan	Harwich High School	Home	1st XI	Lost	1-0
			U-15 XI	Drew	1-1
4th Feb.	Sir Charles Lucas School	Away	2nd XI	Lost	1-0
			U-15 XI	Lost	1-0
11th Feb.	St. Helena School	Home	2nd XI	Drew	2-2
			U-15 XI	Won	2-1
14th Feb.	St. Osyth's Training College	Home	1st XI	Cancelled	
	Shrub End Tournament	Away	U-16 XI	Cancelled	
28th Feb.	Junior Schools' Tournament	Home	U-15 XI	Drew	3
				Won	1

Owing to bad weather at the end of the Autumn and Spring Terms many matches were cancelled. The 1st XI played eight matches, won three and lost five. Barbara Ratcliffe was selected to play as Left-Half for the Essex Junior 1st XI and was a reserve for the East Junior Team. Christine Holroyd was commended at the end of the Spring Term.

The 2nd XI had very few fixtures and because of cancellations only played four matches. The U-16 School's Tournament was played in June and our U-16 XI were runners-up to the Gilberd School. The U-15 XI played well in the Schools Tournament coming second in their section to Passmores.

We should like to thank Miss Smith for her help and encouragement throughout the season.

Tennis

Captain: **Mary Salmon** Vice-Captain: **Anne Barringer**

	1st VI	2nd VI	U-15 VI	U-14 VI
1st Couple	C. Stewart	S. Hale	V. Hattersley	K. Thompson
	C. Holroyd	S. Creasey	D. Burt	S. Gregson
2nd Couple	M. Salmon	J. Grimsey	J. King	M. Leiper
	S. Wilden	J. French	J. Harding	J. Bolam
3rd Couple	B. Ratcliffe	A. Barringer	N. Borges	R. Matthews
	S. Rix	K. Carroll	H. Bradbeer	I. Bugiel.

Also played: A. Burt, S. Teichmann, M. Pankiewicz, P. Folley, A. Parvin, A. Parish, A. Kenney, L. Snapes, L. Rimington, J. Miller, R. Bellag, K. Gilmour, J. Anderson, J. Nelson, S. Davies, A. Bunting, K. Taylor.

Match Results.

Senior Singles Tournament : 1st **M. Salmon**
Senior Doubles Tournament : 1st **S. Wilden, V. Jennings**
Junior Singles Tournament : 1st **R. Bellag.**

18th April	Maldon Grammar School	Home	1st	Won	61-20
			U-15	Won	45-36
27th April	Braintree High School	Home	1st	Won	67-14
			U-15	Lost	41-40
2nd May	St. Osyth's College	Home	1st	Won	61-20
6th May	Gilberd School	Home	1st	Won	52-29
			U-15	Won	45-36
9th May	Chelmsford High School	Away	1st	Won	5 matches - 4
			U-15	Lost	5 matches - 4
13th May	Gilberd School	Away	1st	Won	47-34
			U-15	Won	46-35
16th May	New Hall School	Away	1st	Lost	42-39
			2nd	Lost	48-33
20th May	St. Helena School	Home	U-15	Won	61-20
13th June	Ipswich High School	Home	'A'	Won	60-21
			U-15	Lost	41-40
20th June	Sudbury High School	Home	U-15	Won	49-32
			U-14	Won	44-37
27th June	Halstead School	Home	2nd	Lost	56-25
			U-15	Won	46-35
8th July	Gilberd School	Home	U-14	Won	46-35

Swimming Report Captain: **Penny Rawlinson** Vice-Captain: **Hilary Francis**

U-18 Team	U-15 Team	U-13 Team	
H. Francis	V. Blackwell	L. Barton	M. Moon
L. Mercer	J. Francis	N. Bowden	P. Nield
P. Thompson	J. Langham	J. Clary	C. Nimmo
R. Thompson	A. Pitt	B. Conway	C. Steeds
	J. Rudd	C. Gallacher	G. Trollope
	L. Snapes	D. Howick	S. Weedon
	C. Warren	P. Light	D. Weiss
	J. Williams.	L. Millman	B. Wheeler

Match Results

9th May	Chelmsford County High School	U-18, U-15, U-13	Lost	95-49
20th May	St. Mary's School	U-13, U-12	Won	53-25
3rd June	Wilson Marriage School	U-14, U-13	Won	44-34
10th June	Sir Charles Lucas School	U-15, U-14, U-13	Won	71-43
24th June	St. Mary's School	U-13,U-12	Won	62-35
30th June	Gilberd School	U-15, U-13, U-12	Won	71-42
1st July	Wilson Marriage School	U-16, U-13	Won	40-38
4th July	Northgate School	U-15, U-14, U-13 U-12.	Lost	112-80
8th July	St. Helena School	U-16, U-13.	Won	49-24
9th July	Gilberd School	U-15, U-13, U-12	Won	64-49
15th July	Sir Charles Lucas School	U-14, U-13, U-12	Won	74-37
23rd July	Swimming Gala		2nd	36 points

Once again the team has had a successful season, with an increasing number of matches, of which only two were lost. We would like to thank Mrs. Nagle for all her help and encouragement throughout the season, as well as the many who officiated at matches and especially L4E.

Rounders

	U-15 IX	U-14 IX	U-13 IX	U-12 IX
Bowler	F. Toplis	C. Norman	F. Wiseman	N. Rees
Backstop	F. Collins	C. Eagle	A. Dow*	M. Moon*
1st Base	J. Bailey*	J. King	C. Nimmo	N. Holmes
2nd Base	J. Willingham	J. Williams	J. Sexton	S. Brook
3rd Base	A. Shepherd	P. Lane	J. Round	J. Eary
4th Base	S. Reynolds	J. Nelson*	L. Simons	J. May
1st Deep	V. Beardwell	J. Anderson	P. Wall	L. Moodie
2nd Deep	C. Golding	S. Hunt	D. Turnbull	C. Salberg
3rd Deep	F. Melrose	C. Gilmour	S. Weedon	S. Short
Reserves.	J. Kimber	R. Mabbitt	D. Scott	S. Page
		Y. Street	J. Redding.	N. Bowden

* Captains.

Match Results

18th April	Maldon Grammar School	Home	U-14	Won	9-5
			U-13	Lost	4½-9
6th May	Sir Charles Lucas School	Away	U-15	Lost	6-8
			U-14	Won	14½-1
			U-13	Won	2½-1
9th May	Chelmsford High School	Away	U-14	Won	9-3
			U-13	Lost	3-5
16th May	New Hall School	Away	U-14	Won	8-5
			U-13	Lost	3-4
20th May	St. Helena School				
		Home	U-14	Won	9-7
			U-13	Won	10½-8½
			U-12	Won	5-3
3rd June	Sir Charles Lucas School	Home	U-15	Won	11-5½
			U-14	Lost	4-5
			U-13	Won	6½-3½
13th June	Ipswich High School	Home	U-14	Won	13½-1
			U-13	Won	6½-2
17th June	St. Benedict's School	Home	U-14	Won	6½-4½
			U-13	Won	6-3
			U-12	Won	6-1
20th June	Sudbury High School	Home	U-13	Won	11½-2
			U-12	Won	18-2½
27th June	Halstead High School	Home		Cancelled	
1st July	Alderman Blaxill School	Away	U-15	Won	12-2½
			U-14	Lost	11-15½
11th July	Harwich High School	Home		Cancelled	
15th July	Alderman Blaxill School	Home	U-15	Won	7½-4
			U-14	Won	6-3
			U-13	Won	7½-1
			U-12	Lost	3½-11

By winning the Area Rally held at St. Benedict's School on June 24th, the U-15 team qualified for the County Rounders Rally at Brentwood on July 11th.

They finished in fifth position, Brentwood being the county champions in that section. We would all like to thank Miss Smith for her help and encouragement throughout the season and also Mrs. Nagle and Mrs. Pipe for their support and help at the Area Rally.

Old Girls Association Section

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School Leaving Award Secretary: **Miss Marjorie Forsdike,** 87 Shrub End Road, Colchester.
Magazine Representative: **Miss M. E. Phillips,** 125 Maldon Road, Colchester.
Leaving Girls' Representative: **S. Creasey**
School Representative: **Valerie Garwood**
Committee: **Mrs. Berry, Mrs. Brunt, Mrs. R. Mabbitt, Mrs. R. Oliver, Mrs. Pearson.**

Business Report 1969-1970

The Winter meeting was held at school at the end of January this year, and the later date seemed quite popular, although a number of students had returned to College.

We were pleased to have Miss Vashon Baker with us once again, and we were entertained by her account of her visit to South Africa. Her talk was illustrated by colour slides of the country-side, and many beautiful close-ups of the birds and animals which she had taken with her new camera.

The Annual General Meeting was held on Friday 17th 1970. The school was open to parents and friends that evening, and we all enjoyed the opportunity to look around and see the work of the present school.

Mrs. Berry has resigned as secretary, a job she has undertaken for the past thirteen years, having been on the Committee for a total of twenty years. Mrs. R. Mabbitt thanked her for all her hard work on our behalf, and presented her with a bouquet as a token of our appreciation. Mrs. Berry's last report as Secretary was interesting and different, as it included many items from the last twenty years. Mrs. Motson was then elected Secretary, with Mrs. Goodsell continuing as Assistant Secretary. Mrs. Berry and Mrs. R. Oliver were elected to join the present members of the Committee.

Miss Hasler spoke of Mrs. Learmont's retirement after being on the staff for the past ten years, and for a short period prior to this. Mrs. Brunt, on behalf of the Old Girls, thanked her for her interest, and said how much we appreciated her attendance at our meetings. Mrs. Learmont was then presented with a pewter coffee pot and sugar bowl and a bouquet.

Finally I would like to thank all the members of the Committee for the help and support they are giving me as a new, and rather "green" secretary

Hilary Motson (Dowrick)
Honorary Secretary.

News of Old Girls

Norma Appleby (left 1965) L.G.S.M., A.R.C.M., North East Essex Technical College and St. Mark's and St. John's Training College, Chelsea. She is now teaching Music at Stanway Secondary Modern School and at Harwich County High School.
Charlotte Atkins has now gone to London School of Economics to read for a degree.
Marion Bush who has been working since 1968 as a trainee social worker for the Buckinghamshire County Council, has just begun a two year training course in Social work at Portsmouth Polytechnic, leading to the Certificate in Social Work.
Deirdre Fordham is now an Assistant Principal in the Administrative Class of the Home Civil Service.
Christine Grant (Tweed 1937-43) is living in Cape Town with her husband, son, and three daughters.
Hazel Jones is in her 2nd year at Thurrock Technical College training to be a Child Care Officer.
Mary Jones (Tweed 1931-38) has been teaching Mathematics part time at Colchester Royal Grammar School.
Mary Lister is working for British Railways, Derby, on a project to build up computer programmes to simulate the running of given trains over given routes.
Wendy Groves (Suter) is living in Portland, and has a son Stephen born on July 10th, 1969, and a daughter Bridget born on July 10th, 1970.
Anne O'Connor (Garrard 1962) is teaching at a junior school in Coalville, Leicestershire, and her husband is taking an honours degree course in horticulture at Nottingham University.
Faith Powick (Roberts) lives at Hednesford, Staffordshire, and has two daughters, Laura born on January 13th, 1969 and Maxine born on December 19th, 1969.
Jennifer Rodd (Garrard 1963) is teaching a reception class and lives at Burgess Hill, Sussex.
Mary Wilcox (Garrard) lives in Surbiton and has two sons, Andrew and David.
Josephine Spong (Leatherby) returned to New Zealand on November 1st, 1970.

Staff News

Mrs.Goodwin-Bailey married **Mr. Ridgway-Crawshaw** on March 21st, 1970.
Miss Forgan is teaching at Fiurasaiye Girls Grammar School, Akure, Nigeria.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Autumn Term 1969

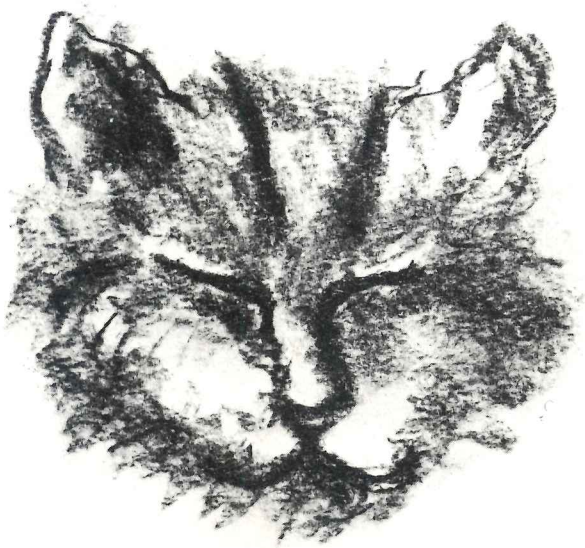
September
9 Term began.
24 Harvest Festival.
26 Dedication Service at St. Peter's Church.
October
2 P.T.A. Annual General Meeting.
15-22 Upper VI Geographical Field Course at Juniper Hall.
29 Upper V Careers Talk: Miss Chrystal.
31 Half Term
November
3-4 Half Term
5 Talk by Mr. Homan on India Boys' Towns to forms Middle V to Lower IV.
7 Talk by Mr. Humphrey Berkeley, U.N.A. – Trends in Southern Africa to VIth form.
December
9-10 Performances of "Twelfth Night".
16-17 Christmas Anthology.
18 Certificate giving.
19 Term ended.

Spring Term 1970

January
7 Term began.
23 Performance by Miss J. Wiltshire of Celtic Folk Songs to Junior School.
30 O.G.A. Winter Meeting.
February
10 Talk by Dr. Russell Barton to Lower VI and Upper V.
11 Talk by Peter Williams, Oxfam, to Upper and Lower VI.
20-24 Half Term.
26 Visit by Upper V and some VIth formers to the film "October Revolution".
P.T.A. talks "More Unusual Careers for Girls."
26-27 Some VIth formers attended Conference: "Careers in Industry" at the Gilberd School.
March
2 Careers Talk to Middle V.
10-11 School Concert.
17 VIth Form party to Moliere's "Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme '.
20 VIth Form Ski Holiday began, and Paris Easter School.
25 Term ended.

Summer Term 1970

April
14 Term began
22 Party of Upper Vths to "A Midsummer Night's Dream" at the Repertory Theatre.
May
5 P.T.A. Talk by an officer from the Drugs Branch.
6 VIth form representatives attended Education Act Centenary Service at Chelmsford Cathedral.
Lower V Classical Studies Group went to the British Museum.
8 Orchestra and Music students went to concert at the Odeon given by the Birmingham Symphony Orchestra.
18 Colchester Repertory Group's performance to Upper IVths.
25-29 Half term.
June
4 G.C.E. Advanced and Ordinary Level examinations began.
26 G.C.E. examinations ended.
Holiday.
29 VIth formers attended Further Education Conference at the Gilberd School.
30 Upper Vths began three weeks of Community Service.
July
6 Some Lower VIths began two weeks' Teaching Practice.
13 Middle V exhibits at British Association School Science Fair.
17 Open Day.
O.G.A. Meeting.
20 Concerts given by Essex County 2nd Orchestra and Choir.
21 Lecture to Upper Vths and Middle Vths: Good Grooming.
24 Term ended.



SCHOOL LEAVING AWARD FUND

September 1969-July 1970

Receipts

	£	s	d
Balance in Bank	127	13	1
School Charities	10	0	0
Collections	11	0	0
Award Returned	15	0	0
Interest on Consols	38	13	0
Interest on War Stock	31	4	8
Bank interest	5	14	7
	239	5	4

Awards

	£	s	d
Deirdre Fordham (one year course in education — Cambridge)	15	0	0
Diana Hall — 3rd year Westfield	10	0	0
Sheila Street — Oxford	20	0	0
Vivien Smith — Guildhall	10	0	0
Lorna Bootman — Canterbury College of Education	10	0	0
Balance in Bank	174	5	4
	239	5	4

Awards 1970-71

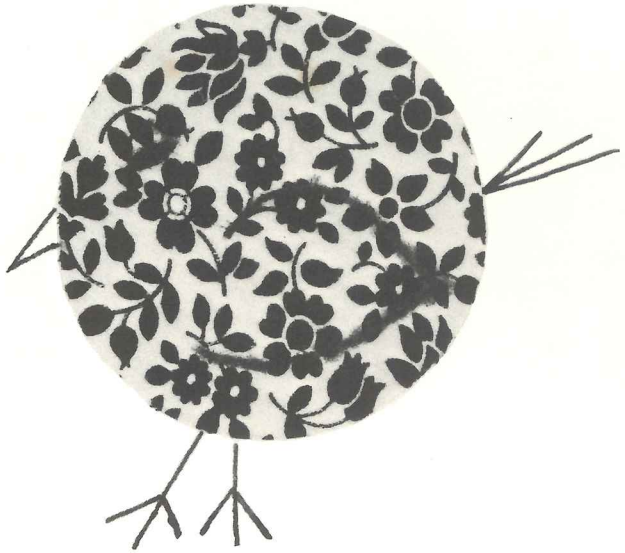
* Caroline Abbott — Guildhall School of Music and Drama	£25
Linda Richardson — Royal Holloway College, London	£20
Elizabeth Mudd — Leeds University	£20
Ann Reichert — Manchester University	£20
Vivien Orriss — Bradford University	£20
Lesley Kempster — Newland Park College of Education	£15
Alison Ablewhite — Librarian Training	£10
Claudia Midgley — Secretarial Course	£10

* Ruth King Burser

CHARITY ACCOUNT

1969-70

	£	s	d
Balance Bt. Fwd.	41	5	5
Income			
Dedication Service collection	32	0	11
Donation — Newson	7	13	5
Donation	1	9	1
Christmas Anthology collection	26	15	9
Christian Aid collection		10	0
Form Charity	247	17	2
Barnardo's Boxes	77	2	1
L4.G Special R.S.P.C.A. appeal	10	3	8
L4.D Open Day Sale	4	0	0
	448	17	6



	£	s	d
Expenditure			
International Boys' Town Trust	26	15	9
Christian Aid		10	0
Barnardo Homes	100	0	0
C.C.H.S. Old Girls' Leaving Award Fund	10	0	0
British Council for Aid to Refugees	25	0	0
National Heart Hospital	5	0	0
Brambell House	10	0	0
G.A.D.R.A.	10	0	0
N.S.P.C.C.	20	0	0
R.S.P.C.A.	10	0	0
Cancer Research Campaign	10	0	0
Marie Curie Foundation (Cancer Relief)	5	0	0
Muscular Dystrophy Group	5	0	0
Guide Dogs for the Blind	5	0	0
Shelter	20	0	0
N.C.U.M.C.	5	0	0
Pestalozzi's Children's Village Trust	5	0	0
Spastics Society	10	0	0
St. Leonard's Hospital	5	0	0
National Society for Mentally Handicapped Children	10	0	0
Multiple Sclerosis Society	10	0	0
Oxfam	15	0	0
Hamilton Lodge School for Deaf Children	5	0	0
Star and Garter Homes	5	0	0
Help the Aged	5	0	0
Release	5	0	0
R.S.P.C.A. (L4.G)	10	3	8
People's Dispensary for Sick Animals	1	12	6
Home of Rest for Horses	1	12	6
Carried Forward	93	3	1
	448	16	6

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