

# Manor Park Grammar School- Nuneaton

## The Class of '55

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Form 2a



Form 2B



Form 2C



Form 2D



Teachers

Photos from Year 2 – 1956-57

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# Manor Park Grammar School, Nuneaton – **Our Year** - The Class of '55

## 1 Foreword

In collecting information for his book “A Short History - Manor Park Grammar School Nuneaton 1950-1977” Alan Merry has gathered together a wealth of details on the school and has been successful in converting this into a readable and entertaining book covering the full period of the school’s existence.

As a follow-up to his book he has now assembled the bulk of his background material on the DVD “Manor Park Grammar School Nuneaton 1950-1977 –digital archive.”

The archive includes the following sections:

1. Photographs (Over 200 images – form photos, school trips, sports days school teams etc.)
2. Photo archive (An index of all photos, listing where available the names of featured individuals)
3. The Wheel (Scanned images of pages of the school magazine, including nos 3 and 8-29. If you have a missing number, Alan would be pleased to hear from you.)
4. Speech Days (The complete set of scanned images of all programmes from 1954 to 1973)
5. Productions (Material from stage productions over the years)
6. Manna (A 21 page collection of poems essays and articles produced by the English Department in conjunction with the Manor Park Open Day on 4 July 1974)

Alan has covered the complete history in his book and has had to make some hard choices on what to include and what leave out, succeeding in avoiding the trap of simply producing a collection of statistics. Now, armed with the book and the DVD it is possible for anyone to dig deeper in the material, extract images of old school friends and teachers, cringe at something you have written in The Wheel 50 odd years ago, and perhaps re-live school experiences which have effectively drifted beyond memory.

The set of photographs, of which by necessity Alan had only been able to include a small proportion in his book, have been provided from sixteen different sources and are supported with varying levels of background details. I recognized many of my classmates but was ashamed to say that often their names escaped me.

Alan had asked me to try out the DVD before release – and in becoming a “Beta-tester” I had early access to the material. When he suddenly announced that he was off for two weeks to Champasak (look it up) I thought that I might use this period to compile a collection of school photographs relating to my particular year – the group entering Manor Park in September 1955 and try and plot our progress as we collectively moved from the first to the sixth form, where possible providing links to pages in Alan’s book and to the other sources such as The Wheel and Speech Day programmes. This document - benefitting especially from help by Bev Moore, Marion Evans, Pauline Sanders and their networks - is the result.

Stuart Hodgson,  
March 2017

## 2 Summary information

### 2.1 Form numbering

The intake at Manor Park in September 1955 consisted of around 120 successful 11-plusers, with the size increasing to 132 (80 boys and 52 girls) (see section 2.10) as 13+ entrants joined and pupils transferred from other local educational authorities.

The initial intake was split into four forms – two taking French as a foreign language and two taking German. The option of a second foreign language would come in year three when pupils focused their studies in preparation for GCE O-levels at the end of year 5.

Initially the forms were numbered after the form teacher. Mr Craddy's first year class was therefore 1C, but this system was dropped in 1957 in favour of a standard A,B,C,D for each year. The system then changed again in 1959 with form numbers related to the foreign language studied – or perhaps (if 5NF stands for 5 Not-French or maybe No-Foreign) not studied.

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### 2.2 Progress through the years

#### 2.2.1 Forms and teachers

The table below gives an overview of our progress through the school. For each form we have (where available) the following information:

- Line 1 - Form number
- Line 2 - Form teacher
- Line 3 - Name of the winner of the form prize

References are also given to the related issues of The Wheel and speech day programmes (items 3 and 4 in section 1) and year page numbers in “A Short History” (A.S.H.) for background information.

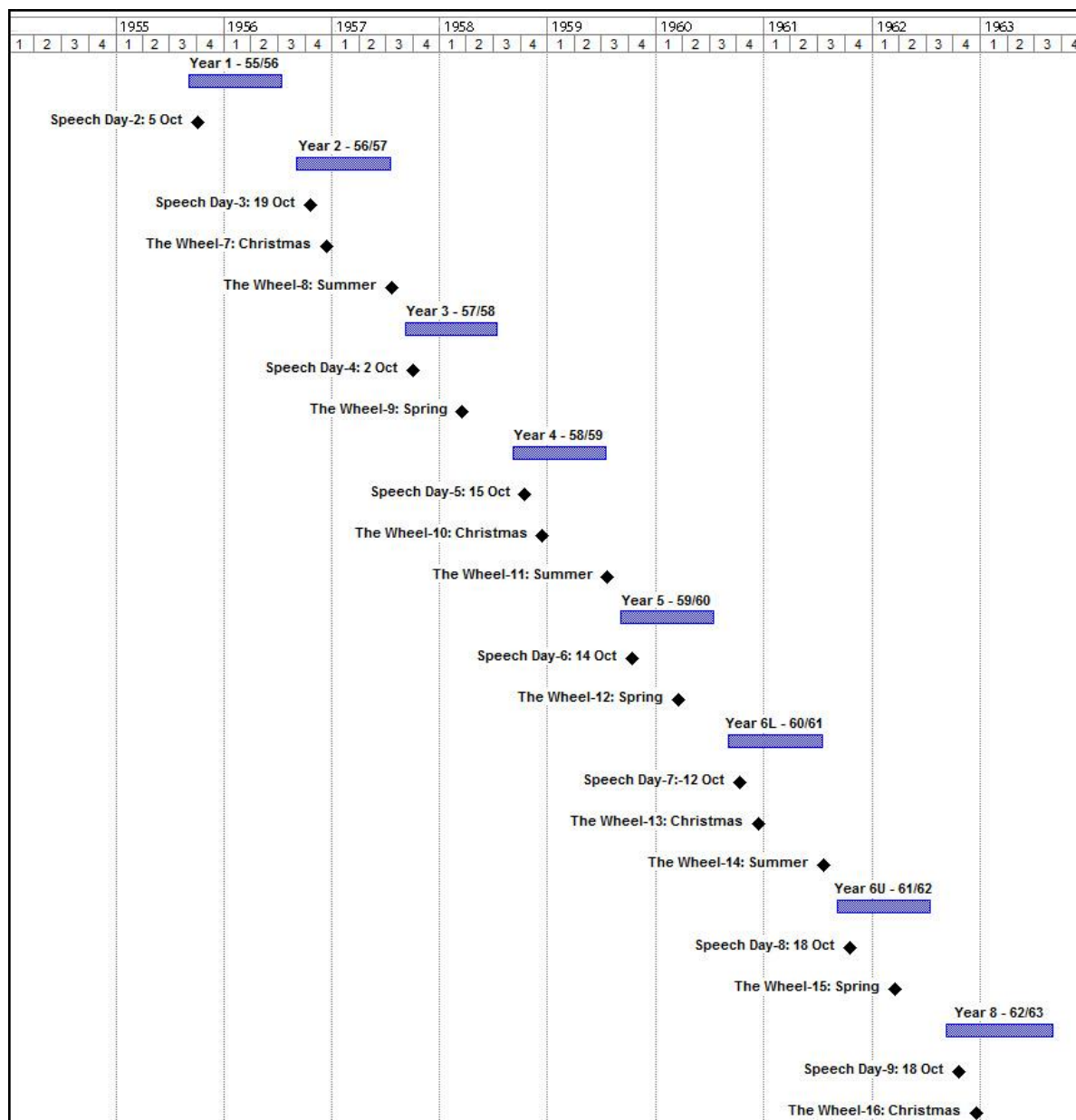
As can be seen – there are many gaps, but hopefully some, for instance form teachers’ names might still be able to be entered.

| Class Year | School Year | Speech | Day       | The Wheel | A.S.H.  |                                            | Form                                           | Details                                         |                                             |
|------------|-------------|--------|-----------|-----------|---------|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
|            |             | No     | Date      | Issue     | pages   |                                            |                                                |                                                 |                                             |
| 1          | 1955/56     | 2      | 5 Oct 55  |           | 53-56   | <b>1C</b><br><b>Mr Craddy</b><br>J. White  | <b>1F</b><br><b>Mrs Fifield</b><br>C. Meacham  | <b>1H</b><br><b>Mr Hambleton</b><br>C. Payne    | <b>1A</b><br><b>Mr Armitt</b><br>R Warner   |
| 2          | 1956/57     | 3      | 19 Oct 56 | 8         | 56-67   | <b>2A</b><br><b>Mr Mason</b><br>J. Giles   | <b>2B</b><br><b>Mrs Rochford</b><br>C. Meacham | <b>2C</b><br><b>Mr Hambleton</b><br>M. Stringer | <b>2D</b><br><b>Miss Enos</b><br>D. Looms   |
| 3          | 1957/58     | 4      | 2 Oct 57  | 9, 10     | 68-77   | <b>3A</b><br><b>Mr Hale</b><br>J. White    | <b>3B</b><br><b>Miss Ellis</b><br>C. Meacham   | <b>3C</b><br><b>Mr Craddy</b><br>J. Gunn        | <b>3D</b><br><b>Mr Linehan</b><br>E. Palmer |
| 4          | 1958/59     | 5      | 15 Oct 58 | 11        | 77-86   | <b>4A</b><br><b>Mr Siddall</b><br>J. White | <b>4B</b><br><b>Mr Hambleton</b><br>C. Meacham | <b>4C</b><br><br>D. Forster                     | <b>4D</b><br><br>R. Woolaston               |
| 5          | 1959/60     | 6      | 14 Oct 59 | 12        | 86-95   | <b>5F</b><br><b>Mr Edwards</b><br>J. White | <b>5G1</b><br><b>Mr Bacon</b><br>C. Meacham    | <b>5G2</b><br><br>D. Forster                    | <b>5NF</b><br><br>M. Barratt                |
| 6L         | 1960/61     | 7      | 12 Oct 60 | 13, 14    | 96-106  | <b>6L</b><br><b>Mr Hale</b>                |                                                |                                                 |                                             |
| 6U         | 1961/62     | 8      | 18 Oct 61 | 15        | 107-119 | <b>6U</b><br><b>Mr Walker</b>              |                                                |                                                 |                                             |
| 8          | 1962/63     |        |           |           | 120-127 |                                            |                                                |                                                 |                                             |

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### 2.2.2 A graphical view as we progress through the years

| Our Year                | 1     | 2     | 3     | 4      | 5     | 6L     | 6U      | 8       |
|-------------------------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|--------|---------|---------|
| School Year             | 55/56 | 56/57 | 57/58 | 58/59  | 59/60 | 60/61  | 61/62   | 62/63   |
| Speech day no.          | 2     | 3     | 4     | 5      | 6     | 7      | 8       | 9       |
| The Wheel no.           |       | 7, 8  | 9     | 10, 11 | 12    | 13, 14 | 15      | 16      |
| A Short History (pages) | 53-56 | 56-67 | 68-77 | 77-86  | 86-95 | 96-106 | 107-119 | 120-127 |



Some 6<sup>th</sup> formers remained at Manor Park into the 1962/63 school year before moving on to further education or venturing out into the world of work.

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### 2.3 Speech days

Speech days always took place in October at the beginning of a new school year and of course were devoted to achievements and events which had taken place the previous year. This was perhaps unfair on those students who had not necessarily shone throughout their school days but had nevertheless worked hard and had some success in their final examinations. By the time their name might be recorded in the speech day programme or mentioned on stage that they had secured so and so many GCE O or A levels – they would be long since gone. The table below gives the number and the actual date of the Speech Day which took place in that year. However when referencing achievements related to individual years in sections 0 to 10 there are links to the speech days in the following years which contain related information.

| Our year | Speech Day No. | Date      | Year  | Venue        | Special for our year                          |
|----------|----------------|-----------|-------|--------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| 1        | 2              | 05-Oct-55 | 55-56 | Co-op Hall   | Our first speech day – Everything new to us.  |
| 2        | 3              | 19-Oct-56 | 56-57 | Co-op Hall   |                                               |
| 3        | 4              | 02-Oct-57 | 57-58 | Co-op Hall   |                                               |
| 4        | 5              | 15-Oct-58 | 58-59 | Co-op Hall   |                                               |
| 5        | 6              | 14-Oct-59 | 59-60 | Co-op Hall   | O-level results for early takers, RSA results |
| 6        | 7              | 12-Oct-60 | 60-61 | Co-op Hall   | Our O-level results listed, RSA results       |
| 7        | 8              | 18-Oct-61 | 61-62 | Co-op Hall   | RSA results                                   |
| 8        | 9              | 16-Oct-62 | 62-63 | Stermet Hall | Our main A-level results listed, RSA results  |
| 9        | 10             | 29-Oct-63 | 63-64 | Stermet Hall |                                               |

Apart from a small handful of pupils in our year, speech days therefore are associated with the Co-operative Hall. Here is the Co-op Hall as it looked in the 1950s.



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Speech days took a more or less standard form, with a combination of speeches, music, prize giving and information of educational achievements. The individual programmes are summarised in the table below.

|           | <b>1955<br/>SD2</b>     | <b>1956<br/>SD3</b>     | <b>1957<br/>SD4</b>        | <b>1958<br/>SD5</b>           | <b>1959<br/>SD6</b>        | <b>1960<br/>SD7</b>          | <b>1961<br/>SD8</b>         | <b>1962<br/>SD9</b>               |
|-----------|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>1</b>  | The School Song         | The School Song         | The School Song            | National Anthem               | National Anthem            | National Anthem              | National Anthem             | National Anthem                   |
| <b>2</b>  | The Chairman            | The Chairman            | The Chairman               | The Chairman                  | The Chairman               | The Chairman                 | The Chairman                | The Chairman                      |
| <b>3</b>  | The Mayor               | The Mayor               | The Headmaster's Report    | The Mayor                     | The Mayor                  | The Mayor                    | The Mayor                   | The Mayor                         |
| <b>4</b>  | The Headmaster's Report | The Headmaster's Report | School Choir               | The Headmaster's Report       | The Headmaster's Report    | The Headmaster's Report      | The Headmaster's Report     | The Headmaster's Report           |
| <b>5</b>  | School Choir            | School Choir            | Presentation of Prizes     | Musical items                 | Musical items              | School Choir                 | School Choir                | School Choir                      |
| <b>6</b>  | Presentation of Prizes  | Presentation of Prizes  | <b>E.F. Marshall, M.A.</b> | Presentation of Prizes        | Presentation of Prizes     | GCE Lists                    | GCE Lists                   | GCE Lists                         |
| <b>7</b>  | <b>Miss Beryl Foyle</b> | <b>Mr James Johnson</b> | Votes of Thanks            | <b>E.H. Browne Esq. C.B.E</b> | <b>F.K. Bannister Esq.</b> | Presentation of Prizes       | Presentation of Prizes      | Presentation of Prizes            |
| <b>8</b>  | Votes of Thanks         | Votes of Thanks         | Hymn                       | Votes of Thanks               | Votes of Thanks            | <b>R.Charles Evans, Esq.</b> | <b>A.D.C. Peterson Esq.</b> | <b>R.J. Kerr-Mui Esq. O.B.E..</b> |
| <b>9</b>  | School Choir            | School Choir            | National Anthem            | Musical Items                 | The School Song            | Votes of Thanks              | Votes of Thanks             | Votes of Thanks                   |
| <b>10</b> | National Anthem         | National Anthem         |                            | The School Song               |                            | The School Song              | The School Song             | The School Song                   |

The guest speakers are indicated with bold type. The proceedings started with the school song and ended with the national anthem until 1958 when the order was reversed – why, we shall probably never know.

The national anthem was very much a part of everyday life in the 50s and early 60s. In every cinema in the land the final showing of an evening's entertainment would be followed by the national anthem with people standing at their seats until it finished. Annoying if you had a late bus to catch.

Also television programmes, which in those days were only broadcast until late in the evening, were rounded off with the national anthem.

### 2.4 The school song

The Manor Park school song was written by Mr Goodburn with music composed by Mrs Jones a music teacher who taught at Manor park until 1954.

| (1)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | (2)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| We stand with awe upon the brink of knowing:<br>Humbly we learn to make our lives of worth,<br>Through mists of time we watch man's struggle growing,<br>Since he first sought to tame the powers of earth.<br>We challenge changing years with joy and laughter,<br>With heart undaunted and with unbowed head:<br>Try to discern the world that follows after,<br>Through atom clouds of endless space ahead. | No joy in petty victories deriving-<br>Smug satisfaction, envy, greed and spite-<br>We'd rather lose with honour in our striving<br>Than triumph in a cause that is not right.<br>Grant patient hand and eye, that we may ever<br>Find skill in work that brings its own reward:<br>Despite the false and ugly, and endeavour<br>To labour for the glory of the Lord! |

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### 2.5 Form prize winners

What we do have, thanks to the Speech Day Programme information is a complete list of Form Prize winners. Their names feature in the table on page9, and if collated into a league table we get the following.

| Name                                                                                                            | Number of form prizes |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| C. Meacham                                                                                                      | 5                     |
| J. White                                                                                                        | 4                     |
| D. Forster                                                                                                      | 2                     |
| D. Looms, C. Payne, E. Palmer, J. Giles, J. Gunn, M. Barratt, M. Stringer,<br>R Warner, R. Woolaston – one each | 1                     |
| Total                                                                                                           | 20                    |

One might point out that more than half of the prizes were scooped up by the girls. Given the preponderance of boys over girls this is perhaps surprising. Carol Meacham and Joyce White ran away from the rest of the field with Carol just pipping Joyce at the post. Congratulations to Carol.

### 2.6 The Wheel - Issues and editors

| Our year | School Year | The Wheel No. | Issue             | Pages | Editor           | Title                                                                             |
|----------|-------------|---------------|-------------------|-------|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1        | 55-56       |               |                   |       |                  | <b>THE WHEEL</b><br>The magazine of<br>The Manor Park School,<br>Nuneaton         |
| 2        | 56-57       | 7             | Christmas, 1956   | 42    | B.V. Barrell     |                                                                                   |
| 2        | 56-57       | 8             | Summer Term, 1957 | 44    | B.V. Barrell     |                                                                                   |
| 3        | 57-58       | 9             | Spring Term, 1958 | 53    | Mary Fox         |                                                                                   |
| 4        | 58-59       | 10            | Christmas, 1958   | 59    | J.H. Hambleton   |                                                                                   |
| 4        | 58-59       | 11            | Summer Term, 1959 | 53    | J.H. Hambleton   |                                                                                   |
| 5        | 59-60       | 12            | Spring Term, 1960 | 55    | J.H. Hambleton   |                                                                                   |
| 6L       | 60-61       | 13            | Christmas, 1960   | 57    | Joyce White      | <b>THE WHEEL</b><br>The magazine of<br>The Manor Park Grammar School,<br>Nuneaton |
| 6L       | 60-61       | 14            | Summer Term 1961  | 36    | Joyce White      |                                                                                   |
| 6U       | 61-62       | 15            | Spring Term, 1962 | 56    | Joyce White      |                                                                                   |
| 8        | 62-63       | 16            | Christmas, 1962   | 54    | Michael Withnall |                                                                                   |
| 8        | 62-63       | 17            | Summer Term 1963  | 36    | Not known        |                                                                                   |

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### 2.7 Head boys and girls, and house captains

#### 2.7.1 Head boys and girls

| Our year | School Year | Head Boy      | Head Girl    |
|----------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1        | 55-56       | A. Martin     | ?            |
| 2        | 56-57       | A. Martin     | O. Nicholson |
| 3        | 57-58       | L. Blackburn  | O. Nicholson |
| 4        | 58-59       | C. Duncan     | M. Fox       |
| 5        | 59-60       | M. Spiers     | ?            |
| 6L       | 60-61       | B. Young      | J. White     |
| 6U       | 61-62       | B. Young      | J. White     |
| 8        | 62-63       | D. Richardson | P. Duncan    |

#### 2.7.2 House captains and house results

Below we list the house captains (boys' and girls') and house results for our years.

| Our year | School Year | Abbey                             | Croft                       | Manor                                           | Park                         | Rugby    | Hockey   | Athletics | Swimming | House Champions |
|----------|-------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------------|
| 1        | 55-56       |                                   |                             |                                                 |                              |          |          |           |          |                 |
| 2        | 56-57       | A.K. Whitehall<br>Margaret Hewitt | Gerald Fox<br>Cynthia Matts | G. Hudson<br>Margaret McQuillan/<br>H. Goodburn | A. Biggs<br>W. Hayward       | <b>M</b> | <b>M</b> | <b>M</b>  |          |                 |
| 3        | 57-58       | John Morgan<br>Ann Woodward       | L. Blackburn<br>Pat Bates   | J. Thurman<br>H. Goodburn                       | Terry Day<br>Olive Nicholson | <b>M</b> | <b>M</b> | <b>M</b>  |          | <b>M</b>        |
| 4        | 58-59       | John Morgan<br>Ann Woodward       | C. Duncan<br>R. Morris      | J. Thurman<br>H. Goodburn                       | Terry Day<br>Dorrie Fisher   | <b>C</b> |          | <b>M</b>  |          | <b>M</b>        |
| 5        | 59-60       | E. Humphries<br>I. Davies         | K. Stanyard<br>J. Mason     | D. Sheen<br>H. Goodburn                         | P. Bennett<br>B. Moore       | <b>C</b> |          | <b>M</b>  |          | <b>M</b>        |
| 6L       | 60-61       | I Dickens<br>J. Marston           | R. Aston<br>J. Mason        | D. Whordley<br>H. Goodburn                      | S. Hodgson<br>-              | <b>C</b> |          | <b>C</b>  | <b>C</b> | <b>M</b>        |
| 6U       | 61-62       | Don Richardson<br>Dorothy Forster | R. Aston<br>P. Watts        | B. Young<br>I. Johnson                          | S. Hodgson<br>-              | <b>P</b> |          | <b>P</b>  | <b>P</b> | <b>P</b>        |
| 8        | 62-63       | D. Richardson<br>C. Rouse         | M. Doss<br>P. Duncan        | Malcolm G. Stringer<br>Maureen Broome           | D. Oldham<br>J. Trinder      |          |          |           |          |                 |

1961-62 is Park's finest year – never to be repeated.

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### 2.8 The Headmaster - Mr L.J. Goodburn

Mr Goodburn joined Manor Park in 1949 and the development of the school was to be his major life's work.

THE DOVER EXPRESS AND EAST KENT NEWS  
FRIDAY, 11 FEBRUARY, 1949

**DOVER MAN'S APPOINTMENT.**

Mr. Leslie James Goodburn, B.A., son of Mr. H. R. Goodburn and of the late Mrs. Goodburn, has been appointed Headmaster of Manor Park Secondary School, Nuneaton. Mr. Goodburn is aged 39 and won the first scholarship at Temple Ewell School, which took him to Dover County School. He then went to Westminster Training College, where he took his degree in English, with honours. He taught at Jamaica College from 1930 to 1932, then at Dover County School, St. Stephen's C.E. School (London), Loughborough Central School (London) and from 1945 until the present at the James Watt School, Smethwick, as Senior English Master.

Mr Goodburn in 1972



During Mr Goodburn's stewardship the school experienced an ever-increasing development in both academic and other spheres and we, as the Class of '55 were to benefit tremendously from his leadership.

As we joined in 1955 Mr Goodburn had been Headmaster for six years and he had set his sights on building a school which he would be proud to pass on to the next generation. It was unfortunate that although he achieved his goal well before retirement an edict came from above to end selective education in favour of a "Comprehensive" model. He made no secret of his disapproval of this approach. He commented that he had fulfilled his task - he had built a school of which he was proud to hand over, but no one wanted it.

We, in our 7 or 8 years were not affected by the end game – that was far away. Ours were years of progress even to the extent of digging out a swimming pool, and we owe to Mr Goodburn a debt of gratitude for his dedication and commitment.

### 2.9 Core Teachers

In the period from the first to the sixth form the school has employed over 60 full time teachers, plus quite a few additional teaching support personnel. The complete list of permanently engaged teachers can be found in section 13.

However, what has been of great value to the school and to our year in particular has been the fact that so many core members of staff have served more or less for the complete duration of our 5 to 8 years of studies. This is a credit to the management of the school and to Mr Goodburn in

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particular. The table below lists these core staff members. It is as one might put it – a teachers' attendance record.

|            | <b>Name</b>           | <b>Position / Main Subject</b> | <b>Years out of 8</b> |
|------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Mr. L. J.  | Goodburn              | Headmaster                     | 8                     |
| Mr. C.     | Walker                | Deputy Headmaster<br>Chemistry | 8                     |
| Miss P.    | Cooke                 | Senior Mistress / Music        | 8                     |
| Mr. D. H.  | Brinkworth            | Mathematics                    | 8                     |
| Mr. E. L.  | Craddy                | Mathematics                    | 8                     |
| Mr. S.     | Dunkerley             | Woodwork                       | 8                     |
| Mr. A. L.  | Hale                  | English                        | 8                     |
| Mrs. M. E. | Jones                 | Physical Education             | 8                     |
| Mr. J. H.  | Jones                 | Geography                      | 8                     |
| Mr. G. G.  | Kirkbride             | Eng. Drawing, Mathematics, PE  | 8                     |
| Mr. G.     | Mason                 | History                        | 8                     |
| Mrs. S.    | Rochford              | Art                            | 8                     |
| Mr. G.     | Siddall               | Geography                      | 8                     |
| Mr. D. L.  | Edwards               | Physics                        | 7                     |
| Mr. T.     | Fulford               | Commerce                       | 7                     |
| Mr. H.     | Bacon                 | Mathematics                    | 6                     |
| Mr. A. H.  | Downing               | Religious Instruction          | 6                     |
| Mr.        | Hambleton             | German                         | 6                     |
| Mr. J. P.  | Linehan               | Metalwork                      | 6                     |
| Mr. D. R.  | Ashton                | Zoology, Botany                | 5                     |
| Miss M. A. | Brown / (Nee Nevison) | French, Latin                  | 5                     |
| Mr. F. T.  | Carter                | Russian, German                | 5                     |
| Miss K. M. | McNaughton            | Domestic Science               | 5                     |
| Mr. P. J.  | Perry                 | English/History                | 5                     |

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### 2.10 Pupils – The Class of '55

Note that this list was prepared in connection with the 2000 reunion – and included those who were members of the class of '55 at any point between 1955 and 1960. Some therefore would have not been members from day one whereas others would have left before the five years were up.

#### Boys

| Ref | Form photo 2 Year | 1st Name | Surname   |
|-----|-------------------|----------|-----------|
| B01 | B                 | Kenneth  | Addison   |
| B02 |                   | Michael  | Bacon     |
| B03 | B                 | Roger    | Balding   |
| B04 | D                 | Michael  | Barratt   |
| B05 | D                 | Paul     | Bates     |
| B06 | C                 | Terry    | Bates     |
| B07 | A                 | John     | Bell      |
| B08 | A                 | Leslie   | Bentham   |
| B09 | C                 | Michael  | Blower    |
| B10 | D                 | Douglas  | Booth     |
| B11 | B                 | John     | Bowen     |
| B12 |                   | Dennis   | Bower     |
| B13 | D                 | Charles  | Brogden   |
| B14 | B                 | Brian    | Brown     |
| B15 | A                 | David    | Busby     |
| B16 | B                 | Keith    | Chuter    |
| B17 | C                 | Michael  | Corby     |
| B18 | D                 | Peter    | Crompton  |
| B19 | A                 | Peter    | Crowley   |
| B20 | B                 | Keith    | Dainter   |
| B21 | B                 | Richard  | Essex     |
| B22 | D                 | Colin    | Fairfield |
| B23 | C                 | Keith    | Gardener  |
| B24 | B                 | Ian      | Garner    |
| B25 | B                 | John     | Gibbs     |
| B26 | B                 | Malcolm  | Green     |
| B27 | C                 | Peter    | Groome    |
| B28 | C                 | John     | Gunn      |
| B29 | C                 | Mick     | Hanson    |
| B30 | B                 | Rodney   | Hardy     |
| B31 | C                 | Peter    | Harrison  |
| B32 |                   | David    | Higham    |
| B33 |                   | Stuart   | Hodgson   |
| B34 | D                 | John     | Hogg      |
| B35 | A                 | Derek    | Holmes    |
| B36 | C                 | Maurice  | Hurst     |
| B37 | A                 | David    | Keightley |
| B38 | B                 | Leigh    | Krauth    |
| B39 | B                 | Michael  | Lees      |
| B40 | A                 | Malcolm  | Lester    |

| Ref | Form photo 2 Year | 1st Name    | Surname    |
|-----|-------------------|-------------|------------|
| B41 | D                 | David       | Looms      |
| B42 | B                 | John        | Lucas      |
| B43 | A                 | Jim         | Marshall   |
| B44 | A                 | Richard     | Mason      |
| B45 | B                 | Alan        | Magor      |
| B46 | A                 | David       | Mein       |
| B47 | C                 | Beverley    | Moore      |
| B48 | B                 | Edward      | Moore      |
| B49 | A                 | John        | Moore      |
| B50 | B                 | Robert      | Moss       |
| B51 |                   | Paul        | Nelmes     |
| B52 | C                 | Andrew      | Nicol      |
| B53 | B                 | Derrick     | Oliver     |
| B54 | A                 | Alfred      | Pare       |
| B55 | C                 | Colin       | Payne      |
| B56 | C                 | John        | Pegg       |
| B57 | A                 | Geoffrey    | Pitchford  |
| B58 | D                 | Derek       | Raynor     |
| B59 | D                 | Keith       | Raynor     |
| B60 | A                 | John        | Reville    |
| B61 | A                 | Richard     | Reynolds   |
| B62 | A                 | Donald      | Richardson |
| B63 | D                 | Stephen     | Robbins    |
| B64 | C                 | David       | Roberts    |
| B65 | C                 | Colin       | Rogers     |
| B66 | D                 | Clive       | Smith      |
| B67 | B                 | John        | Staley     |
| B68 | A                 | Keith       | Stansfield |
| B69 | C                 | Malcolm     | Stringer   |
| B70 |                   | Leonard     | Wakefield  |
| B71 | D                 | Roger       | Warner     |
| B72 | D                 | Michael     | Weaver     |
| B73 |                   | John        | White      |
| B74 | C                 | Roger       | White      |
| B75 | B                 | Brian       | Williams   |
| B76 | C                 | Christopher | Wilson     |
| B77 | A                 | Roger       | Woolaston  |
| B78 | C                 | John        | Woolridge  |
| B79 | D                 | Peter       | Wright     |
| B80 | D                 | Barry       | Young      |

#### Boys not included in the form 2 photographs

| Ref | 1st Name | Surname   |
|-----|----------|-----------|
| B02 | Michael  | Bacon     |
| B12 | Dennis   | Bower     |
| B32 | David    | Higham    |
| B33 | Stuart   | Hodgson   |
| B51 | Paul     | Nelmes    |
| B70 | Leonard  | Wakefield |
| B73 | John     | White     |

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## Girls

| Ref | Form photo 2 Year | B1st Name | Surname    |
|-----|-------------------|-----------|------------|
| G01 | D                 | Marlene   | Arnold     |
| G02 | D                 | Carole    | Aucott     |
| G03 | C                 | Christine | Barnett    |
| G04 | C                 | Janine    | Berrill    |
| G05 |                   | Pat       | Boon       |
| G06 |                   | Carole    | Brown      |
| G07 | B                 | Ann       | Cartwright |
| G08 | B                 | Doreen    | Coates     |
| G09 | D                 | Annette   | Coles      |
| G10 | D                 | Moyra     | Dalton     |
| G11 | C                 | Pauline   | Dawson     |
| G12 | C                 | Yvonne    | Darlison   |
| G13 |                   | Christine | Evans      |
| G14 | A                 | Marion    | Fisher     |
| G15 | B                 | Dorothy   | Forster    |
| G16 | D                 | Carole    | Galland    |
| G17 | A                 | Janet     | Giles      |
| G18 | A                 | Mary      | Gurden     |
| G19 | D                 | Sonia     | Hale       |
| G20 | B                 | Marjorie  | Hearn      |
| G21 | D                 | Margaret  | Hopkins    |
| G22 | C                 | Gloria    | Jakeman    |
| G23 |                   | Iris      | Johnson    |
| G24 | C                 | Sandra    | Leeson     |
| G25 | A                 | Carol     | Marshall   |
| G26 | D                 | Marion    | Marshall   |

| Ref | Form photo 2 Year | B1st Name  | Surname   |
|-----|-------------------|------------|-----------|
| G27 | B                 | Carol      | Meacham   |
| G28 | B                 | Carol      | Middleton |
| G29 | D                 | Julia      | Morgan    |
| G30 | C                 | Christine  | Morris    |
| G31 | B                 | Pauline    | Oldfield  |
| G32 | D                 | Elaine     | Olnier    |
| G33 |                   | Elvie      | Palmer    |
| G34 | D                 | Jacqueline | Parkes    |
| G35 | C                 | Angela     | Perry     |
| G36 |                   | Maureen    | Pitman    |
| G37 | B                 | Irene      | Pow       |
| G38 | B                 | Janice     | Reay      |
| G39 |                   | Brenda     | Roughton  |
| G40 |                   | Margaret   | Sharples  |
| G41 | B                 | Betty      | Shepherd  |
| G42 | D                 | Janice     | Sorrell   |
| G43 | C                 | Marylyn    | Southorn  |
| G44 | A                 | Jacqueline | Stretton  |
| G45 | A                 | Josephine  | Tite      |
| G46 | B                 | Dyliss     | Thomas    |
| G47 | A                 | Ruby       | Vickers   |
| G48 | C                 | Josephine  | Ward      |
| G49 | A                 | Pamela     | Watts     |
| G50 | C                 | Jane       | Wheway    |
| G51 | A                 | Joyce      | White     |
| G52 | C                 | Patricia   | Willis    |

Girls not included in the form2 photos.

| Ref | Name      |          | David Looms' notes  |
|-----|-----------|----------|---------------------|
| G05 | Pat       | Boon     |                     |
| G06 | Carole    | Brown    |                     |
| G13 | Christine | Evans    | Left 7 January 1956 |
| G23 | Iris      | Johnson  |                     |
| G33 | Elvie     | Palmer   |                     |
| G36 | Maureen   | Pitman   | Left 27 July 1956   |
| G39 | Brenda    | Roughton |                     |
| G40 | Margaret  | Sharples | Left 27 July 1956   |

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## 3 Year 1 – 1955-56

### 3.1 The Year in General

| Source                                                              | Reference               | Content                                                                                                                                |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>A Short History</b> by A Merry                                   | Pages: 53-56            | Comments on the events of the year                                                                                                     |
| <b>This year's speech day</b>                                       | No: 2 – 5 October 1955  | Current teacher list<br>Last year's achievements                                                                                       |
| <b>Speech Day programme</b> looking back on this years achievements | No: 3 - 19 October 1956 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School prizes</li> <li>Academic achievements</li> <li>Transfers to further education</li> </ul> |
| <i>The Wheel</i>                                                    |                         |                                                                                                                                        |

In addition to the sixth form there are 20 forms – shown below with their form prize winners.

| FORM PRIZES                             |              |          |                |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------|----------|----------------|
| Presented by Parent Teacher Association |              |          |                |
| 5A .....                                | L. Blackburn | 3w ..... | S. Worthington |
| 5T .....                                | G. Ball      | 3M ..... | R. Watts       |
| 5C .....                                | A. Moreton   | 2R ..... | I. Dickens     |
| 5G .....                                | M. Jones     | 2E ..... | R. Whitehall   |
| 4s .....                                | D. Porter    | 2M ..... | E. Downs       |
| 4T .....                                | D. Rice      | 2J ..... | J. Bailey      |
| 4C .....                                | M. Linforth  | 1C ..... | J. White       |
| 4P .....                                | M. Welch     | 1F ..... | C. Meacham     |
| 3D .....                                | H. Goodburn  | 1H ..... | C. Payne       |
| 3L .....                                | I. Davies    | 1A ..... | R. Warner      |

### 3.2 Our Year

The intake of around 120 was divided into four forms – two taking French as a foreign language (1C and 1H) and two taking German (1A and 1F). The option of a second foreign language would come in year three when pupils focused their studies in preparation for GCE O-levels at the end of year 5.

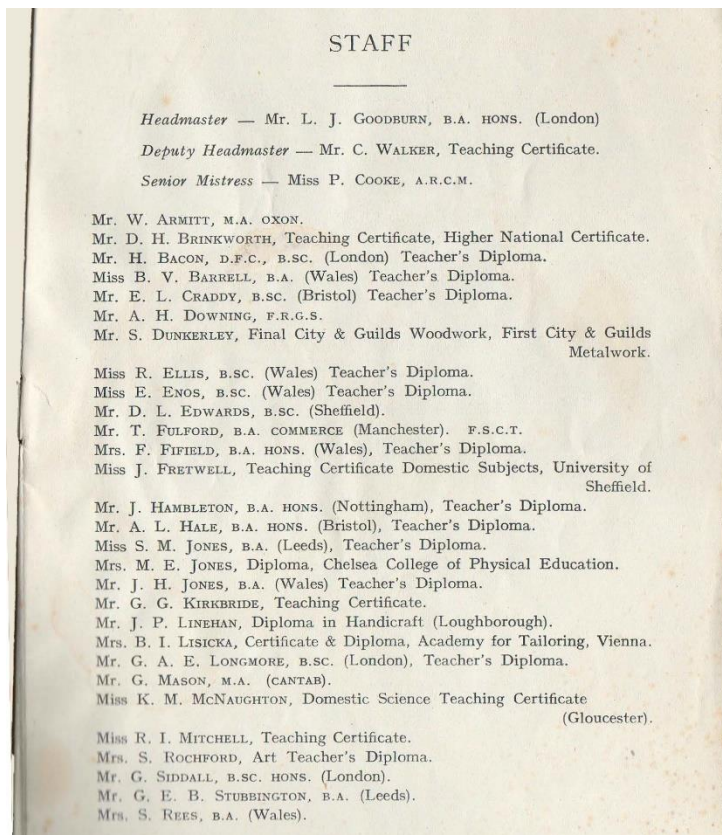
| Form       | 1A       | 1C        | 1F          | 1H           |
|------------|----------|-----------|-------------|--------------|
| Teacher    | Mr Armit | Mr Craddy | Mrs Fifield | Mr Hambleton |
| Form Prize | R Warner | J. White  | C. Meacham  | C. Payne     |

Sadly we don't have any photos of our beaming faces as we enter a new world.

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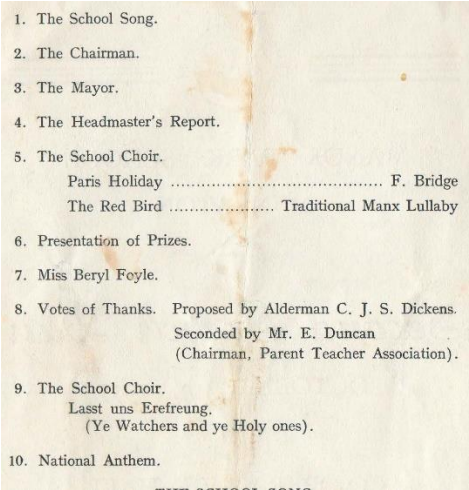
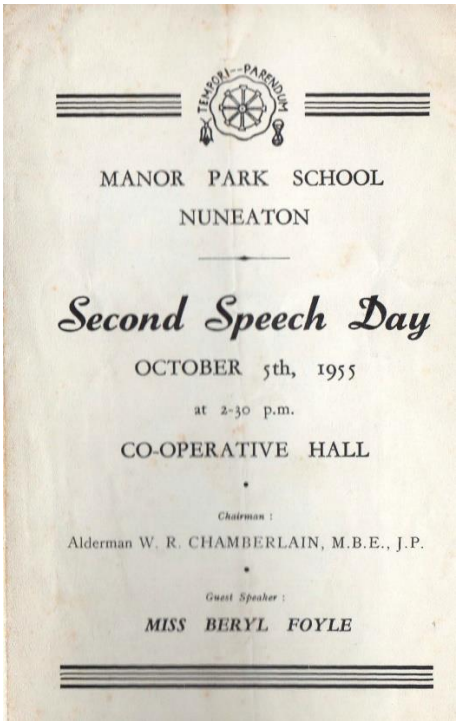
### 3.3 Teaching staff

From this year's Speech Day programme (no 2)- the list of teachers for our first year.



We don't have a photograph of the staff but many do appear on the staff photograph taken in our second year. See section 4.5.

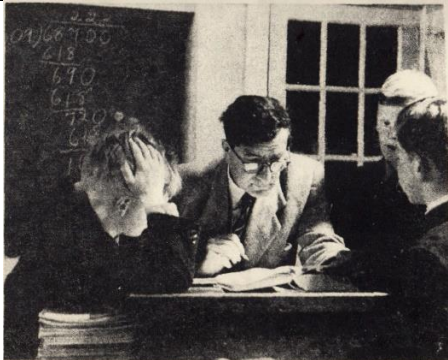
3.4 Speech day



3.5 The stamp club.

Mr Craddy ran a lunchtime stamp club in his room 6, normally devoted to mathematics as can be seen by the long division example on the blackboard. It was a popular club and although girls were not specifically excluded it they were rarer than penny blacks.

|               |                                                                                                                                    |
|---------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1956211W      | 1956 – The stamp club “Mr E. Craddy” – a prize-winning photograph, taken by Peter Crowley, 2 A, in school photographic competition |
| Left to right | 1, 2, Mr Craddy, David Keightley, Keith Stansfield                                                                                 |



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## 4 Year 2 – 1956-57

### 4.1 The Year in General

| Source                                                        | Reference                                                 | Content                                                                                                                                                                      |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| A Short History by A Merry                                    | Pages: 56-57                                              | Comments on the events of the year                                                                                                                                           |
| This year's speech day                                        | No: 3 - 19 October 1956                                   | Current teacher list<br>Last year's achievements                                                                                                                             |
| Speech Day programme looking back on this year's achievements | No: 4 – 2 October 1957                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School prizes</li> <li>Academic achievements</li> <li>Transfers to further education</li> </ul>                                       |
| <i>The Wheel</i>                                              | Issue 7, Christmas Term 1956<br>Issue 8, Summer Term 1957 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Editor's comments</li> <li>Headmaster's contribution</li> <li>House results</li> <li>Pupil contributions</li> <li>And more</li> </ul> |

In addition to the sixth form there are 21 forms – shown below with their form prize winners.

| FORM PRIZES                             |              |      |             |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------|------|-------------|
| PRESENTED BY PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION |              |      |             |
| 5S                                      | D. Porter    | ✓ 3C | A. Stokes   |
| 5T                                      | A. Galland   | ✓ 3D | M. Sharp    |
| 5C                                      | J. Groves    | ✓ 2A | J. Giles    |
| 5P                                      | M. Welch     | ✓ 2B | C. Meachem  |
| 4S                                      | H. Goodburn  | ✓ 2C | M. Stringer |
| 4T1                                     | E. Humphries | ✓ 2D | D. Looms    |
| 4T2                                     | K. Stanyard  | ✓ 1A | T. Baker    |
| 4M                                      | I. Davies    | ✓ 1B | L. Morris   |
| 4C                                      | M. Knight    | ✓ 1C | S. Turner   |
| 3A                                      | J. Standley  | ✓ 1D | M. Floyd    |
| 3B                                      | M. Coe       | ✓    |             |

The speech day Special Endeavour prize for our year was awarded to John Bell.

### 4.2 Our Year

Some streaming takes place, based on the results of French and German language tests at the end of year 1. The forms no longer take the names of the form teachers and we have 1A and 1D taking French and 2B and 2C taking German.

| Form       | 2A       | 2B           | 2C           | 2D        |
|------------|----------|--------------|--------------|-----------|
| Teacher    | Mr Mason | Mrs Rochford | Mr Hambleton | Miss Enos |
| Form Prize | J. Giles | C. Meacham   | M. Stringer  | D. Looms  |

This is our best year as far as photos go - we have one each for forms 2A, 2B, 2C and 2D.

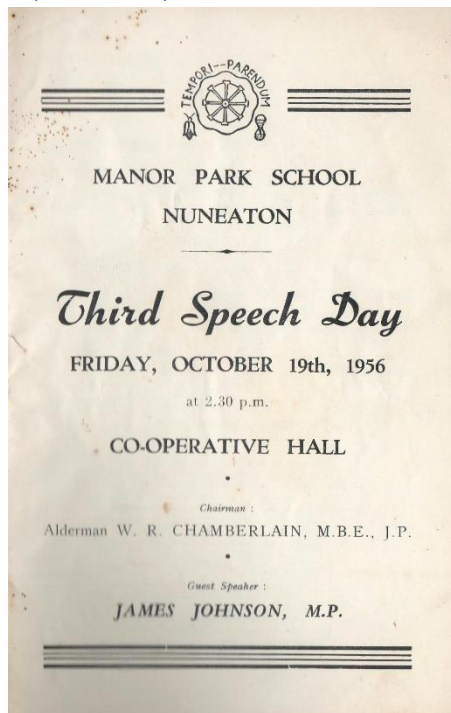
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### 4.3 Teaching staff

From this year's Speech Day programme (no 3)- the list of teachers for our second year.

| STAFF                                                                              |                                         |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| <hr/>                                                                              |                                         |
| Headmaster —                                                                       | Mr. L. J. GOODBURN, B.A. HONS. (London) |
| Deputy Headmaster —                                                                | Mr. C. WALKER, Teaching Certificate.    |
| Senior Mistress —                                                                  | Miss P. COOKE, A.R.C.M.                 |
| <hr/>                                                                              |                                         |
| Mr. W. ARMITT, M.A. OXON.                                                          |                                         |
| Mr. D. H. BRINKWORTH, Teaching Certificate, Higher National Certificate.           |                                         |
| Mr. H. BACON, D.F.C., B.S.C. (London) Teacher's Diploma.                           |                                         |
| Miss B. V. BARRELL, B.A. (Wales) Teacher's Diploma.                                |                                         |
| Mr. E. L. CRADDY, B.S.C. (Bristol) Teacher's Diploma.                              |                                         |
| Mr. A. H. DOWNING, F.R.G.S.                                                        |                                         |
| Mr. S. DUNKERLEY, Final City & Guilds Woodwork, First City & Guilds Metalwork.     |                                         |
| Miss R. ELLIS, B.S.C. (Wales) Teacher's Diploma.                                   |                                         |
| Miss E. ENOS, B.S.C. (Wales) Teacher's Diploma.                                    |                                         |
| Mr. D. L. EDWARDS, B.S.C. (Sheffield).                                             |                                         |
| Mr. T. FULFORD, B.A. COMMERCE (Manchester). F.S.C.T.                               |                                         |
| Mrs. F. FIFIELD, B.A. HONS. (Wales), Teacher's Diploma.                            |                                         |
| Miss J. FRETWELL, Teaching Certificate Domestic Subjects, University of Sheffield. |                                         |
| Mr. J. HAMBLETON, B.A. HONS. (Nottingham), Teacher's Diploma.                      |                                         |
| Mr. A. L. HALE, B.A. HONS. (Bristol), Teacher's Diploma.                           |                                         |
| Miss S. M. JONES, B.A. (Leeds), Teacher's Diploma.                                 |                                         |
| Mrs. M. E. JONES, Diploma, Chelsea College of Physical Education.                  |                                         |
| Mr. J. H. JONES, B.A. (Wales) Teacher's Diploma.                                   |                                         |
| Mr. G. G. KIRKBRIDE, Teaching Certificate.                                         |                                         |
| Mr. J. P. LINEHAN, Diploma in Handicraft (Loughborough).                           |                                         |
| Mrs. B. I. LISICKA, Certificate & Diploma, Academy for Tailoring, Vienna.          |                                         |
| Mr. G. A. E. LONGMORE, B.S.C. (London), Teacher's Diploma.                         |                                         |
| Mr. G. MASON, M.A. (CANTAB).                                                       |                                         |
| Miss K. M. McNAUGHTON, Domestic Science Teaching Certificate (Gloucester).         |                                         |
| Miss R. I. MITCHELL, Teaching Certificate.                                         |                                         |
| Mrs. S. ROCHFORD, Art Teacher's Diploma.                                           |                                         |
| Mr. G. SIDDALL, B.S.C. HONS. (London).                                             |                                         |
| Mr. G. E. B. STUBBINGTON, B.A. (Leeds).                                            |                                         |
| Mrs. S. REES, B.A. (Wales).                                                        |                                         |

### 4.4 Speech day



|                                                            |                  |
|------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. The School Song.                                        |                  |
| 2. The Chairman.                                           |                  |
| 3. The Mayor.                                              |                  |
| 4. The Headmaster's Report.                                |                  |
| 5. The School Choir.                                       |                  |
| Sound the Trumpet .....                                    | Purcell          |
| Cargoes .....                                              | Balfour Gardiner |
| 6. Presentation of Prizes.                                 |                  |
| 7. Mr. James Johnson.                                      |                  |
| 8. Votes of Thanks. Proposed by Alderman C. J. S. Dickens. |                  |
| Seconded by Mr. E. Duncan                                  |                  |
| (Chairman, Parent Teacher Association).                    |                  |
| 9. The School Choir.                                       |                  |
| Non Nobis Domine .....                                     | Roger Quilter    |
| 10. National Anthem.                                       |                  |

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### 4.5 Our Year 2 Teachers' Photograph

| Row | 1957172F Staff 1956-7                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|-----|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 3   | Mr G. Siddall, Mr. G.G. Kirkbride, Mr. A.H. Downing, Mr. D.L. Edwards, Mr. D.H. Brinkworth, Mr. J.P. Linehan, Mr. W. Armitt, Mr. E.L.Craddy, Mr Longmore, Mr. J.Hambleton                                  |
| 2   | Mr. J.H. Jones, Mr. H. Bacon, Miss R.I. Mitchell, Miss McNaughton, Mrs M.E.Jones, Miss Barrell, Mrs B.I. Lisicka, Miss S. Rees, Mrs F. Fifield, Gertie Welsh (school secretary), Mr. A.L.Hale, Mr. G.Mason |
| 1   | Mr Stubbington, Mrs S. Rochford, Miss Jones, Miss R. Ellis, Mr. C. Walker, Mr. L.J. Goodburn, Miss P.M. Cooke, Miss J. Fretwell, Miss E. Enos, Mr. S.Dunkerley, Mr. T.Fulford                              |



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### 4.6 Form Photos

#### 4.6.1 Form Photo 2A 1956-57 – Mr Mason

|            |                                                                                                                                         |
|------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1957121F   | 1956-7 Form 2A : Mr G.Mason                                                                                                             |
| Top row    | Don Richardson, Alf Pare, John Revill, James Marshall, Malcolm Lester, Richard Reynolds, Roger Woolaston, Peter Crowley, John Bell      |
| Middle row | David Keightley, Geoffrey Pitchford, John Moore, David Busby, Derek Holmes, Leslie Bentham, Richard Mason, David Mein, Keith Stansfield |
| Front row  | Marion Fisher, Pam Watts, Joyce White, Ruby Vickers, Mr Mason, Mary Gurden, Josie Tite, Janet Giles, Carol Marshall, Jackie Stretton    |



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### 4.6.2 Form Photo 2B 1956-57 – Mrs Rochford

|             |                                                                                                                                           |
|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1957122F    | 1956-7 Form 2B: Mrs S. Rochford                                                                                                           |
| Top row     | Alan Magor, Leigh Krauth, Brian Brown, Malcolm Green, John Lucas, Derek Oliver, Ken Addison, Richard Essex, John Gibbs                    |
| Third row   | Rodney Hardy, Edward Moore, John Staley, Betty Shepherd, Pauline Oldfield, Janice Reay, Roger Balding, John Bowen, Michael Lees           |
| Teacher row | Irene Pow, Dorothy Forster, Carole Middleton, Marjorie Hearn, Mrs S Rochford, Ann Cartwright, Dellis Thomas, Doreen Coates, Carol Meacham |
| Front row   | Robert Moss, Keith Chuter, Ian Garner, Keith Dainter, Brian Williams                                                                      |



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### 4.6.3 Form Photo 2C 1956-57 – Mr Hambleton

|              |                                                                                                                                                         |
|--------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1957123F     | 1956-7 Form 2C - Mr Hambleton                                                                                                                           |
| Top/back row | Maurice Hurst, John Gunn, Andrew Nicol, Chris Wilson, Colin Rogers, Colin Payne, Michael Corby, Peter Harrison, John Pegg, Roger White                  |
| Third row    | Terry Bates, Malcolm Stringer, Gloria Jakeman, Josie Ward, Yvonne Darlaston, Christine Barnett, Michael Blower, Bev Moore, Peter Groome, John Woolridge |
| Second row   | Jannine Berril, Sandra Leeson, Pat Willis, Pauline Dawson, Mr Hambleton, Marylin Southorn, Angela Perry, Chris Morris, Jane Wheway                      |
| Front row    | Mick Hanson, Keith Gardner, Dave Roberts                                                                                                                |



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### 4.6.4 Form Photo 2D 1956-57 – Miss Enos

|              |                                                                                                                           |
|--------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1957124X     | 1956-7 Form 2D Miss Enos                                                                                                  |
| Top/back row | Charlie Brogden, Peter Crompton, Keith Raynor, Paul Bates, Peter Wright, Barry Young, Michael Barratt, Steven Robbins     |
| Third row    | Marlene Arnold, Annette Coles, Margaret Hopkins, Sonia Hale, Carole Galland                                               |
| Second row   | Julie Morgan, 2, Elaine Olnor, Marion Marshall, Miss Enos, Carole Aucott, Jacqueline Parkes, Janice Sorrell, Moyra Dalton |
| Front row    | John Hogg, Douglas Booth, Derek Raynor, David Looms, Colin Fairfield , Clive Smith, Michael Weaver, Roger Warner?         |



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### 4.7 The school choir

|              |                                                                                                                                                               |
|--------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1957171F     | School Choir - Miss Cooke                                                                                                                                     |
| Top/back row | 1,Marian Lattimer, Joyce Wakelin, Angela Perry,5?Jennifer Bell, Janet Moore, Annette Coles,8, Marian Hankinson,10                                             |
| Third row    | 1,Rosemary Wheeler, Joan Wilton, Ann Morris,5, Peter Crompton, Freda Jacques, Marlene Rathbone, Kay Stretton, Jaqueline Stretton, Pamela Watts, Josie Humpage |
| Second row   | Millie Spillett, Ann Blackburn, Janice Sorrell, Carole Aucott,5, Miss Cooke, Moyra Dalton, Marilyn Southorn,9,10,11                                           |
| Front row    | John Standley,2,3,4,5, Lesley Topp, 7, Michael Bacon,9, David Higham                                                                                          |



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### 4.8 Festival of the Arts

The school has a number of successes in the 1957 Nuneaton Festival of the Arts. From our year are: Moyra Dalton and Paul Bates.

As reported in The Wheel No 8, Summer 1957:

|                                                                                                           |                                                                               |                           |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| In the Nuneaton Festival of Arts<br>the following awards were gained. We<br>congratulate those concerned. |                                                                               |                           |
| Darrel Dunning:-                                                                                          | 2nd and 3rd places<br>Violin Solo Classes<br>1st place Chamber<br>Music Class |                           |
| Moyra Dalton,<br>Ann Morris                                                                               | 2nd place duet<br>playing.                                                    |                           |
| Dorothy Ferster<br>and partner                                                                            | 1st place duet<br>playing                                                     |                           |
| <u>CABINET MAKING</u>                                                                                     |                                                                               |                           |
| Any age                                                                                                   | A. J. Martin<br>G. Fox                                                        | First<br>Second           |
| 16 - 18                                                                                                   | Martin & Fox<br>A. J. Martin<br>P. Pegg                                       | First<br>Second<br>Second |
| Under 16                                                                                                  | J. Darlington<br>C. A. Grant<br>P. Bates                                      | First<br>Second<br>Merit  |

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### 4.9 Summer vacation

#### 4.9.1 School trip to Salzburg

In August a mixed year group from the school travelled to Salzburg, Austria, also visiting Salzkammergut, the Grossglockner glacier and Zell-am-See.

We have two photos from this trip both taken by Marion Evans (nee Fisher). On the left we see that teachers in those days certainly knew how to enjoy themselves. Here they are having a paddle. Marion writes "In the middle it is Miss Fretwell and sitting on the side far right is Mrs Jones, PE mistress." She's not sure who the others are.

In the right photo (possibly at Zell-am-See) we have, writes Marion "from left to right Mary Gurden, Pamela (Mrs Lisicka's daughter) and Richard (Dickie) Deeming (the year below us)".

1957401E The Salzburg trip – teachers relaxing

Centre Miss Fretwell, sitting right Mrs Jones PE Mistress



1957402E The Salzburg trip - Zell-am-See

Mary Gurden, Pamela (Mrs Lisicka's daughter) and Richard (Dickie) Deeming



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### 5 Year 3 – 1957-58

#### 5.1 The Year in General

| Source                                                               | Reference                  | Content                                                                                                                                                                      |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>A Short History</b> by A Merry                                    | Pages: 68-77               | Comments on the events of the year                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>This year's speech day</b>                                        | No: 4 – 2 October 1957     | Current teacher list<br>Last year's achievements                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Speech Day programme</b> looking back on this year's achievements | No: 5 – 15 October 1958    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School prizes</li> <li>Academic achievements</li> <li>Transfers to further education</li> </ul>                                       |
| <b>The Wheel</b>                                                     | Issue 9, Spring Term, 1958 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Editor's comments</li> <li>Headmaster's contribution</li> <li>House results</li> <li>Pupil contributions</li> <li>And more</li> </ul> |

In addition to the sixth form there are 21 forms – shown below with their form prize winners.

| FORM PRIZES                             |              |          |               |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------|----------|---------------|
| PRESENTED BY PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION |              |          |               |
| 5s. ....                                | H. Goodburn  | 3c. .... | J. Gunn       |
| 5t.1. ....                              | E. Humphries | 3d. .... | E. Palmer     |
| 5t.2. ....                              | K. Stanyard  | 2a. .... | T. Baker      |
| 5m. ....                                | B. Williams  | 2b. .... | J. Ireland    |
| 5c. ....                                | J. Bell      | 2c. .... | C. Belcher    |
| 4a. ....                                | J. Standley  | 2d. .... | R. Tunley     |
| 4b. ....                                | J. Marston   | 1a. .... | J. Boon       |
| 4c. ....                                | G. Gath      | 1b. .... | M. Pugh       |
| 4r. ....                                | K. Parker    | 1c. .... | E. O'Sullivan |
| 3a. ....                                | J. White     | 1d. .... | H. Allen      |
| 3b. ....                                | C. Meacham   |          |               |

The speech day Special Endeavour prize for our year was awarded to John Staley.

#### 5.2 Our Year

With advice from teachers and discussion with parents we have opted for lessons leading to GCE O-level examinations in year five.

| Form       | 3A       | 3B         | 3C      | 3D        |
|------------|----------|------------|---------|-----------|
| Teacher    | Mr Hale  | Miss Ellis |         |           |
| Form Prize | J. White | C. Meacham | J. Gunn | E. Palmer |

There are no form photos this year so we have to make do with David Looms and Richard Reynolds on the Nuneaton bus station bridge. Well – it could be worse.

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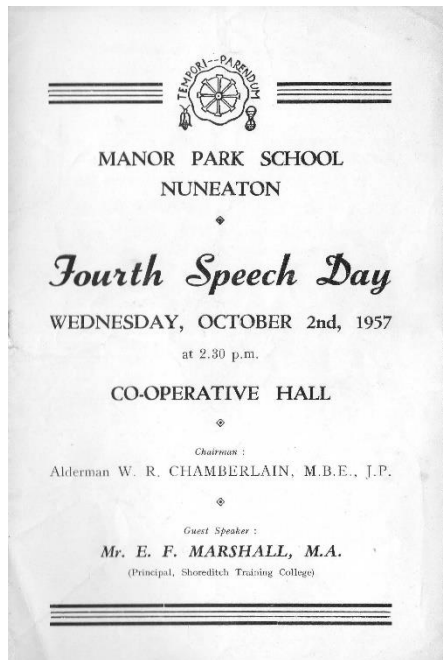
### 5.3 Teaching staff

From this year's Speech Day programme (no 4)- the list of teachers for our third year.

| STAFF                                                                              |                                           |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| <i>Headmaster</i>                                                                  | — Mr. L. J. GOODBURN, B.A. HONS. (London) |
| <i>Deputy Headmaster</i>                                                           | — Mr. C. WALKER, Teaching Certificate     |
| <i>Senior Mistress</i>                                                             | — Miss P. COOKE, A.R.C.M.                 |
| Mr. D. H. BRINKWORTH, Teaching Certificate, Higher National Certificate.           |                                           |
| Mr. H. BACON, D.F.C., B.SC. (London) Teacher's Diploma.                            |                                           |
| Mr. E. L. CRADDY, B.SC. (Bristol) Teacher's Diploma.                               |                                           |
| Mr. W. G. DOWNTON, Teaching Certificate.                                           |                                           |
| Mr. S. DUNKERLEY, Final City & Guilds Woodwork, First City and Guilds Metalwork.   |                                           |
| Miss R. ELLIS, B.SC. (Wales) Teacher's Diploma.                                    |                                           |
| Miss E. ENOS, B.SC. (Wales) Teacher's Diploma.                                     |                                           |
| Mr. D. L. EDWARDS, B.SC. (Sheffield).                                              |                                           |
| Mr. T. FULFORD, B.A. COMMERCE (Manchester). F.S.C.T.                               |                                           |
| Mrs. F. FIFIELD, B.A. HONS. (Wales), Teacher's Diploma.                            |                                           |
| Miss J. FRETWELL, Teaching Certificate Domestic Subjects, University of Sheffield. |                                           |
| Mr. J. HAMBLETON, B.A. HONS. (Nottingham), Teacher's Diploma.                      |                                           |
| Mr. A. L. HALE, B.A. HONS. (Bristol), Teacher's Diploma.                           |                                           |
| Miss S. M. JONES, B.A. (Leeds), Teacher's Diploma.                                 |                                           |
| Mrs. M. E. JONES, Diploma, Chelsea College of Physical Education.                  |                                           |
| Mr. J. H. JONES, B.A. (Wales), Teacher's Diploma.                                  |                                           |
| Mr. G. G. KIRKBRIDE, Teaching Certificate.                                         |                                           |
| Mr. J. P. LINEHAN, D.L.C. HONS. H.N.C.                                             |                                           |
| Mrs. B. I. LISICKA, Certificate & Diploma, Academy for Tailoring, Vienna.          |                                           |
| Mr. G. A. E. LONGMORE, B.SC. (London) Teacher's Diploma.                           |                                           |
| Mr. G. MASON, M.A. (CANTAB).                                                       |                                           |
| Miss K. M. McNAUGHTON, Domestic Science Teaching Certificate (Gloucester).         |                                           |
| Miss R. I. MITCHELL, Teaching Certificate.                                         |                                           |
| Mr. P. J. PERRY, B.A. HONS. Notts.                                                 |                                           |
| Mrs. S. ROCHFORD, Art Teacher's Diploma.                                           |                                           |
| Mr. G. SIDDALL, B.SC. HONS. (London).                                              |                                           |
| Mr. G. E. B. STUBBINGTON, B.A. (Leeds).                                            |                                           |
| Mrs. D. WESTBURY, B.A., Birmingham.                                                |                                           |
| Mr. T. WYER, B.SC. HONS., London.                                                  |                                           |

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### 5.4 Speech day



1. The School Song.
2. The Chairman.
3. The Headmaster's Report.
4. The School Choir.  
The Cockle Gatherer ..... Hebridean Folk Song  
Little Polly Flinders ..... arr. H. Diack
5. Presentation of Prizes.
6. Mr. E. F. Marshall, M.A.
7. Votes of Thanks. Proposed by Alderman R. Hadden,  
Seconded by Mr. E. Duncan  
(Chairman, Parent Teacher Association).
8. The School.  
Thanksgiving Hymn ..... E. Thiman
9. National Anthem.

### 5.5 Individuals

#### 5.5.1 A couple of swells

If you have David Looms and Richard Reynolds in the school, who needs Judy Garland & Fred Astaire?

Here they are, clearly about to burst into song and dance – just look at those feet.



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### 5.5.2 Anyone for engineering?

|                                                                     |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1958160R "Boys at an Exhibition"                                    |
| Richard Reynolds, Richard Mason, Don Richardson, Alfred Pare c.1958 |



## 5.6 School Hockey 1<sup>st</sup> XI 1957-58

S. Hodgson 1 February 2021

### 5.7 Nuneaton Festival of the Arts

In this year's Nuneaton Festival of the Arts Don Richardson was awarded first prize in cabinet making. Below is his winning "Magazine rack and planter" and a copy of his certificate.



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### 5.8 Summer vacation

#### 5.8.1 School trip to Lugano

Photos provided by Marion Fisher of the August 1958 trip to Lugano and Milan.

1958401E - Marion Fisher and Maureen Winston on the chair lift going up Monte Lema Switzerland.



1958402E - Visit to Milan Cathedral



1958403E - Pat Brown and Maureen Winston(both year below us) enjoying Lake Lugano



1958404E - Dorrie Fisher cooling down in Lake Lugano close to the hotel.



1958405E - Border Guard between Switzerland and Italy.



1958406E - Fountain in Lugano with David Looms and a friend.



1958407E – Un-named building of some splendour

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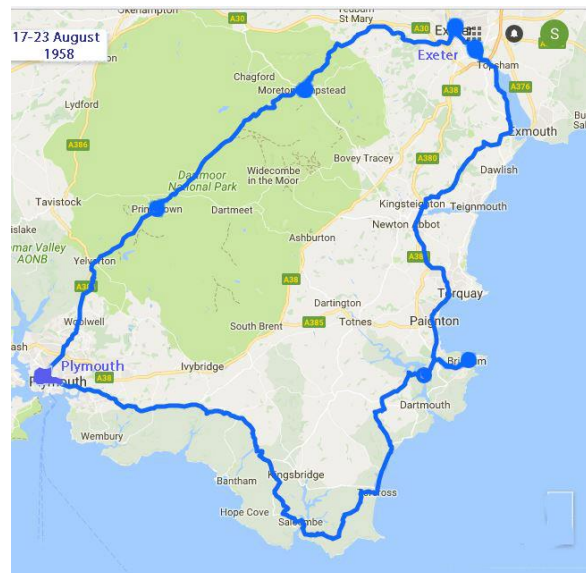


### 5.8.2 Cycling tour in South Devon

In the summer of 1958, David Mein and Stuart Hodgson embarked on a cycling/youth hostelling holiday in Devon. They took the train from Nuneaton to Exeter, cycled across Dartmoor to Plymouth and slowly looped back along the southern Devon coast until they reached Exeter where they caught the train back home – about one week on the road. It had been something of an adventure for two fourteen year olds venturing out on their own for the first time. It's hard for today's youngsters to imagine the world they lived in – no computers, no Internet, no mobile phones. Effectively the only communication they had with their parents was via postcard, and in one direction only – from Devon to Nuneaton.

Of course the telephone had already been invented, but that hardly helped since none of their parents, nor neighbours, nor relatives had such a device.

David had a deluxe bike – a much admired Dawes lightweight with many gears. Stuart's was a Phillips, more basic and tons heavier with only three gears. Below is an advert for the bike – yours for £17 17s 8d.



After arriving in Exeter Stuart had a problem. Somehow, perhaps during the train journey, the bike's gear-change mechanism had been damaged, and he was stuck with just one gear. This was not a problem for town travel, but for the 40 mile trek across Dartmoor it was a pain - with the old road a seemingly never ending succession of hills.

Is it imaginable that two 14 year-old's would be allowed to make this trip today? Hardly – or if they were allowed, their parents would most likely be hauled before the court and charged with irresponsible child care.

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## 6 Year 4 – 1958-59

### 6.1 The Year in General

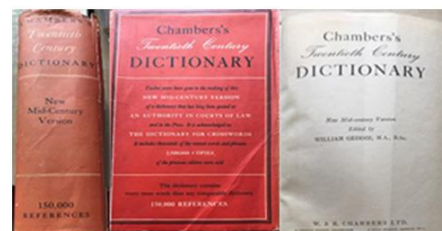
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|----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>A Short History</b> by A Merry                                    | Pages: 77-86                                             | Comments on the events of the year                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>This year's speech day</b>                                        | No: 5 – 15 October 1958                                  | Current teacher list<br>Last year's achievements                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Speech Day programme</b> looking back on this year's achievements | No: 6 – 14 October 1959                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School prizes</li> <li>Academic achievements</li> <li>Transfers to further education</li> </ul>                                       |
| <b>The Wheel</b>                                                     | Issue 10, Christmas, 1958<br>Issue 11, Summer Term, 1958 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Editor's comments</li> <li>Headmaster's contribution</li> <li>House results</li> <li>Pupil contributions</li> <li>And more</li> </ul> |

In addition to the sixth form there are 19 forms – shown below with their form prize winners.

| FORM PRIZES (PRESENTED BY THE P.T.A.) |              |    |             |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|----|-------------|
| 5A                                    | J. Standley  | 3D | P. Worraker |
| 5B                                    | P. Harvey    | 2A | V. Ellis    |
| 5C                                    | M. Sharpe    | 2B | M. Pudge    |
| 4A                                    | J. White     | 2C | J. Clarke   |
| 4B                                    | C. Meachem   | 2D | B. McGarry  |
| 4C                                    | D. Forster   | 1A | J. Sheen    |
| 4D                                    | R. Woolaston | 1B | D. Collins  |
| 3A                                    | P. Bates     | 1C | R. Williams |
| 3B                                    | V. Ellis     | 1D | B. Cottam   |
| 3C                                    | J. Everitt   |    |             |

Here are photos of Joyce White's 4A form prize – the certificate and the prize itself, a copy of "Chambers Twentieth Century Dictionary" by now somewhat battered from use.

The spine states "Mid-Century Version" and Joyce has had this since 14 October 1959 well over 50 years.



The speech day Special Endeavour prize for our year was awarded to Yvonne Darlaston.

For the first time we have an entry in the speech day main list of prizes - Pam Watts.

|                                                    |          |
|----------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Old Scholars' Prize                                | P. Watts |
| (For the scholar who has done most for the School) |          |

This is quite an achievement for someone in the 4<sup>th</sup> form – "For the scholar who has done most for the school" – very impressive. Congratulations Pam.

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## 6.2 Our Year

| Form       | 4A         | 4B           | 4C         | 4D           |
|------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|
| Teacher    | Mr Siddall | Mr Hambleton |            |              |
| Form Prize | J. White   | C. Meacham   | D. Forster | R. Woolaston |

We have one class photo this year - of form 4A.

Some pupils will be taking selected GCE O-levels this year. The full GCE results can be seen in Speech Day Programme no. 6, but our year's achievements are included in section 6.12.

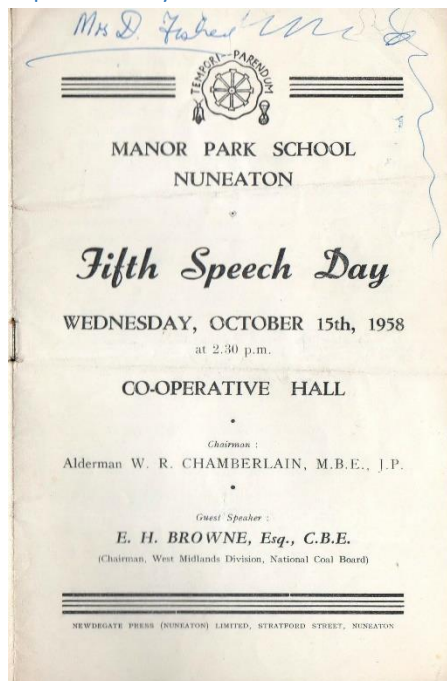
## 6.3 Teaching staff

From this year's Speech Day programme (no 5)- the list of teachers for our fourth year.

| STAFF                                                                          |  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| Headmaster — Mr. L. J. GOODBURN, B.A., HONS. (London)                          |  |
| Deputy Headmaster — Mr. C. WALKER, Teaching Certificate                        |  |
| Senior Mistress — Miss P. M. COOKE, A.R.C.M.                                   |  |
| Mr. D. R. ASHTON, B.SC. HONS. (Wales).                                         |  |
| — Mr. D. H. BRINKWORTH, Teaching Certificate, Higher National Certificate.     |  |
| Mr. H. BACON, D.F.C., B.SC. (London) Teacher's Diploma.                        |  |
| Mr. E. L. CRADY, B.SC. (Bristol) Teacher's Diploma.                            |  |
| — Mr. F. T. CARTER, B.A. HONS. (Birmingham) Teacher's Diploma.                 |  |
| — Mr. A. H. DOWNING, Teaching Certificate.                                     |  |
| Mr. S. DUNKERLEY, Final City & Guilds Woodwork, First City & Guilds Metalwork. |  |
| Mr. D. L. EDWARDS, B.SC. (Sheffield).                                          |  |
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| — Mr. G. MASON, M.A. (CANTAB).                                                 |  |
| Miss K. M. McNAUGHTON, Domestic Science Teaching Certificate (Gloucs.).        |  |
| — Miss M. A. NEVISON, B.A. LONDON, Teacher's Diploma.                          |  |
| Mr. P. J. PERRY, B.A. (HONS.), Nottingham.                                     |  |
| Mrs. S. ROCHFORD, Art Teacher's Diploma.                                       |  |
| Mr. J. M. REECE, Teaching Certificate.                                         |  |
| Mrs. S. D. REES, B.SC. (Wales).                                                |  |
| — Mr. G. SIDDALL, B.SC. HONS. (London).                                        |  |
| Mr. J. R. SCARTH, B.SC. (Leeds).                                               |  |
| Mrs. D. WESTBURY, B.A. (Birmingham).                                           |  |
| Mr. T. WYER, B.SC. HONS. (London).                                             |  |

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### 6.4 Speech day



|                                                     |                    |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. National Anthem.                                 |                    |
| 2. The Chairman.                                    |                    |
| 3. The Mayor.                                       |                    |
| 4. The Headmaster's Report.                         |                    |
| 5. Musical Items :                                  |                    |
| Gavotte in E Major .....                            | J. S. Bach         |
| (D. Dunning, Violin; P. Watts, Piano)               |                    |
| School Choir :                                      |                    |
| " Come Sweet Delight " .....                        | E. Markham Lee     |
| " In Derry Vale " .....                             | Irish Traditional  |
| 6. Presentation of Prizes.                          |                    |
| 7. E. H. Browne, Esq., C.B.E.                       |                    |
| 8. Votes of Thanks. Proposed by Alderman R. Hadden. |                    |
| Seconded by Chairman, Parent Teacher Association    |                    |
| 9. Musical Items :                                  |                    |
| The School :                                        |                    |
| " The Arethusa " .....                              | E. Thiman          |
| 10. The School Song .....                           | Jones and Goodburn |

Pam Watts performs a recital with Darrell Dunning

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### 6.5 Form Photo 4A 1958-59 – Mr Siddall

|            |                                                                                                   |
|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1959073F   | 1959 Form 4A(S) Form teacher: Mr Siddall                                                          |
| Third row  | John Bell, David Mein, Keith Stansfield, Steve Robbins, John Revill, Stuart Hodgson, John Moore   |
| Second row | David Looms, Richard Reynolds, Derek Holmes, Leslie Bentham, Richard Mason, David Busby, Alf Pare |
| Front row  | Marion Fisher, Annette Coles, Pamela Watts, Mr Siddall, Joyce White, Elvie Palmer                 |



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### 6.6 Fashion

Here we have (left to right) Janet Ireland, Pamela Watts and Pauline Oldfield showing off the latest costumes from Mrs Lisicka's Needlework Department. In the late '50s, young women – teenagers even, tended more or less to dress like their mothers. They would doll themselves up for Saturday at the Ritz or maybe the Coop Hall and their clothes would not have been out of place in their mothers' wardrobes. So, not surprising that the outfits designed and made in Mrs Lisicka's needlework department look for us today more than a little out of kilter for teenagers. But in 1959 they were not. Looking like mother was normal.



|                                                          |
|----------------------------------------------------------|
| 1958101E.                                                |
| Ready for the party 1958                                 |
| Janet Giles, Maureen Winston, Marion Fisher, Josie Tite, |



|                            |
|----------------------------|
| 1958102E.                  |
| In school uniform 1958     |
| Marion Fisher, Josie Tite, |



However, there had already been demands by the senior girls that they should have some say in the school uniform rules. Girls in the 5<sup>th</sup> form were by this time allowed to wear stockings,

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supported by – yes, something else out of the mother's arsenal, suspender belts. Tights were not yet regularly available, awaiting the development of Lycra, which was just around the corner.

As the swinging '60s took charge, many things were about to change, and change dramatically, but could anyone in those days have imagined the 1972 hemline? In the 1958 photograph below, the girl in the centre is already breaking Miss Cooke's late 1950's dress code – her knee is showing. But by 1972. Well - what can one say?



The beret had been the traditional girls' school uniform headgear, but around 1958 a more stylish item was introduced – a sort of edged-pillbox. Marion Fisher models it in the not too clear photograph below. She appears not to be tremendously impressed with the new style, or she is under duress? Or both?

1958103E – The new hat



## 6.7 Sport

### 6.7.1 Under 15 Rugby XV Winners of the Morgan cup 1959

|            |                                                                                                            |
|------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1959095F   | Under 15 Rugby XV                                                                                          |
| Third row  | Stephen Robbins, Joseph Belcher, Leslie Bentham, John Revill, Malcolm Stringer, Paul Bates, Stuart Hodgson |
| Second row | Denis Bower, David Busby, Maurice Hurst, Keith Raynor, Charles Brogden                                     |
| Front row  | Keith Stansfield, Derek Holmes, Alan Magor, Roger Balding, John Gunn                                       |



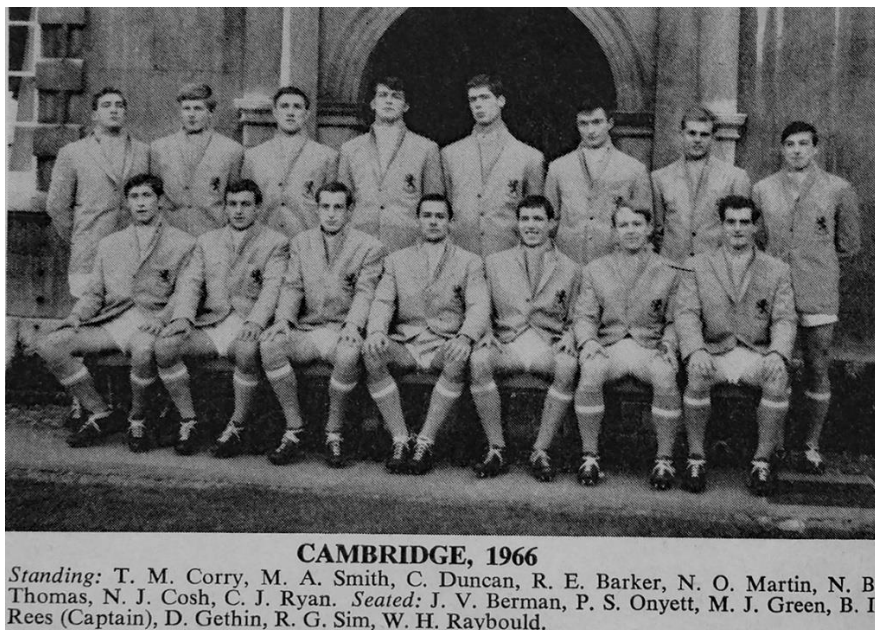
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### 6.7.2 House rugby champions – Croft

|          |           |                                                                                                                            |
|----------|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1959092F | 1958-59   | Croft House Championship winning rugby team                                                                                |
|          | Top row   | Maurice Gibb, Darrel Dunning, Roy Aston, Brian Randle, Michael Morson, Colin Duncan, Geoff Perkins, Paul Bates, Chris Penn |
|          | Front row | Alan Brewin, Charlie Brogden, John Gunn, David Looms, Carl Belcher Alan Magor, Dennis Sullivan                             |



Could any of these have thought that one of their number in seven years' time would be representing Cambridge versus Oxford at Twickenham?



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### 6.7.3 The Staff hockey Team

|          |                                                                                                                                       |
|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1959200F | Staff Hockey Team 1958/9.                                                                                                             |
|          | Mr Mason, Mr Edwards, Mrs Jones, Mr Kirkbride, Mr Siddall, Miss Nevison, Mr Bacon, Mrs Hindley, Mr Fulford, Miss Ginns, Mr Brinkworth |



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### 6.7.4 Hockey - Staff versus 1<sup>st</sup> XI

|          |                                                                                                                                                                            |
|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1959105P | Hockey - Staff versus 1st XI 1958/9.                                                                                                                                       |
| Row 2    | Mr Kirkbride, Mr Edwards, Mrs Jones, Mr Bacon, Mr Longmore, Mr Mason, Mr Linehan, Miss Ginns, Mr Fulford, Mr Siddall, Mr Slinn, Mr Brinkworth, Margaret Moreland (referee) |
| Row 1    | Carol Middleton, 2, Helen Goodburn, Barbara Williams, Rosalyn Morris, Iris Johnson, Margaret Coe, Tina (Christine) Barnett, Annette Coles, Dorrie Fisher, Pat Every?       |



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### 6.7.5 Colin Duncan

This year Colin Duncan is both head boy, captain of the Rugby first XV and has steered Croft to the house rugby championship. At this stage we are not to know it but Colin will go on to achieve a Cambridge rugby blue – the first and only in the school's history. The game took place on 8 September 1966 and sadly for Colin, his side lost – but a Blue is still a Blue.

As Roy Aston reports: *Colin Duncan (my brother in law) attended the school from September 1951 to July 1959 – he stayed into a third year 6th in order to get a place at the Royal College of Veterinary Science. The newspaper article below celebrates Colin's achievement in gaining a rugby blue at Cambridge.*



Note that there are some minor errors - it should be "head boy from 1958-59" not "1957-58". And Colin attended MPGS from 1951 until July 1959

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### 6.8 Musical achievements

The music department has been busy this year and, one must say, very successful. Creditable mentions in The Wheel issue 11, Summer 1959 include:

- Three from our year, Pam Watts, Moyra Dalton and Marilyn Southorn
- Darrell Dunning, one year above us, and
- Manor Park's Senior and junior choirs

From The Wheel:

| FESTIVAL SUCCESSES           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <u>Northfield:</u>           | Pamela Watts, Open Solo 1st Award and Challenge Cup (Piano).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <u>Birmingham:</u>           | Darrell Dunning, Open Solo 1st Award and Challenge Trophy (Violin).                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <u>Tamworth:</u>             | Junior Choirs under 18 years, 1st Award and Challenge Cup.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <u>Nuneaton:</u>             | School Choir, School Choirs, 2nd place.<br>Darrell Dunning, Open Solo 1st place and Challenge Cup (Violin).<br>Moira Dalton, Solo Singing, Under 16 years.<br>Darrell Dunning and Pamela Watts, 1st place in Violin Sonata Class.<br>Marilyn Southorn, 3rd place in Kathleen Ferrier Cup Class. |
| <u>Examination Successes</u> | Pamela Watts Grade V with Distinction,<br>Moira Dalton Associated Board of<br>Royal School of Music.                                                                                                                                                                                            |

Below is the junior choir with Miss Cooke second from the left on the front row and Pam Watts (pianist) second from the right.



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### 6.9 Milk bottles and sixth form behaviour

The 1945 the Free School Milk Act gave every school child under 18 the right to a third of a pint of milk each day and crates of the bottles used to be delivered to Manor Park and dumped outside the hall to be picked up by pupils at the morning break.

This sounds like a wonderful thing but to be honest not everyone rushed for their bottle. For a start, although the refrigerator had long since been invented, the school had no way of maintaining the milk at an optimum temperature, at least not packed in those metal crates and with that bulk. In those long gone days of the '50s in the winter the Coventry Canal could sometimes freeze over and the summers could be hot. Often then, the winter morning milk would have a layer of ice and the summer milk would be nicely curdled. Not to everyone's taste.

Looking through the photo archives for a picture of the free milk crates or even milk bottles yielded just one – and I doubt that Mr Goodburn would be happy with it.

|           |                                                                                                     |
|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1959192P  | 1958-59 - The lower sixth form                                                                      |
| Back row  | Terry Ash, Brian Randle, Keith Stanyard, Gerald Wareham, Maurice Gibbs, John Thurman, Peter Bennett |
| Front row | Dorrie Fisher, Margaret Moreland, John Morgan, Jean Mason, Helen Goodburn, Irene Davies             |



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The two boys at the back have obviously just finished their milk (straws still visible) and are now in play mode. And look at Peter Bennett (top right). He has his arms around the headmaster's daughter and do you see his blazer? Arms around the headmaster's daughter - and he's not even a prefect!

### 6.10 Nuneaton's 121 Squadron of the Air Training Corps

We have four representatives in the photograph below (provided by John Woolridge) of the Nuneaton 121 Squadron of the Air Training Corp. As Bev Moore writes:

*John Woolridge is 5th from the left on the second row standing (with his eyes closed), Maurice Hurst is three along to the right from John (looking up at the roof), and I'm two to the right of Maurice with a happy smile. Malcolm Stinger is seated on the far right of the front row, showing off his stripes,*



*The photo shows us at RAF Cosford in 1959 after we'd competed in the Birmingham Wing Athletics Championships, together with the trophies we won.*

*I joined the ATC in 1958 at the age of 14 at the urging of fellow Manor Park "55ers" John Woolridge and Malcolm Stringer, and had a thoroughly enjoyable 2 years as an Air Cadet.*

*In that time we spent 2 weeks at RAF Marham in Norfolk, which at that time was a 'V' Bomber station, living the life of an airman.*

*We were given joy-rides in a Tiger Moth, and I was thrilled to be allowed to take control of the joystick on the first flight, but not so thrilled to be as sick as a dog on the second flight as the Instructor threw the aeroplane around the skies in a series of loop the loops, barrel*

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*rolls and dives. (He thought the noises I was making over the intercom were squeals of excitement. They weren't).*

*We were taught to shoot on the rifle range with a Lee Enfield .303 rifle, played snooker in the NAAFI, sat in the cockpit of a Vulcan Bomber, went "out on a shout" with a RAF fire wagon and generally had the time of our lives.*

*Every year we paraded through Nuneaton on Armistice Day and saluted at the War Memorial in Riversley Park as the Last Post was played by a bugler in the upper window of the museum.*

*John Woolridge learned to fly a glider and got his wings, Malc got promoted to Flight Sergeant and I managed to get a shoulder flash for proficiency at the Rifle Range both at Marham and at the Drill Hall in Nuneaton Rec.*

*There were just the three of us from Manor Park, although Maurice 'Midder' Hurst joined us for a few weeks at the time of the athletics championships, but there were half-a-dozen or so from KEGS and we formed a KEGS Flight and a Manor Park Flight.*

*Looking through some old copies of the Observer recently I saw that I was 'duty cadet' several times. Mainly this meant running messages, sweeping the huts out and making coffee for the officers. One occasion comes very much to mind. I had no experience whatsoever of Camp Coffee and didn't know how much to use.... so I used a whole bottle between 3 cups and topped them up with hot water! Oh well, we all learn from our mistakes.*

*We met every Friday evening and Saturday and Sunday mornings in the Nissen Huts off Attleborough road alongside the footpath that led down to the Pingles besides the old Harry Cleaver Nuneaton Rugby Club ground.*

*We were taught morse code, basic drill movements, aircraft recognition and went on manoeuvres against other flights, and on one memorable occasion against the Fleet Air Arm who at that time were stationed at Gamecock Barracks in Bramcote.*

*We went to Germany for a youth hostel holiday at Bad Honnef Am Rhein, a holiday that I still look back at very fondly, particularly with memories of a 17 year old German girl called Gaby who had a blonde pony-tail and bright blue eyes and for 48 hours was the love of my life until Malc told her I was only 15 and I didn't see her again for dust... but that's another story for another day.*

*I thoroughly enjoyed my 2 years in the ATC and at one time both Malc and I considered a career in the RAF, and later at the time of the Cuban Missile Crisis we were on the point of volunteering to fight, but luckily it all blew over (Goodness knows what we could have contributed anyway, but we were very young and foolish).*

*I understand that the ATC now takes girl cadets too; we were never that lucky to have girls with us but I would recommend joining to anyone who wants to see a small segment of service life and have the sorts of adventures that most teenagers dream of.*

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### 6.11 Summer vacation

#### 6.11.1 Cycling in North Wales

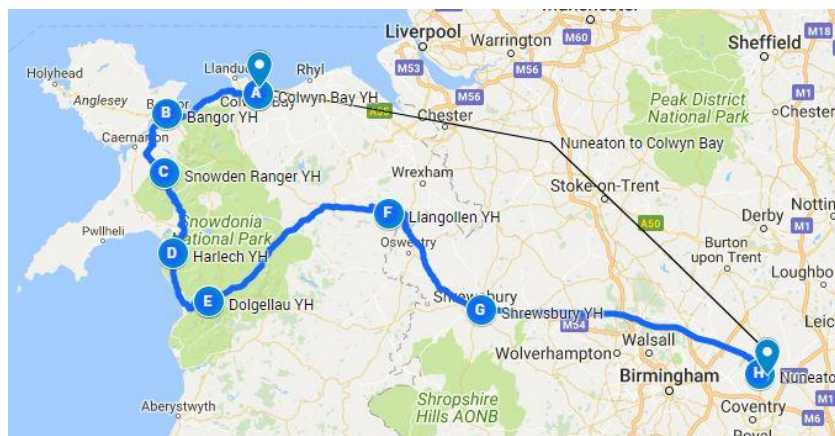
On Monday 24 August 1959 a group of four Manor Park pupils, Jim Purves, Stuart Hodgson, David Mein, Don Richardson embarked on a cycling tour of North Wales. Here they are at Nuneaton Trent Valley station about to start the fairly easy first leg – a train ride from Nuneaton to Colwyn Bay.

|                                                        |
|--------------------------------------------------------|
| 1959010R – Cycle tour of North Wales                   |
| Jim Purves, Stuart Hodgson, David Mein, Don Richardson |



The route included overnight youth hostel stops, sometimes of more than one night at Llandudno, Bangor, Snowdon Ranger, Harlech, Dolgelley, Llangollen and Shrewsbury before returning largely along the A5 from Shrewsbury to Nuneaton.

The route is shown below:



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### 6.12 GCE O-level results

Some subjects have been taken one year early. The following information has been extracted from Speech Day 6 programme.

| GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| ORDINARY LEVEL                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                       |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Chater, K.—MB.        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Corby, M. P.—MB.      |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Gardner, K. F.—MB.    |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Gibbs, A. J.—MB,DG.   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Holmes, D.—MB,HW.     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Hurst, M. W.—MB.      |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Hodgson, S.—MB DG.    |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Looms, D.—M.B.        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Lucas, J. F.—HW.      |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Mason, R.—HW.         |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Moore, J. M.—MB.      |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Moss, R. W.—MB.       |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Pitchford, G.—MB.     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Revill, J.—MB.        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Richardson, D.—MB HW. |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Staley, J. A.—MB.     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Stringer, S.—MB.      |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | White, R.—HW,MB.      |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Woolaston, R.—MB.     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Barnett, C.—MB.       |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Coates, D.—M.B.       |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Fisher, M.—MB.        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Giles, T.—MB.         |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Meachem, C.—MB.       |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Palmer, E.—MB.        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Watts, P.—MB.         |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | White, J. A.—MB,DN.   |
| 4TH YEAR                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                       |
| Balding, J.—MB.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                       |
| Bates, P.—MB,DG.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                       |
| Bell, J.—M.B.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                       |
| <p><i>Key : MB, Pure Mathematics ; MD, Applied Mathematics ; DN, Needlework ; HW, Woodwork ; HM, Metalwork ; EN, English Language ; EL, English Literature ; GY, Geography ; H, History ; C, Chemistry ; BY, Biology ; PY, Physics ; F, French ; G, German ; LA, Latin ; DG, Geometrical and Mechanical Drawing ; A, Art ; MU, Music ; GE, Geology ; CS, Commercial Subjects ; SU, Surveying ; MC, Additional Pure Mathematics ; RK, Religious Knowledge ; °, re-takes.</i></p> |                       |

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### 7.1 The Year in General

| Source                                                               | Reference                   | Content                                                                                                                                                                      |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>A Short History</b> by A Merry                                    | Pages: 86-95                | Comments on the events of the year                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>This year's speech day</b>                                        | No: 6 – 14 October 1959     | Current teacher list<br>Last year's achievements                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Speech Day programme</b> looking back on this year's achievements | No: 7 – 12 October 1960     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School prizes</li> <li>Academic achievements</li> <li>Transfers to further education</li> </ul>                                       |
| <b>The Wheel</b>                                                     | Issue 12, Spring Term, 1960 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Editor's comments</li> <li>Headmaster's contribution</li> <li>House results</li> <li>Pupil contributions</li> <li>And more</li> </ul> |

In addition to the sixth form there are 20 forms – shown below with their form prize winners.

| FORM PRIZES (PRESENTED BY THE P.T.A.) |            |          |              |
|---------------------------------------|------------|----------|--------------|
| 5F .....                              | J. White   | 3C ..... | V. Butler    |
| 5G1 .....                             | C. Meacham | 3D ..... | G. Burn      |
| 5G2 .....                             | D. Forster | 2A ..... | D. Collins   |
| 5NF .....                             | M. Barratt | 2B ..... | G. Barnes    |
| 4F1 .....                             | J. Payne   | 2C ..... | S. Woodfield |
| 4F2 .....                             | J. Ireland | 2D ..... | D. Watts     |
| 4F3 .....                             | J. Crowley | 1A ..... | P. Brown     |
| 4NF .....                             | S. Davies  | 1B ..... | K. Ballard   |
| 3A .....                              | J. Sheen   | 1C ..... | C. Booton    |
| 3B .....                              | J. Hough   | 1D ..... | P. McDonnell |

The speech day Special Endeavour prize, as last year, to Yvonne Darlaston.

This year we have a clutch of speech day prize winners. The complete table is shown below, but our year is represented by Joyce White (two prizes), Pam Watts, Barry Young, Stuart Hodgson, Josie Tite, John Staley, Ruby Vickers and Malcolm Stringer,

|                                                          |                                   |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Mayor's Prize for Domestic Science .....                 | B. Williams, P. Dawson            |
| Chairman's Prize for Geography .....                     | B. Williams                       |
| R. Hadden Prize for History .....                        | R. Arnold                         |
| Dawson Prize for English .....                           | J. White                          |
| Bacon Bros. Prize for Art .....                          | J. Lucas                          |
| Lester Prize for Music .....                             | P. Watts                          |
| Wincott Prize for Handicraft (Woodwork) .....            | C. Bell                           |
| Second Prize for Handicraft (Woodwork) .....             | I. Foulds                         |
| F. H. Biddle Prize for Technical Drawing .....           | G. Knight                         |
| Clarkson Prize for Mathematics .....                     | J. Mason, K. Stanyard             |
| Sterling Metals Prize for Chemistry .....                | D. Sheen                          |
| Sterling Metals Prize for Physics .....                  | J. Mason                          |
| Sterling Metals Prize for Electricity Essay .....        | H. Goodburn                       |
| Courtaulds' Prize for Biology .....                      | T. White                          |
| Courtaulds' Prize for Field Work .....                   | C. Wilson                         |
| Alfred Herbert Prize for Metalwork .....                 | C. Bell                           |
| Alfred Herbert Prize for Metalwork .....                 | B. Young                          |
| Coal Board Mathematics Prize .....                       | S. Hodgson                        |
| Coal Board English Prize .....                           | J. Tite                           |
| Coal Board Science Prize .....                           | J. Staley                         |
| Hart and Levy Prize for Needlework .....                 | B. Williams                       |
| Fielding and Johnson Prize for Commercial Subjects ..... | R. Vickers                        |
| J. C. Smiths Prize for Exceptional Progress .....        | M. Marshall                       |
| Headmaster's Prize for Modern Languages .....            | M. Spiers                         |
| Foreign Languages Prize .....                            | M. Stringer                       |
| Prize for Russian .....                                  | J. White                          |
| Physical Education Prizes .....                          | R. Kemp (boy), H. Goodburn (girl) |
| Religious Knowledge Prizes .....                         | P. Wright, C. Spencer             |
| Old Scholars' Prize .....                                | J. Mackenzie                      |

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### 7.2 Our Year

This is our big year – GCE O-levels in June (see results in section 7.12). The forms are now named after their respective main foreign language. We had 5F taking French and 5G1 and 5G2 taking German. Last years 4D has become 5NF – presumable standing for “Not French” meaning no foreign language studies.

| Form       | 5F         | 5G1        | 5G2        | 5NF        |
|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Teacher    | Mr Edwards | Mr Bacon   |            |            |
| Form Prize | J. White   | C. Meacham | D. Forster | M. Barratt |

We have a photo of the Park House senior hockey team featuring four of our year, and a form photo of 5F. A number of staff members were sufficiently sporty (and sporting) to form their own hockey team and challenge the school's First XI – but were not able to beat them. They did however come out well in the photo.

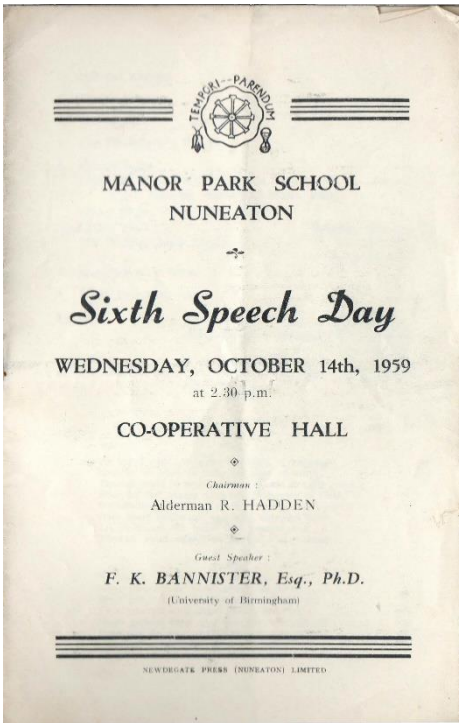
The decision is made to build a swimming pool in the east quadrangle.

### 7.3 Teaching staff

From this year's Speech Day programme (no 6)- the list of teachers for our fifth year.

| STAFF                                                                                   |  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| <i>Headmaster</i> — Mr. L. J. GOODBURN, B.A., HONS. (London)                            |  |
| <i>Deputy Headmaster</i> — Mr. C. WALKER, Teaching Certificate                          |  |
| <i>Senior Mistress</i> — Miss P. M. COOKE, A.R.C.M.                                     |  |
| Mr. D. R. ASHTON, B.SC. HONS. (Wales).                                                  |  |
| Miss R. AUERBACH, B.A. HONS. (Keele) Diploma of Education.                              |  |
| Mr. D. H. BRINKWORTH, Teaching Certificate, Higher National Certificate.                |  |
| Mr. H. BACON, D.F.C., B.SC. (London), Teacher's Diploma.                                |  |
| Mrs. K. C. BOSWORTH, Teaching Certificate; City & Guilds Dressmaking.                   |  |
| Mr. E. L. CRADY, B.SC. (Bristol) Teacher's Diploma.                                     |  |
| Mr. F. T. CARTER, B.A. HONS. (Birmingham) Teacher's Diploma.                            |  |
| Mr. M. CLOWES, Teaching Certificate; Diploma in Physical Education.                     |  |
| Mr. A. H. DOWNING, Teaching Certificate.                                                |  |
| Mr. S. DUNKERLEY, Final City & Guilds Woodwork, First City & Guilds Metalwork.          |  |
| Mr. D. L. EDWARDS, B.SC. (Sheffield) Teacher's Diploma.                                 |  |
| Mr. T. DE C. FULFORD, B.A. COMMERCE (Manchester), F.S.C.T., Teacher's Diploma.          |  |
| Mrs. F. M. FIFIELD, B.A. HONS. (Wales) Teacher's Diploma.                               |  |
| Miss M. GINNS, Domestic Science Teaching Certificate (Leicester).                       |  |
| Mr. A. L. HALE, B.A. HONS. (Bristol) Teacher's Diploma.                                 |  |
| Mr. J. HAMBLETON, B.A. HONS. (Nottingham) Teacher's Diploma.                            |  |
| Mrs. L. HINDLEY, B.A. HONS. (Wales) Diploma of Education ; Diploma in Biblical Studies. |  |
| Mr. J. H. JONES, B.A. (Wales) Teacher's Diploma.                                        |  |
| Mrs. M. E. JONES, Diploma, Chelsea College of Physical Education.                       |  |
| Mr. G. KIRKBRIDE, Teaching Certificate.                                                 |  |
| Mr. J. P. LINEHAN, D.L.C. HONS. G.I.MECH.E.                                             |  |
| Mr. G. MASON, M.A. (CANTAB).                                                            |  |
| Miss K. M. McNAUGHTON, Domestic Science Teaching Certificate (Gloucs.).                 |  |
| Mr. M. A. NICHOLSON, B.A. LONDON, Teacher's Diploma.                                    |  |
| Mr. P. J. PERRY, B.A. (HONS.), Nottingham.                                              |  |
| Mrs. S. ROCHFORD, N.D.D., A.T.D.                                                        |  |
| Mr. J. M. REECE, Teaching Certificate.                                                  |  |
| Mr. G. SIDDALL, B.SC. HONS. (London).                                                   |  |
| Mr. J. R. SCARLE, B.SC. (Leeds).                                                        |  |
| Mr. D. SLINN, B.SC. (London), Diploma in Education.                                     |  |
| Mr. J. TAYLOR, Teaching Certificate, Diploma in Mathematics.                            |  |

7.4 Speech day



1. National Anthem.
2. The Chairman.
3. The Mayor.
4. The Headmaster's Report.
5. Musical Items :  
Violin and Piano Duet. Sonatina in D op 10, No. 2 ... Dvorak  
(D. Dunning, Violin ; P. Watts, Piano)  
School Choir :  
Linden Lea ..... Vaughan Williams  
The Dashing White Sergeant ..... Scottish Trad.  
arr. Hugh Robertson
6. Presentation of Prizes.
7. F. K. Bannister, Esq.
8. Votes of Thanks. Proposed by J. Mason (a Prefect).  
Seconded by Chairman, Parent Teacher Association
9. The School Song ..... Jones and Goodburn

Pam Watts performs a recital with Darrell Dunning

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### 7.5 Form Photo 5F(S) 1959-60 – Mr Edwards

|            |                                                                                                                                    |
|------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1960081F   | Form 5F(S) 22.7.1960: Mr Edwards                                                                                                   |
| Top row    | Steve Robbins, John Moore, Derek Holmes                                                                                            |
| Third row  | Alf Pare, Don Richardson, John Bell, Leslie Bentham, Charlie Brogden, Richard Mason, Barry Young, John Revill, Geoffrey Pickford : |
| Second row | David Looms, Iris Johnson, Janet Giles, Marion Fisher, Joyce White, Ruby Vickers, Mary Gurden, Carole Galland, Roger Woolaston     |
| Front row  | Elvie Palmer, Pat Boone, Mr Edwards, Annette Coles, Margaret Hopkins                                                               |



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### 7.6 Sport

#### 7.6.1 School Hockey 1<sup>st</sup> XI 1959-60

| Row | 1959205Z School 1st XI Hockey Team 1959.                                                     |
|-----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2   | Helen Goodburn, Marilyn Southorn, Pam Duncan, Carole Galland, Yvonne Darlaston, Margaret Coe |
| 1   | Carol Middleton, Marion Fisher, Pauline Dawson, Tina (Christine) Barnett, Dorrie Fisher      |



#### 7.6.2 Park House Senior Hockey Team

| Row | 1959100P Park House Senior Hockey Team 1958/9.                                                            |
|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2   | Pauline Dawson, Anne Johnson, Josie Pearson, Jean Crowley, Marion Fisher, Pauline Oldfield, Dorrie Fisher |
| 1   | Ann Blackburn, Carol Middleton, Josie Tite, Marian Hankinson                                              |



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### 7.6.3 School Rugby 1<sup>st</sup> XV 1959-60

|           |                                                     |
|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| 1960038Z  | 1st XV 1959-60                                      |
| Back row  | Ash, Bennett, Balding, Hurst, Hodgson, Bower, Aston |
|           | Brogden, Revill, Humphries, Holmes, Penn :          |
| Front row | Busby, Knight, Bentham                              |



And what they look like after a game.



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### 7.6.4 School Rugby 2nd XV 1959-60

|           |                                                                         |
|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1960040F  | Rugby 2 <sup>nd</sup> XV 1959-60                                        |
| Back row  | 1, Leigh Krauth, Paul Bates, Peter Crompton, Peter Groome, Brian Randle |
| Row 2     | Darrel Dunning, Keith Raynor, Gerald Wareham, Jim Purves                |
| Front row | Ian Dickens, Malcom Stringer, Alan Brewin, Alan Magor                   |



Notice Bev Moore hovering in the background to the left behind the hedge. Clearly up to no good.

### 7.6.5 Maurice Hurst – an international cap

In March Maurice Hurst (see 7.6.3 ,centre back row) was selected to play for England Boys Clubs against Wales in a National Association of Boys Clubs rugby international to be played in Redruth on 19 April 1960.

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### 7.6.6 Sports day

Here we have Marion Fisher running for Park House in the 150 yards. She assures us that there were others in the race – but clearly the photographer only had one person in mind.

1960463E      1960 House Athletics Championship -Girls 150 yards  
Marion Fisher



|          |                                                                    |
|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1960462F | 1960 House Athletics Championship -                                |
|          | Roger Kemp, Maurice Hurst, Lesley Bentham,<br>Malcolm Stringer, 5? |



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Well, at least one of them below, John Staley (standing) is dressed for the part, with house colour patch still pinned to his chest. As for the others – no comment.

|                |                                                |
|----------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Back row       | Bev Moore (kneeling), John Staley (standing)   |
| Heads together | Ken Addison, Pauline Oldfield                  |
| Lounging       | Keith Gardener, Marilyn Southorn, Dennis Bower |
| Boy in front   | Robert Moss                                    |



### 7.7 The school play – Twelfth Night

This year's school play, Twelfth Night was produced by Mr. Siddall and performed on three successive nights of 24, 25 and 26 March 1960. The play, to say the least, is a rather complicated romantic comedy with complex sub-plots but two of Manor Park cast, Roy Aston and Pam Duncan are about to embark on a sub-plot of their own. Roy describes this below but first we have the newspaper reviews.



#### The Photo

- 1 Derek Whordley
- 2 Jim Purves
- 3 Don Richardson
- 4 Mrs K C Bosworth
- 5 Anne Johnson
- 6 Ann Blackburn
- 7 Roy Aston

NUNEATON SPORTS TRIBUNE, Saturday, March 26, 1960.



A peep behind the scenes during Manor Park School's presentation of "Twelfth Night" last night. In our picture Jean Mason is putting the finishing touches to Rodney Oakford's make-up. Other members of the cast are looking on.

## ***Manor Park Scholars' fine work in 'Twelfth Night'***

MANOR PARK Grammar School Dramatic Society are to be congratulated on their rendering of Shakespeare's Twelfth Night. They have played to full houses on both Wednesday and last night, and will give their concluding performance this evening.

The production is notable for its continuity, there being no curtain between scenes and the only break in the action is for the single brief interval.

### **DEPTH, FEELING**

The play flows along gaining momentum as each group of characters is introduced and plot and counter-plot develop.

All the parts are played with enthusiasm and surprising depth of feeling considering the age of some of the players.

D. Whordley as Malvolio, gives a very good and mature performance, and makes the perfect target for the wit and wiles of L. Topp as Fest, E. Harvey as Sir Toby and D. Dunning as Fabian. J. Standley plays Sir Andrew and proves a great contrast to the rousing cheeriness of Sir Toby, P. Duncan as Viola and R. Arnold as Sebastian proved convincing twins; A. Johnson as Olivia and A. Blackburn as her maid, Maria. I. Dickens as Antonio and R. Aston as the Duke, are to be commended as indeed are all the cast.

The costumes are particularly good and Mrs E. Bosworth and her team deserve a special vote of thanks for creating a wardrobe which would serve the school well for future plays.

The one set is maintained throughout the play and provides a pleasant background for all the scenes of the play.

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**The Cast**

- 1 - Jim Purves
- 2 - Ian Dickens
- 3 - Ian Foulds
- 4 - Pam Duncan
- 5 - Rodney Oakford
- 6 - ?
- 7 - ?
- 8 - Jean Mason
- 9 - Roy Aston
- 10 - ?
- 11 - ?
- 12 - ?

**Director**  
Mr G. Siddall

**Costumes**  
Mrs E. Bosworth

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Roy Aston who played Duke Orsino relates the additional sub-plot as follows.

### ***A Tale of Romance***

*Twelfth Night is a tale of unrequited love. Duke Orsino loved Olivia but she would not return that love despite the urgings of his messenger, the disguised Viola who had become his manservant.*

*To shorten the tale somewhat, Viola's deception is uncovered at the end and Orsino finds that he has fallen in love with Viola.*

*All ends happily with Viola's brother Sebastian marrying Olivia and Viola marrying the Duke.*

*The tradition at Manor Park at that time was that the cast for the school play was chosen from the 4<sup>th</sup> and lower 6<sup>th</sup> forms because these were not major exam years. I didn't really want to be in the play and was glad when all the parts had been allocated and I was not amongst them.*

*However my relief was short lived. At the next assembly or shortly thereafter, George Siddall came up to me and thrust a book in my hand and uttered the words "The Duke". He then strode away leaving me with no opportunity to protest. I was to be Duke Orsino.*

*The reason for me getting the part was that originally, Martin Spiers had been given the role but as he was in the 3<sup>rd</sup> year 6<sup>th</sup>, and taking exams, it was thought that he should not be involved.*

*Meanwhile, Pam Duncan had been allocated the part of Viola in the play.*

*During rehearsals and over many cups of tea shared in the domestic science room, true love began to blossom between us so that the characters brought together in Twelfth Night by William Shakespeare actually married in real life!*

*We celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in 2016 and have two daughters, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.*

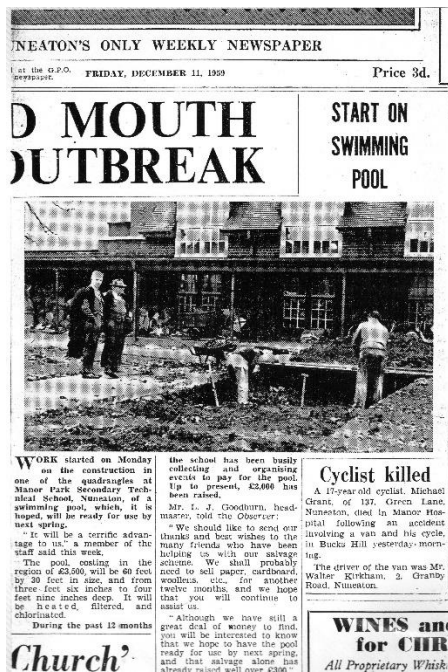
*What's the probability of the combination of all these events?*

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### 7.8 The swimming pool

#### 7.8.1 Construction and opening ceremony

Work started in late 1959. The Nuneaton Observer dated 11 December 1959 shows the very early stages. With a cost estimated at some £3500, by the digging start date the amount of £2000 had been raised through a range of initiatives, and the pool was officially opened by the Mayor of Nuneaton Alderman F.B.J. Warr on 7 July 1960.



The sixth form put on a show for those present – featuring pirates and a display of raft paddling.

1960073F

Swimming pool opening show

Edwin Humphries, Brian Randle, Margaret Moreland, Jean Mason, Peter Bennett, Gerald Wareham



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### 7.8.2 Rest and relaxation

Perhaps the scene below is not what Mr Goodburn had in mind when he proposed a school swimming pool – but who's complaining?

1960077V

Teacher in the chair  
Girl in the pool

Miss Ginns  
Margaret Coe



*Photograph taken by Glynis White (Nee Burns)*

In The Wheel no. 17 – Summer, 1963 we read:

Corporal Margaret Coe, P.T. instructor in the W.R.A.F. has been posted to Aden for a spell of duty.

No doubt that she was able to capitalize on her Manor Park swimming pool experience in Aden, but in The Wheel no.20 – Summer, 1965 we have more news:

MARGARET COE, who is a physical training instructress in the W.R.A.F. has represented the W.R.A.F. in the inter-service Squash Tournament and also in the inter-service Women's Hockey Championships. Margaret was the school singles champion in 1959.

Well done Margaret.

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### 7.8.3 Getting to know the girls

|          |                                                                                    |
|----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1960079Z | At the poolside – Summer 1960                                                      |
|          | Cynthia Hartshorn, Val Matthews, Barry Young, Kath Wilde, Jane Trinder, Iris Adams |



### 7.8.4 Swimming attire - rules



Initially there were no rules concerning swimming attire. A French automobile engineer Louis Réard working for Renault had decided to turn his hand to clothes designing and in 1946 introduced the bikini – at the time a scandalous two-piece swimsuit. Here is Brigitte Bardot wearing one in Cannes in 1956 - at the end of our second year - but it would have been a brave Manor Park girl indeed to appear in one at school.

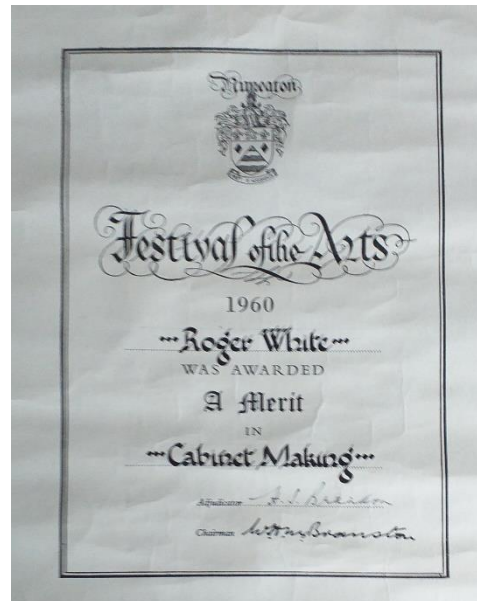
However in the initial pool days a number of girls did emerge from the changing room in white costumes and horror upon horror they became almost transparent when wet. At the very first opportunity - the next day's morning assembly, the message went out: white is **not** alright. Thereafter in the notice given to parents of new pupils the requirement was:

Swim Suit (Any colour excepting white)

### 7.9 Nuneaton Festival of Arts

In this year's Nuneaton Festival of the Arts Roger White was awarded a merit for his entry in the Cabinet Making section of a "needlework storage unit".

Here is his certificate.



50 years later, on 8 May 2019, Roger wrote: *The needlework box resided at my mother's bungalow in Hartshill, but probably got cleared when she died in the 1990's, along with various other pieces of furniture I had made. It is surprising how articles that are taken for granted in one's earlier life become of value much later on.*

### 7.10 Le Troupe de la Bastille

It had been the tradition that the King Edward VI Grammar School for boys and the Nuneaton High School for girls would join together on one evening of the year to show off their cultural plumage at a "Soiree".

This year Manor Park joined in and as well as demonstrating our prowess in the arts Mrs Rochford (with always a mischievous twinkle in her eye) decided to throw in something of a hand grenade.

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The first XV rugby team were called to her art room and against their natural inclinations (but who could resist Mrs Rochford?) agreed to stage part of the ballet Swan Lake – the “Dance of the cygnets”. Now tutus and rugby players’ hairy legs don’t normally mix, but never mind. Mrs Rochford explained that she had selected them because they were already a formed group and although she knew nothing of rugby she assumed that they were used to following team instructions. A ballet performance would be a sort of natural extension to their rugby activities. Did anyone believe this? Who knows? – but they agreed to do it.

One problem did however arise in the first rehearsal – these lads were either heavy-weights or lanky teenagers, and neither body shape was suited to being thrown into the air. Someone of a slighter build, less heavy and less gawky was needed, so in came Don Richardson as a sort of honorary member of the rugby team – the human cannon ball. He would be the one catapulted into the sky at the girls High School soiree.

The group christened “Le Troupe de la Bastille” gave an immaculate performance, performed an encore and were immediately signed up for a second show at the year’s PTA meeting – which also brought the house down.

Thereafter the tutus were rapidly discarded (sadly no photos remain) and normal rugby service was resumed.



Mrs Rochford

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### 7.11 Summer vacation

#### 7.11.1 Trip to Switzerland – August 1960

|                        |                                                                                                                  |
|------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1960816                | Departure of the school trip to Switzerland at Trent Valley Station, 16 August 1960.                             |
| Back row (red numbers) | (13 in total) 1-David Mein, 2,3,4-Keith Raynor, 5,6 John Watts,7,8-Richard Mason(second row), 9, 10, 11, 12, 13: |
| Row 2                  | (7 in total) g1, g2 Carol Grant ,Mabel Harper, g5 , Richard Mason, b7, Don Richardson:                           |
| Row 1 -Feet on street  | (8 in total) g1, Sheila Palfreyman (little girl), g3 g4, g5, g6,g7, b8                                           |



The journey to Interlaken consisted of five legs Nuneaton-London-Folkestone-Calais-Basle-Interlaken and took 24 hours. The bonus was the overnight train for the long leg between Calais and Basle although this did mean a 6am arrival and then an hour's wait for the connection to Interlaken. Reports of the trip can be found in The Wheel no. 13 – Christmas 1960, and A Short History page 94.

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### 7.11.2 Cycling tour of the West Country

In August two pupils, Jim Purves and Stuart Hodgson undertook a West County cycling tour, taking the train to Bristol, cycling along the north coast of the western peninsular to Penzance, and returning along the south coast to Exeter to catch the train back to Nuneaton. The two-week trip took followed the route below with overnight stops and the indicated youth hostels.



### 7.11.3 Hostelling in Germany

August saw four of our year take a one month holiday in Germany, staying for a large part at youth hostels but carrying tents “just in case”. The four were: Maurice Hurst, Dennis Bower, Ken Addison and Peter Wright.



This was not a package tour – they organised the whole thing themselves but left the precise overnight arrangements to be decided en-route – they did not want to be forced to stick to a pre-planned or prepaid arrangement.

Maurice Hurst describes the trip in his article in the Wheel number 13, Christmas 1960, edited by Joyce White.

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The main section of the journey involved trekking down the Rhine from Cologne to Freiburg close to the Swiss border – a distance of some 305 miles, using whatever transportation methods were available. These included travelling by boat (the best) to trotting on foot (the worst). Both a railway and a road shadow most of the Rhine's route, providing other options and in 1960, hitchhiking was a relatively common activity.

### 7.12 GCE O-level results

The following is extracted from the Speech Day 7 programme.

| GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION<br>(London) 1960                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| ADVANCED LEVEL                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| G. P. Bates—HW.<br>C. Bell—DE, HW, HM.<br>P. Bennett—M.<br>I. Foulds—HW.<br>*M. R. Spiers—F, G.<br>D. Fisher—Z.<br>T. C. Ash—DE, HW.<br>D. Dunning—HW.<br>A. J. Gibbs—HW.<br>*M. Gibbs—M, PY, C.<br>*E. Humphries—M, MD, PY.<br>M. R. Spiers was awarded a State Scholarship.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | G. J. Knight—DE, HW, HM.<br>D. B. Sheen—M, PY, C.<br>K. Stanyard—M, MD, PY.<br>D. Vucinic—HW.<br>*G. Warham—M, MD, PY.<br>*T. White—C, B.<br>I. Davies—DC.<br>*H. R. Goodburn—M, PY, C.<br>*J. Y. Mason—G, M, MD, PY.<br>*M. Moreland—M, MD, PY.<br>B. J. Williams—G, DC, DN.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Code : HM, Handicraft Metalwork ; HW, Handicraft Woodwork ; DE, Engineering Drawing ; M, Pure Maths. ; F, French ; G, German ; Z, Zoology ; PY, Physics ; C, Chemistry ; MD, Applied Maths. ; B, Botany ; DC, Domestic Subjects, Cookery ; DN, Domestic Subjects, Needlework. * Have qualified for university awards.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| ORDINARY LEVEL                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| J. Bell—EN, EL, PY, A, HW, EH, (MB, DG).<br>L. J. Bentham—EN, MB.<br>C. A. Brogden—EL, DG, A, HM, EH.<br>D. J. J. Busby—EN, EL, MB, DG, HM, EH.<br>S. Hodgson—EN, GY, F, MC, PY, HM (MB, DG).<br>D. Holmes—PY, EH (MB, HW, DG).<br>D. W. Loomes—EN, MC, HM (MB, DG).<br>R. C. Mason—EN, EL, GY, MC, PY (HW, MB, DG).<br>J. M. Moore—EN, EL, H, F, MC, PY (MB).<br>A. G. Pare—EL, GY, MB.<br>G. Pitchford—EL, H, MC, PY (MB).<br>J. A. Revill—EN, EL, H, MC, PY, BY (MB).<br>R. N. Reynolds—MB, DG.<br>D. T. Richardson—EN, EL, GY, MC (MB, HW, DG).<br>S. J. Robbins—EL, H.<br>C. W. Smith—EL, GY, H. | M. P. Corby—EL, GY, PY, C, A (MB).<br>K. F. Gardner—EN, EL, GY, SU (MB).<br>A. J. Gibbs—GY, PY (MB, DG).<br>P. J. Harrison—EL, HM, EH (DG).<br>M. W. Hurst—EL, MC, PY, HM, EH (MB, DG).<br>B. W. Moore—EN, EL, H, G, SU.<br>E. Moore—G, DG, HW.<br>A. Nicol—EL, H, G, BY.<br>C. Payne—EN, EL, H, G, MB, PY, BY.<br>J. A. Staley—EL, GY, G, MC, PY, C, BY, M.<br>M. G. Stringer—EN, EL, G, SU, R (MB).<br>R. White—EN, GY, G (HW, MB, DG).<br>B. Williams—MB, SU, HM.<br>C. Barnett—EL, DN (MB).<br>J. Berrill—EN, EL, G, MB, BY.<br>A. A. Cartwright—EN, EL, GY, G, MB, CS, DN.<br>D. Coates—EN, EL, G, BY (MB).<br>Y. D. Darlaston—EN, EL, GY, G, MB, A, DC. |

| GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION<br>ORDINARY LEVEL—Continued                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| R. Woolaston—EN, EL, H, PY, C, BY (MB).<br>B. Young—EN, EL, GY, MB, A, HM (DG).<br>P. Boon—EN, EL, CS.<br>A. S. Coles—EL, GY, DN.<br>M. Fisher—EN, EL, GY, H, R, F (MB).<br>C. Galland—GY, CS.<br>J. Giles—EN, EL, H, F, MC, PY, C, BY (MB).<br>M. C. Gurden—EN, EL, GY, CS, DC.<br>M. A. Hopkins—EN, EL, GY.<br>I. Johnson—EN, EL, H, F, MB, BY.<br>E. M. Palmer—EN, EL, MC, PY, (MB).<br>J. A. Tite—EN, EL, GY, H, MB, R (F).<br>R. S. Vickers—EN, EL, MB, CS.<br>P. Watts—EN, EL, GY, H, MU, R (F, MB).<br>G. P. Bates—EL, GY, MC (MB, DG).<br>K. Addison—EN, GY, G, MB, PY, BY.<br>R. W. Balding—GY, PY, HM (MB, DG).<br>M. V. Blower—EN, GY, MB.<br>D. E. Bower—EL, GY, G, MC, PY, BY (MB).<br>G. Slater—GY (F, C, BY).<br>Subjects previously passed are bracketed.<br>Code: EN, English Language; EL, English Literature; GY, Geography, H, History; EH, English Econ. History; RK, Religious Know.; F, French; G, German; R, Russian; MB, Pure Maths. Syll. B.; MB, Applied Maths.; PY, Physics; C, Chemistry; GS, General Science; B, Botany; Z, Zoology; BY, Biology; DG, Geo. Mech. Drawing; DE, Engineering Drawing; SU, Elementary Surveying; HA, Human Anat. Phys. and Hygiene; A, Art; MU, Music; DC, Domestic Subjects, Cookery; DN, Domestic Subjects, Needlework; HW, Handicraft, Woodwork; HM, Handicraft, Metalwork; CS, Commercial Subjects. | C. Meacham—EN, EL, GY, G, MC, PY, BY, MB.<br>P. Oldfield—EN, EL.<br>I. M. Southern—EN, EL, G, CS.<br>D. Thomas—GY, G.<br>T. Bates—GY, MB, A, HW (DG).<br>M. J. Bowen—GY.<br>K. M. Chuter—MB (HW, DG).<br>R. W. T. Essex—EN, EL, GY, H.<br>I. T. Garner—DG, HM.<br>M. J. Green—HW.<br>R. A. Hardy—EL.<br>L. Krauth—GY, MB, DG, HM.<br>M. T. Lees—EN, EL, RK.<br>J. F. Lucas—A (HW, DG).<br>A. Magor—DG, HW.<br>J. Pegg—EN, EL, MB, CS, HW.<br>C. Wilson—GY, MB, SU.<br>M. J. Woolridge—EL, DG, HM.<br>P. Dawson—DC.<br>D. Forster—EN, EL, GY, G, BY.<br>M. Hearn—CS.<br>P. A. Morris—EN, BY, MU (MB, H).<br>C. E. Middleton—EL.<br>M. W. Barratt—EN, GY, MB, DG, HW.<br>P. E. Crowley—EN, MB, HM (DG).<br>C. Fairfield—MB, DG, HM.<br>D. S. Mein—EL, MB, PY, DG, HM.<br>D. Raynor—SU, HM.<br>K. N. Raynor—MB, DG, HM.<br>P. E. Wright—EL, GY, DG, HW.<br>C. S. Aucott—EL, CS, DC.<br>M. Dalton—EL.<br>M. M. Marshall—CS, EH, DC. |

Note that we do have one representative in the A-level results section – Paul Bates with Woodwork.

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### 7.13 Royal Society of Arts results

The following is extracted from the Speech Day 7 programme.

| ROYAL SOCIETY OF ARTS                             |              |               |
|---------------------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| TYPEWRITING— <i>Stage 1</i>                       |              |               |
| J. Pegg                                           | J. Crowley   | M. Hankinson  |
| P. Boon                                           | S. Everall   | V. Palfreyman |
| M. Hopkins                                        | M. Eatwell   | A. Blackburn  |
| M. Southorn                                       | J. Pearson   | I. Waddoups   |
| C. Aucott                                         | K. Meacham   | M. Bailey     |
| A. Cartwright                                     | M. Winston   | A. Powell     |
| M. Marshall                                       | P. Daley     | J. Mein       |
| R. Vickers*                                       | J. Stretton* | H. Beale      |
| M. Gurden*                                        | M. Hearn*    | V. Neale      |
| SHORTHAND—50/60 <i>w.p.m.</i>                     |              |               |
| C. Aucott*                                        | M. Hopkins   | M. Southorn*  |
| R. Vickers*                                       | J. Pegg      | M. Marshall*  |
| M. Gurden*                                        | P. Boon      | B. Moore*     |
| A. Cartwright                                     |              |               |
| BOOK-KEEPING— <i>Stage 1</i>                      |              |               |
| J. Pegg                                           | M. Hopkins   | M. Marshall   |
| P. Boon                                           | C. Galland   | C. Aucott     |
| STATISTICS     P. Every obtained a 2nd Class Pass |              |               |
| * Passed with Credit.                             |              |               |

## 8 Year 6 1960-61 – Lower Sixth

### 8.1 The Year in General

| Source                                                               | Reference                                                | Content                                                                                                                                                                      |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>A Short History</b> by A Merry                                    | Pages: 96-106                                            | Comments on the events of the year                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>This year's speech day</b>                                        | No: 7 – 12 October 1960                                  | Current teacher list<br>Last year's achievements                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Speech Day programme</b> looking back on this year's achievements | No: 8 – 18 October 1961                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School prizes</li> <li>Academic achievements</li> <li>Transfers to further education</li> </ul>                                       |
| <b>The Wheel</b>                                                     | Issue 13, Christmas, 1960<br>Issue 14, Summer Term, 1961 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Editor's comments</li> <li>Headmaster's contribution</li> <li>House results</li> <li>Pupil contributions</li> <li>And more</li> </ul> |

In addition to the sixth form there are 19 forms – shown below with their form prize winners.

| FORM PRIZES (PRESENTED BY THE P.T.A.) |                    |    |                   |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|----|-------------------|
| 5F1                                   | ..... D. Oldham    | 3D | ..... C. Ball     |
| 5F2                                   | ..... W. Brown     | 2A | ..... P. Brown    |
| 5NF                                   | ..... L. Morris    | 2B | ..... M. Foggo    |
| 4G1                                   | ..... J. Sheen     | 2C | ..... B. Williams |
| 4G2                                   | ..... P. Latham    | 2D | ..... R. Brown    |
| 4G3                                   | ..... C. Hartshorn | 1A | ..... E. Unett    |
| 4NG                                   | ..... S. Bailey    | 1B | ..... N. Baxter   |
| 3A                                    | ..... I. Grubb     | 1C | ..... S. Bacon    |
| 3B                                    | ..... E. Payne     | 1D | ..... S. Medlock  |
| 3C                                    | ..... M. Arnold    |    |                   |

We only manage one speech day prize this year – Michael Corby for the “Sterling Metals Prize for Electricity Essay.”

### 8.2 Our Year

|         |         |
|---------|---------|
| Form    | 6L      |
| Teacher | Mr Hale |

Not everyone stays on into the sixth form and we lose some good friends.

Both Head Boy and Head Girl are now from our year:

- Head Boy: Barry Young
- Head Girl: Joyce White

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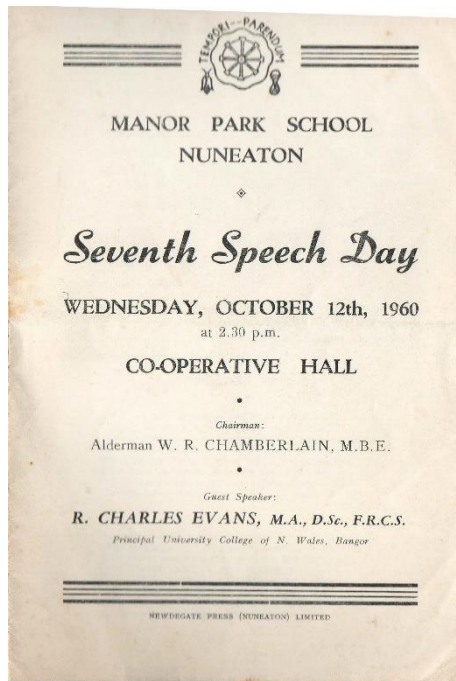
### 8.3 Teaching staff

From this year's Speech Day programme (no 7)- the list of teachers for our lower sixth year.

| STAFF                    |                                                                      |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>Headmaster</i>        | — Mr. L. J. GOODBURN, B.A., HONS. (London)                           |
| <i>Deputy Headmaster</i> | — Mr. C. WALKER, Teaching Certificate                                |
| <i>Senior Mistress</i>   | — Miss P. M. COOKE, A.R.C.M.                                         |
| Mr. D. R. ASHTON,        | B.SC. HONS. (Wales).                                                 |
| Mr. D. H. BRINKWORTH,    | Teaching Certificate, Higher National Certificate.                   |
| Mr. H. BACON, D.F.C.,    | B.SC. (London), Teacher's Diploma.                                   |
| Mrs. K. C. BOSWORTH,     | Teaching Certificate, City & Guilds Dressmaking.                     |
| Herr H. BURGHARDT,       | Pädagogische Hochschule, Berlin.                                     |
| Mr. E. L. CRADDY, B.SC.  | (Bristol) Teacher's Diploma.                                         |
| Mr. F. T. CARTER, B.A.   | HONS. (Birmingham) Teacher's Diploma.                                |
| Mr. M. CLOWES,           | Teaching Certificate, Diploma in Physical Education.                 |
| Mr. A. H. DOWNING,       | Teaching Certificate.                                                |
| Mr. S. DUNKERLEY,        | Final City & Guilds Woodwork, First City & Guilds<br>Metalwork.      |
| Mr. D. L. EDWARDS, B.SC. | (Sheffield) Teacher's Diploma.                                       |
| Mr. T. DE C. FULFORD,    | B.A. COMMERCE (Manchester), F.S.C.T., Teacher's<br>Diploma.          |
| Mr. A. L. HALE, B.A.     | HONS. (Bristol) Teacher's Diploma.                                   |
| Mr. J. HAMBLETON, B.A.   | HONS. (Nottingham) Teacher's Diploma.                                |
| Mrs. L. HINDLEY, B.A.    | HONS. (Wales) Diploma of Education ;<br>Diploma in Biblical Studies. |
| Mr. J. H. JONES, B.A.    | (Wales) Teacher's Diploma.                                           |
| Mrs. M. E. JONES,        | Diploma, Chelsea College of Physical Education.                      |
| Mr. G. KIRKBRIDE,        | Teaching Certificate.                                                |
| Mr. G. MASON, M.A.       | (CANTAB).                                                            |
| Mrs. K. M. BANKS,        | Domestic Science Teaching Certificate (Gloucs.).                     |
| Mrs. M. A. BROWN, B.A.   | LONDON, Teacher's Diploma.                                           |
| Mr. P. J. PERRY, B.A.    | (HONS.) Nottingham.                                                  |
| Mrs. S. ROCHFORD,        | N.D.D., A.T.D.                                                       |
| Mr. J. M. REECE,         | Teaching Certificate.                                                |
| Mr. G. SIDDALL, B.SC.    | HONS. (London).                                                      |
| Mr. J. R. SCARTH, B.SC.  | (Leeds).                                                             |
| Mr. D. SLINN, B.SC.      | (London), Diploma in Education.                                      |
| Mr. H. D. SMITH, B.A.    | (Sheffield), Teacher's Diploma.                                      |
| Miss M. STELLING,        | Domestic Science Teaching Certificate (Gloucs.).                     |
| Mr. J. TAYLOR,           | Teaching Certificate, Diploma in Mathematics.                        |

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### 8.4 Speech day



|                                                        |                                                                                                         |
|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. National Anthem.                                    |                                                                                                         |
| 2. The Chairman.                                       |                                                                                                         |
| 3. The Mayor.                                          |                                                                                                         |
| 4. The Headmaster's Report.                            |                                                                                                         |
| 5. School Choir.                                       |                                                                                                         |
| Flow gently Sweet Afton (girls only) .....             | B. Price                                                                                                |
| Now is the month of Maying (combined choirs) T. Morley |                                                                                                         |
| Trio for 2 violins and piano .....                     |                                                                                                         |
| Trio No. 3 in A .....                                  | Corelli                                                                                                 |
| 1st Violin D. Dunning, 2nd violin J. Wallace           |                                                                                                         |
| Piano P. Watts                                         |                                                                                                         |
| 6. G.C.E. Lists.                                       |                                                                                                         |
| 7. Presentation of Prizes.                             |                                                                                                         |
| 8. R. Charles Evans, Esq.                              |                                                                                                         |
| 9. Votes of Thanks.                                    | Proposed by M. Spiers (Head Boy).<br>Seconded by Mr. E. Duncan (Chairman<br>Parent Teacher Association) |
| 10. The School Song.                                   |                                                                                                         |

Pam Watts performs a recital with Darrell Dunning and J. Wallace

### 8.5 The Wheel editor

Joyce White takes over as editor of the Wheel and will produce three excellent magazines in her two year spell.

| Issue | Publication date  | Pages |
|-------|-------------------|-------|
| 13    | Christmas, 1960   | 57    |
| 14    | Summer Term 1961  | 36    |
| 15    | Spring Term, 1962 | 56    |

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### 8.6 Sport

#### 8.6.1 School Rugby 1<sup>st</sup> XV 1960-61

|            |                                               |
|------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| 1960351F   | 1st XV 1960-61:                               |
| Back row   | Purves, Hodgson, Bates, Hurst, Bower, Brogden |
| Middle row | Belcher, Bentham, Aston, Bennett, Balding     |
| Front row  | Dickens, Betteridge, Kemp, Higham             |



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### 8.6.2 School Rugby 2<sup>nd</sup> XV 1960-61

|            |                                                                                 |
|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1960351F   | 2nd XV 1960-61:                                                                 |
| Back row   | Steve Latham, Alan Brewin, Denis Bower, Maurice Hurst, Pete Harvey,6, Tony Love |
| Middle row | Les Daintier, Walter Brown, John Staley, Barry Young, Jim Purves, Ian Dickens   |
| Front row  | Malcolm Stringer, John Betteridge                                               |



This photo is a bit of a mystery. It is clearly a school team, contains senior pupils (from the 5<sup>th</sup> form and the lower and upper 6<sup>th</sup>) and is most probably the 2<sup>nd</sup> XV, yet it features a small number of regular 1<sup>st</sup> team players.

### 8.6.3 Maurice Hurst – Second international cap

As Roy Aston (school rugby captain) writes in the Christmas edition of The Wheel. (Issue 13)

Finally I congratulate Maurice Hurst on being chosen again this year to represent the England Boys' Clubs Rugby XV.

R. Aston

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## 8.6.4 Sports day winners

The local paper included a photograph of the winners of the girls' and boys' junior, intermediate and senior events at the 1961 sports day.

### 1961/7021 Sports Day winners

1-Tony Love,2,3-Pam Duncan, 4-Roy Aston, 5-Roger Kemp,6,7-Maureen Broome,8,9,10,11,12,13-Sue Mansell,14, 15-Maurice Hurst,16-Jean Mason,17-Iris Johnson, 18,19-Helen Goodburn,20-Malcolm Stringer,21,22,23,24,25, 26-Terry Pittam,27,28,29



Extracted from The Wheel no 14 (Summer 1961) the full results.

| Junior Boys   |                 |                   | Junior Girls |                  |               |
|---------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------|------------------|---------------|
| 100 yds       | Lester (C)      | 12.6 secs.        | 100 yds      | S. Bacon (C)     | 14.0 secs     |
| 220 yds       | Lester (C)      | 29.9 secs.        | 150 yds      | P. McDonnell (A) | 20.6 secs     |
| High Jump     | Hill (C)        | 3' 9½"            | High Jump    | P. McDonnell (A) | 3' 7"         |
| Long Jump     | Lester (C)      | 13' 10½"          | Long Jump    | S. Bacon (C)     | 11' 8"        |
| Relay         | Croft House     | 60.7 secs.        | Relay        | Croft House      | 60.5 secs *   |
| Inter Boys    |                 |                   | Inter Girls  |                  |               |
| 100 yds       | Watts (C)       | 11.5 secs.        | 100 yds      | S. Mansell (M)   | 12.6 secs     |
| 200 yds       | Watts (C)       | 26.6 secs         | 150 yds      | M. Rathbone (M)  | 19.5 secs     |
| 440 yds.      | Legrande (C)    | 67.5 secs.        | 220 yds      | M. Rathbone (M)  | 30.3 secs     |
| 880 yds.      | Pittam (M)      | 2 min. 34.3 secs. | Hurdles      | S. Mansell (M)   | 12.6 secs     |
| Mile          | Marsden (P)     | 5 min. 28.5 secs. | High Jump    | H. Westwood (C)  | 3' 10½"       |
| Hurdles       | Cottam (P)      | 13.7 secs.        | Long Jump    | J. Evans (P)     | 13' 9"        |
| High Jump     | Richardson (H)  | 4' 4½"            | Discus       | S. Tedds (A)     | 57' 3"        |
| Long Jump     | Lee (C)         | 16' 2"            | Javelin      | E. James (C)     | 51' 10"       |
| Javelin       | Legrande (C)    | 102' 5"           | Relay        | Manor House      | 59.5 secs     |
| Discus        | Richardson (H)  | 106' 2"           | Senior Girls |                  |               |
| Shot          | Wilson (P)      | 31' 2"            | 100 yds      | H. Goodburn (M)  | 12.0 secs     |
| Hop, Step & J | Lee (C)         | 32' 10"           | 150 yds      | M. Pudge (C)     | 18.6 secs *   |
| Relay         | Croft House     | 52.2 secs. (Rec.) | 220 yds      | H. Goodburn (M)  | 27.8 secs *   |
| Senior Boys   |                 |                   | 880 yds      | M. Broome (M)    | 3 min 0.7 sec |
| 100 yds       | R. Kemp (M)     | 10.3 secs         | High Jump    | H. Goodburn (M)  | 4' 1½"        |
| 220 yds       | R. Kemp (M)     | 23.6 secs *       | Long Jump    | P. Duncan (C)    | 13' 8"        |
| 440 yds       | Poster (P)      | 65.9 sec.         | Hurdles      | P. Duncan (C)    | 13.3 secs     |
| 880 yds*      | A. Love (C)     | 2 min 14.5 secs   | Javelin      | I. Johnson (M)   | 99' 1" *      |
| Mile          | M. Doss (C)     | 15.0 secs         | Discus       | J. Mason (C)     | 78' 8½"       |
| Hurdles       | M. Hurst (A)    | 5' 1"             | Relay        | Manor House      | 67.4 secs *   |
| High Jump     | A. Love (C)     | 18' 11"           | * New Record |                  |               |
| Long Jump     | R. Kemp (M)     | 142' 9"           |              |                  |               |
| Javelin       | M. Stringer (M) | 131' 3"           |              |                  |               |
| Discus        | R. Aston (C)    | 39' 6" *          |              |                  |               |
| Shot          | D. Bower (A)    | 36' 1½" *         |              |                  |               |
| Hop, Step & J | M. Hurst (A)    | 1 min 48.5 sec.   |              |                  |               |
| Relay         | Croft House     |                   |              |                  |               |

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### 8.6.5 Inter-house swimming gala

Newspaper photos of the swimming gala competitors.



Overall house result

|       |        |
|-------|--------|
| Croft | 102pts |
| Abbey | 85 pts |
| Manor | 74 pts |
| Park  | 50 pts |

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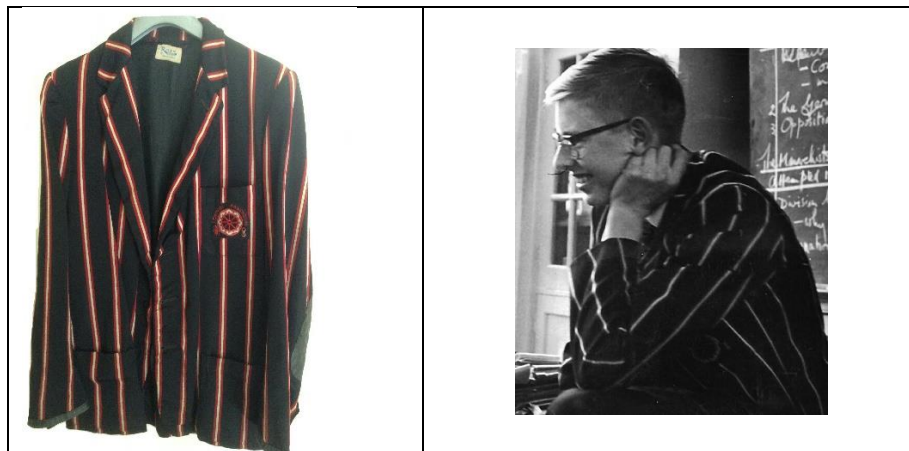
### 8.6.6 Formation of Manor Park Old Boys' rugby club

Manor Park Old Boys has been formed and was ready for this season's kick-off. The Wheel no 13, Christmas 1960 records an impressive start. Out of the first eight games five have been victories.

| <u>MANOR PARK OLD BOYS' RUGBY CLUB</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |            |                |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|----------------|
| <p>The Manor Park Old Boys' Rugby Club has begun its first season auspiciously by winning five out of the eight matches played up to date. At the moment we are experiencing all the teething troubles of a newly formed club, but we are managing to overcome these difficulties quite well. In later years when we are established on a firm footing, I am sure we shall have a team to be reckoned with.</p> <p>At the present time we are a little short of players, because a number of the team are still at college or university and if any of the boys who will be leaving are interested in playing for the Old Boys, we would be grateful if they would write to: Keith Chadband, 34, Middleborough Road, Coventry.</p> |            |                |
| <u>Results</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |            |                |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <u>For</u> | <u>Against</u> |
| Barkers Butts O.B.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 6          | 5              |
| Trinity Guild                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 49         | 3              |
| Old Coventrians                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 12         | 0              |
| Old Edwardians                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 10         | 11             |
| Old Edwardians                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 6          | 21             |
| Alfred Herberts                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 22         | 3              |
| Frederick Bird's O.B.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 11         | 0              |
| Stoke O.B.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 0          | 25             |

### 8.7 A new look

Boy sixth formers get a new school jacket, but it's not forced on everyone- - at least not yet. This is an image from the archive. But what's that? Protective leather already on sleeve edges and elbows? Surely Riley's didn't sell them ready protected. These are for refined 6<sup>th</sup> formers – not ordinary pupils. Let's dig out a photo of one of the jackets in action.



On the right - Michael Corby no leather. Thank goodness for that.

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### 8.8 The school play – “Our Town”

“Our Town” by Thornton Wilder was produced and directed by Mrs Rochford and was performed and managed by “our year” – the current lower sixth. The group shot below was taken at the dress rehearsal and provided by Paul Bates. It features 12 of the cast of 27.

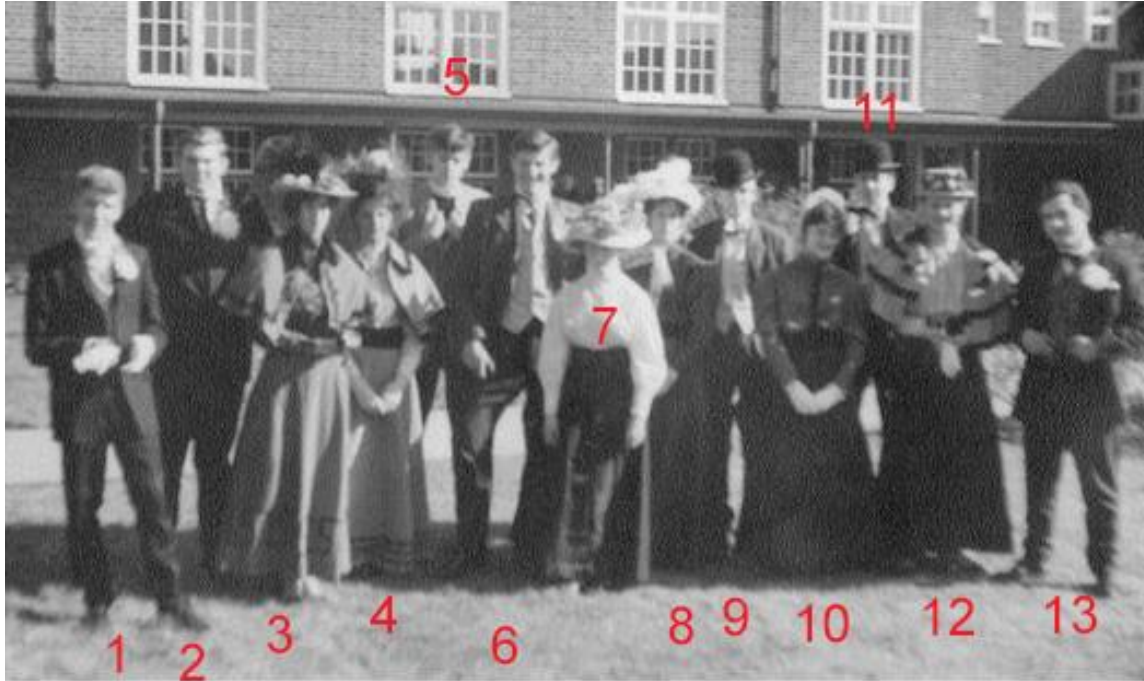


Photo Paul Bates

1 Ken Addison, 2 Dennis Bower. 3 Joyce Wardle (White), 4 Doreen Coates, 5 Bev Moore, 6 Maurice Hurst, 7 Diane Johnstone, 8 Pam Cragg (Watts) 9 Michael Corby, 10 Moyra Mein (Dalton), 11 Pete Wright, 12 Elvie Palmer, 13 John Staley

Nuneaton Evening Tribune – 16 March 1961



Nuneaton Observer - 17 March 1961



See separate document “Our Town – Revisited” for more details, and full press reviews.

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### 8.8.1 The Cast and Production

| Character<br>In order of appearance | First name | Family name | Male /<br>Female | Position in<br>group photo<br>Left to right | Form |
|-------------------------------------|------------|-------------|------------------|---------------------------------------------|------|
| <b>Stage Manager</b>                | Bev        | Moore       | M                | 5                                           | 6L   |
| <b>Dr. Gibbs</b>                    | Malcom     | Stringer    | M                |                                             | 6L   |
| <b>Joe Crowell, Jr</b>              | Leon       | Kitely      | M                |                                             | 4th  |
| <b>Howie Newsome</b>                | Maurice    | Hurst       | M                | 6                                           | 6L   |
| <b>Mrs. Gibbs</b>                   | Dorothy    | Forster     | F                |                                             | 6L   |
| <b>Mrs. Webb</b>                    | Elvie      | Palmer      | F                | 12                                          | 6L   |
| <b>George Gibbs</b>                 | Ken        | Addison     | M                | 1                                           | 6L   |
| <b>Rebecca Gibbs</b>                | Diane      | Johnston    | F                | 7                                           | 4th  |
| <b>Wally Webb</b>                   | Terry      | Pittam      | M                | 5                                           | 5th  |
| <b>Emily Webb</b>                   | Pam        | Watts       | F                | 8                                           | 6L   |
| <b>Professor Willard</b>            | Barry      | Young       | M                |                                             | 6L   |
| <b>Mr. Webb</b>                     | John       | Staley      | M                | 6                                           | 6L   |
| <b>Simon Stimson</b>                | Colin      | Payne       | M                |                                             | 6L   |
| <b>Mrs. Soames</b>                  | Joyce      | White       | F                | 3                                           | 6L   |
| <b>Constable Warren</b>             | Dennis     | Bower       | M                | 2                                           | 6L   |
| <b>Si Crowell</b>                   | John       | Abbott      | M                |                                             | 4th  |
| <b>Sam Craig</b>                    | Don        | Richardson  | M                |                                             | 6L   |
| <b>Joe Stoddard</b>                 | Paul       | Bates       | M                |                                             | 6L   |
| <b>Townsfolk etc</b>                | Roger      | Balding     | M                |                                             | 6L   |
|                                     | Michael    | Barrat      | M                |                                             | 6L   |
|                                     | John       | Bell        | M                |                                             | 6L   |
|                                     | Doreen     | Coates      | F                | 4                                           | 6L   |
|                                     | Michael    | Corby       | M                | 9                                           | 6L   |
|                                     | Moyra      | Dalton      | F                | 10                                          | 6L   |
|                                     | John       | Gibbs       | M                |                                             | 6L   |
|                                     | Margaret   | Hopkins     | F                |                                             | 6L   |
|                                     | Iris       | Johnson     | F                |                                             | 6L   |
|                                     | Carol      | Meacham     | F                |                                             | 6L   |
|                                     | Pete       | Wright      | M                | 11                                          | 6L   |

|                                |                                  |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Producer                       | Mrs Sylvia Rochford              |
| Assistant producers:           | Mr W Hayes, Mr D Smith           |
| Costumes:                      | Mrs K Bosworth                   |
| Lihting operator (downstairs): | Stuart Hodgson                   |
| Lighting operator (upstairs)   | Not known                        |
| Stagehands:                    | Roger White, Y Leevivat, R Essex |

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### 8.9 Asian students

The school had two Asian students for a while this year: Steven Chan from Singapore and Viroj Leevivat from Thailand.

Marion Fisher belonged to a pen friend club and had been communicating with Steven for quite some time. When Marion's sister Dorrie heard that Steven was interested in studying in England she approached Mr Goodburn who generously put in the work to make it possible – against the wishes, one has to say, of an Atherstone Labour councillor who claimed that Steven's place should have been given to a local child.

*As Marion writes It made the local papers, the Tribune and Atherstone Herald and also made myself and Steve a little money because we were interviewed by the BBC to be broadcasted on an overseas programme, - and paid one guinea each. I also had a couple of women's magazines come to interview me but when they realised there was no romance attached, they weren't interested. It also featured in the Sunday Mercury (as a romance story about him travelling thousands of miles just to meet me) but that was completely false as neither of us ever spoke to them. That's the press for you.*

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1960900Z - Steven Chan arrives to study at Manor Park                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Joyce White, Dorrie Fisher, Josie Tite, Steven Chan, Marion Fisher, Rev.Dodds St Mary's Church Atherstone, the curate from St. Mary's Church Atherstone.<br>The little girl accompanying Joyce is Susan Jakeman, daughter of the people who owned the newsagents opposite the Coach and Horses pub and diagonally opposite the Ritz. |



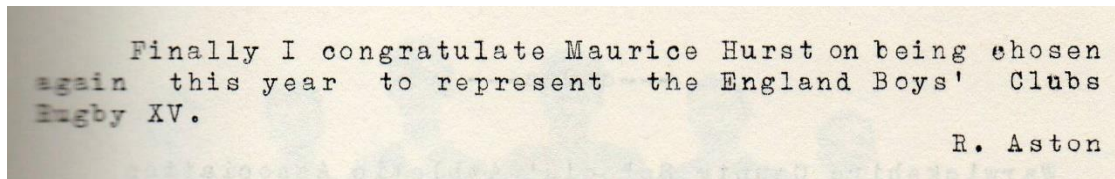
Steven entered the school in the 4<sup>th</sup> form and remained for five years, securing 11 GCE O-levels (including the school's first in Chinese) and 4 GCE O-levels. In his final year (1964-65) he became the school's Vice Head Boy.

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### 8.10 Mentioned in despatches

#### 8.10.1 International cap for Maurice Hurst

From The Wheel, Issue 13, Christmas 1960



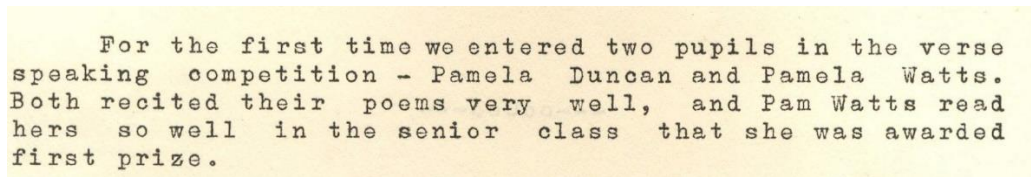
Finally I congratulate Maurice Hurst on being chosen again this year to represent the England Boys' Clubs Rugby XV.

R. Aston

#### 8.10.2 Soiree at the Girl's High School – A first prize for Pam Watts

From The Wheel, Issue 14, Summer 1961

Pam Watts wins first prize in verse speaking.

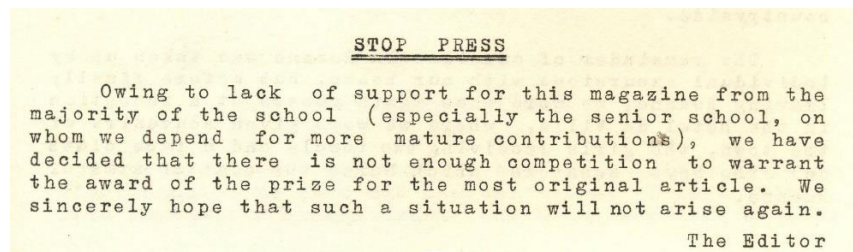


For the first time we entered two pupils in the verse speaking competition - Pamela Duncan and Pamela Watts. Both recited their poems very well, and Pam Watts read hers so well in the senior class that she was awarded first prize.

#### 8.10.3 Criticism of the Senior School – us

From The Wheel, Issue 14, Summer 1961

The Wheel 14 editor was our own Joyce White. She issues this rebuke.



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Owing to lack of support for this magazine from the majority of the school (especially the senior school, on whom we depend for more mature contributions), we have decided that there is not enough competition to warrant the award of the prize for the most original article. We sincerely hope that such a situation will not arise again.

The Editor

### 8.11 A summer vacation canal trip

John Bell's brother ran the boat yard at Boot Wharf on the Coventry Canal close to the Bull Ring and Henry Street. In the summer of 1961 John got an offer to take a canal cruiser for a couple of weeks. He gathered a crew of four - Don Richardson, Jim Purves, Roy Aston and Stuart Hodgson, and together they plotted the route.

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1961001Z2 - The Grand Union Canal, August 1961

John Bell (Captain), Stuart Hodgson, Don Richardson, Roy Aston – photo taken by Jim Purves



1961001Z1 - On the Coventry Canal, August

Crusader



As Roy writes: *"It was planned that, starting with the Coventry canal, we should go down the Oxford canal to the Thames at Oxford. From there, we would travel down the Thames to Brentford and from there return to Nuneaton via the Grand Union canal."*

1961005Z1 - The Grand Union Canal, August 1961

Roy Aston, Don Richardson, Jim Purves,  
photo taken by John Bell



It didn't quite turn out like that when they were denied access to the Thames for not having a Thames license. This was a problem because after one week they were due to pick up Stuart at Rickmansworth on their way back from the Thames – and these were the days before mobile phones. To make it worse, Stuart was in Ireland on a fishing holiday with his grandfather – completely out of contact. So, nothing to it but to go back to Leamington and turn south in direction Watford. And all was well in the end.

Travel at night on the canals was not allowed so the crew were forced to pull in at a canal-side pub every evening (poor things) before continuing (not necessarily at the crack of dawn) the next day.

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### 8.12 GCE Results

This is not a major examination year, but we do have a few pupils taking O and A-levels. The following is extracted from the Speech Day 8 programme.

| GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION<br>(London University)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| ADVANCED LEVEL                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |
| Hurst, M.—HM. Marston, J.—EL. Mason, J. Y.—M, MD, (PY) (GY) (State Scholarship). Moore, B.—Mu. Spiers, M.—EL, (FG) (State Scholarship, 1960). White, R.—HW. Arnold, R.—EL, H. Aston, R. A.—M, MD, PY, (DE). Brewin, A. D.—PY. Dickens, L. A.—M, MD, PY, (DE). Dunning, D. L.—DE, HM. Foulds, I.—(DE), HM. Harvey, A. P.—M, MD, PY (DE). Purves, J. W.—M, MD. Standley, J.—M, PY, C. Whordley, D.—EL, H. Goodburn, H.—M, MD, PY, (C). Mackenzie, J.—B. Lucas, J. F.—A. |  |
| ORDINARY LEVEL (Year 6)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |
| Hurst, M.—HW. Mason, J. Y.—GE. Moore, B.—PR. White R.—HM. Wright, P. E.—HM. Bates, P. G.—HM. Bower, D. E.—HW. Corby, M. P.—EN. Essex, P. W.—MB, GE. Gibbs, A. J.—EN, G, HM. Leevivat, V.—PY, SI. Pegg, J.—RK, PR. Coates, D.—MC, C. Johnson, I.—LA. Watts, P.—LA. White, J. A.—LA.                                                                                                                                                                                    |  |

### 8.13 Royal Society of Arts results

The following is extracted from the Speech Day 8 programme.

| ROYAL SOCIETY OF ARTS EXAMINATIONS<br>Summer, 1961               |                                                                                                    |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| BOOK-KEEPING (PRINCIPLES OF ACCOUNTS) STAGE II<br>(INTERMEDIATE) |                                                                                                    |
| 1st Class Pass                                                   | P. Daley.                                                                                          |
| 2nd Class Pass                                                   | J. Pegg.<br>B. Moore.<br>A. Blackburn.<br>J. Crowley.<br>M. Eatwell.<br>J. Waddoups.<br>A. Powell. |
| STATISTICS STAGE II (INTERMEDIATE)                               |                                                                                                    |
| 2nd Class Pass                                                   | J. Watts.<br>J. Waddoups.<br>A. Powell.                                                            |
| STATISTICS STAGE III (ADVANCED)                                  |                                                                                                    |
| 1st Class Pass                                                   | J. Mason.                                                                                          |
| SHORTHAND 50/60 w.p.m.                                           |                                                                                                    |
| Pass with Credit (60 w.p.m.)                                     | A. Powell.<br>J. Waddoups.<br>J. Pearson.<br>P. Daley.<br>J. Betteridge.<br>A. Blackburn           |
| Pass                                                             | K. Meachem. M. Eatwell.                                                                            |
| SHORTHAND 80 w.p.m.                                              |                                                                                                    |
|                                                                  | A. Blackburn.<br>J. Pearson.<br>A. Powell.<br>B. Moore.<br>J. Betteridge.<br>P. Daley.             |
| TYPEWRITING STAGE I (ELEMENTARY)                                 |                                                                                                    |
|                                                                  | J. Betteridge. S. Harker. P. Worraker. J. Mutter.                                                  |
| TYPEWRITING STAGE II (INTERMEDIATE)                              |                                                                                                    |
|                                                                  | B. Moore.                                                                                          |

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## 9 Year 7 1961-62 - Upper Sixth

(See 'A Short History' pages 107-119 and THE WHEEL no. 15. For achievements/awards relating to this year see Speech Day no 9)

### 9.1 The Year in General

| Source                                                               | Reference                   | Content                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| <b>A Short History</b> by A Merry                                    | Pages: 107-119              | Comments on the events of the year                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>This year's speech day</b>                                        | No: 8 – 18 October 1961     | Current teacher list<br>Last year's achievements                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Speech Day programme</b> looking back on this year's achievements | No: 9 – 16 October 1962     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School prizes</li> <li>Academic achievements</li> <li>Transfers to further education</li> </ul>                                       |
| <b>The Wheel</b>                                                     | Issue 15, Spring Term, 1962 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Editor's comments</li> <li>Headmaster's contribution</li> <li>House results</li> <li>Pupil contributions</li> <li>And more</li> </ul> |

In addition to the sixth form there are 20 forms – shown below with their form prize winners.

| FORM PRIZES |              |    |             |
|-------------|--------------|----|-------------|
| 5G1         | C. Chan      | 3c | K. Roberts  |
| 5G2         | D. Johnstone | 3D | S. Edwards  |
| 5G3         | I. Adams     | 2A | D. J. Reid  |
| 5NG         | J. Ireland   | 2B | S. Bacon    |
| 4G1         | D. Pepper    | 2c | K. Whordley |
| 4G2         | H. Lewis     | 2D | T. Edwards  |
| 4G3         | A. Tebbutt   | 1A | B. Oldham   |
| 4NG         | K. Roberts   | 1B | M. Lingwood |
| 3A          | C. Booton    | 1c | N. Skuce    |
| 3B          | B. Williams  | 1D | E. Yates    |

We are once more back in the speech day prizes, with Iris Johnson (2), Barry Young, Paul Bates (2), Michael Corby, Don Richardson, Pam Watts (3), Joyce White (2), Maurice Hurst, and Barry Young.

The "Prize for the pupil who has done most for the school" does not come up every year but Pam Watts has taken it for a second time. Congratulations.

|                                                                    |                      |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Mayor's Prize for Domestic Science                                 | D. Spong, J. Trinder |
| Chairman's Prize for Geography                                     | R. Essex             |
| Reg. Hadden Prize for History                                      | R. Essex             |
| Dawson Prize for English                                           | I. Johnson           |
| Bacon Bros. Prize for Art                                          | B. Young             |
| Lester Prize for Music                                             | J. Boon              |
| Wincott Prize for Handicraft                                       | J. Gibbs             |
| Second Prize for Woodwork                                          | P. Bates             |
| F. H. Biddle Prize for Technical Drawing                           | P. Bates             |
| Clarkson Prize for Mathematics                                     | R. Aston             |
| Sterling Metals Prize for Chemistry                                | M. Corby             |
| Sterling Metals Prize for Physics                                  | D. Richardson        |
| Sterling Metals Prize for Electricity Essay                        | T. Burwood           |
| Sheasby Prize for Chemistry Essay                                  | M. Withnall          |
| Courtaulds' Prize for Biology                                      | C. Payne             |
| Courtaulds' Prize for Field Work                                   | R. Aston             |
| Alfred Herbert Prize for Metalwork                                 | J. Gibbs             |
| Alfred Herbert Second Prize for Metalwork                          | T. Dillon            |
| Coal Board Junior English Prize                                    | M. Elvidge           |
| Coal Board Junior Mathematics Prize                                | D. Sheen             |
| Coal Board Junior Science Prize                                    | D. Sheen             |
| Hart & Levy Prize for Needlework                                   | D. Spong             |
| Fielding & Johnson Prize for Commerce                              | S. Mansfield         |
| Headmaster's Prize for French                                      | P. Watts             |
| Prize for Russian                                                  | J. White             |
| Physical Education Prizes                                          | I. Johnson, M. Hurst |
| Staff Prizes                                                       | J. White, B. Young   |
| Old Scholars' Prize for the pupil who has done most for the School | P. Watts             |
| J. C. Smiths' Prize for Exceptional Progress                       | D. Forster           |
| Perry Prize for Junior History                                     | S. Mansell           |
| Senior Music Prize                                                 | P. Watts             |

## 9.2 Our Year

|         |           |
|---------|-----------|
| Form    | 6U        |
| Teacher | Mr Walker |

For most of the sixth form this is the final year at the school. A few of our year will stay on until next year but for most in the sixth form this year marks the end of the stay at Manor Park. This is our major GCE A-level year. The full results can be found in the Speech Day 9 programme but our year's results are in section 9.10.

No change from last year.

- Head Boy: Barry Young
- Head Girl: Joyce White

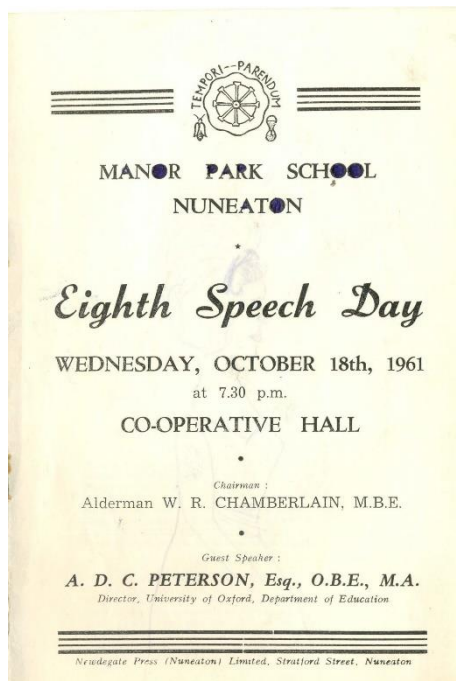
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### 9.3 Teaching staff

From this year's Speech Day programme (no 8) - the list of teachers for our upper sixth year.

| STAFF                               |                                                                 |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| <u>Headmaster</u>                   | — Mr. L. J. GOODBURN, B.A. HONS. (London)                       |
| <u>Deputy Headmaster</u>            | — Mr. C. WALKER, Teaching Certificate                           |
| <u>Senior Mistress</u>              | — Miss P. M. COOKE, A.R.C.M.                                    |
| Mr. D. R. ASHTON,                   | B.SC. HONS. (Wales).                                            |
| Mr. D. H. BRINKWORTH,               | Teaching Certificate, Higher National Certificate.              |
| Mr. H. BACON, D.F.C.,               | B.SC. (London), Teacher's Diploma.                              |
| Mrs. K. C. BOSWORTH,                | Teaching Certificate, City and Guilds Dressmaking.              |
| Mr. F. T. CARTER, B.A. HONS.        | (Birmingham) Teacher's Diploma.                                 |
| Mr. J. CHAPMAN, B.SC.               | (Leeds), Diploma Education.                                     |
| Mr. M. CLOWES,                      | Teaching Certificate, Diploma in Physical Education.            |
| Mr. E. L. CRADDY, B.SC.             | (Bristol), Teacher's Diploma.                                   |
| Mr. A. H. DOWNING,                  | Teaching Certificate.                                           |
| Mr. S. DUNKERLEY,                   | Final City & Guilds Woodwork, First City & Guilds<br>Metalwork. |
| Mr. D. L. EDWARDS, B.SC.            | (Sheffield), Teacher's Diploma.                                 |
| Mr. T. DE C. FULFORD, B.A. COMMERCE | (Manchester), F.S.C.T.,<br>Teacher's Diploma                    |
| Mr. A. L. HALE, B.A. HONS.          | (Bristol), Teacher's Diploma.                                   |
| Mrs. L. HINDLEY, B.A. HONS.         | (Wales), Diploma of Education; Diploma in<br>Biblical Studies.  |
| Mr. A. HUXTON,                      | Teaching Certificate.                                           |
| Mr. J. H. JONES, B.A.               | (Wales), Teacher's Diploma.                                     |
| Mrs. M. E. JONES,                   | Diploma, Chelsea College of Physical Education.                 |
| Mr. G. KIRKBRIDE,                   | Teaching Certificate.                                           |
| Mr. G. MASON, M.A.                  | (CANTAB).                                                       |
| Mrs. K. M. BANKS,                   | Domestic Science Teaching Certificate (Gloucs.).                |
| Mrs. M. A. BROWN, B.A. LONDON,      | Teacher's Diploma.                                              |
| Mr. P. J. PERRY, B.A. HONS.         | (Nottingham).                                                   |
| Mrs. S. ROCHFORD, N.D.D.,           | A.T.D.                                                          |
| Mr. J. M. REECE,                    | Teaching Certificate.                                           |
| Mr. G. SIDDALL, B.SC. HONS.         | (London).                                                       |
| Mr. D. H. SLINN, B.SC. HONS.        | (London), Diploma in Education.                                 |
| Mr. H. D. SMITH, B.A.               | (Sheffield), Teacher's Diploma.                                 |
| Mr. J. TAYLOR,                      | Teaching Certificate, Diploma in Mathematics.                   |
| Mrs. R. SCHWIENING, B.A. HONS.      | (Keele), Diploma in Education.                                  |
| Mr. J. SCHWIENING,                  | University Göttingen.                                           |
| Mr. J. J. WILLIAMS, B.A.            | (London).                                                       |

#### 9.4 Speech day



1. National Anthem.
2. The Chairman.
3. The Mayor.
4. The Headmaster's Report.
5. School Choir.  
Anthem : Fill Thou My Life O Lord ..... E. Thiman  
Pianoforte Solo (Pamela Watts)  
Rhapsodie G. Minor, Opus 79 No 2 ..... Brahms
6. G.C.E. Lists.
7. Presentation of Prizes.
8. A. D. C. Peterson, Esq.
9. Votes of Thanks. Proposed by H. C. Rooney, Esq., A.T.I.  
Seconded by Head Girl : Joyce White.
10. The School Song.

A solo performance by Pam Watts  
Joyce White seconds the votes of thanks

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### 9.5 The “gondola basket”

Here are girls selected for a Warwickshire 2<sup>nd</sup> XI hockey team trial – with the much in fashion “gondola basket” centre stage.

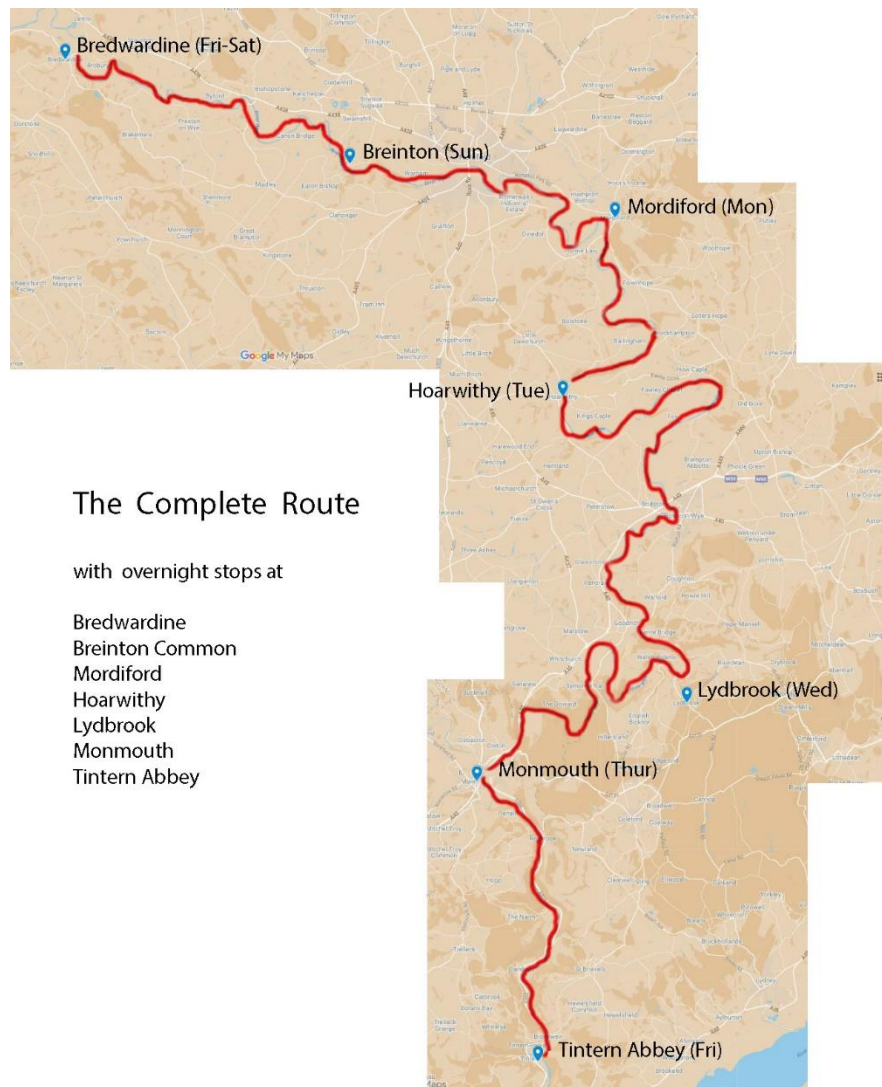
|                     |                                                                                             |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1962005V<br>1961-62 | MPGS girls selected to represent Warwickshire in the County 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI Hockey Team. |
|                     | Iris Johnson, Christine Rouse, Pamela Duncan, Pam (?), Iris Adams- and the gondola basket   |



*Photo by Glynis White (nee Burns)*

### 9.6 The mid-term “School Canoe Cruise”

The school had set up a canoe club and aided by teachers Mr Clowes and Mr Carter a group set off at the end of May for what everyone considered a leisurely paddle down the River Wye. The removal company Sharps provided the initial and return transport – the canoeists travelling in style in what was dubbed a “luxury removal van” whereas the canoes were packed into a lower grade vehicle. Nothing wrong with that, except that they ended up at different parts of the river Wye. This was the first of very many things to go wrong in what turned out to be a memorable half-term break. But just look at the route. Not for the faint hearted. And did they realise that this “paddle down the River Wye” would last for 74 miles? Quite different to practice runs on the Coventry Canal.



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1962015W - The very start of the adventure. John Staley to the fore - leading the loading.

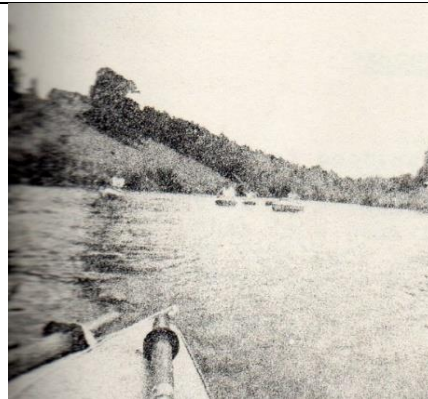


The impressive route started at Bredwardine – with the overnight stops (at camp sites) shown above. John covers the trip in detail in The Wheel issue 15 – Spring 1962

On land (photo from The Wheel 15)



On water (photo from The Wheel 15)



The trip consisted of six legs

| Leg | Start       | End           | Distance (miles) | Accumulated distance (miles) |
|-----|-------------|---------------|------------------|------------------------------|
| 1   | Bredwardine | Breinton      | 10               | 10                           |
| 2   | Breinton    | Mordiford     | 12.5             | 22.5                         |
| 3   | Mordiford   | Hoarwirthy    | 9                | 31.5                         |
| 4   | Hoarwirthy  | Lydbrook      | 18.5             | 50                           |
| 5   | Lydbrook    | Monmouth      | 12.5             | 62.5                         |
| 6   | Monmouth    | Tintern Abbey | 11.5             | 74                           |

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In his article John mentioned the following participants (plus himself of course):

|                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                    |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mr Clowes</li><li>• Mr Carter</li><li>• Denziel Watts</li><li>• Hazell Galbraith</li><li>• Terry Parker</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Margaret Hopkins</li><li>• Ian Dickens</li><li>• Brian Lee</li><li>• John Staley</li></ul> |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

Remember, this was a mixed school party. Didn't they have a female teacher to protect the girls' virtues?

However, a report from Ian Dickens states: *There was a female teacher, from another school. My best bet is that she was from Nicholas Chamberlain. I believe that she shared the teachers' tent, and went to bed each night dressed like a Michelin Man to counter any thoughts of impropriety.*

### 9.7 6<sup>th</sup> formers at play

A visit to Charlecote Park

|           |                                                                                          |
|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1963080Z  | Sixth formers visiting Charlecote Park                                                   |
| Back row  | ?, Michael Corby, Bev Moore, John Staley                                                 |
| Front row | Elvie Palmer, Francis McDonald, Jean Wincott, Sue Mansell, Brenda Parker, Rachel Barber. |



*Photograph taken by Glynis White (Nee Burns)*

Elvie is still in winter uniform – the younger girls have switched to summer. Notice the hemline slowly rising – knees now just visible.

## 9.8 6<sup>th</sup> formers at work – or maybe not

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### 9.9 Mentioned in despatches

From The Wheel, Spring, 1962

#### 9.9.1 Mr Bacon leaves

Sad news.

##### Mr. Bacon

Mr. Bacon is leaving us at the end of the term, to take up an appointment at the Training College, in Southampton. We hope he will be very happy and very successful in his new job.

No longer shall we experience the lethal blackboard rubber being launched at misbehaving or inattentive pupils in the back row – and will his “Smoking Cancer You” sign remain?

#### 9.9.2 Gold medal for Pam Watts - Congratulations

Pam Watts was congratulated “on her achievement in her recent music examinations and obtaining her Gold Medal.”

At the examination held by the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music, Pamela Watts passed Grade XIII (Piano) with Distinction and was awarded a Gold Medal, having obtained 147 marks out of a possible 150, the highest in England and Ireland. She has also been accepted by the Royal Academy of Music, London, for further training.

## 9.10 GCE Results

The following is extracted from the Speech Day no. 9 programme.

### GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION (London University)

#### ADVANCED LEVEL

Aston, R. A.—M, MD\*, (PY), (DE), [State Scholarship]. Bates, G. P.—DE\*, HM, (HW), PY 'o' Level, M 'o' Level. Dillon, T.—HM. Hopkins, M. A.—EL, GY 'o' Level. Love, A. R.—HW. Wallace, J.—HW. Warman, D. J.—HW. Wright, P. E.—GY, HW, HM. Bell, J.—M, DE; MD 'o' Level, PY 'o' Level. Bower, D. E.—M, PY; MD 'o' Level. Corby, M. P.—C; PY 'o' Level. Essex, R. W.—GY, H\*. Gibbs, A. J.—DE\*, HM\*, HW. Hodgson, S.—M, MD, PY, (DE). Hurst, M. W.—HW; M 'o' Level, DE 'o' Level. Leevivat, V.—M; MD 'o' Level. Moore, J. M.—M, C; PY 'o' Level. Payne, C.—B, Z. Richardson, D. T.—M, PY, (DE); MD 'o' Level. Staley, J. A.—M, PY; MD 'o' Level. Stringer, M. G.—G. Young, B.—HW, HM, A. Clavering, B. J.—B; C 'o' Level, Z 'o' Level. Forster, D.—EL, GY. Johnson, I.—EL, H; F 'o' Level. Watts, P.—EL, F, MU. White, J. A.—F, H, R.

*Code*—EL, English Literature; GY, Geography; F, French; M, Pure Mathematics; MD, Applied Mathematics; PY, Physics; C, Chemistry; B, Botany; Z, Zoology; H, History; A, Art; HW, Woodwork; HM, Metalwork; DE, Engineering Drawing; MU, Music; R, Russian; G, German. \* Distinction. Subjects bracketed have been previously passed.

#### ORDINARY LEVEL

##### RE-TAKES, ETC.

Aston, R. A.—GE. Love, A. R.—MC, HM. Wallace, J. F.—HM. Warman, D. J.—HM. Higham, D. C.—EC. Sylvester, D.—F, HM. Spong, D.—DN. Hogg, S. F.—EN, MB, HM. Addison, G. A.—GY, F. Dalton, M.—GY. Ireland, J. M.—EN, EA, GY, BY. Rouse, C. E.—GY, F.

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### 9.11 Royal Society of Arts results

The following is extracted from the Speech Day no. 9 programme.

| ROYAL SOCIETY OF ARTS EXAMINATIONS |                |
|------------------------------------|----------------|
| TYPEWRITING                        | J. Lacey       |
| STAGE I                            | M. Lewis       |
| C. Ridge                           | J. Stevens     |
| M. Hughes*                         | D. Fenton      |
| M. Edwards*                        | M. Broome      |
| J. Fitton*                         |                |
| M. Middleton*                      | SHORTHAND      |
| J. Wheeler                         | 50/60 W.P.M.   |
| P. Wagstaff                        | S. Sharman     |
| R. Barber                          | S. Manifold    |
| D. Brookes                         | D. Morgan      |
| C. Ball*                           |                |
| J. Evans*                          | BOOK-KEEPING   |
| D. Jaques                          | STAGE II       |
| S. Stokes                          | 1st Class Pass |
| S. Cope                            | M. Edwards     |
| V. Ashley*                         | D. Price       |
| R. Williams*                       |                |
| C. Clayton*                        | 2nd Class Pass |
| F. Kirkpatrick                     | E. Ginns       |
| B. Andrews                         | A. Parker      |
| R. Penlington                      |                |
| D. Price                           | STATISTICS     |
| P. Bacon *                         | STAGE II       |
| E. Ginns*                          | 1st Class Pass |
| R. Challenor*                      | R. Aston       |
| S. Manifold*                       | M. Withnall    |
| M. Pugh*                           | E. Palmer      |
| S. Randall                         |                |
| D. Jaques                          | 2nd Class Pass |
| J. Townsend                        | G. Addison     |
| P. Hallam                          | S. Meller      |
| * Passed with credit               | D. Higham      |
|                                    | D. Fenton      |

### 9.12 Moving to further education

From the Speech Day 9 programme we have:

| UNIVERSITY AND TRAINING COLLEGE<br>ENTRANTS, Etc. |                                                               |
|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| R. Aston.                                         | London University, Imperial College.                          |
| P. Watts.                                         | Royal Academy of Music.                                       |
| J. White.                                         | London University, School of Slavonic & East European Studies |
| G. Hodgson.                                       | Chelsea Polytechnic.                                          |
| I. Bell.                                          | Loughborough College.                                         |
| D. Bower.                                         | Shoreditch Training College.                                  |
| M. Hurst.                                         | Shoreditch Training College.                                  |
| P. Bates.                                         | Shoreditch Training College.                                  |
| P. Wright.                                        | Shoreditch Training College.                                  |
| J. Gibbs.                                         | Shoreditch Training College.                                  |
| M. Hopkins.                                       | Maria Gray Training College.                                  |
| D. Forster.                                       | Clacton Training College.                                     |
| E. Palmer.                                        | Avery Hill Training College.                                  |
| J. Ireland.                                       | Birmingham School of Art.                                     |
| B. Young.                                         | Nuneaton School of Art.                                       |
| M. Dalton.                                        | Guildhall School of Music.                                    |

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| <b>Speech Day programme</b> looking back on this year's achievements | No: 10 – 29 October 1963  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School prizes</li> <li>Academic achievements</li> <li>Transfers to further education</li> </ul>                                       |
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| 5G2                                   | R. Bates    | 3NG | B. Duncan  |
| 5G3                                   | R. Bevins   | 2B  | D. Godfrey |
| 5NG                                   | C. Ball     | 2K  | J. Butler  |
| 4F1                                   | C. Booton   | 2S  | B. Oldham  |
| 4G1                                   | P. Brown    | 2R  | M. Pratt   |
| 4F2                                   | L. Aucott   | 1A  | L. Booton  |
| 4G2                                   | W. Parker   | 1H  | R. Green   |
| 3G1                                   | D. Reid     | 1D  | Jane Smith |
| 3G2                                   | K. Hamilton | 1C  | R. Warner  |

Just three of our year get speech day prizes:

The Dawson prize for English goes to Bev Moore and Iris Johnson, and Don Richardson as Head Boy gets the Staff prize.

### 10.2 Our Year

|         |           |
|---------|-----------|
| Form    | 6U        |
| Teacher | Mr Walker |

A number of pupils have remained for a third year in the sixth form and have taken additional GCE examinations. The full results can be found in the Speech Day 10 programme but our year's results are in section 10.8.

And from our year:

- Head Boy: Don Richardson

with

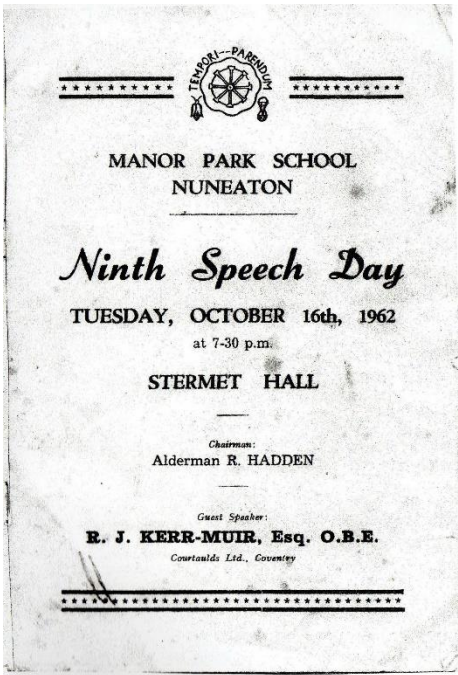
- Head Girl: Pam Duncan (year below us)

### 10.3 Teaching staff

From this year's Speech Day programme (no 9)- the list of teachers for our upper sixth plus year.

| STAFF                                                                                |                                           |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| <i>Headmaster</i>                                                                    | — Mr. L. J. GOODBURN, B.A. HONS. (London) |
| <i>Deputy Headmaster</i>                                                             | — Mr. C. WALKER, Teaching Certificate     |
| <i>Senior Mistress</i>                                                               | — Miss P. M. COOKE, A.R.C.M.              |
| Mrs. A. ADEY, Teaching Certificate.                                                  |                                           |
| Mr. D. R. ASHTON, B.SC. HONS. (Wales).                                               |                                           |
| Mrs. K. M. BANKS, Domestic Science Teaching Certificate (Gloucs.).                   |                                           |
| Mrs. K. C. BOSWORTH, Teaching Certificate, City and Guilds Dressmaking.              |                                           |
| Mr. D. H. BRINKWORTH, Teaching Certificate, Higher National Certificate.             |                                           |
| Mrs. M. A. BROWN, B.A. LONDON, Teacher's Diploma.                                    |                                           |
| Mr. F. T. CARTER, B.A. HONS. (Birmingham) Teacher's Diploma.                         |                                           |
| Mr. J. CHAPMAN, B.SC. (Leeds), Diploma Education.                                    |                                           |
| Mr. M. CLOWES, Teaching Certificate, Diploma in Physical Education.                  |                                           |
| Mr. E. L. CRADDY, B.SC. (Bristol), Teacher's Diploma.                                |                                           |
| Mr. A. H. DOWNING, Teaching Certificate.                                             |                                           |
| Mr. S. DUNKERLEY, Final City & Guilds Woodwork, First City & Guilds Metalwork.       |                                           |
| Mr. T. DE C. FULFORD, B.A. COMMERCE (Manchester), F.S.C.T., Teacher's Diploma.       |                                           |
| Mr. A. L. HALE, B.A. HONS. (Bristol), Teacher's Diploma.                             |                                           |
| Mrs. L. HINDLEY, B.A. HONS. (Wales), Teacher's Diploma; Diploma in Biblical Studies. |                                           |
| Mr. A. HUXTON, Teaching Certificate.                                                 |                                           |
| Mr. J. H. JONES, B.A. (Wales), Teacher's Diploma.                                    |                                           |
| Mrs. M. E. JONES, Diploma, Chelsea College of Physical Education.                    |                                           |
| Mr. G. KIRKBRIDE, Teaching Certificate.                                              |                                           |
| Mr. G. MASON, M.A. (CANTAB).                                                         |                                           |
| Mr. J. T. S. MILLS, M.A. (CANTAB).                                                   |                                           |
| Mr. D. PRIOR, B.SC. (Wales).                                                         |                                           |
| Mr. J. M. REECE, Teaching Certificate.                                               |                                           |
| Mrs. S. ROCHFORD, N.D.D., A.T.D.                                                     |                                           |
| Mr. G. SIDDALL, B.SC. HONS. (London).                                                |                                           |
| Mr. D. H. SLINN, B.SC. HONS. (London), Teacher's Diploma.                            |                                           |
| Mr. H. D. SMITH, B.A. (Sheffield), Teacher's Diploma.                                |                                           |
| Mr. J. TAYLOR, Teaching Certificate, Diploma in Mathematics.                         |                                           |
| Mrs. R. SCHWIENING, B.A. HONS. (Keele), Teacher's Diploma.                           |                                           |
| Mr. J. SCHWIENING, University Göttingen.                                             |                                           |
| Miss V. SMITH, B.A. (Western Australia).                                             |                                           |
| Mr. J. J. WILLIAMS, B.A. (London).                                                   |                                           |

10.4 Speech day



1. National Anthem.
2. The Chairman.
3. The Mayor.
4. The Headmaster's Report.
5. School Choir.  
Anthem : Now thank we all our God ..... C. Mueller
6. G.C.E. Lists.
7. Presentation of Prizes.
8. R. J. Kerr-Muir, Esq.
9. Votes of Thanks. Proposed by T. Richardson, Esq.  
Seconded by Head Boy : D. Richardson.
10. The School Song.

Don Richardson seconds the votes of thanks

10.5 Speech Day Press photograph

|          |                                                                                                                                                     |
|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1962890R | Press photograph at Ninth Speech Day 16 Oct 1962,                                                                                                   |
|          | Don Richardson, R.J. Kerr-Muir (guest speaker), Iris Johnson, Ald. R. Hadden, the Mayor Cllr G.C. Thomas, Mr.L.J. Goodburn, the Mayoress Mrs Thomas |



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### 10.6 German exchange students

Our year only had two participants Bev Moore and Malcolm Stringer in this exchange programme. The majority were from the two later years – classes 56 and 57.

The photo below, taken on a day out in Kenilworth, shows Bev Moore on the right, exchange student Christian (checking out the VW Beetle) in the centre, and Bev's mother.

As Bev writes:

*Christian, together with about 25 other German boys and girls, came from Pinneberg near Hamburg which at that time was Nuneaton's twin German town. After this the same number of us from Manor Park, all of us doing German at 'O' Level and 'A' Level, went to Pinneberg for 3 weeks. This included a week at their school, which was awful, and a week in a youth hostel on the North Sea island of Heligoland, which was wonderful.*

*The German school was named after the German composer Johannes Brahms. There was an American Air-Force base near Pinneberg and apparently the US airmen used to call it "The Johnny Brames School", so naturally the German kids did too. Christian's father was in the Luftwaffe and worked on the base.*

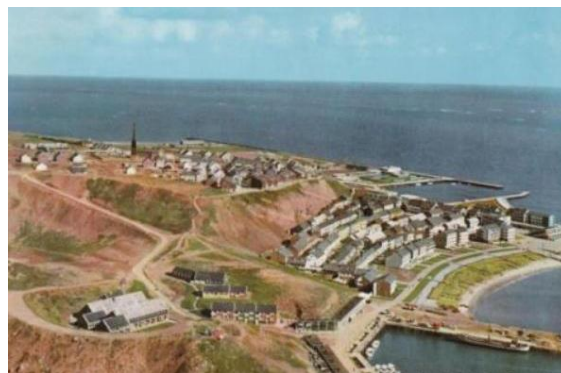
*The most enjoyable part of the exchange was the 4 or 5 days we spent on a tiny island in the middle of the North Sea called Heligoland, staying in a new modern Jugendherberge (youth hostel) and sailing there and back on a ferry from Hamburg harbour. About 100 miles out to sea from Hamburg. Luckily the sea was very calm on both days.*



*The island had been bombed extensively by the RAF in WW2 and at that time there were still massive bomb craters everywhere as well as brightly coloured, cheerful Scandinavian looking buildings that were all newly built to replace the bombed-out ruins. A fascinating trip.*



Heligoland location



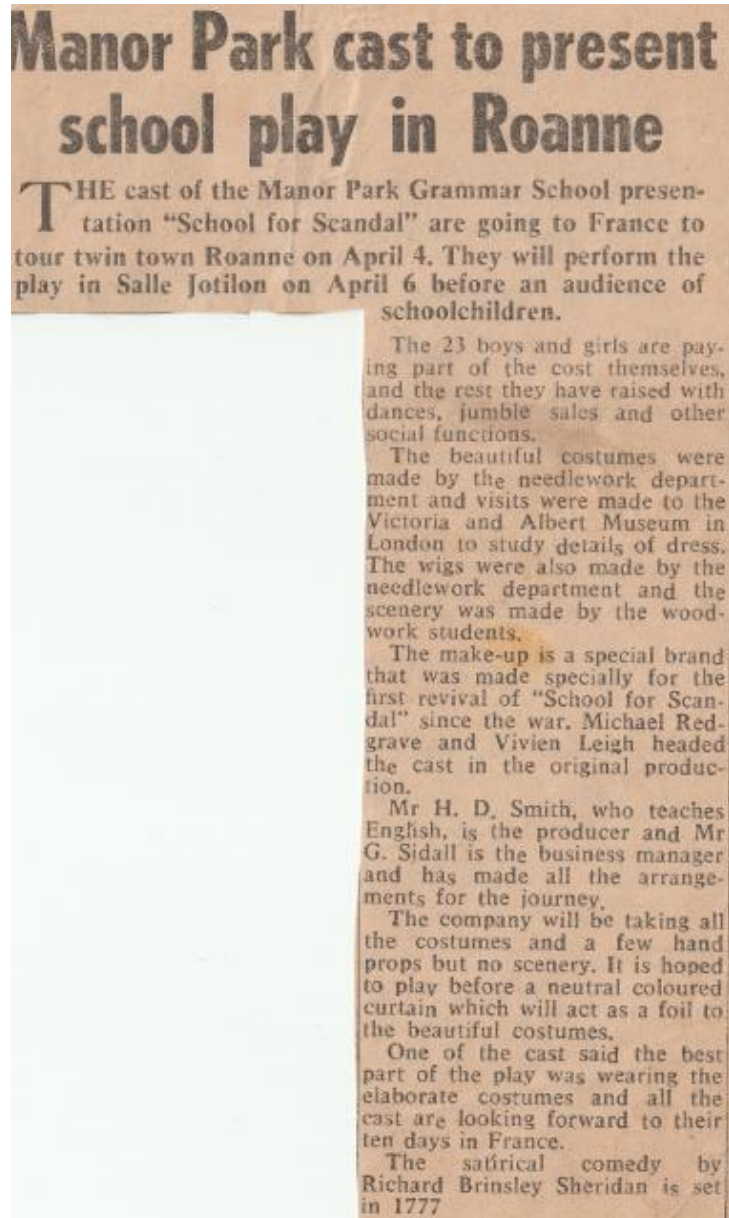
1962 postcard

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*One evening we were taken to Hamburg for a 'Water Fountains Music and Light Concert'.....I was enchanted by it then, and I'm delighted to see it still entertains visitors every night 52 years later.*

### 10.7 The school play – School for Scandal

"School for Scandal" by R.B. Sheridan was performed on four evenings 28 – 30 March 1963. It was a lavish production involving hours and hours of work on the costumes and scenery specifically designed to be transported France for a performance on 6 April at the Municipal Theater in Roanne.



**Manor Park cast to present school play in Roanne**

**T**HE cast of the Manor Park Grammar School presentation "School for Scandal" are going to France to tour twin town Roanne on April 4. They will perform the play in Salle Jotilon on April 6 before an audience of schoolchildren.

The 23 boys and girls are paying part of the cost themselves, and the rest they have raised with dances, jumble sales and other social functions.

The beautiful costumes were made by the needlework department and visits were made to the Victoria and Albert Museum in London to study details of dress. The wigs were also made by the needlework department and the scenery was made by the woodwork students.

The make-up is a special brand that was made specially for the first revival of "School for Scandal" since the war. Michael Redgrave and Vivien Leigh headed the cast in the original production.

Mr H. D. Smith, who teaches English, is the producer and Mr G. Sidall is the business manager and has made all the arrangements for the journey.

The company will be taking all the costumes and a few hand props but no scenery. It is hoped to play before a neutral coloured curtain which will act as a foil to the beautiful costumes.

One of the cast said the best part of the play was wearing the elaborate costumes and all the cast are looking forward to their ten days in France.

The satirical comedy by Richard Brinsley Sheridan is set in 1777

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|           |                                            |
|-----------|--------------------------------------------|
| 1963092R  | School for Scandal March 1963              |
| Back row  | 1,2, John Clark, Bev Moore, Don Richardson |
| Front row | 1, Terry Pittam                            |



|          |                                        |
|----------|----------------------------------------|
|          | School for Scandal March 1963          |
| Standing | Valerie Ellis, 2, 3, 4, Don Richardson |
| Seated   | Margaret Hughes, Sue Mansell           |



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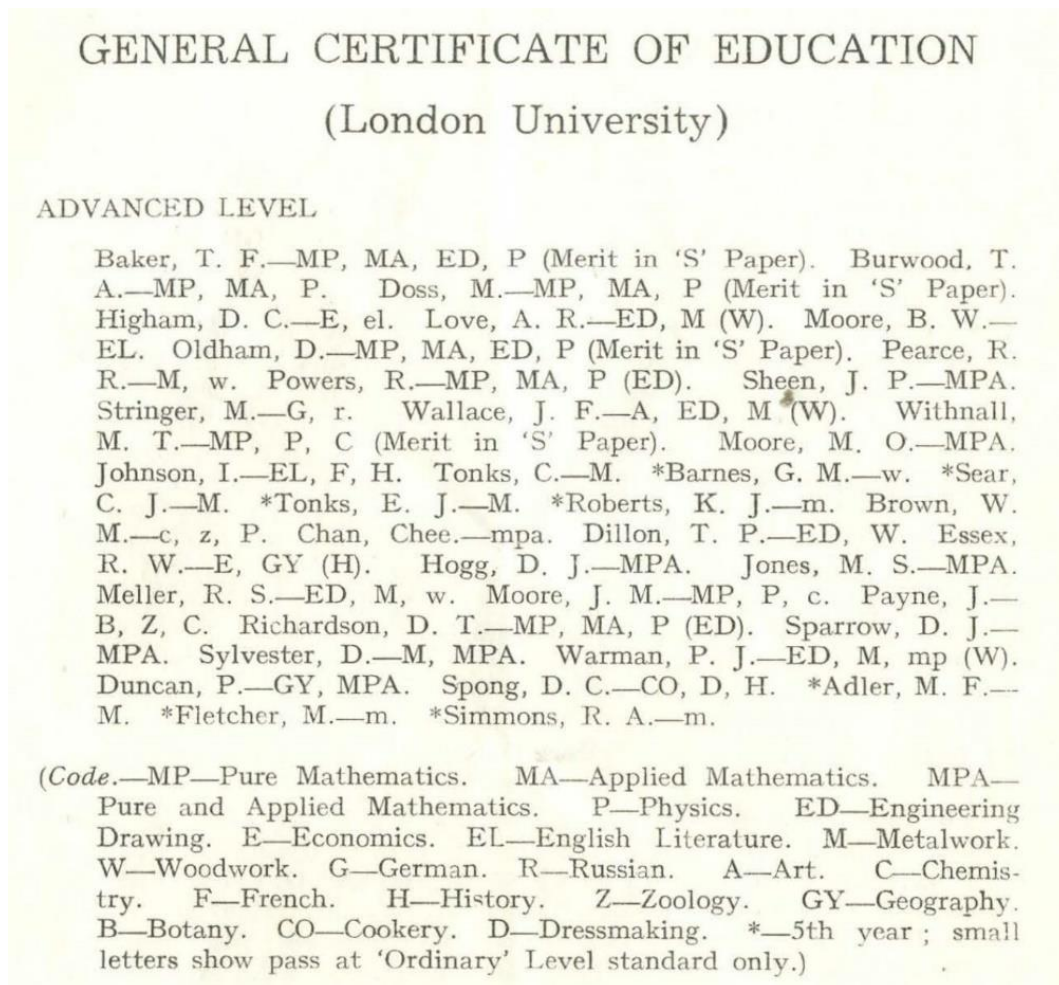
Here we have the cast and support team about to depart for France.

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|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1963097R | March 1963, School for Scandal, Cast and others at Trent Valley railway station departing for Roanne                                                          |
| Standing | Don Richardson, Elaine O'Sullivan, Bev Moore, Sue Mansell, John Clark (with glasses). To the right Terry Pittam (holding his coat) and extreme right Alf Pare |
| Crouched | Sheila Smith, Valerie Ellis, 3, Marion Pudge                                                                                                                  |



### 10.8 GCE Results

The following is extracted from the Speech Day no. 10 programme.



The majority are from the class of '56, one year below us, although we do have a small handful of names in the list.

### 10.9 Moving to further education

From the Speech Day 10 programme we have:

| UNIVERSITY AND TRAINING COLLEGE<br>ENTRANTS |                                                |
|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| J. Payne.                                   | —University of Hull.                           |
| J. Moore.                                   | —West Ham College of Technology.               |
| T. Baker.                                   | —University of Manchester.                     |
| M. Doss.                                    | —University of Hull.                           |
| I. Johnson.                                 | —University of York.                           |
| M. Withnall.                                | —University of Birmingham.                     |
| R. Essex.                                   | —University of Leicester.                      |
| D. Oldham.                                  | —University of Manchester.                     |
| D. Richardson.                              | —Manchester College of Science and Technology. |
| R. Powers.                                  | —Salford College of Advanced Technology.       |
| P. Duncan.                                  | —Furzedown Training College.                   |
| C. Rouse.                                   | —Hereford Training College.                    |
| A. Love.                                    | —Shoreditch Training College.                  |
| J. Wallace.                                 | —Shoreditch Training College.                  |
| D. Warman.                                  | —Shoreditch Training College.                  |
| R. Meller.                                  | —Shoreditch Training College.                  |
| T. Dillon.                                  | —Shoreditch Training College.                  |
| B. Moore.                                   | —Avery Hill Training College.                  |
| D. Spong.                                   | —Berridge House Domestic Science College.      |
| B. Clavering.                               | —University of Newcastle.                      |
| W. Brown.                                   | —Student Apprenticeship, Boots Chemists.       |
| T. Burwood.                                 | —Student Apprenticeship, Dunlop Ltd.           |

Note that the majority of these are from the class of 1956. From our year we have:

- Iris Johnson
- Don Richardson
- Bev Moore

## 11 Transition to Old Scholars

### 11.1 Further education and grants

From speech day records we can see that the following members of our year obtained places at further education establishments:

|    | Name       | Educational establishment                                       |
|----|------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| P. | Bates      | Shoreditch Training College                                     |
| J. | Bell       | Loughborough Polytechnic                                        |
| D. | Bower      | Shoreditch Training College                                     |
| M. | Dalton     | Guildhall School of Music                                       |
| J. | Gibbs      | Shoreditch Training College                                     |
| S. | Hodgson    | Woolwich Polytechnic                                            |
| M. | Hopkins    | Maria Grey Training College                                     |
| M. | Hurst      | Shoreditch Training College                                     |
| I. | Johnson    | University of York                                              |
| B. | Moore      | Avery Hill Training College                                     |
| E. | Palmer     | Avery Hill Training College                                     |
| D. | Richardson | Manchester College of Science and Technology                    |
| P. | Watts      | Royal Academy of Music                                          |
| J. | White      | London University, School of Slavonic and East European studies |
| P. | Wright     | Shoreditch Training College                                     |
| B. | Young      | Nuneaton School of Art                                          |

#### 11.1.1.1 Bev Moore at Avery Hill Training College

In those days tuition fees at all against further education establishments were paid by the local authority and students were entitled to a means tested grant to cover the cost of books and living expenses. A copy of the notification of Bev Moore's 1964 £133 grant, is shown below.

WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL  
EDUCATION COMMITTEE  
GRANTS TO RECOGNISED STUDENTS AT TRAINING COLLEGES

DATE 2-10-64

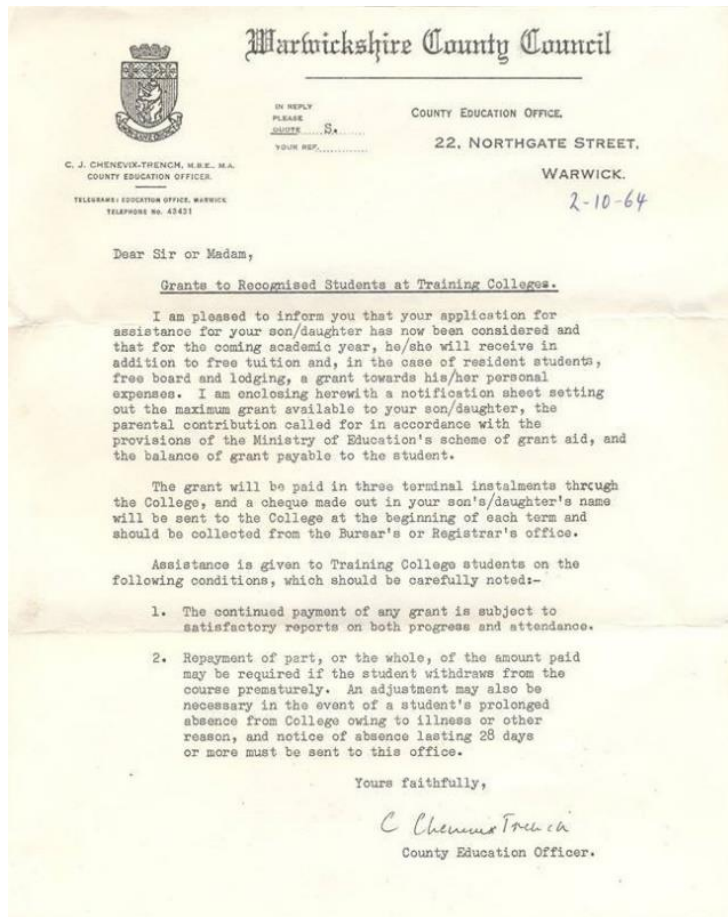
|                                    |                              |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Name                               | <u>MOORE Beverly William</u> |
| College attended or to be attended | <u>AVERY HILL</u>            |

|                                          |              |
|------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Maximum annual grant                     | £ <u>133</u> |
| * Contribution according to income scale | £ <u>—</u>   |
| Balance payable to student as grant      | £ <u>133</u> |

\* The contribution is assessed in accordance with the income scale recommended by the Minister of Education. The major provisions of the scheme of grants for students at Training Colleges are published in form 101 R.T.C. issued by the Ministry of Education, copies of which can be obtained from Training Colleges and from this office.

An amount of £10 is included in the maximum annual grant towards the cost of travelling expenses. Students whose travelling expenses exceed this amount may apply for additional assistance, and those who wish to do so should write for the necessary claim form during the Summer term. (Students whose courses begin in January should claim in the Autumn).

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Accommodation facilities at the different establishments varied considerably. Bev Moore, studying at Avery Hill training college reports that *"Avery Hill was fully residential and supplied a bedroom/study, breakfast, lunch and dinner. I had to buy my books and any other educational material out of my grant, but otherwise it was pocket money - and being the equivalent of about £2,500 pa that was ok."*

In Bev's case, he spent his three years at Avery Hill living, as one might expect Bev to live - so we don't need to go into that. However, other people had other ideas. He writes: *"I remember one fellow student, a mature student who'd been a postman and decided on a change of career, who never spent a penny of his grant but lived the whole of the first year at college, living on his three meals a day. He then used his grant the following Summer to go to the USA and do a coast-to-coast tour by Greyhound bus!"*

### [11.1.1.2 Stuart Hodgson at Woolwich Polytechnic](#)

Stuart Hodgson's situation was different. He writes: *"In my case I got a place on a maths BSc course at Woolwich Polytechnic – three years starting in 1962. I remember that my grant from Warwickshire CC in one year was £365 – a pound a day. However, in those days I could go into central London, watch a movie, drink couple of pints and still have change from £1. Not bad! Tuition was free of course, but my £365 had to cover all other costs including books, and full board and lodging. Woolwich Poly did not have any residential facilities, and for the first two years I had bedsits and in my final year I shared flat in Greenwich with a fellow student. According to the Internet £365 in 1964 equates to £7173 in 2018 money."*

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### 11.1.1.2.1 John Gibbs at Shoreditch Training College

Five of our year went to Shoreditch Training College: Paul Bates, Dennis Bower, John Gibbs, Maurice Hurst and Pete Wright.

John Gibbs writes: *"The three years I spent at Shoreditch were some of the most memorable and enjoyable years of my life. Remember, in those days there were no student **loans**, just a **grant**. Nothing to pay back later. We had all fees and accommodation provided free for us as well as all meals. We even had a termly cash payment for books, tools etc. (In my case, largely spent on petrol). I loved cars and driving then and I still do now - but that's another story."*

### 11.1.1.3 Casual work for top-up money

Casual work was not difficult to find in the early 60s and both Bev and Stuart took vacation jobs to top up their funds. Bev worked as a hospital porter and a waiter, whereas Stuart worked on building sites. Stuart writes: *"I helped build houses on Windmill Road one year and St Nicholas Park Drive another and it's interesting when I return to Nuneaton to take a look and see if they are still standing. I got £18 a week for the work (£353 in 2018 money) – and was very proud to give my mother £10 of this. You could also get work at Christmas delivering mail for the post office. We all thought it a bit over the top that we had to sign the "Official Secrets Act" to work on the post – but no one declined."*

## 11.2 The Shoreditch football match

John Gibbs and four others from our year started at Shoreditch Training College in September 1962. John Gibbs writes. *"In 1963 there were 11 of us at Shoreditch, across the three years, and someone had the bright idea of a soccer match between the Manor Park rugby team and the ex. Manor Park students then at Shoreditch."*

A match was arranged between the MPGS Shoreditch Old Boys and a Manor Park team of fifth and sixth formers. The Nuneaton Observer reported that the Old Boys lost 3-2 and published the team photos.



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Looking at the two teams and identifying the individuals we have:

### 1963 MPGS XI



|                                                                                                                                               |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Top row: Denziel Watts (linesman), Terry Pittam, Ken Roberts, John "Fruit" Clarke, Pete Watts, Chris Sear, Bob Simmons, David Hogg (linesman) |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

|                                                                           |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Bottom row: Colin Tonks, John Tonks, Mick Richards, Mick Moore, Tom Lyons |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|

### 1963 MPGS Shoreditch XI



|                                                                                                             |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Top row: Ian Foulds, Maurice Hurst, Paul Bates, Dennis Bower, Peter Wright, Tony Love, Mr Siddall (referee) |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

|                                                                                |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Bottom row: John Gibbs, Stuart Meller, J Wallace, Dave Warman, Darrell Dunning |
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### 11.3 Parent Teacher Association Dinner – 1964

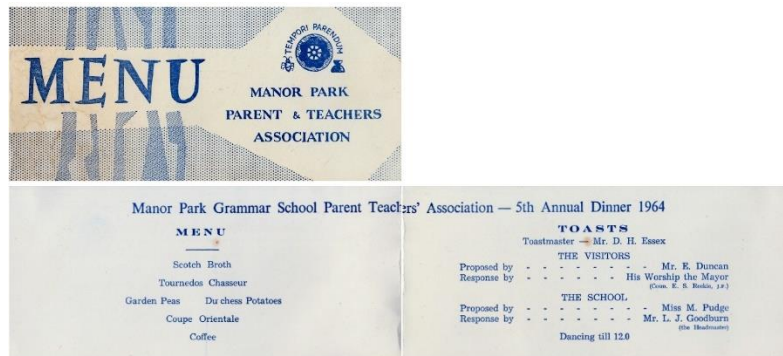
Only one of our year, Don Richardson, attended the 1964 Parent Teacher Association Dinner. This was the academic year 1963-64 and Don was in his first year at the Manchester College of Science and Technology.



We can name the following attendees:

|                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1964030R                |                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Top Table:              | George Richardson, Beryl Millington(TBC),3,4,5, Mr Harry Rowston , Mrs Rowston, Mr L.J.Goodburn, Mrs Goodburn, Mr G.C. Thomas Mr R F Hargreaves (Borough Education Officer), 12, Mrs Jean Slinn, Mr D.H.Slinn |
| Third table far side    | 1,2,3,4,5, Mr Siddall,7,8                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Third table nearside    | 1,2,3, Mr Brinkworth, Mrs Veronica Stevens, Mr Philip Stevens,6,7                                                                                                                                             |
| Second table far side   | 1,2,3,Mr Dennis Essex, Mrs Greta Richardson, Mr Tom Richardson                                                                                                                                                |
| Second table nearside   | 1,2, Mr. A.L.Hale, 4,5,6                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Nearest table far side  | Helen Goodburn, Don Richardson, 3, 4                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Nearest table near side | 1, David Higham, Dorothy Cureton,4,5                                                                                                                                                                          |

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The strange thing is that the mayor of Nuneaton is listed in the Menu and Toasts handout as E.S. Reekie whereas the guest of honour positions are taken by Mr and Mrs Rowston.

We have an additional photo from this evening featuring seven participants, where one might have expected Councillor E.S. Reekie to feature, but no – we have Mr Rowson and his wife wearing the mayoral regalia.



From l to r: G.C. Thomas (PTA Chairman), 2, 3, Mrs Rowston, Mr Harry Rowston, Mrs Goodburn, The Headmaster - Mr Goodburn.

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### 11.4 The Wheel - extracts

Beyond the school year 1962-63 no members of the class of '55 are left at Manor Park. If we look at the issues of The Wheel from this point on we can pick out odd events relating to the progress of our group. Not all issues of The Wheel include "News from old scholars", but those that do are listed below.

| The Wheel No. | Issue        | Old scholar reports (page) | Old Scholar Article included                    |
|---------------|--------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| 17            | Spring, 1964 | 34                         |                                                 |
| 18            | Summer, 1964 | 42                         | Page 33: Don Richardson – Manchester University |
| 19            | Autumn, 1964 | 42                         |                                                 |
| 20            | Summer, 1965 | 38                         |                                                 |
| 21            | Spring, 1966 | 51                         |                                                 |
| 22            | Autumn, 1966 |                            | Page 28: Carol Meacham - Life in Norway         |
| 24            | Spring, 1968 | 56                         |                                                 |

Where the information posted relates in some way to our year it is included in the following sections.

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#### *News of Old Scholars*

We are always delighted to hear news of Old Scholars and those members of the Manor Park Old Scholars' Association who have this magazine will doubtless share our pleasure.

John Watson, who has been appointed to the staff of Fairfax High School, Sutton Coldfield, asked to be directed to the school at Sutton Coldfield Police Station. Policewoman Freda Jacques answered his request.

Ray Bradley who has been to America for Clarksons is to travel to Sweden for two months.

David Sheen on completing his B.Sc. Hons. Chemistry at Imperial College, London is to do research on "Free Atoms" for a Ph.D. at Churchill College, Cambridge.

Marlene Rathbone gained two cups at Northfield Music Festival.

Corporal Margaret Coe, P.T. instructor in the W.R.A.F. has been posted to Aden for a spell of duty.

David Mein won a place on an Outward Bound Course in Scotland.

Robert Bean is going to Battersea Technical College.

A marriage has been arranged between Margaret (Agnes) Moreland and Edwin Humphries. We offer our best wishes for their future happiness and also to Jean Astbury, Dorrie Fisher, Margaret Golightly and Barbara Nash who were married recently.

Congratulations to Maureen Allen, Jill Brown, Annette Coles, Pat Cureton, Lesley Topp and Joyce White on their engagements

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*News of Old Scholars*

We are constantly hearing of the success of Old Scholars and the members of the Manor Park Old Scholars' Association will enjoy the following gleanings.

Geoffrey Owen at school with Mr. Hudson and Mr. Whitehall was last heard of as going to Zanzibar. We should be interested to hear of his experiences.

Robert Blackburn is now playing in the Halle Orchestra. He has had the opportunity to visit many countries including Russia.

Carol Marshall has gone to Philadelphia to take charge of the stables of an American horse owner.

We offer our best wishes to the following old scholars. Delia Perry married John Hopkins, both old scholars. Carole Aucott, John Bailey, Dennis Bailey, Albert Ball, Tony Biggs, Edwin Birch, Carole Glover, Josephine Grimstead, Freda Holtham, Freda Jacques, Gloria Jakeman, Geoffrey Owen, Janice Reay and Geoffrey Swain were also married recently.

Congratulations to Roy Aston and Pamela Duncan on their engagement.

**The Wheel 18 (Summer 1964)** on Speech Day No 10 we have: *Moyra Dalton, an old scholar, sang two songs one of which was Vaughan William's "Orpheus with his Lute."*

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*News of Old Scholars*

We are pleased to have so much news of our former pupils. First of all we would like to congratulate all those who have recently got married and to wish them all the very best in the future. The number of weddings to report is so large this time that we have had to make a list putting the name of our old scholar first.

Miss Patricia Cureton and Mr. H. Dyde.

Miss Jennifer Sutton and Mr. W. Clarke.

Miss Gillian Brown and Mr. J. Wright.

Miss Patricia Boon and Mr. G. Adams.

Miss Josephine Humpage and Mr. R. Wakefield.

Miss Maureen Allen and Mr. M. J. Flanagan.

Mr. A. Payne and Miss Cecilia Hadland.

Mr. F. Lowe and Miss Marjorie Legge.

Mr. D. Whordley and Miss Janet Fowler-Mott.

Mr. G. Corbett and Miss Janet Daulman.

Mr. B. J. Ellerker and Miss Janet Skidmore.

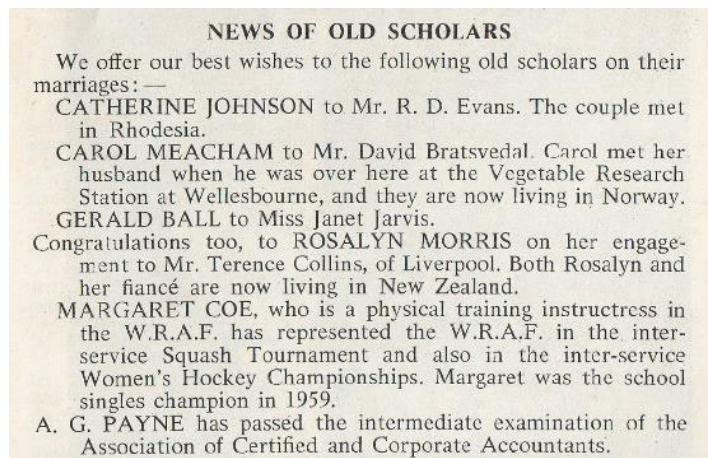
Mr. J. Pinfold and Miss Gillian Miles.

Mr. P. Spooner and Miss Susan Warmington.

We hope in the future to announce the wedding of Carol Meacham to her Norwegian fiance whom she met at the Stratford-upon-Avon International Friendship League. Carol has just left Nuneaton for Norway and hopes to return in the new year with her fiance, get married in Nuneaton and then return to Norway to settle down.

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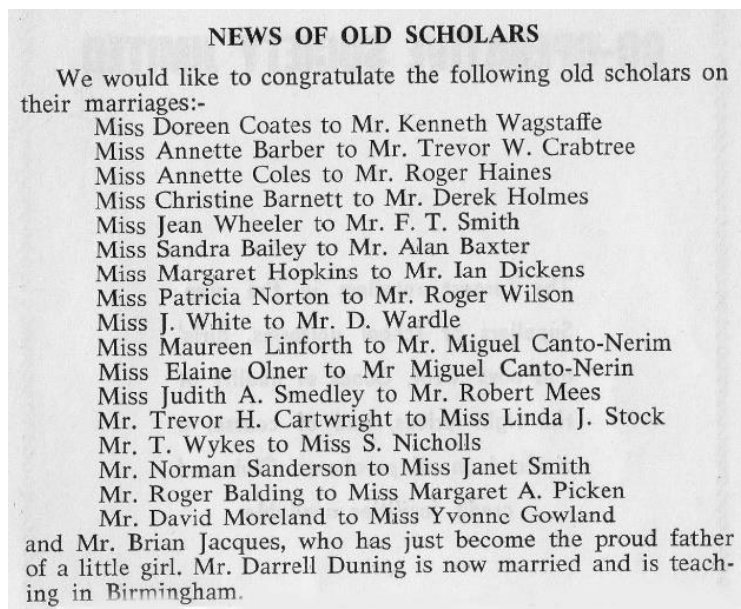
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*Correction: Carol Meacham was married to Mr Øyvind Bratsvedal, not David.*

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### NEWS OF OLD SCHOLARS

J. Purves (54-61) is now bridge-building in Canada.

J. Bell (56-62) is engineering in Seattle, U.S.A.

B. Young (55-62) is leaving the staff of Hinckley Grammar School to become an assistant lecturer at Nottingham College of Art and Design.

### WEDDINGS

Jennifer Hougs was married to John Jeffcoat (both are former Manor Park pupils)

Former pupil Janis Beale has married Mr Rodney Price.

On Saturday, September 9th, at St. Francis Catholic Church, Edmonton, Richard William Essex, a former pupil, to Miss Susan Lines, of Tottenham, London.

On Saturday, February 24th, at St. Andrew's Parish Church, Dacre, Cumberland, Helen Ruth, daughter of Mr and Mrs L. J. Goodburn, and a former Head Girl, to John Richard William Jones.

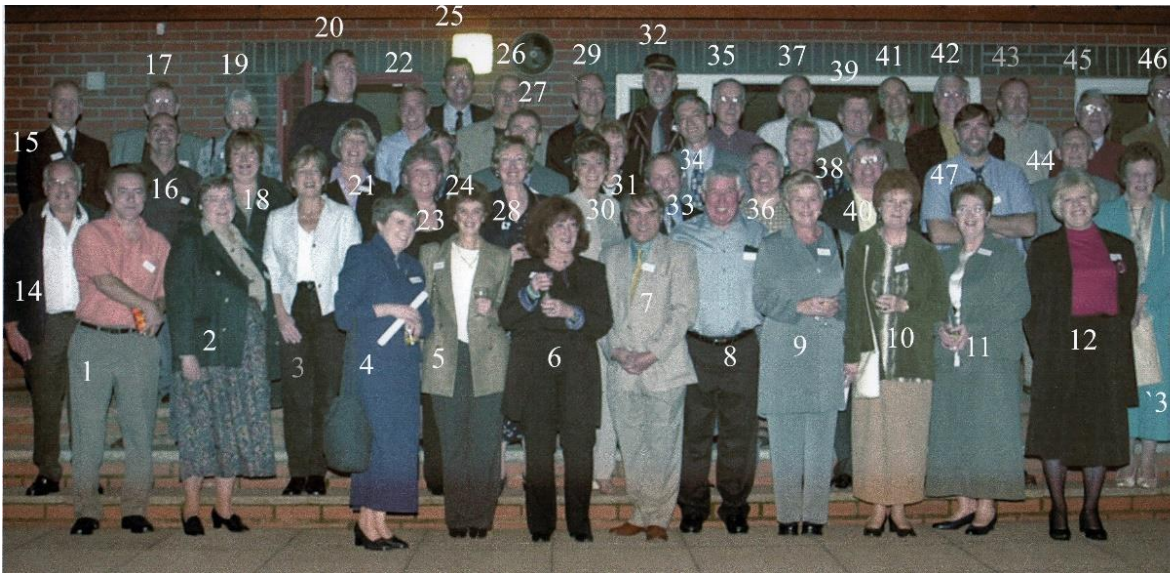
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### 12 Reunion 2000 -

Reunion 2000, organized by David Looms, focussed exclusively on members of the "Class of '55" and took place at the Nuneaton Rugby Club, Liberty Way, Nuneaton on Saturday, 14 October 2000.

A separate document (66 pages) is available for this reunion featuring photos from David Looms, Pauline Sanders and Marion Evans.

### Members of the "Class of '55", 40 years after completing their 5<sup>th</sup> year at Manor Park



1 Keith Raynor, 2 Iris Fooks (Johnson), 3 Pamela Cragg (Watts), 4 Marion Marshall, 5 Doreen Wagstaff (Coates), 6 Christine Harper (Morris), 7 Keith Gardner, 8 David Looms, 9 Christine Holmes (Barnett), 10 Pauline Sanders (Oldfield), 11 Marylyn Williamson (Southorn), 12 Sandra Dewis (Leeson), 13 Dyliss Thomas (Thomas), 14 Keith Chuter, 15 John Woolridge, 16 Richard Reynolds, 17 Michael Bacon, 18 Elaine James (Olner), 19 Joyce Wardle (White), 20 Stephen Robbins, 21 Margaret Dickens (Hopkins), 22 Roger Woolaston, 23 Marion Evans (Fisher), 24 Dorothy Wilson (Forster), 25 Maurice Hurst, 26 Richard Mason, 27 Alan Magor, 28 Marlene Jeffcote (Arnold), 29 Derek Holmes, 30 Ann Hart (Cartwright), 31 Carole Wilson (Galland), 32 Paul Bates, 33 Roger White, 34 Andrew Nicol, 35 Terry Bates, 36 David Busby, 37 Dennis Bower, 38 Pat Friel (Boon), 39 Brian Williams, 40 Robert Moss, 41 John Gibbs, 42 Alf Pare, 43 Jim Marshall, 44 Keith Stansfield, 45 Keith Dainter, 46 Derrick Oliver, 47 Peter Wright

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### 13 Reunion 2017

Reunion 2017, organized by Alan Merry, open to all Manor Park old scholars, took place at The Chase Hotel, Nuneaton on 29 April 2017

A separate document (30 pages) is available for this reunion featuring photos from Andrew Molloy, Bryan Lee, Carol Bratsvedal, Claire Grant, Doreen Wagstaffe, Marilyn Rawlings, Pauline Sanders and Stuart Hodgson.

We had seven attendees from our year.

| <b>Given name</b> | <b>Surname</b> | <b>Nee</b>   | <b>Guest name</b> |
|-------------------|----------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Carol             | Bratsvedal     | (Meacham)    |                   |
| Ann               | Hart           | (Cartwright) | Alec Hart         |
| Stuart            | Hodgson        |              |                   |
| Pauline           | Sanders        | (Oldfield)   | Alan Sanders      |
| John              | Staley         |              | Diane Staley      |
| Dellis            | Thomas         |              |                   |
| Doreen            | Wagstaffe      | (Coates)     | Ken Wagstaffe     |

No group photograph was taken but here are some shots which include our classmates (in bold text).



Clockwise at table: **Dellis Thomas, Ann Hart (Cartwright), Carol Bratsvedal (Meacham), Doreen Wagstaffe (Coates), Pauline Sanders (Oldfield)**

In the background (the three wise men - guests) Alec Hart, Ken Wagstaffe and Alan Sanders

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Photo: Doreen Wagstaffe

**Carol Bratsvedal (Meacham), Dellis Thomas, Ann Hart (Cartwright), Doreen Wagstaffe (Coates)**



**Diane Staley (guest)**



**John Staley**



**Stuart Hodgson**

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### 14 Reunion 2019

Reunion 2019, organized by Alan Merry, open to all Manor Park old scholars, took place at The Ambleside Sports Club, Nuneaton 7 April 2019.

A separate document (32 pages) is available for this reunion featuring photos from Stuart Hodgson.

We had seven attendees from our year.

| Given name | Surname | Nee       | Guest name     |
|------------|---------|-----------|----------------|
| White      | Roger   |           |                |
| Everitt    | Yvonne  | Darlaston |                |
| Hodgson    | Stuart  |           | Helena Hodgson |
| Sanders    | Pauline | Oldfield  | Alan Sanders   |
| Moore      | Bev     |           |                |
| Looms      | David   |           |                |
| Reynolds   | Richard |           |                |

No group photograph was taken but here are some shots which include our classmates (in bold text).



I to r: Pauline Sanders (Oldfield), Bev Moore,  
Background right (guests): Helena Hodgson, Alan (Sandy) Sanders



Jim Everitt, (guest) and Yvonne Everitt  
(Darlaston),

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(1958300E) l to r: David Looms and Richard Reynolds taken on the Nuneaton bus station bridge. 1958/59



l to r: **David Looms and Richard Reynolds** 2019 (photo flipped)



**Roger White** tries to get into the act



**Stuart Hodgson** also tries to get into the act

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## 15 Appendix 1 – Complete list of teachers over our 8 years

|              | Name                        | Year 1<br>55-56 | Year 2<br>56-57 | Year 3<br>57-58 | Year 4<br>58-59 | Year 5<br>59-60 | 6L<br>60-61 | 6U<br>61-62 | 6U2<br>62-63 |
|--------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| Mr. L. J.    | Goodburn<br>Headmaster      | x               | x               | x               | x               | x               | x           | x           | x            |
| Mr. C.       | Walker<br>Deputy Headmaster | x               | x               | x               | x               | x               | x           | x           | x            |
| Miss P.      | Cooke<br>Senior Mistress    | x               | x               | x               | x               | x               | x           | x           | x            |
| Mrs. A.      | Adey                        |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |             |             | x            |
| Mr. W.       | Armitt                      | x               | x               |                 |                 |                 |             |             |              |
| Mr. D. R.    | Ashton                      |                 |                 |                 | x               | x               | x           | x           | x            |
| Miss R.      | Auerbach                    |                 |                 |                 |                 | x               |             |             |              |
| Mr. H.       | Bacon                       |                 | x               | x               | x               | x               | x           | x           |              |
| Mr. D.       | Bainbridge                  | x               |                 |                 |                 |                 |             |             |              |
| Mrs. K. M.   | Banks                       |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 | x           | x           | x            |
| Miss B. V.   | Barrell                     | x               | x               |                 |                 |                 |             | x           |              |
| Mrs K. C.    | Bosworth                    |                 |                 |                 |                 | x               | x           | x           | x            |
| Mr. D. H.    | Brinkworth                  | x               | x               | x               | x               | x               | x           | x           | x            |
| Miss M. A.   | Brown / (Nee Nevison)       |                 |                 |                 | x               | x               | x           | x           | x            |
| Herr H.      | Burghardt                   |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 | x           |             |              |
| Mr. F. T.    | Carter                      |                 |                 |                 | x               | x               | x           | x           | x            |
| Mr. J.       | Chapman                     |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |             | x           | x            |
| Mr. M.       | Clowes                      |                 |                 |                 |                 | x               | x           | x           | x            |
| Mr. E. L.    | Craddy                      | x               | x               | x               | x               | x               | x           | x           | x            |
| Mr. W. P.    | Davies                      | x               |                 |                 |                 |                 |             |             |              |
| Mr. A. H.    | Downing                     |                 | x               |                 | x               | x               | x           | x           | x            |
| Mr. W. G.    | Downton                     |                 |                 | x               |                 |                 |             |             |              |
| Mrs. B.      | Dudley                      | x               |                 |                 |                 |                 |             |             |              |
| Mr. S.       | Dunkerley                   | x               | x               | x               | x               | x               | x           | x           | x            |
| Mr. D. L.    | Edwards                     | x               | x               | x               | x               | x               | x           | x           |              |
| Miss R.      | Ellis                       |                 | x               | x               |                 |                 |             |             |              |
| Miss E.      | Enos                        |                 | x               | x               |                 |                 |             |             |              |
| Mrs. F.      | Fifield                     | x               | x               | x               | x               |                 |             |             |              |
| Miss J.      | Fretwell                    |                 | x               | x               |                 |                 |             |             |              |
| Mr. T.       | Fulford                     |                 | x               | x               | x               | x               | x           | x           | x            |
| Miss M.      | Ginns                       |                 |                 |                 | x               | x               |             |             |              |
| Mr. A. L.    | Hale                        | x               | x               | x               | x               | x               | x           | x           | x            |
| Mr.          | Hambleton                   | x               | x               | x               | x               | x               | x           |             |              |
| Mrs. L.      | Hindley                     |                 |                 |                 |                 | x               | x           | x           | x            |
| Mr. A.       | Huxton                      |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |             | x           | x            |
| Miss S. M.   | Jones                       | x               | x               | x               |                 |                 |             |             |              |
| Mrs. M. E.   | Jones                       | x               | x               | x               | x               | x               | x           | x           | x            |
| Mr. J. H.    | Jones                       | x               | x               | x               | x               | x               | x           | x           | x            |
| Mr. G. G.    | Kirkbride                   | x               | x               | x               | x               | x               | x           | x           | x            |
| Mr. J. P.    | Linehan                     | x               | x               | x               | x               | x               | x           |             |              |
| Mrs. B. I.   | Lisicka                     | x               | x               | x               | x               |                 |             |             |              |
| Mr. G A. E.  | Longmore                    |                 | x               | x               | x               |                 |             |             |              |
| Mr. G.       | Mason                       | x               | x               | x               | x               | x               | x           | x           | x            |
| Miss K. M.   | McNaughton                  | x               | x               | x               | x               | x               |             |             |              |
| Mr. J. T. S. | Mills                       |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |             |             | x            |
| Miss R. I.   | Mitchell                    | x               | x               | x               |                 |                 |             |             |              |
| Mr. P. J.    | Perry                       |                 |                 | x               | x               | x               | x           | x           |              |
| Mr. D.       | Prior                       |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |             |             | x            |
| Mr. J. M.    | Reece                       |                 |                 |                 | x               | x               | x           | x           |              |
| Mrs S.       | Rees                        |                 | x               |                 | x               |                 |             |             | x            |
| Mrs. S.      | Rochford                    | x               | x               | x               | x               | x               | x           | x           | x            |
| Mr. G. J.    | Russell                     | x               |                 |                 |                 |                 |             |             |              |
| Mr. J. R.    | Scarth                      |                 |                 |                 | x               | x               | x           |             |              |

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|--------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| Mrs. R.      | Schwiening  |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |             | x           | x            |
| Mr J.        | Schwiening  |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |             | x           | x            |
| Mr. G.       | Siddall     | x               | x               | x               | x               | x               | x           | x           | x            |
| Mr. D. H.    | Slinn       |                 |                 |                 |                 | x               | x           | x           | x            |
| Mr. H. D.    | Smith       |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 | x           | x           | x            |
| Miss V.      | Smith       |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |             |             | x            |
| Miss M.      | Stelling    |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 | x           |             |              |
| Mr. G. E. B. | Stubbington |                 | x               | x               |                 |                 |             |             |              |
| Mr. J.       | Taylor      |                 |                 |                 |                 | x               | x           | x           | x            |
| Miss D. P.   | Walkden     | x               |                 |                 |                 |                 |             |             |              |
| Mrs. D.      | Westbury    |                 |                 | x               | x               |                 |             |             |              |
| Mr J. J.     | Williams    |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |             | x           | x            |
| Mr. T.       | Wyer        |                 |                 | x               | x               |                 |             |             |              |