



1947

1947 is a landmark in the history of the School Magazine; for the first time since before the war a printed magazine has been produced. All the articles appearing in this issue were selected by a committee of members of the sixth form, while it has been edited by one of that august body. On reading the magazine you will notice that several school societies have ceased to function as the need for them has passed, but new ones have been formed to make school life more interesting. We have now historical, debating, literary and current affairs societies and Esperanto and gramophone clubs. The standard of the original contributions this year has been high so that many quite good ones had to be rejected, and we should like to thank all contributors whether or not their articles were printed.

Visitors to school this year included Lady Houldsworth on Speech Day, Mr Appleby to adjudicate the Music Competition, and Mrs. Blair for the Reading Competition. All of these gave interesting and valuable comments and hints on their various subjects. Among the notable events of the past year was the Staff Play, an excellent performance second only to the School Play, in the quality of acting.

Another feature of the year has been the inclement weather which virtually put a stop to inter-house and inter-school sport during the Spring Term. Even the cross country run had to be cancelled. However, during the Winter Term the school teams had great success and recently a representative school team showed other West Riding Schools our true worth by winning in the sports at Huddersfield. These setbacks have increased competition in cricket and athletics during the Summer Term and there has been great keenness shown in music, dramatics and reading.

Since the last issue of the magazine Mr. H. Davies, Miss Robinson, Mr. Weissemburg, Miss Bromley, Miss Thomas, Miss Stott and Mrs. Broodbank have left. Miss Robinson is now Mrs. H. Davies and Miss Stott is now Mrs. Singleton. This has caused members of the lower forms to eye any unattached males calling at school with deep suspicion. We have to give a by now belated welcome to thirteen new members of staff: Mr. B. H. Smith, Mr. W. A. Davies, Mr. Oaks, Mrs. Burn, Miss Davies, Miss Metcalfe, Miss Bisset, Miss Lawton, Miss Horsfield. Mr. Jones and Mr. Farrar, while Miss Billborough and Mr. Poole must be welcomed and regretted at the same time as both are leaving at the end of this term.

In an attempt to pacify sundry Old Hilmians who will sagely remark "The old magazine isn't what it used to be," we have again included an Old Hilmian section. The whole of the original contributions section has been divided into two sections - a Senior and a Junior. We should not like the Seniors to suffer by comparison.

A School Magazine is not like an ordinary magazine for it is something one saves for years and reads to refresh old memories. That is why this issue has been printed. Keep it; in later years you may find it amusing.

Kaye. U.6a.

1948

26th May, 1948

When we are looking back over the last School Year it is encouraging to know that once again the School XV has upheld its highest traditions, and the Hockey Team scarcely less so, and that the high standards set up in former years in Music, Dramatics and Reading have not been let down. There seems no reason to doubt that we shall do as well as ever in the Inter-School Sports, and that once again the examinations will find us with pupils well qualified to take the honours in that arena. Yet is this enough? Generations of Hilmians have done these things before. We are reaching the end of the small, intimate Grammar School which was known so well by countless of those hundreds who gave us these traditions. We owe it to them to close this era in the history of Hemsworth Grammar School in such a burst of energy and co-operation as has never before been surpassed. Look to it, you slackers! If everyone would pull his weight in work and play; take part in all School activities; rely on himself more and not wait to be chivvied around, the School would gain an atmosphere and reputation second to none.

Yet in spite of the few "hangers on" we have had a very successful year and are looking forward with great enthusiasm to Sports Day and the Country Dancing Festival. Visitors have included Mr. and Mrs. Inebnit on Speech Day; Mr. Yeoman; Dr. Newell and Mr. Derek Birley, an old student, all of whom have given very interesting and enlightening talks.

While wishing every success to Mr. Poole, Miss Shaw, Miss Lawton and Miss Peace, who have left us since the last issue of the magazine, we should like to extend a hearty welcome to Mrs. Hamilton, Mr. Blewitt and Miss Frost who have so ably filled the gaps.

This year's contributions are up to their usual high standard and it is good to see more effort from the Sixth Form who have rallied round in spite of impending exams. **So to the rest of the School we say - take care of it - looking back is amusing!**

Barbara Harwood. U6A (Head Girl)

1949

1949 finds us one year closer to the breaking up of our small community and one year further away from that glorious day in 1921 when Mr. Talbot first opened the doors of the new Secondary School. Mr. Talbot and Archbishop Holgate - the founder of the first Hemsworth Grammar School in 1548 - gave their names to the first two houses of our school. When we look back from the comfortable well-run school we know today, it is hard to visualise the obstacles which lay in the paths of those first 'Young Hilmians.' In the first school magazine we read, "The girls have a field for Hockey, rough at present but capable, with plenty of rolling, of becoming quite a fair ground," - and, "We hope also before long to have a wireless listening-in installation. Then we look forward to hearing the real thing." It is a very good thing to look back through the early records of the school. Far too many of us don't realise what a grand history we must live up to. Are we doing enough for the school? Can we do enough?

One of the milestones of last year was the visit of Lord Halifax on Speech Day. Other visitors to the school were Monsieur Duthel on Sports' Day - he was in charge of the party of French children who were visiting our Esperanto Club - Mr. Mason with the West Riding Orchestra and Miss Marshall, the Technical Nursing Officer of Sheffield, who brought a film "Student Nurse" which was shown to the girls of forms 4, 5 and 6. We have had a good year and are now looking forward to Sports' Day, Folk Dancing and the School Concert, which will be described elsewhere and which is to take the place of our Music Competition. We are also looking forward, but with different emotions, to the too quickly approaching School Certificate and Higher School Certificate Examinations.

Since last year we have had a very great number of Staff changes. We wish every success to Miss Davies, Miss Bisset, Mrs. Hamilton, Miss Thompson, Dr. Sass, Mr. Oakes, Mr. Ward, Mr. Smith, Mr. M. Davies and Mr. Blewitt - and at the same time we give a belated but none the less hearty welcome to - Miss Ward, Miss Wimpenny, Miss Woodward, Miss Jackson, Mr. Allan, Mr Stockill and Mr. Swinbank. Four members of the staff to whom we must say, "Hello and goodbye," are Miss Wilson, Miss. Sykes, Mr. Hewson and Mr. Davis.

We go to press early this year so we can merely wish all competitors - whether on the sports field or in the examination room - the best of luck. Do your best and none can ask more of you.

Marion Roberts U6S.

1950

Having recovered from the shock of beholding the gorgeous colours of the "Rainbow Rooms" after the old dull browns and creams, the Juniors have added their own original designs in various shades of blue. The stream of Staff which for the past years has flowed from the School so steadily seemed to have dried up; no-one left during the last two terms. But the stream has now threatened to become a river - we already know that nine members of the Staff are leaving at the end of the Summer Term. The return of Mr. Crossland and Mr. Storer at the start of each new school year has seemed as inevitable as the coming of Autumn. Their absence at the beginning of next term, however, will be noticed with deep regret. Mr. Crossland's post as Senior Master will be filled by a worthy successor, Mr. Collette.

It was on Speech Day that the Headmaster warned us of such an exodus. The principal guest, Admiral Sir Ralph Leatham, KCB, despite interesting reminiscences of life in the old Hall, blotted his log-book by failing to grant a day's furlough to the School. Three months later the boiler rectified the omission, but only for the Juniors. We hope that the Seniors will find the rewards for their toil in the results of the School Certificate and Higher School Certificate examinations. Instead of the Vth and VIth Form Dance, a return was made to the traditional "Prefect's Party" at which many of the members of the Senior School were present by special invitation. After Mr. B. Lawton's presentation of the famous "Indian Rope Trick", we still fail to see where the magic lies. After a struggle with opponents who were both enthusiastic and eloquent, the Labour candidate in the School Election succeeded in obtaining a majority. Bribery and corruption were limited by the morals and purses of the candidates. The change in the interior of the School has been mentioned; no less worthy of mention is the great improvement which the grounds have shown under the care of the increased ground staff.

The Editorial Committee.

Marie Allen U6A, Jean Dillon L6A, Gunthorpe P., U6Sc, Manning P., LV1Sc.

1951

The Staff have infused a new spirit and sponsored new activities in the School. The old order changes but the foundations remain. Old traditions have been strengthened and new ventures launched. Mr. Collette has celebrated his 25th year with the well-earned appointment as Senior Master. The revival of the Dramatic Competition has also brought much satisfaction. The advent of new activities in the Judo and Chess clubs must also be mentioned.

Of considerable importance to the School is the decision of the Governors to welcome a member of the Old Hilmians' Association to their ranks. At last the School has its own representative on the Board of Governors in the person of Miss Freda Swaine. Our visitor at Speech Day this year was Professor Nicholson of University College, Hull. He brought excellent news of progress being made by Old Boys of the School at Hull. He remarked on the happy atmosphere of the present School and was given an opportunity to see something of past achievements in the shape of a film show. The School this year seemed very strange without Mr. & Mrs. Cliffe. We are glad to have them back again and to see Mr. Cliffe looking so well. Unfortunately the post-war rise in prices has caught up with the School Magazine. Printers' wages and the increased cost of paper have compelled us to raise the price by 6d. Let us hope that the readers will feel compensated for this loss by what we dare to think is an improvement in the appearance of the magazine.

Waring, P. E., L6A.

Lodge, K. S., L6S.

Whittaker, R. J., U6A.

Gunthorpe, P., U6S.

1952

Now to a humbler task the Muse must stoop,
And so, the flowers of poesy that droop,
Revived, as if by elixir of learned pool,
Add colour fresh to new events at school.

Though many the conflicts and competitions,
The school has upheld its great traditions.

At Pontefract, our choirs, in the music field,
Came, saw and conquered - won trophy and shield.

The Seven, at Ilkley, with courage have fought,
And came near to winning the honour they sought.

In less happy vein - this year we've found
Our bones are softer than the rugby ground,
And boys with arms in slings, once often seen,
Showed that in sport they'd been too keen.

Now let us all give thought in this next section
To the stresses and strains of the mock-election.

Although the real one is a farce indeed
We had a few more tricks, it was agreed,
To mock the original; we were able
To fling more mud than Hercules from his stable.
But after all had had their riotous fling
The vote declared, The Liberal Way's the thing."

This year we have another new idea
Which fills the first and second forms with fear,
For trolley duty they are given now
And this is oft the cause of many a row.
But we will give the founder his due credit
For introducing systems of such merit.

Another new idea - from Miss Metcalfe the scheme –
Has made it easy to buy good ice-cream.

'Tis time, we think, to view the outside world
Where Miss Corfe, Messieurs Foy and Lloyd are hurled
Away from us; whom we shall doubtless miss,
Two to new work and one to married bliss.
Do we again hear wedding bells this term?
If so, we hope the ladies will be firm.
But, seriously, we do extend with pride
The best of wishes to Miss Pole and Miss McBride.

Our debt to Mr. Manning we confess
For twenty-five long sessions - and no less –
"T.M." has served with energy and skill
The inmates of the school upon the hill.

For cloth of crimson we our thanks now say
To all the members of the P.T.A.
Often the parents make us well aware
How keen is the interest they share.

On Speech-Day of this year our Labour Member
Was welcomed by the school; you well remember
The old remark re "Holmes Sweet Holmes" - a pity
To end with such a joke our inspired ditty!

But if these lines are faulty and some lame
At least give praise - and, with it, lasting fame
To editors who, the school to serve,
Have attempted metre with colossal nerve.

Editorial Committee: Butterfield, J. L6S, Mabel Horbury L6A, Ellen Gell U6S, Edith Lill U6A.

1953

We give the place of honour in this 1953 edition to our new insignia, the result of Mr. Leonard's inspiration. No longer are we in danger of being mistaken for members of the Yorkshire County Cricket Club, the St. John's Ambulance Brigade or certain other Yorkshire grammar schools. Our saddest task of the year was to say goodbye to Alderman Flavell as Chairman of the Board of Governors. He was a member of the first governing body of Hemsworth Grammar School and has held the position of Chairman for 25 years. During his long service he has worked courageously for the benefit of the school, enthusiastically supporting our interests. It is reassuring to know, however, that, as he is still a member of the Board of Governors, the benefit of his advice and experience are still available to the school. We welcomed his successor, Councillor Cooper, on Speech Day when our Guest of Honour was Professor Moore who entertained us with a speech which held interest for both pupils and their parents. We congratulate Bruce, Manning and Hughes on receiving a County Major Scholarship, a State Scholarship and a Hull University Open Scholarship, respectively. Among other distinguished visitors to the school during the year was the Bishop of Kingston, Jamaica, who gave an enlightening talk about his homeland. We should like to thank the Parent-Teachers' Association for the gift of book prizes as permanent mementos to the winners of the House Merit Badges.

On behalf of the whole of the school we should like to express our sorrow at the unfortunate illness which unexpectedly took Mr. Young from our midst. We are pleased to know that his health is improving and wish him a speedy recovery. Last year, the School lost the services of Miss McBride, Miss Pole and Mrs. Owen. We wish them all future happiness. Their places have been taken by Miss Kilner, Miss Elliott and Miss Parkin. Together with these new members of staff we welcome Mr. Stewart and Mr. Collins. Our thanks are also due to Messrs. Greenhough, Bryson and Davis who have helped the school at such short notice. We are always pleased to hear that a member of Staff is about to get married. At Christmas, it was the turn of Mr. Senior to whom we extend our heartiest congratulations. We should also like to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Allan on the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth, and Mr. and Mrs. Revill on the birth of their son, Christopher.

Editorial Committee:

Joan Dyson, L6S.

Mary Stansfield, L6A.

Poole, M., U6A.

James, H., U6S.

1954

In the last issue of the School Magazine, the new School Badge was introduced. This year, our thirty-third issue, incidentally - we have thought fit to give it its proper place, and have therefore incorporated it in a cover design, for the planning of which we have to thank Mr. Combs. We are hoping that this may remain the permanent, distinctive cover of the Hemsworth Grammar School Magazine.

There are certain features of our Magazine this year which we hope will give not only pleasure to those who read, but direct stimulus to those who might contribute, the pupils, all six hundred and odd of them - and some of them, as we know, are very odd! For example, we have been generously permitted to award book token prizes to the writers of what in our opinion, were the best contributions submitted in prose and (let us not plunge too deeply into waters which Upper 6A have not been able to chart so far) in verse. Allowance was made for age. The democracy of our awards is surely demonstrated by the fact that one of the winners is an eminent Sixth Former whilst the other is, or was, an "unknown" First Former. We have tried to select, from the welter of material submitted, contributions which were original and natural. Furthermore, we hope the introduction of a Stop-press Sports Section will give the Magazine added freshness; we say "added," because we editors have always been "fresh," despite the common opinion that we "stink."

We wish to make two serious points. The first must be an expression of sincere thanks to the Old Hilmians' Association for their gifts to our School of a handsome chair and table, thus realising their original intention of showing respect for those pupils of our School who died in the Second World War. Secondly, the School has lost, with the retirement of Dr. M. S. Ross, one who showed his admiration for the School in the perfect way by being an efficient doctor to any of our pupils when they needed medical attention, and by being generous in such ways as gifting books to the School Library.

Lastly, we offer our thanks to Mr. Johnston for his Supervision of all Editorial Committee Meetings. If the magazine is half as enjoyable as our meetings, we shall be satisfied.

Right! Read on!

B. Allen, U6A.

J. Dyson, U6S.

J. Wilkinson, L6S.

M. Nurney, L6A.

1955

This year we were very pleased to receive a much larger number of articles and, although many are not published, we hope that this will not deter writers from submitting articles next year. The standard of articles coming from seniors was generally fairly high, whereas the standard of junior articles was not as high as it has been in former years. We feel that those pupils who submitted copy of some value should receive recognition of the loyalty they have shown, and, therefore, we have drawn up the following list of Honourable Mentions : C. Allen 1A, P. Ward 1C, Lockwood 1C, H. Wilkinson 2A, D. Wood 2B, S. Tully, 2B, M. Fish 3A, G. Farnsworth 4A, King 5A, Leary 5A, Marston 5A, J. Martin 5A, M. Pearson 5A, M. Hardwick L6R, J. Foreman L6A. Once more we make an appeal for more interesting reports; some improvement can be seen, especially in the report on the Stratford Theatre party, but, on the whole, the reports remain as limp as a decaying stick of rhubarb. Advertising has been introduced in a bid to keep down the price of a larger magazine. Whilst we were canvassing for advertisements, a very surprising fact came to light; people quite unconnected with school were willing to advertise, whilst those business men who derive direct benefit from the school were unwilling to do so. A glance at the advertisements will reveal this unusual situation. We restrain ourselves from making further comment.

This year we have seen a few changes in the staff. At the end of the 1954 Summer term, we said goodbye to Mr. Allan, Miss Austin, Mr. Senior and Miss Wimpenny. We send our good wishes to them. At the beginning of the Autumn term, we welcomed Miss Collins, Miss Davies, Mr. Bulley and Mr. Colley. We hope they do not regret having accepted their appointment. We were very happy indeed to see Mr. Young teaching again after his illness, although we are sorry that his appearance seemed to be the sign for the disappearance of Mrs. Young, whose place has been taken by Miss. Riggott. The school has undergone other changes during the last twelve months. For a short period of time, until the day of the Mock Election, the walls were distastefully decorated with election posters appealing, in vain, to the intelligence, and, most effectively, to the emotions. Mr. Clem Dillon was elected; any correspondence should be directed to Box 3, Hyde Park, London. We congratulate all four Candidates (the others were Robinson, Nurney and Ardron) on their ingenuity and courage.

Other changes have not been so pleasant; some fine old trees have been uprooted so that excavators could dig the foundations for a new gymnasium and a new Science block near the site of the pavilion. The old place will never be the same again. There are consolations however; the vocabulary of pupils is, doubtless, being rapidly increased; and First Form pupils, by observing the desperate endeavours of workmen to gain a tender word of praise from a fatherly foreman, are at last realising the full significance of the school motto - - - - "Labor ipse Voluptas"

Robinson, L6A
A. Wood, L6R
Farnsworth, L6S
Nurney, U6A
Vaughan-Birch, L6S

1956

To our hands there came a preponderance of prose work, and it was of high standard. The verse, by contrast, was scarce and dull. It lacked individuality and spontaneity and we feel there would be a great improvement if our aspiring poets would choose less-worn subjects and reveal a little personal thought and emotion. Of three people we make special mention. Taylor, of V.A., for winning a prize in two successive years; Farnsworth, of U.6.S., for his unfailing submission of puzzle material; and Abbott., of L.6.S., for his irrepressible humour.

Shadowing the events of the session has been the death of Mr. Combs, and we think it significant and appropriate that this issue should be relatively bare of illustration. We are pleased to print a tribute by the Headmaster. There has been a cascade of staff changes since last July. Miss Carter, Miss Whitworth and Miss Kilner left; we wish them well in Cambridgeshire, in Great Houghton and in Wilhelmshaven. Of the new-comers, whom we welcome, Miss Hampshire, Miss Fleming, Mr. Sale, Mr. Boyd and Mr. Wharton have already firmly established themselves. Mrs. Sugden and Mr. Wood (drawing many a female sigh) have been helping us in this time of crisis; and Mr. Tate has quickly settled into the gymnasium he once played in. We are pleased, too, to have Mr. Leonard back after a long and serious illness. During the Easter break, two members of staff (ignoring the plea of income-Tax authorities and pupils), were married - Mr. Boyd and once-Miss-Collins-now-Mrs.-Podmore.

The school continues to suffer physical change. The sight of a glamorous, new Fives Court has reconciled Sixth Formers to the translation (not of Latin or French); Bull-dozers, cement-mixers, cranes, etc. roar round us and, despite the hurricane which deftly de-roofed the new gym, work is proceeding rapidly.

The editors, in conclusion, wish to extend their thanks to Anne Bedford and Pamela Peel for plodding Hemsworth to maintain our advertisements. and to Mr. Johnston for his help and patience.

Y. Harris, U.6.A.

Wall, A., U.6.S.

E. Picken, L.6.A.

Noble, R., L.6.S.

1957

We received a large number of contributions for this issue of the magazine, and though many remain unpublished, we hope their authors will continue to submit articles for future issues. We are willing to accept contributions from now on for next year's magazine - stories, poems, essays, reminiscences of holidays at home and abroad; and we welcome new ideas. The Mag. is what you make it.

There have been many changes in the staff since our last issue. Our good wishes for happiness in their new posts go to Mr. Walker, Mr. Collins, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Dodd, Mr. Burnett and Miss Harris. We are sorry to see them go, as we are to say goodbye to Mrs. Blatherwick, Miss Fleming and Mrs. Podmore. We hope that Mr. Manning will make a speedy recovery and that both he and Mrs. Manning will be happy in their new home. To Mrs. Manning, Mrs. Street, Mrs. Mendham and Mrs. Gargate, we extend our thanks for sacrificing their own convenience to help us out in difficult circumstances.

1958

We would like to thank all those who have worked to make this issue of the magazine a success, and we hope that those whose contributions remain unpublished will not be deterred from submitting material next year. We are grateful to Mr. Hinton (Opticians), of Hemsworth, for his interest in the Magazine, and for his generous contribution to our fund. We wish all members of the Italy Party a happy and interesting holiday. Book-token prizes go this year to Vickers, LV1A, Christine Allen, 1VA, and Marlene Womersley, 1B.

1959

This year there has been a wealth of original work from Forms I, II and III which has underlined the lack of enthusiasm shown by the Senior School. We are, however, very grateful to all those who have helped in any way to make this issue possible. Features of interest include two pieces of research on local history - one concerned with education in East Hardwick in the last century and the other with early developments in South Elmsall. There is also a report on the activities of the Italy Party: photographs of the tour were taken by Mr. Leonard. We hope this year's holiday in France will be equally successful. Book-token prizes have been awarded to Connolly, U.VI.A., and Anne Williamson, Celts. This year we have included a crossword competition which we hope all will enjoy. Congratulations to Margaret Woodward of 2A on her success in having a picture accepted for the National Exhibition of Children's Art which was held in September 1958. The exhibition was organised by the "Sunday Pictorial", and Margaret's picture was one of 300 chosen from a total of over 3,500.

1960

This year, as ever, the number of contributions was not quite as high as we would have liked, particularly from the Fifth and Sixth forms. However, the best articles are here for your entertainment and criticism. If you think you can improve on what is offered, why not let us have your contribution for the next issue NOW? Remember, the Magazine is what YOU make it. We would like to thank all those who have submitted articles, and hope that unsuccessful authors will not be deterred from submitting entries in the future. During the process of selection, we noted with concern the number of articles and poems which dealt with nature. Most of the attempts had to be rejected because they were so much alike. We feel that if the mass of nature-lovers in School were to observe nature more closely instead of imitating poor poetry about it their lucubrations would be more rewarding.

This year has, as usual, been a busy one, but three events stand out: The Mock Election; the Ilkley Seven-a-side Tournament and the Girls' Hockey Rally. The first was carried off by Mr. "Andy" Anderson, representing Labour. Unfortunately Heath Grammar School won the rugby tournament but we must congratulate our players, on reaching the final. The girls also deserve praise for their effort in winning the trophy for the annual Hockey Rally held at H.G.S.

We also congratulate G. Lockett and Margaret Biggs for gaining a State Scholarship and a County Major award respectively.

There have been the inevitable staff changes this year. We have said goodbye to Mr. Fuller, Mr. Twigg and Mr. Losasso, and wish them every success in their new posts. On the other hand we have had the pleasant task of welcoming Misses Child, Kay, Tate, Musgrave, Fish and Couperthwaite, and Messrs. Booth, Parkinson, Jakes and Gregory. We hope that they will like us and our school, and that they will be very happy here. More congratulations, this time to two former members of staff, Mr. and Mrs. (nee Hampshire) Johnston on the birth of their daughter.

Book token prizes for the best entries this year go to P. S. Robinson UVIS, and Rita Sykes, 2A.

This magazine was edited by Cartledge UVIS, Cooper UVIA and Robinson LVIS. Randall UVIS and Hinks UVIA were our advertising agents. We should like to thank all those who helped us in our production. Finally, our thanks go to those local business men and women whose advertisements help to keep the magazine solvent.

Thank you all,

G.M.C.

J.M.C.

P.S.R.

1961

School activities this year have been overshadowed by the death in September, after a long illness, of Mr. Oliver, which came as a great shock to the whole school. He is missed by us all, though his loss is felt especially in the Music Department. At Easter, Mr. Lock retired after 15 years at school. This loss is felt by everyone and we would like to wish him every happiness during his retirement, which he intends to spend in Spain. Mr. Sale also left us at Easter, after 7 years in school, and we shall miss him greatly. Did Mr. Sale go to De La Salle School, Sheffield? We are glad to see Mr. Knox back at school after the spinal operation which he had at the end of the Spring term.

There have been several innovations in the school's social activities during the year. Two new societies have been founded: The Friday Club, which is an amalgamation of the Literary and Debating Society, the Historical Society and the Student Christian Movement of previous years, has held meetings on numerous topics and has received enthusiastic support from the seniors. The Sixth Form Bridge Club, supervised by Mr. Jakes and Mr. Whittaker, has provided sixth-formers with an opportunity to get a good grounding in Bridge before going out into the world at large.

Last October, a French Exhibition organised by Mr. Hudson, helped by Mr. Hodgson and Mrs. Whittaker, was held in the school library. There were three main aspects of the exhibition - the history and geography of France, and the life of the Parisian. Great interest was aroused throughout the school, and form 4A, which did the exhibition, are to be congratulated on its success. In the Easter holidays, two members of the sixth form, Allen and Morrissey, who were attending a geology course at Malham Tarn Field Centre, were in the news after helping to save a boy trapped in a pot hole near the centre. In the Sports field, it is worth noting that five of this year's first Rugby XV have played in the South Yorkshire XV.

An interest in the outside world is flourishing at school. Apart from last summer's school excursion to Switzerland and Italy, several pupils are making their own way across the Channel this year. The R.A.O.B. have awarded Connolly of VA a holiday in Malta during the summer. Joan Laycock and Susan Marsh of LVIA hope to spend a month in Yugoslavia as a result of a scheme for students. Jacqueline Leonard, UVIA, is spending the summer holidays in Austria with an Austrian family, and hopes to visit Vienna and the Austrian Tyrol during her stay there. And Old Hilmian Roger Wilson is going still further afield. Serving in the navy, he is looking forward to his first trip to Australia in a few months' time. Several juniors in the school are increasing their knowledge of the Far East by writing to pen friends in Osaka, Japan.

As far as University news is concerned, we are pleased to hear that Wild, Head Boy in 1958, is in Manchester University 1st XV. Margaret Biggs, last year's Head Girl has won a State Scholarship, and is now studying Latin and Greek at Durham. It is rumoured that Anderson, at London, swam the Thames for a bet, and is reputed to be the first person to perform this feat in Winter.

We would like to thank all contributors to the Magazine, whether the articles they submitted were published or not. It is only by selection from a large variety of entries that a high standard can be reached. This year's prize winners are Thorpe, B. 4S (Price), Pat Walton 3D (Price), Theresa Cosgrove 5A (Guest).

Our thanks go to Mr Reed for his patient help and guidance in preparing the magazine.
Composed by committee:-

D.D. Wood U6S, R.K. Burton U6A, Toft J.R. U6A, Bateman R. L6S, Worgan D. L6S, C. Johns L6A, C. Nall L6A, J. Laycock L6A

1962

The 1962 magazine did not have an editorial as such. On the first page was a heading Comment, and the following text appears:

The Summer Term is the summing-up term. We review the past year, picking out the highlights, excusing the failures, and generally prepare an edited copy of 'HGS 1962' for the files of our memory. The highlights are many, and too well-remembered to need repetition here; but it seems that in spite of its successes, School is fast becoming a one-way street, and a side-street at that. Enter at Form One, speed along to the crossroads at Form Five or Six and turn off into the motorway of life. For many there are no stopping-places, no visits to the attractions of the roadside, no thought of improvement. Use the road - it's free! Admire the view - It's free! But there are repairs to be done; improvements to be made; don't speed on; don't pass by. Consider, for example, what some of the contributors to this issue of the Magazine have given in terms of time and thought to entertain or instruct us. We are grateful to them all, including those whose efforts remain unpublished. We regret that this issue contains no pictures, but we can no longer afford such luxuries in the face of costs which have doubled in the last five years. We shall, however, do our best to stall our creditors long enough to enable us to reward this year's prize-winners.

Mick Harrison and Anne Williamson.

1963

There was no editorial in the School Magazine.

1964

We should like to thank all those who have contributed original work or who have helped in any way to make this magazine a success. There has been the usual wealth of work from forms I and II, but we should like to see more voluntary contributions from the Senior School who seem to prefer awaiting an ultimatum from an English teacher before attempting articles. We hope, however, that those whose contributions remain unpublished will not be deterred from submitting material next year - the greater the choice, the higher the standard.

The School year 1963-64 has not been without notable events; our congratulations go to two former members of H.G.S., Geoffrey Boycott who, at the time of writing, has just been selected to play for the M.C.C. against Australia, and Garry Jordan who has represented Great Britain in that other kind of rugby which uses only thirteen players. They are, to coin a phrase, "putting H.G.S. on the map".

In school it is rumoured that the fanatical enthusiasm of the Lower Sixth 'Wordsworth Fan Club' led its members to go so far as to visit the Lake District; their avowed object - to bring back a lock of the bard's hair - was not achieved. It is hoped that the subversive activities of this group will be checked in the very near future. For those parents who are concerned about their daughters' welfare, we can confidently deny all reports that the jaded appearance of H.G.S. girls is owing to smaller school menus. We have it on very good authority that a tall lithe figure in a blue track-suit, last seen wielding a hockey stick or a relay baton, has taken the revolutionary step of reserving P.E. lessons strictly for P.E. More traditional pastimes (homework, hypochondria and watching boys' rugby) have now been completely stamped out. It would appear that the fifth and sixth forms are, at last, being appreciated at their true value: they, and they alone, were instructed in what to do "if an atom-bomb should explode over Hemsworth". They are exceedingly grateful for this kind gesture but wonder what they can have done to merit this preferential treatment. There has been wide speculation as to the fate of the second-former who, ignoring what had been said in morning assembly about "using all doors", reverted to the more natural method of climbing through the window. Malicious rumours that a certain member of staff forgot to order dinner-tickets for the school because he was engrossed in a game of bridge have been vehemently denied. It now appears that, complete with black wig, he was taking the place of Freddy Trueman as Yorkshire's leading fast bowler.

To end on a more serious note, the editors would like to thank all who have helped in the production of the magazine, and especially Mr. Jones, without whose help the publication of this issue would not have been possible.

Nova Websdale, U6A

Editorial Board

D. Fearnside, D. Freeman, Susan Holder, T. Holmes, Ruth Horn, A. J. Hudson, A. D. Lascelles, Pauline Ogle, P. A. Senior, Vivienne Toft, J. G. Vyse, Nova Websdale, Margaret Wigham, Anne Williamson.

1965

Unfortunately, this year we have maintained our high standard in driving away at least half a dozen members of staff. The fugitives were Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Hassall, Mr. Catley, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Hobbs and Mr. Jakes. In their place, however, we have Miss Margolis, Miss Jones, Mr. Howdle, Mr. Baker and Mr. Tromans (or Mr. Couperthwaite as he was known for the first term by some of the more absent-minded scholars). Also the end of the Spring Term saw the retirement of Mr. Wycherley, who has given forty years of valuable service to the school. At the end of this School Year Mr. Collette, the Senior Master, will have completed thirty-nine years and two terms as a member of staff here. In the language which he will understand, his retirement leaves us with "one auspicious and one drooping eye" for we feel extreme sadness at his departure but he takes with him our heartfelt thanks and good wishes for his future happiness.

In furthering the renown of Hemsworth Grammar School, Geoffrey Boycott, former member of the school and now opening batsman for England, has been joined in his efforts by Ellen Toulson. Boycott, at the time of writing, is taking part in the Test Match between England and New Zealand. Ellen has realised her ambition: in addition to representing the county side she now plays Left Inner for the England Hockey Team. In her first match, against South Africa at Wembley, she scored her first goal for the team to the excited screams of a school party who had a special excursion to London for the occasion. Our congratulations go to both these former pupils and we wish them more success in the future. Having mentioned the subject of screaming girls, we must remark that the outbreak of mass hysteria coinciding with the visit to the school of Mr. Michael Parkinson will be elaborated elsewhere in the magazine.

Unfortunately the Wordsworth Fan Club has not been let out this year and so its members have no report to make. They attribute this lack of activity to reactionary movements directed against them which began last year, and to the fact that this year saw a take-over bid for Mr. Kennedy's position as patron saint by Mr. Jones. Rumours that the establishment is a den of vice run by fascist slave-drivers have, this year, been finally and completely disproved by the democratic style in which our mock election was held. We have, however, for some time been worried by the absence of the unsuccessful Conservative candidate - would whoever is responsible for this please return him at once?

In thanking all those who have helped to make the magazine a success, we should like to make special mention of all contributors of original work. This year the contribution of the senior school has been very small but there has been a great response from junior forms, so much so that only a small proportion could be used. We hope that those budding authors who have not achieved print this year will not be discouraged in 1966. Their efforts are the more appreciated because as one small contributor pointed out:-

"It was all right for Byron, Keats or Shelley,
They had no distractions like the telly".

Finally, we should seriously like to thank Mr. Jones without whose help this edition would not have been published.

Christine Longfield

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1966

This year has seen the usual number of changes in Staff, with the departure of Mr. Collette, Mr. Gray, Miss. Jones, Miss. Tate, and Miss. Jennings and the arrival of Miss Rankin, Mr. McCroakam, Mr. Millican, Mr. Coates, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Groome and, temporarily, Mr. Collette.

This year our sports teams have given greater recognition to the geographical position of Hemsworth, with the success of the Rugby Seven's Team at Ilkley and the Hockey team at the Rally. Cultural activities have been more apparent this year, ranging from a trip to see that excellent Shakespearean 'comedy', "Macbeth", to an introduction to a less conventional form of contemporary drama, Ionesco's "Bald Prima Donna". Mention too must be made of the Lower 6th Carolling Society, who ventured out into Hemsworth that cold Christmas Eve to render their repertoire of three carols to the unsuspecting inhabitants. This was very well received, but a similar endeavour in the middle of May proved surprisingly unsuccessful. Perhaps "See amid the winter's snow", was a little out of context.

Response to the magazine this year has been good, although there was a lack of material from the Sixth Forms. The amount of space available for original work is limited, but we hope that those people whose work has been rejected will not be discouraged from trying again next year; for the more material to choose from, the higher the standard of the magazine, I would like to thank the advertisers for their co-operation; contributors, both voluntary and otherwise and Mr. Millican and Mr Jones.

This year my colleagues and I have decided to answer the question that has been circulating in recent months, "Is the Lower Sixth Mentally Deranged?" Readers are asked to draw their own conclusions.

Therese Gardner, Editor.

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1967

This year, perhaps above all others, has been a year of change. There have been years when more members of staff have left us but there can have been few when we have felt so great a sense of loss. Miss Alliot left us and moved to Scotland with her husband, Mr. Hudson moved to York and after many years of faithful service Miss. Blake retired. They all worked tirelessly for school and will be missed by us all. We are, however, happy to welcome to the school Miss. Jackson, Mlle. Béraud, Mr. Waters, Mr. Owens and Mr. Walsh. We offer too our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Plummer on their marriage during this year.

Of course, the greatest change and one that is causing some anxiety among us, is the re-organisation of the school. Although we are not yet comprehensive the adaptation of the premises, for a comprehensive intake is very much in evidence. The grounds have been ripped, holes torn in walls and outbuildings razed to the ground. No one, however progressive, can see the demolition of trees and the smashing of old stone without some sense of sadness, and it is hard to accept progress as something good when it manifests itself in the destruction of beauty. For many pupils, past and present, the grounds of this school have been a place of quiet and peace. They have exercised an influence over us, and have become part of us. It seems a poor exchange when all we are likely to have in their place is cold, streamlined concrete and glass.

With the destruction of the grounds our identity will pass. Our pupils must learn allegiance to another school and our old scholars will have lost a link with the past. It seems that we are old and must make way for a new world - we are obsolete.

Even so, we may regret and question our passing. The nation-wide re-organisation of secondary education is not simply a matter of education. Its educational advantages are unproven and therefore open to doubt. It is perhaps more clearly to be understood as one small part of a much wider revolution, an attempt to level society, to make sure that all men share as equally as possible the benefits and opportunities available.

That all men should be fellows is clearly a laudable aim and it is morally right. If this re-organisation can make our future generations more at one than they have been in the past and if it can make education more effective and democratic, then it will have been justified. Even so, it smacks of a gamble and the stakes are high.

The desire for equality, which is the deep motive of comprehensive education, is a strange and dangerous virtue. If a man of wealth volunteers to give up his riches for the good of others, his action is noble and selfless - he gains a kind of dignity from it. It is quite another matter for a man who has nothing to claim as his right the property of his neighbour - he may produce his philosophical arguments but he is known for a thief. To desire equality is not of itself a virtue; that can only be determined by the motive.

Equality has been called for and has of political necessity been granted. It is now for those who have made this claim to consider their motives. Is their equality a sharing of their child's opportunity with their neighbours' children, or is it the jealous destruction of a system in which their neighbours' children merited and achieved success?

In all this one thing is certain - that Hemsworth Grammar School will cease to exist and a great many people will be the sadder for it.

Editorial Committee

1968

We, of the editorial board, hope you enjoy this attempt at making a new type of magazine for the School (Insight). We would like to dispel the numerous rumours circulating about the School that we are in any way insane. No doubt you will form your own opinions while reading this Magazine.

At the beginning of the year, several new teachers joined the staff. They are Mr. & Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Baker, Mr. & Mrs. Gill, Mr. Kenningham, Mr. Scurlock, Dr. Dixon, Miss. Limb, Miss Humble, Miss Bradshaw, Mr. Rudkins and our French Assistante Mlle. Delille. As usual, we are saying goodbye to practically as many. After twenty years, Miss Ward is leaving to become Senior Mistress at Willowgarth School. A tribute to her invaluable services to the School appears later. Mr. Murray too is leaving us, after five years of service, to go to Belfast College of Education. During his time here he has contributed much to the social life of the School, associating himself with the building of a boys' hockey team, tennis teams and the Esperanto Club. Mr. Harrison is leaving for Canada. Of course, we remember him most for his brave performance in "My Three Angels", but he participated in both Main and Madrigal Choirs, and recently carried on the running of the Chess Club. A tribute to Mr. Hamilton appears later.

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