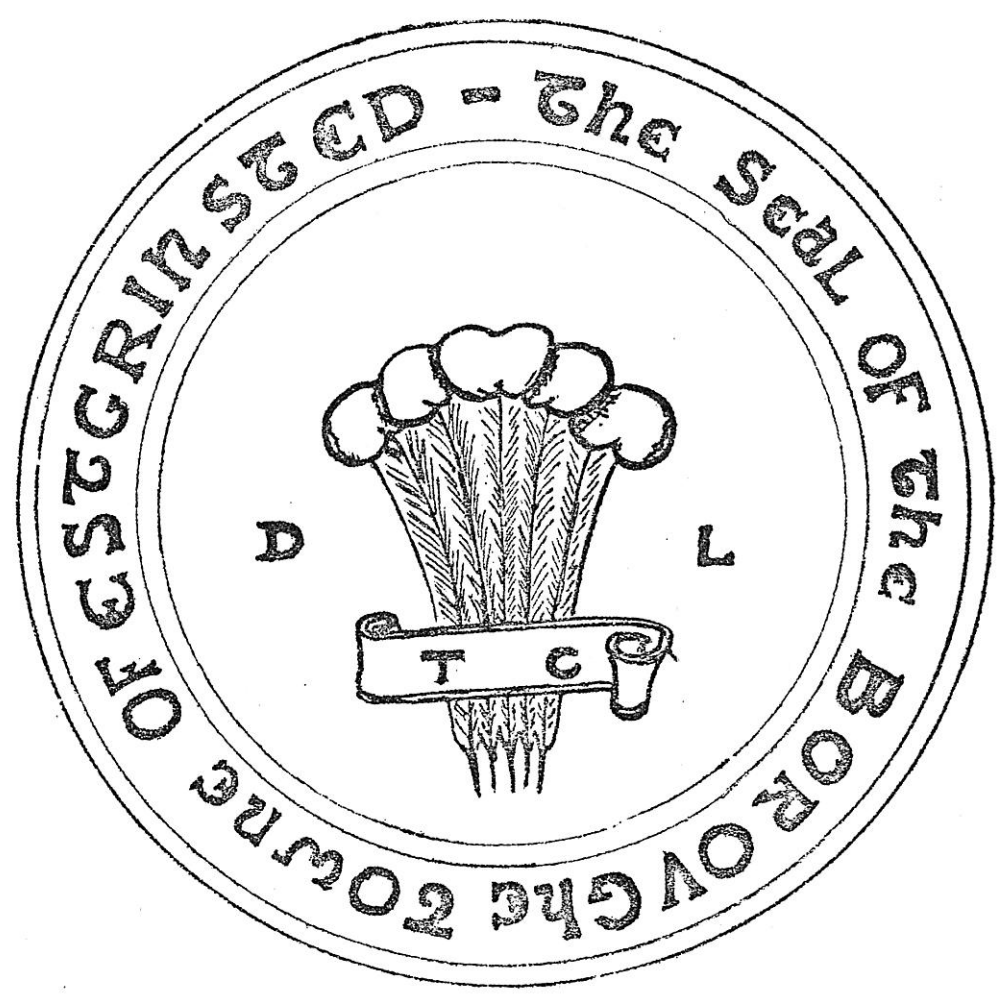


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# THE IMBERHORNE ADVERTISER



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This second omnibus edition of the Imberhorne Advertiser is presented to you as a result of the kind encouragement given to the first. We dare to think it will be an improvement.

STAFF CHANGES A photograph of the founder members of the staff shows thirty names; seventeen have now left us. At Christmas we bade farewell to Mr. McDermott, the school's first Headmaster, to Mr. Perkins who is in charge of a school in Ghana, and to Mrs. Jenks who has retired from teaching and from whom joyful news is expected. At Easter Miss Hawkins goes to Hook Norton Secondary School. We best wishes to them all.

MR. SCOTT On April 25th our new Headmaster will be with us. May Mr. and Mrs. Scott have a long and very happy stay in East Grinstead.

MRS. FRANCE The period between the departure of one Headmaster and the coming of another is never easy; a school goes forward or backward, but it never stands still. Imberhorne has gone forward, and, thanks very largely to Mrs. France's wise guidance, is an even better school than it was.

THE COPSE "A thing of beauty is a joy for ever." It is not true of course. The copse, so lovely a part of the school ground, is being spoilt in a way woodsmen alone know how; no vandals could be so efficient. It can never be replaced.

THE CENTENARIES It is well known that the hospital service of East Grinstead celebrates its 100th year in 1963. Imberhorne is grateful to Dr. Dennison and Miss Duncombe for making information available to us concerning the grand work our doctors and nurses have done.

It is not so well known that the fire service in the town also celebrates its centenary this year. What is owed to those captains courageous, Steer, Popper and Simmons, to mention but three of the devoted band of men whose work we take for granted, will never be known, but we gladly pay our tribute to them.

THE BUS SERVICE It is 44 years since the first bus ran through East Grinstead. With how many rattles, grunts and groans it climbed the hill from North End we can only guess, but from it came our modern efficient service. Many thanks to our bus companies and to the older local inhabitants who have racked their memories to provide the facts in Angela Cook's article.

EAST GRINSTEAD'S OWN RAILWAY From 1845 there was a great clamour for a railway to Three Bridges. In 1855 The East Grinstead Railway Company opened the line with a sound of trumpets. Well a band played! What will the town do now that its oldest line is to close? Oh, Dr. Beeching!

MR. B. McDERMOTT

In an interview with Janet Botting.

Mr. McDermott opened Imberhorne School in September 1959, though for some months previously he had been working to get the school ready for its first pupils. Now that he is leaving us I asked him to tell me a little about himself and what he thought of East Grinstead.

For the past twenty seven years Mr. McDermott has been teaching, from 1935. He told me he had held headships for the last nine of them, first at Molsey County Secondary, Kingston - on - Thames, and then at Bridlington in Yorkshire, before coming to East Grinstead. His own education started at St. Michael's College in Leeds.

Looking back over the years Mr. McDermott pondered on his happiest memories. He thought of many instances, mentioning the friendliness of the children and their attitude towards the staff. He was happy because the choir at Imberhorne had attained such a high standard, and that the Athletics and Gymnastics were developing well. The number of children who had passed in G.C.E. and R.S.A. pleased him also.

When asked how Mrs. McDermott felt about going he replied that she did not mind going as she was interested in his school work and was not worried over moving.

If the headmaster could, he said that he would increase the staff, and also the playing field space. Another Gymnasium or Swimming Pool would be built for the benefit of the school. He said that he would make everybody stay on until they were 16. He would do all these for the good of the school.

When asked what he would do to alter the school if he could, he replied that he would not do too much. He would have a music room separate from the rest of the school and he would have rooms especially for Needlework, History, Technical Drawing, Geography and Commercial work.

He thought that East Grinstead was an interesting town, comprised of people who are of Old Sussex stock and younger couples from London and other cities. It is a progressive town and he hopes it will be important some day. Mr. McDermott would like to see a greater community spirit in the town.

Mr. McDermott is going to St. Thomas' Preparatory School, Sevenoaks. It differs considerably from Imberhorne, being a boys' school. The boys there are working for eleven plus or common entrance exams for independant schools. The school is smaller than Imberhorne, about a quarter of the size, that is in numbers but not in size. He is looking forward to going to his new school.

I wished him every success in his new work, and hoped that we shall hear from him from time to time.

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"Hot Dog" Dance - April 6th (Saturday) at The North End Youth Club  
Admission 1/6d.

F O L K E S T O N E

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Author Fiona Redfern. Form 1R.

Folkestone is a sea-side town on the South Coast of Kent. It is one of the Channel ports and deals chiefly with passenger traffic to and from Calais and Boulogne. During World War 1 over a million men embarked here for Flanders and the road down from the Leas to the Harbour was made for them and is now called the Road of Remembrance in memory of those who did not return.

The harbour is situated between the high chalk hills to the east, which form the end of the North Downs, and to the west there are smaller cliffs, along the top of which lies the Leas, and length of grass lawns which stretch for nearly a mile.

The east side of the town is chiefly private homes and these reach well up the hills under Capel-De-Ferne. On the west side, on the Leas and in the roads leading to the Leas, are the big hotels and boarding houses which have made Folkestone one of the famous family sea-side resorts from 1900 to the present day.

The beaches are nearly all shingle and the water is very clear, but by the harbour there is a fine sandy beach known as the East Cliff Sands.

There are many places of interest in and close to Folkestone. Hythe and Dover and other Cinque Ports are quite close and Canterbury is only 17 miles away.

IMBERHORNE SCHOOL GIRLS VISIT FRANCE

Susan Harrison, Helen Lowe and Susan Read are visiting East Grinstead's twin town Bourg-de-Peage from the 5th to the 22nd April. All expenses will be paid by the municipality. Bourg-de-Peage is a small town on the western slopes of the Alps near the river Isere. We hope that on their return the girls will give us an account for our wall edition.



OUR NEW HEADMASTER MR. K. R. SCOTT.

At present Mr. Scott is living in Birmingham, so a personal interview was impossible, but he very kindly consented to answer some questions I sent him.

Mr. Scott is now Headmaster of Nechells Secondary School, a mixed school in the industrial area of Birmingham. He has been there for eleven years. It is Mr. Scott's second Headship, for previously he was Head of Steward Street School, Birmingham, a city in which all his teaching has been done.

Nechells has an interesting age range varying from two 19 year olds, down to the eleven year old pupils of the first year. Pupils are entered for G.C.E. 'O' level and have achieved passes in 15 different subjects, and four ex-pupils are now at training colleges training to be teachers.

Mr. Scott tells me he is not a native of Birmingham but of Salisbury, Wiltshire, where he attended the Bishop Wordsworth School. He took his teacher training course at Culham College where 25 years previously his father was trained.

Mr. Scott is married and has three sons, Stewart 15, Angus 9 and Mark 2. Perhaps one of them will follow in the family footsteps to become a teacher. Mr. Scott very kindly sent us a photograph of Mrs. Scott and himself.

He is very interested in most games and has described himself as a keen golfer. Nechells Secondary Modern School is itself only a mile away from Villa Park, where Aston Villa, the famous football team play. We hope his presence will influence our footballers.

Mr. Scott concluded by saying that in the short space of three years, he thought Imberhorne has achieved a wonderful spirit between staff and pupils which is exactly how a successful school should be.

Finally he said his dearest wish is to help us to have the happiest days of our lives at Imberhorne, and I wish him the same, on behalf of us all.

Mr. Scott expects to be with us after Easter, on April 25th.

By Hilary Robe. 3G.

MR. OSBERT LANCASTER On the day our Holidays Abroad edition appeared, the Daily Express published a cartoon by Osbert Lancaster on the same subject. We asked Mr. Lancaster for a copy of the original, and he very kindly obliged. The cartoon added greatly to the interest of our wall magazine. Thank you very much, Mr. Lancaster.



AT THE CHRISTMAS FAIR



MR. & MRS. SCOTT

## THE CHRISTMAS FAIR

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By Girls of 5G.

What it is hoped will be the first Annual Christmas Fair at Imberhorne Secondary School was held on Saturday the 1st of December. Attended by over 500 parents, children and friends it was a great success, and yielded a gross taking of £136.

Stalls for jewellery, garden produce, jumble, Christmas gifts, refreshments, needlework, dolls and cakes were looked after by staff and children, with parents helping. Entertainments were provided by bingo, tombola, cover the shilling, straws, fishing, treasure island and choose an egg competitions. These alone would have ensured the success of the afternoon, but to make it even better the pupils gave P.T. demonstrations, and organised a fashion show. How many future mannequins there are at Imberhorne we cannot say, but the girls certainly showed great promise modelling their own creations.

The very attractive display of jewellery was set out by Miss Brons with the aid of Gloria Newman and Jacqueline Harvey. Most of the jewellery was prepared in the Art classes, with the exception of some very attractive earrings made by Mr. Attree in the metalwork room. Medallions, ear-rings, bracelets and brooches were featured on the stand. An extension of the stalls, tended by J. Pilgrim, sold Christmas gifts, most of them ornaments.

The jumble stalls were the best attended of all. Mrs. Dyer was surrounded and at times it seemed, 'swamped', by mounds of clothes, books and odds and ends of all descriptions. The bargains very quickly went.

No one left the show without visiting the pretty display of dolls organised by Priscilla West and Elaine Fogg. Priscilla had in her own time made 40 gay little dolls in pink, yellow and blue. The success of her stall must have made Priscilla very happy.

Miss Hawkins arranged a competition in 3 groups for cakes made by the girls, boys and parents.

Group 1 Decorated sponge cake, was won by David Scutt of 3X.

Group 2 Decorated small cakes, was won by Ann Preston.

Group 3 Scones, was won by Trevor Tutt.

Who said boys can't cook? Tutt and Scutt made their own prize winning entries. The cakes were then sold. A Christmas cake made by Miss Hawkins was raffled.

Refreshments were provided by Miss File and Mrs. Sheppard.

Whilst the stalls did a roaring trade the girls of Miss Martin's needlework classes produced a fashion show which was deeply appreciated by a packed audience. Soft music played in the background as the models walked elegantly down the centre of the hall. There was a wide variety of clothes ranging

from simple dresses and skirts, made by the junior girls to evening dresses made by the seniors. Nightwear was another popular item, and three small girls from St. Margaret's Convent nearly stole the show in their baby dresses and aprons. The running commentary was given by the girls.

Following the fashion show came the display of gymnastics under Mr. Bevan, and a very entertaining performance was given by immaculately turned out gymnasts in junior and senior teams.

To begin with the teams did handsprings and fly springs. Then the trampette was brought in and they all did jumps to get the feel of it. Boys and girls then did forward somersaults in the air, followed by backward somersaults by some of the boys.

Next the box and spring board was brought on, and long, through vaults and astride vaults were performed. The senior boys did a round vault with a spring into a shortarm overswing on the end of the box.

The boxes were then turned round and the trampette used. Through and astride vaults, and overswing were again displayed. The seniors then brought on an extra trampette, to give a more advanced demonstration of vaults, springs and handstands.

The bar box was next used with the trampettes. One boy crouched on top, while the others performed high, through and stride vaults. The display ended with a forward somersault by Peter Rood.

To add colour to the afternoon Beauty Counsellor Cosmetics gave a make-up demonstration applauded by an appreciative audience. It was most popular with the younger members of the school to whom the thought of being made up had great appeal. The older girls were somewhat reluctant to participate, but listened with enthusiasm to the useful advice given by representatives of the firm.

Amongst the entertainment stands bingo, and tombola were very popular with queues lining up to try their skill. Many prizes were given, including boxes of chocolates, fruit and biscuits, with a bottle of whisky as the main prize. Mr. Buckley was in charge.

No account of this happy day would be complete without reference to the eastern atmosphere created by the Chinese lanterns and window decorations made by Miss Brons and Mr. Rodges.

Mr. Foulkes and his committee are to be congratulated on the very efficient arrangements.

The day's entertainment was rounded off by a dance for parents, staff and senior pupils in the evening. A large number danced to Tony Strudwick and his music.

#### GETTING TOGETHER

Recently 30 odd pupils from the Grammar School visited Imberhorne to see a film presentation of "Romeo and Juliet." We hope that this visit will be first of many such visits.



ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF HOSPITALS IN EAST GRINSTEAD

In 1863 our first hospital was opened in a cottage in Green Hedges. It was the brain child of Mr. J. G. Rodgers, one time Warden of Sackville College, and had accommodation of seven patients. At first Mr. Rodgers met the expense from his own pocket, but later accepted public subscriptions. In 1874 the hospital had to close.

New premises were built in Most Road, but never opened, and the town was without a hospital until 1877 when, as a result of the efforts of Mrs. Oswald Smith, Lansdowne House in London Road, was opened as a hospital. £300 a year was needed for running expenses. Mrs. Smith handed over the management to a committee.

By 1889 it was felt that a new hospital was needed, and a site was purchased here in Imberhorne Lane. It was never built on because in 1901 Mr. Oswald Smith gave the buildings in Queens Road, which previously had been the holiday home of the Ragged School Union, to be developed as a hospital. It opened in 1902 as the Queen Victoria Hospital, with 3 nurses only. It had 2 wards and 13 beds, but this number in 1910 was increased to 17.

From 1902 to 1936 when the modern premises were opened the hospital was almost entirely looked after by local doctors. Nearly all the medical treatment, and all except major surgery was in their hands. They numbered four in 1902, but had increased to ten by 1936.

Mr. Cecil Rowtree was appointed part time consulting surgeon on 1917, and Dr. T. Izod Bennett was appointed part time consulting physician in 1932.

The hospital had an outpatients department, probably combined with a casualty section. X ray services were first started in 1926.

The new hospital in Holtys Road was a great advance. In a country setting, it had at the outset, beds for 37 patients. It was thought that the new Queen Victoria would be merely a grand extension of the fine tradition already built up, but no one thought of the coming war and its effect on our hospital. After all the 1914-18 war had made little or no difference.

However, by 1940 the Emergency Medical Service had added huts which became Wards I, II and III. Physiotherapy followed in 1942, and the Canadian and American Wings in 1944 and 1946. The Peanut Ward came in 1952 and A Research Laboratory in 1961.

The hospital, whilst retaining its general character, has become famous as a centre for Plastic Surgery. The unit began in 1939 under Mr. A. McIndoe, who was later honoured with a knighthood. In no small measure the growth of the hospital from one containing 37 beds to 225 at the end of the war can be attributed to the work of the Plastic Surgery Unit. Now in time for the centenary year, and in honour of Sir Archibald McIndoe, a new Burns Unit is to be built.

Up to the beginning of the War in 1939 the hospital always relied voluntary subscriptions and the Working Men's Fund. With the war came finance from the Ministry of Health, and from 1948 the National Health Service has paid almost all the expenses. Local people still help. The Pea-nut Club has done much to add to the amenities of which, after all, still East Grinstead's own Queen Victoria.

### IMBERHORNE ON I.T.V.

By Royston Todman (3A)

On Monday, 4th March, we saw some peculiar looking vans in Imberhorne Lane. They were from the "This Week" programme on I.T.V.

The commentator took us on a tour of the town to show us what we get for our rates. He started in Fairlawn Drive, speaking of the recent sharp increase in the rating assessments. Then the cameras were brought down Imberhorne Lane where a long shot of the school was taken, followed by a close up of the entrance as the children went home for dinner.

After they left Imberhorne, the team went up London Road. A shot was taken of the Library, and then of an Ambulance leaving the Ambulance Station and turning into Green Hedges Avenue. The Fire Brigade was next seen putting on a dummy run.

The Police Station next came into view with a policeman coming out. The swimming pool in Brooklands Park was shown, and then the team went to Mount Noddy to show the cemetery and the recreation ground. Council houses in Blackwell Farm Road were featured, and finally the team went to East Court to the council offices.

The entrance of the council chamber was shown with the Chairman leading the councillors out. Councillor Palmer was then interviewed and he gave his views of the rating situation, and stated that East Grinstead's rate had been fixed at 9/10d. in the £.

Dresses at about half price

Miss Martin has many dresses of the School Summer Uniform for sale. Suitable for 1st and 2nd year girls. Hurry! Get yours now! 23/- only.

IMBERHORNE SUMMER FASHIONS



By Ann Keith (3G)

As I walked up the entrance to the Queen Victoria Hospital I thought of the forbidding nature of many such places and how pleasant the Queen Victoria was in contrast. I saw the lovely open spaces which would, I know, be decked with flowers when summer came, and how beautiful it would be.

Miss Duncombe, the matron, told me that the Hospital has 289 beds in 8 wards with 6 private rooms, and another 9 private rooms for plastic surgery patients. The hospital has Out-patients and Casualty Departments.

At Queen Victoria there are more than 175 nurses, some of whom are part-time. A nurse on full time works 44 hours a week, but the part-timers do 22 hours. The national shortage of nurses has hit East Grinstead. Miss Duncombe said she was 15 nurses under strength.

At Queen Victoria there are facilities for trainee nurses in the following ways:-

Pupil nurse training.  
Post registration training.  
Pre-student nurses.

The hospital has resident consultants in Dental and Plastic Surgery. Other departments have visiting consultants. Under them are specialist Registrars, assisted by Housemen, who are there to gain post graduate experience. The hospital entertains many visiting doctors from abroad.

The hospital treats all kinds of ailments except chest and brain complaints. There is no midwifery department, though has been agitation in the town for years to establish one. Serious orthopaedic cases go to Pembury.

Like other hospitals today, the Queen Victoria tries to find overnight accommodation for parents of young patients, but unfortunately not all can stay. It is a great help to the tiny tots when mothers can be near.

Naturally, many changes have taken place in hospitals since the introduction of the National Health Service in 1947, and Miss Duncombe is of the opinion that by and large the medical service is better now than it was before the modern scheme started. Certainly more money has been made available and the service extended.

The League of Friends, which carried on where the old voluntary subscription system left off is a great help to the hospital. They have provided a T.V. set for the sisters' sitting room, and a swimming pool for the nurses, among many other things. They help to make East Grinstead folk feel that the hospital they started still belongs to them.

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FOR SALE Guinea Pigs. 2/6 each, cage 6d. extra if two are bought.  
Apply J. Pepper. 2A.

I was told that the staff for one ward was:- 2 Sisters, 2 Staff Nurses, Post Graduate Nurses, State Registered Nurses, State Enrolled Nurses, and Auxilliary Nurses. The cost of treating one patient was about £28 a week.

Whilst the general nature of the hospital cannot be underestimated, it is for skin grafting and plastic surgery that it is best known. This is because Sir Archibald, then Mr. McIndoe, treated many badly burnt service men in huts behind what is now the main building of the hospital. The work is still remembered in the Guinea Pig Club.

The work will go on advancing at Queen Victoria. In memory of Sir Archibald, Mr. and Mrs. Nevil Blond of Gatwick Manor, have given money to equip a new Burns Centre, which will be the most up-to-date in the country.

To mark the centenary year the hospital is to be honoured by a visit from Her Majesty, the Queen Mother. The hospital is staging several exhibitions, and is presenting a play specially written for the occasion.

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MY LIFE IN HOSPITAL

By Tim Luxford.

My stay in hospital was very short, but in that time I found what life in hospital was like.

The nurses were very nice, and their nationalities ranged from Dutch to African, and included Welsh and Scottish. The Doctor I had was an Indian, Dr. Gupta, and he was a real curry chap.

I was in Kindersley Ward. Lights were out at 10.00 p.m., and we were awakened at 6.00 a.m. to have our temperatures taken. Next came the breakfast at 7.30 a.m. On the menu there were porridge, cornflakes and Allbran, followed by fried eggs, bacon, fried bread and scrambled eggs, with tea, coffee, milk or Horlicks.

After breakfast I sometimes played chess, not very successfully, or I drew one or two cartoons. For lunch we could have soup, which was optional, mince or maybe stew, then for sweet, ice cream, jelly, rice or egg-custard.

After lunch, each day I had some visitors, who brought me grapes or sweets. My visitors did enjoy themselves with my grapes! Then came tea, bread and butter and tea. Supper was followed by a bedtime drink or nightcap, but I was usually asleep.

I would like to thank all the nurses of the Queen Victoria Hospital for looking after me so well.

## C O O K E R Y   C O R N E R

PANCAKES

Recipe :-      4ozs. Flour.  
                  Pinch of salt.              Batter.  
                  1 egg.  
                   $\frac{1}{2}$  pt. milk.

Lard - for frying.

Caster sugar.  
 Lemon juice.              For serving.

## Method :-

1. Mix the flour salt and egg together.
2. Gradually add the milk to make a smooth batter.
3. Beat well.
4. When the fat is hot enough in the pan pour in sufficient mixture to cover the bottom.
5. When the mixture is set and the pancake a golden brown, toss and cook the second side.
6. Turn the pancake onto sugared paper, sprinkle with lemon juice, roll up and serve hot.
7. Pile the pancakes on a hot dish, sprinkled with sugar and lemon slices round the edge.

We are sorry to report that Miss File and Miss Hawkins did not run a pancake race from the Staff Room to the Domestic Science Department on Shrove Tuesday.

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For Sale Green Nylon Party Dress, only worn a few times. In good condition. Will fit a 9 year old girl. Trudy Lower. 3A

For Sale. To help Advertiser Expenses. Tennis Racquet, given by Mr. Childs, 10/-. See Miss Short.

For Sale. White Mice - 6d. each. Apply:- B. Langridge, 1A (Room 17)

THE LONDON - BRIGHTON OLD CROCKS RALLY

This year the Annual Veteran Car Race was held on November 4th. It commemorates the repeal in 1986 of the Red Flag Act which compelled motorists to travel at speeds of 4 m.p.h. or less, and to have a man walking in front carrying a red flag to warn people of the approach of the horseless monster.

The Cocks started from Hyde Park at 8 o'clock, and, being expected near Gatwick about 10 o'clock, we got there in time to see them pass by.

Most of the old cars carried brass plates saying where and when they were made. The oldest car was made in 1897, and was steered by a lever instead of a wheel. The most up-to-date was a 1914 model 'Fire Engine'. It made a good photograph. Altogether about 200 cars, not less than 50 years old took part.

The winner reached Brighton about 11 p.m. but the drivers of every car completing the course received a medal. They were well earned.

Those old cars were more like pneumonia waggons than anything else. They had bodies like stage coaches, and there is no wonder people called them horseless carriages. But the drivers enjoyed themselves, dressed up as though they were going to the North Pole. Huw Thomas of I. T. V. took part. It was most amusing to see some with great umbrellas which could be put up if the weather turned the way it usually does.

You may guess that large crowds were there to cheer, and everyone had a grand time.

FOR SALE

Guitar & Tutor Book for sale. £2 15s 6d.

Apply Peter Simmons. 1G.



"And to think I got half way to Brighton before I found that the Old Crook's Race was for cars."

This year of 1963 is the centenary of the East Grinstead Fire Brigade. Before 1863 two pumps were housed in St. Swithun's belfry. These pumps were mounted on trolleys and drawn by hand.

During 1863 the first brigade was formed under the captainship of Mr. Edward Steer. The pumps were mounted on horse drawn carriages on which the firemen could ride. One of these engines was stationed at Forest Row under a separate brigade. The other engine was stationed in the back yard of the Crown Hotel and then at the Police Station and yet later at the rear of James Cooper's shop in the High Street. A fire station was later built in the London Road where Baxters, the butchers now stands and then another at Heasman's Corn Store which was next to Stenning's timber yard.

Up to 1895 the brigade was managed by the vestry of the church but during the same year the Urban District Council took over. All equipment was provided by funds collected locally and in 1884 a new horse drawn engine was bought through public subscription.

The old engines were all horse drawn, the first motor driven appliances arriving in 1920 after the station moved to its present position. Whilst at the old station, however, the brigade received a steam pump, which was for years the pride of the town, and very efficient service it rendered. The necessary horses were taken from whatever sources were available. Nutt's, the only cab people in the town lent their horses whenever possible, as did Holmdens.

The brigade was still volunteer manned. It is interesting to note that in the early days the men received no payment at all, unless the fire victim was able to reward them. Before 1939, from about 1925, they did get pay for fire services, ranging from 7/- for the first two hours, and 2/- an hour afterwards, for firemen, to 15/- and 5/- in the case of the First Officer. In 1940 the firemen's pay went up to £3 a week for the full timers on war service, and now ranges from £12 a week on joining to £16 after 8 years service.

During the last war the brigade was nationalised under the N.F.S., and the main station was temporarily transferred to the North Sussex Garage opposite the Whitehall. The station was badly damaged in the flying bomb raid in 1944.

The brigade played a valuable part in the war. The main station and a sub station at Ashurst Wood were manned continuously, many of the men having become full timers for the duration. In addition there were sub stations at the Hermitage, Brooker's yard and at Lingfield Lodge, which were night manned by part timers.

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FOR SALE Diana Air Pistol, model no. 2 Cal .177 with 24 darts and 500 pellets. Worth 17/- for sale to people over 14 years of age only. Price 13/-  
Apply G. Drummond. 3R.



During the war women joined the brigade first as part timers but later on a full time basis. They did many jobs, such as cooks, dispatch rider, and control room operators.

In 1941 a number of local firemen went to London for "Blitz" duty, and later when the South was bearing the brunt of the flying bomb raids firemen from the North came to help. In addition local firemen saw service at Portsmouth and Soughampton during heavy bombing raids. Our brigade was out in full strength during the 1943 day bomb raid when 108 local people died.

In 1948 the service was de-nationalised, and our men formed part of the East Sussex Brigade, with its H.Q. at Lewes. At East Grinstead 4 men are full time and 12 are part time. Some of the latter are on 24 hour call, and some are on 12 hour call. The full timers are on the day manning system. Enough men are available at all times to man the two appliances now in use.

All alarms come via the divisional H.Q. at Haywards Heath. When the full timers are on duty and only 1 appliance is needed no siren is sounded, but when two are wanted the siren and house bells, all remote control operated from Haywards Heath, give the alarm. No siren is used between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m.

How different from the old days. Then no siren had been invented and the first volunteer rushed along the streets ringing the bell. Others collected the horses, harnessed them to the engine, and clattered off to the fire. If a fireman was late he grabbed another horse and pursued the appliance - or just ran after it on foot.

On one occasion the firemen could not find any horses. It was the time of the East Grinstead Vicarage fire in 1908. In the middle of the night the horses could not be caught so the men manhandled the machine. When they reached the vicarage the water supply proved to be inadequate so the human chain and bucket method had to be used.

As a result the present water tower nearby was built, and in 1928 when a fire at Cromwell House threatened the whole of the old houses in the High Street the firemen were able to save the property adjoining Cromwell House. That night was very cold and the water froze to the firemen's tunics. As ever fire fighting was dangerous, and one man narrowly escaped death, when his ladder caught fire.

Nowadays in East Grinstead the service uses two very up to date machines equipped with two-way wireless on the police wavelength. Breathing apparatus is carried, as well as foam making equipment. Both machines carry a 400 gallon tank of water. Between them they can pump 800 gallons a minute. They carry several ladders, one of which is 50ft. long.

The centenary year is to be celebrated by the provision of enlarged premises next to the present fire station. Sound the siren for another 100 years of service.

#### FOR SALE

Parker Pen cost £2 2s Od. when new, for sale for only 10/-.  
Apply G. Drummond. 3R.

THE HISTORY OF THE FAT STOCK SHOW

By Janet Botting. 5G.

An interview with Mr. Wood of Messrs. Turner, Rudge and Turner.

I went up to Turner, Rudge and Turner on Monday the 3rd of December to enquire about the history of the East Grinstead Fat Stock Show. Turner, Rudge and Turner have always run the show and are also the auctioneers. Mr. Pat Wood very kindly answered my enquiries.

The Fat Stock Show began in 1876 but had a lapse and was restored later in the 1890's. It has always been held in Cantelupe Road since it started. It has never been held in the High Street, as were the Old December Fairs. The shows have been held annually except during the war years.

When asked if it was always held on Thursdays, Mr. Wood replied that since the regular market was held on alternate Thursdays, but later it continued weekly.

The Fat Stock Show is also on a Thursday. The circle of entries is no more widespread than formerly and it is strictly a local show. Nothing comes from outside a 10 mile radius, in general the radius is 8 miles from East Grinstead, and is not very widespread because it is a local butcher's show. Peter Fry nearly always buys the prize beast.

The Sussex and Angus breeds are the dominant entries. The Sussex is the local breed, but the Angus presents great competition. The Sussex takes more prizes than the Angus. There are very few other breeds represented at the show.

Pigs, calves, sheep and foodstuffs (cereals) have classes as well as the steers and heifers.

Compared with years ago the weight of cattle is much lighter because they are killed younger. They are killed at the age of 2-2½ years, and where once they weighed upwards of 1 ton they now only weigh 9-10 cwt. Although they are lighter the prices are much higher compared with former years. They are priced by the cwt. e. g. £10 per cwt.

I asked if a butcher can regain his money on the prize cow if he bought it. The answer was that he cannot. They buy the beast for prestige and advertisement; the butcher who buys the prize beast has an emblem red bull in his window.

Last year's winner was of the Sussex breed, and was entered by J. H. Rayward. It weighed 10¾ cwt, and fetched £12 13s. per cwt. Peter Fry (Butcher) was the buyer.

I am looking forward to Thursday, December 6th, when I hope to see Mr. Wood in action, selling the prize winning entries.

MARMOT VALLEY

by Daniel Roberts.

Published by Oxford University Press - 1962, at 10/6d.

This is a book suitable for both boys and girls in their early teens. The author, describes the experiences of a boy of fourteen who visits the French Alps with his sister. As the story is so well written, it is difficult to tell whether the author is of a similar age to his chief character or very much older.

Daniel Roberts is able to make certain characters live in the mind of the reader, and the reader is soon lost in the beauty of the French Alps and the simple ordinary life of the people. Unfortunately, he does not manage to do this with them all, as he seems to concentrate too much on the older boys. I feel that the other three characters could have been brought out much more.

Robert and Jean, the eldest boys, are made to have unusual experiences throughout the story, but again I feel that these could have been brought out with more tension and detail. On the other hand, I am sure that the story will be enjoyed by those who are fond of the open air life and who wish to get an idea of what they might expect to find in the French Alps and in the little villages nestling in the valleys. It would also be a good book for those who are keen on mountain climbing, camping and skiing.

The main theme of the story centres round the idea of one of the valleys becoming a Nature Reserve. The valley which the children call, "our valley" is well described, and with the aid of a few sketches the reader is able to grasp the actual beauty that the author is trying to put over to him. The illustrations, done by M. A. Charlton, are of the sketch type, relating to adjacent incidents in the tale; not as is sometimes found, ambiguous.

This special valley, which is dearly loved by the children, soon becomes invaded by hunters whose sole aim is to kill the marmots, chamois and other animals of the valley. The children, hating the idea of killing them, become even more anxious to make the valley a Nature Reserve, and so take their plans to several people in the village, some of whom reject the idea, whilst others agree. The end comes all too soon though, for both the children and hunters, as the valley is later changed by Nature itself.

SUSAN READ. 4G.

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## CONSERVATIVES WIN

IN

WEST WARD.

EAST GRINSTEAD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

BY-ELECTION

by our reporter N. Ralph.

By a narrow margin of 15 votes Mrs. P. Coleman was elected councillor for the West Ward on Monday 12th November. The By-Election was caused by the resignation of a liberal councillor, Mr. Gardiner. This means that the Conservatives have a majority.

I recently visited Mrs. Coleman to congratulate her on her victory. I was entertained to tea and Mrs. Coleman obligingly answered many questions.

First I asked what made her stand for the council, and she said it was her interest in local politics that had made her do so. She added that it was a delightful feeling to be a councillor, a delight she had never before experienced since this was her first election.

I enquired if she had lived in East Grinstead all her life, and Mrs. Coleman replied that she had come to the town from Hammersmith, 5 years ago. When asked how East Grinstead compared with Hammersmith she said that East Grinstead was a country town as against the large city atmosphere of Hammersmith, and she preferred East Grinstead.

Mrs. Coleman thinks that a maternity unit at our local hospital is most urgently needed, as also are an improved swimming bath and recreational facilities. She has high hopes that the Council will be able to do something now she is on it.

Asked for her views on the possible closing of the East Grinstead to Three Bridges railway line, Mrs. Coleman said she would not like to see it happen, and she hoped for a speedier service from East Grinstead.

We talked about national affairs, and I asked for Mrs. Coleman's thoughts about the possibility of Britain joining the Common Market. She was enthusiastic about our entry and she agrees with the Prime Minister's ideas. She did not think it would make much difference in the cost of living for the Old Age Pensioners.

I came away with the impression that the West Ward would be very well represented by Mrs. Coleman.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

Recently a rule has been put in the school that senior girls allowed to stay in at some play times but junior girls must go out. Surely younger girls feel the cold as much as senior girls if not. It would also be a help if we could ride bicycles to school without to have a special pass.

Yours faithfully,

Judith Less. 1-G

Dear Sir,

I would like to give my views on the local swimming pool. The pool itself is much too small, and it becomes impossible to dive or swim, when it is crowded. The diving boards are dangerous the mats are very slippery giving rise to accidents.

The outlet from the fountain is the only place for small children to play and they often get hurt.

When these things in mind I think the council should seriously look down to improving the conditions before the new season starts.

Yours faithfully,  
M. Gray 4-G

Dear Sir,

May I make a suggestion that the school library be used in the place of a Public Library. I personally am not a member of the East Green Library and I am sure that many other people would make use of our library because of the number of reference books which are in there.

A small charge may be useful if application is made before a book is taken from the shelf and depending on how long the book is out.

This may mean work for Mr. Ward but I personally would like to see it done.

Yours faithfully,

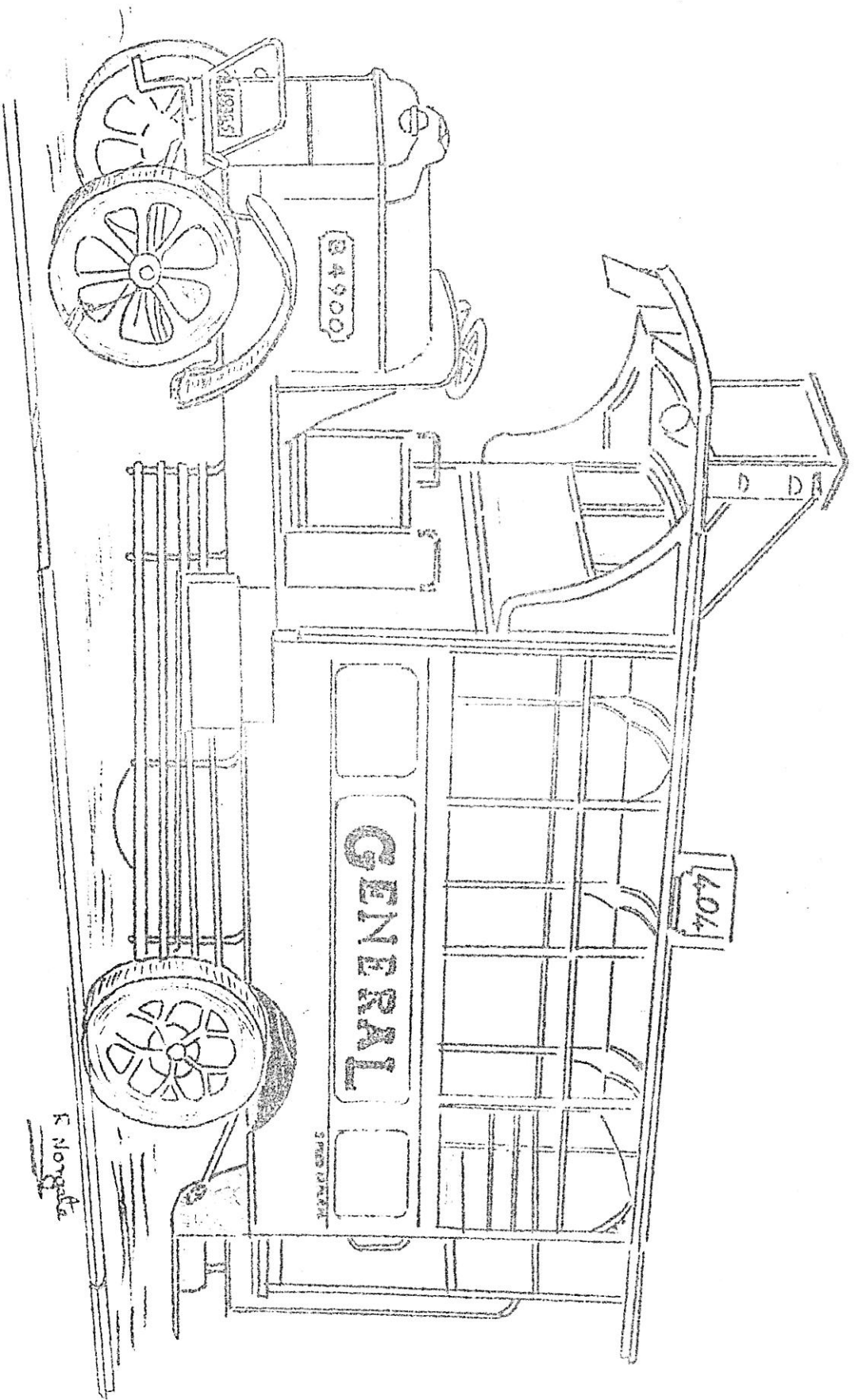
Glyn Goodwin. 3-G

Dear Sir

I feel that I should say something about the way food is served and consumed on the premises.

At meal times there is considerable amount of noise and it is a wonder that people suffer from indigestion as their food goes down the wrong way. The tin food containers are always being banged and soiled.

Yours faithfully, E. Twort. 4-G.



AN OLD EAST GRINSTEAD BUS



## THE BUS SERVICE IN EAST GRINSTEAD

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By Angela Cook 3R.

There has never been any record kept of the early buses, so we have decided to do something about it.

The first bus ever to run, started in 1919. It was owned by a man called Rogers, who lived at Crawley Down. His bus ran from the Village to East Grinstead.

He was taken over in 1922 by the East Surrey Traction Company. The first service S22 ran from Reigate to Forest Row. The route was much the same as the present 424, with East Grinstead to Forest Row added. They also ran an S23, from Reigate to Forest Row via Godstone. From Godstone it followed the present 409 route.

In 1925 the London General Omnibus began to operate. Their Garage was in Garland Road, and they took over the East Surrey Routes.

In 1926 they started service 404 via Lingfield Road to Dormansland and went on to Edenbridge and Oxted. Later this became the 428 to Dormansland only.

Also in 1926 service S28 began from East Grinstead to Crawley and Horsham, on the present 434 route. The last service to be started by London Transport, was the 494 to Oxted in 1948. London Passenger Transport Board took over from the London General.

The Southdown service began in 1930. The first route was the 92 to Eastbourne. In 1934 route 87 was bought from Sargent's Bus Company along with route 28 to Brighton, which was discontinued in 1939.

The present 36 route to Brighton, was started in 1945. Southdown ran from Chequer Road from 1933. In 1950, they took over Sargent's premises in Cantelupe Road, and in 1954 made the present garage by joining their own with Sargent's old garage.

The Maidstone and District Service began in East Grinstead in 1933, with route 91 to Tunbridge Wells. Services 135 and 137 did not begin until 1954.

The only local service was operated by Sargent of East Grinstead, whose depot was in Cantelupe Road. They started in June 1929 with services to West Hoathly and to Cowden.

In 1930 they ran to Brighton, the service which was later taken over by Southdown. Sargents also ran services to Edenbridge, Crowborough, and Ashurst Wood. These services are now operated by Maidstone and District.

Sargents also operated a fleet of coaches, for private hire, a service now rendered by Southdown.

In 1933 the Green Line coaches began to run between London and East Grinstead, but before this, the Blue Bell coaches, covered much the same route.

The first Rogers bus was coloured blue. It was a single decker with 20 seats. The East Surrey, and the London General were red, and since 1933 the country buses of London Transport have been dark green. Southdown have always had their present light green colour. Maidstone and District have been dark green. Sargent's buses were blue.

The East Surrey buses were double deckers, with no roof to the upper deck and no windscreen. They had an outside stair way at the back, and had solid tyres. The London General Buses followed very much the same pattern, although some of the early buses were single deckers. Maidstone used single deckers which had solid tyres, in the early days, but Sargent's and Southdown have never used solid tyred buses in East Grinstead.

The fares varied a little. East Grinstead to Forest Row in the East Surrey and London General days cost 5d. but the 92 Southdown was only 4d. T. Worsted Lane was 1d. and Ashurst Wood 2d. East Surrey and London General charged 3d. from Felbridge to East Grinstead.

Other fares from East Grinstead were:-  
Horley 1s. 2d, Redhill 1s. 9d, Reigate 2s. 0d, and Godstone 1s. 1d. Sargent charged 1s. 2d, return to West Hoathly and 3s. 0d, return to Brighton.

Before the buses East Grinstead had cabs and taxis. Nutt's of Station Road started a cab service in 1889, the only firm to do so in the town. Later they bought a motor taxi in 1914, but before then the East Grinstead Motor Garage had begun a taxi service.

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#### IMBERHORNE SCHOOL BOY INJURED

by Sally Maynard 4X

Last November, Alexander Bailey was knocked down by a motor car on his homeward journey from school. He has now recovered from two broken legs, a fractured skull and internal injuries after spending two months in hospital.

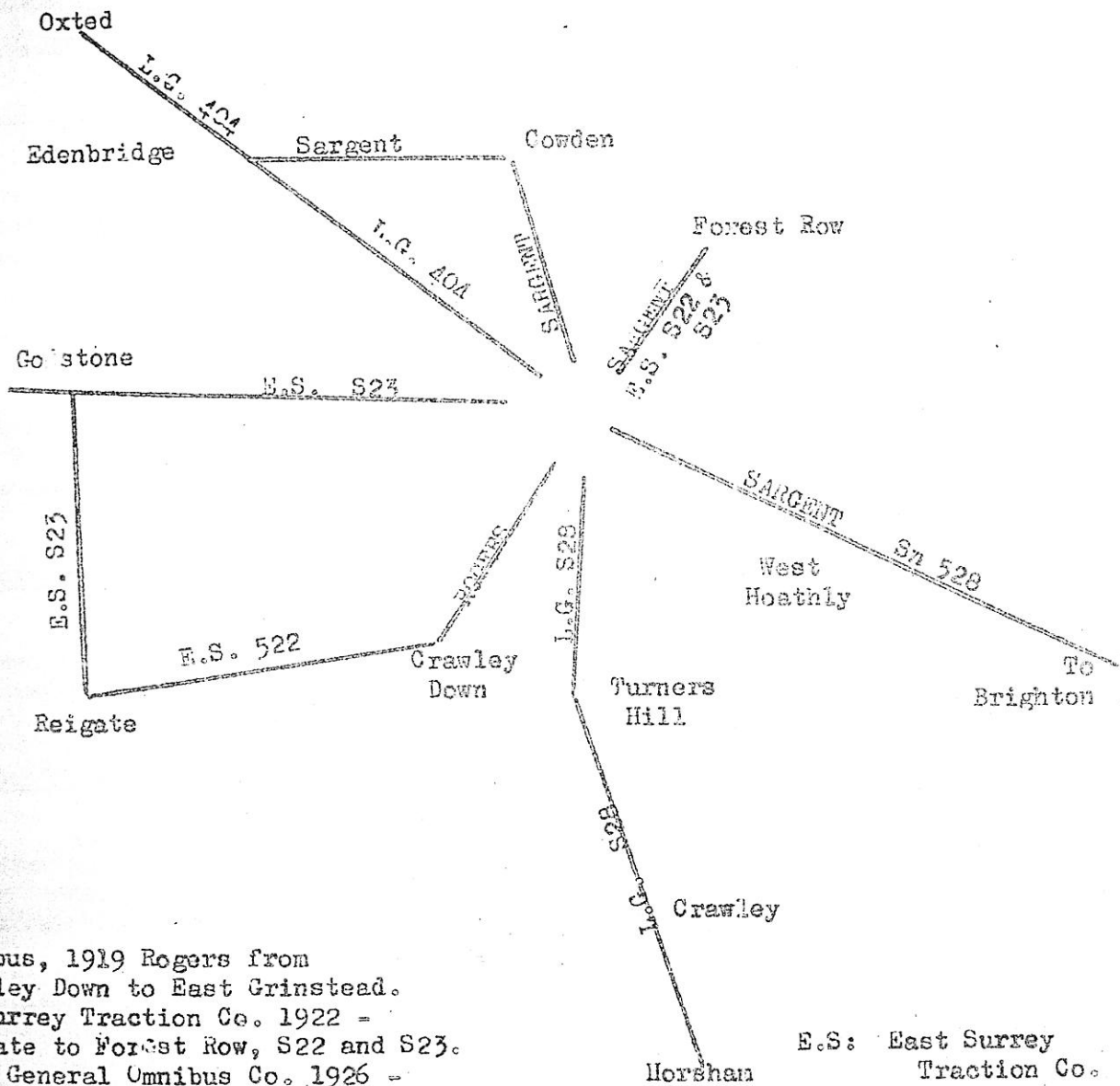
When he came out of hospital, naturally Sandy couldn't walk, so he improvised with crutches, but he is fit now, although he goes to the hospital twice a week for check-ups.

When he was first injured, it was reported that he had only a 50/50 chance, and close relatives were the only ones allowed to see him, but miraculously he has pulled through all these odds, and is now fit and well.

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Congratulations to Mrs. Jenkins on the birth of a daughter whose name is Naomi

# Old Bus Routes: East Grinstead



First bus, 1919 Rogers from  
 Crawley Down to East Grinstead.  
 East Surrey Traction Co. 1922 -  
 Reigate to Forest Row, S22 and S23.  
 London General Omnibus Co. 1926 -  
 404 East Grinstead to Oxted.  
 1926 - S28, East Grinstead to Horsham

E.S: East Surrey  
 Traction Co.  
 L.G: London General  
 Omnibus Co.  
 Sn: Southdown.

Sargents Bus Co. 1929 to Cowden & West Hoathly.  
 1930 to Brighton.  
 1930 to Edenbridge and Forest Row.  
 Southdown - 1934 S28 to Brighton (taken over  
 from Sargents)

So many things have happened to us in this severe winter that we thought it would be a good thing to make a record of them.

Paper Round

Four times this winter I have fallen off my bicycle whilst delivering papers. Once the chain came off and that did not help. Another time snow got in my paper bag, and I felt like swearing every time I took a paper out, because I was cold and stiff.

Barry Heaton 4R.

Birds

I picked up a bird near my home. It looked frozen and dead, but I took it into a warm room to see if it could be revived. It started to move so I fed it a few bread crumbs. After a while it started to sing. When mother was knitting it flew onto her head, and pecked her hair.

Sandra Jones 3B.

Weir Wood Reservoir

Weir Wood reservoir has been frozen over for weeks. Many birds have been frozen in, and we started hacking at the ice. Among other birds we found a dead mute swan and a dead heron.

Peter Brown 4B.

Bus Trouble

As many Imberhorne pupils live in the surrounding villages, buses bring them to school. Owing to the weather, several buses got stuck at the bottom of Turners Hill, and had to find an alternative route round the obstacle, making the Imberhorne pupils nearly an hour late.

Pat Brackpool Lower 4G.

Burst Pipes

Many people have had trouble with burst pipes, during this prolonged spell of cold weather. Owing to the burst pipes we have been shivering in our home not daring to light fires. When at last the plumber came, the fires could return to normal, and we thawed out.

June Bishop 4X.

Frozen Diesel

Because this weather has been so cold, the diesel oil in our lorry completely froze over, and as most mechanics know it has to be very cold for that to happen.

John Clark 4B.

Accident by Alan Bennett 4B

While I was walking towards East Grinstead I heard a screech of brakes and looked round only to see a car skid, hit the kerb and turn over. The driver not injured, and two men helped to put the car the right way up again.

Football by Royston Todman 3A

Not only national, but local football has been hit. East Grinstead have had a game for 6 weeks and the school football team has suffered as well.

Blizzard in Balcombe Road by David Nye 4B

Whilst in a baker's van on the Balcombe Road, a blizzard suddenly hit us. The road was soon blocked and we were forced to spend the night in the van. returned home at about 11-30 next morning, tired and very hungry.

Burst Boiler by Linda Collyer 3A

At Blackwell, the school was closed, due to a burst boiler.

Foxes by Barbara Harrison 4R

Because of this weather, foxes have been seen in the town. They prowl waiting for small kittens, which they soon have in their clutches.

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THE CREATION OF WOMAN

Can you recognise Ena Sharples?

"He took the lightness of the leaf, and the glance of the fawn, the gaiety of the sun's rays and the tears of the mist, the inconstancy of the wind and the timidity of the hare, the vanity of the peacock, and the softness of the down, the throat of the swallow. He added the harshness of the diamond, the sweet flavour of honey, the cruelty of the tiger, the warmth of the fire, the chatter of the jay and the cooing of the turtle dove. He melted all this and formed woman."

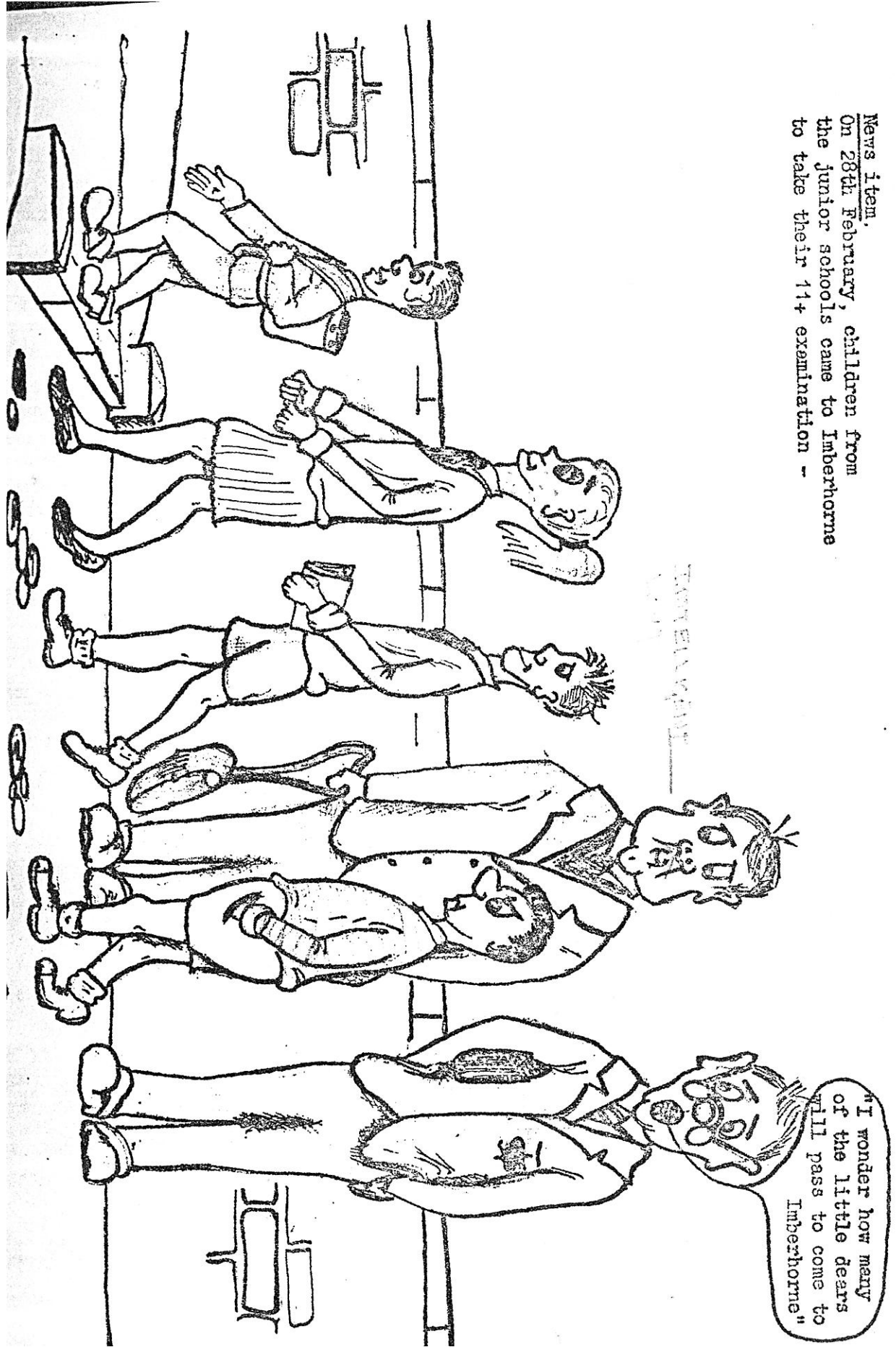
This was written over 1,000 years ago and shows the charming way in which ancient people expressed themselves. It is from the Sanskrit, the Hindu Bible.

Hilary Robe. 3G.

Young Farmers' Club.

The young farmers' club in East Grinstead is short of members and if any would like to join please ask D. Scutt or R. Peterson for the details.

News item.  
On 28th February, children from  
the junior schools came to Imberhorne  
to take their 11+ examination -





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The Wedding at West Hoathly.

On Saturday the 2nd March there was a very big wedding at West Hoathly. The ceremony started at 2.30 p.m. and the guests turned up promptly wearing morning dress. Carpets were laid on the church path and a canopy was erected to protect the bride from the weather.

When the bride arrived she wore a full length white dress made in Flemish lace, a long white veil underneath a golden tiara, and the finishing touch was a massive bouquet of fragrant red roses.

The tiny church was crowded out. Many expensive cars were outside, like Rolls Royce and Bentleys.

After the ceremony the reception was held at Sharpthorne where a helicopter was waiting to take the couple to Gatwick Airport. They caught a plane which took them on their honeymoon.

by Clive Kirk and Jennifer Wildash.

CRAWLEY DOWN.

At Crawley Down a break-in occurred at Sandy Lane. While the owners were out at work the thieves stole £1.0.0. in telephone money, that being the only thing that took their fancy. The same thieves broke into a house in Copthorne and managed to get away with £75.0.0.

by M. Wells 2A

THE FIRE

A few weeks ago near Grange Road, Crawley Down, a pond caught fire! The pond had some oil on it, and somehow it caught alight. The Turners Hill Fire brigade was called in and they soon had the fire under control.

by J. Gould 3A

ACCIDENT AT COPTHORNE

On Thursday March 14th my friend Alan Steele was knocked down while waiting for the school bus at Copthorne Church bus stop. He was watching some workmen repairing a road. They were using a automatic digger and then someone shouted "Bus" and he ran out in to the road. A car hit him and threw him on the ground. He got up and his mouth was bleeding and he had hurt his knee. He was taken to the doctor suffering from shock and minor injuries.

by F. Silsby. 3B.

FOR SALE    Old radio set - any offers?    (Advertiser office)

PRISCILLA, THE LEPER GIRLby Ann Keith. 3G.

Priscilla, a little Nigerian girl of seven lived in a village with her parents. She was just the same as you and me, yet people would not go near her. The children would not play with her, for she had leprosy. There was a little spot on her arm, which she knew was the reason for people staying away from her. One day she was walking along the road when she saw a man coming along on a thing with two wheels. Much to her surprise he stopped and looked at her arm. He put her on the cross-bar of his bicycle and went on into the village to the house of her parents and after a long talk with them they consented to let her go with him to the leprosy colony in Uzuakoli. The man was a worker from the colony.

After a thorough examination it was found that she definitely had the dreadful disease. The treatment then in 1940 was an oil extracted from a berry and put in a hypodermic syringe and injected all over the sore, which does not cure the disease but usually prevents it from spreading. With all this treatment Priscilla did not get any better in fact she got worse. Once she was cooking her supper and the boiling soup went over her hands but she did not feel it. She also found difficulty in lifting things up, for instance when she was playing ball she could not catch or pick up the ball easily.

In 1944 a new remedy for leprosy was found. Instead of the very painful injections it was given in tablet form. This was called, for short, Dapsone. After a few years of the treatment Priscilla was cured but the deformities could never be put right. When she was going home at last her parents could not look at her. Her hands and feet were terribly deformed and still are. After a few months the Welfare Officer from the colony found her cast out in a hut just outside the village. When he found her she told him that she had had a child but had no husband. He took her back to the colony where she has lived in a hut with her child ever since then.

This is just a story of one of the leprosy victims. There are many other children and adults who are victims of the disease and who would like your help and prayers.

MY VISIT TO LENINGRAD.

By J. Audric. 4A.

In my summer holidays last year I went on a cruise to the Northern Capitals, calling at Stockholm, Leningrad, Helsinki and Copenhagen. There were about four hundred children on board the ship, and we were arranged in groups.

We were told that we must not photograph the approaches to Leningrad, and that once ashore we had to keep in our groups. It sounded very grim, but when we arrived, we were given a splendid welcome. A Russian military band was playing, and a party of children threw flowers at us.

We were taken over all the important buildings and spent a couple of hours at the Hermitage, which is their national museum.

I thought Leningrad was a most interesting city, but what I liked best was a journey on their famous underground railway - The Metro. There were magnificent chandeliers, beautiful mosaics, murals and marble work.

That evening we entertained a party of Russian children to supper and a concert on board, and the next day a hundred of us were taken to the Pioneer's Palace where we saw the work of the Russian Youth movement.

Our visit concluded with a few hours of shopping, but this proved to be a great disappointment. There was very little in the shops and it was all very expensive.

As our ship left Leningrad, the Russian children waved good-bye and threw more bunches of flowers.

SALZBURG - AUSTRIA

By Susan Aldridge.

Salzburg is the name of one of the beautiful provinces in Austria. Salzburg is also the name of its capital city.

The southern border of the province is bounded by glacier-covered peaks over 10,000 feet high. These form the Hohen Tauern range. Joining them in a northerly direction are the Limestone Alps.

In this area there are nine cablecars and more than seventy lifts to take you up the mountains, where there are wonderful ski-ing slopes and magnificent views. The Grossglockner Alpine Highway is a winding road which climbs to the glacier regions of Austria's highest mountain.

There are innumerable lakes, mountains, glaciers, and crags. Salzburg itself is a world famous centre of the arts. It was the birthplace of Mozart. The Austrian bread and rolls are really good. The bakers ought to teach our bakery firms how to bake good bread! Austria is one of the most friendly and beautiful countries in the world. I certainly want to go again.

If you like the sun and bathing I think that the Italian Riviera is just the place for you. I went there for my holidays in 1962. The sun is always hot in Italy and the beaches are very sandy. There are many good hotels with excellent service; the food is very good. The beaches are privately owned and the hotel will get you a beach hut and deck chairs.

As the tide in the Mediterranean is very small, the beaches are raked and cleared every day and so the beach is always clean. As the water is so warm when we came down to breakfast at nine o'clock many people had already been for a swim. There are many boats that can be hired for water ski-ing and under-water fishing.

Laigueglia is encircled by green hills and many enjoyable afternoons can be spent walking up these. The town is a mixture of old and new. The old parts of the town have narrow little streets that are barely wide enough for people to get through let alone lorries but somehow the Italians manage to do this. On Friday there is always a Market and many good bargains can be picked up. The stalls are arranged along the promenade. In the evenings the shops stay open until about ten o'clock so there is plenty of dancing and drinking to be done in the evenings.

My parents and I often went out in the evening and stayed out very late because it is so warm. There are many tours from Laigueglia. We went up the ski-ing resort of Monesi where we went to the top of the mountains by chair-lift. Even here it was as warm as a very hot English day. But most the time I was in the sea.

We went to Italy by air, but you can also go by rail. The plane took off from Gatwick Airport. The aircraft went over Paris and Lyons. When the aircraft was flying over France the hostess handed out a meal. It was salt rolls and butter. When the aircraft landed at Nice airport a coach took us over the French border and along the coast road to Laigueglia.

BLANKENBERGHE

By Susan Frank

Blankenberghe has a lovely long sandy beach. At the top of the beach there are open-fronted cafes, with bands playing, and a few have singers. You can get there by boat from Dover to Ostend and then on a tram to Blankenberghe.

There are many hotels in Blankenberghe. The one we stayed in was called the Hotel Metro. It gave very good service, and it had a lift. The food was also very good and all the meat was lean. The sweets were lovely.

You can go on long trips to Bruges and Brussels and if you want to go a tram ride you can go to Knocke. One of the most popular trips is the one to Middelburg on a Thursday to the Dutch market.

In the evenings you can go to the cafes or to dance to the juke boxes. It is a very nice place for a holiday.

FOR SALE Electric Bowl Fire, recently repaired by JB, otherwise in good

HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY COMPETITION

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MARCH 1963

SENIORS

|                   |             |
|-------------------|-------------|
| 1st St. Margarets | 583 points  |
| 2nd St. Annes     | 308 points  |
| 3rd St. Richards  | 863 points  |
| 4th St. Georges   | 1095 points |

Individual Placings  
1st Simon Popek 18min. 7.5 secs.  
2nd John Hall  
3rd Philip Spencer

JUNIORS

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|-------------------|------------|
| 1st St. Annes     | 710 points |
| 2nd St. Georges   | 755 points |
| 3rd St. Margarets | 850 points |
| 4th St. Richards  | 925 points |

Individual Placings  
1st Anthony Parkes 20min. 7.5 secs.  
2nd Stuart Phillips  
3rd Malcolm Waddington

Our Magazine Cover

We have drawn the design of the original borough coat of arms, given to East Grinstead in 1572, by Thomas Cure, one of our M.P.s at the time.

The letters D.L. stand for the Duchy of Lancaster, and the T.C. for the man responsible for the emblem. The colours were blue for the feathers tipped with gold, on a yellow background, and brown for the letters on a gold background.

A silver seal was given with the coat of arms, but it disappeared in the course of the years.

Room 13

On television you may have seen a programme called the "Men from Room 13". In this series strange and mysterious things happened.

At Imberhorne we too have a Room 13 and very strange and very mysterious things go on there. By that is meant the meeting of the famous Imberhorne Chess Club.

The club has been so rushed off its feet lately, that no report on its activities has been made, but note well, they have promised us an article, which you will be able to read in our 1970 edition.



THE CAT

Gillian Morgans. 11

1. A cat walks stealthily through the night.  
Upon his padded paws,  
He makes no noise; so light, so light  
Past the shadowy doors.
2. With bright green eyes and jet black fur.  
He looks like a demon king.  
Then, soft meow and friendly purr  
Onto a wall he'll spring.

THE OGGLE BIRD

Sylvia Paine.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. There was a silly old Oggle bird<br/>Who was pink and red all over.<br/>He belonged to Mr. Lord who lived<br/>On the cliffs of Dover.</li> <li>2. His son was like a tiger,<br/>His mother like a cat,<br/>His daughter like an elephant,<br/>Who was very, very fat.</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. His wife was like the Oggle bi<br/>Pink and red all over<br/>From her nose grew pretty flow<br/>And out of her ears grew clo</li> <li>4. Their house was made of cocoar<br/>Their shoes of apple core, (<br/>Their hair was made of cats's<br/>What a queer family to be su</li> </ol> |
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I HATE NOISE!

The noise of a plane soaring high,  
The noise of a train rushing by,  
The noise of electric saws cutting through logs,  
The noise of packs of barking dogs,  
The noise of a horn from a boat,  
The noise of a bleating goat,  
The noise of the wind banging the door,  
The noise of the rain when it pours, and pours.  
The noise of a man hitting a nail,  
The noise of a very fierce gate.  
The noise of a cart horse's hoof,  
The noise of rain on the roof,  
The noise of wind banging the shutter,  
The noise of women who chatter, chatter, chatter.  
I HATE NOISE!

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THE EDITOR'S LAST WORD AND HOPE

As last year, and I hope, as always, many thanks to the willing horses of which breed I am pleased to say Imberhorne still has a few: to the editorial staff who for the past two terms have worked like beavers, to the young ladies of the Commercial Fifth whose fingers must ache by now, and a host of kind souls for words of good cheer. A hope also that the school party going to Austria this Easter will run into better weather than they had last year, and that they will bring back a fine photographic record for a special wall edition of our paper.

A SIMPLE TRAY

**MATERIALS:** A piece of stout plywood 18"x 12"  
 2 pieces of batten 15"x  $\frac{3}{4}$ "x  $\frac{3}{4}$ "  
 2 pieces of batten 9"x  $\frac{3}{4}$ "x  $\frac{3}{4}$ "

Cut the plywood base to shape (Fig. 1)  
 Shape the ends 9"x $\frac{3}{4}$ "x $\frac{3}{4}$ " (2)  
 Shape the sides (15"x $\frac{3}{4}$ "x $\frac{3}{4}$ " (Fig. 3)

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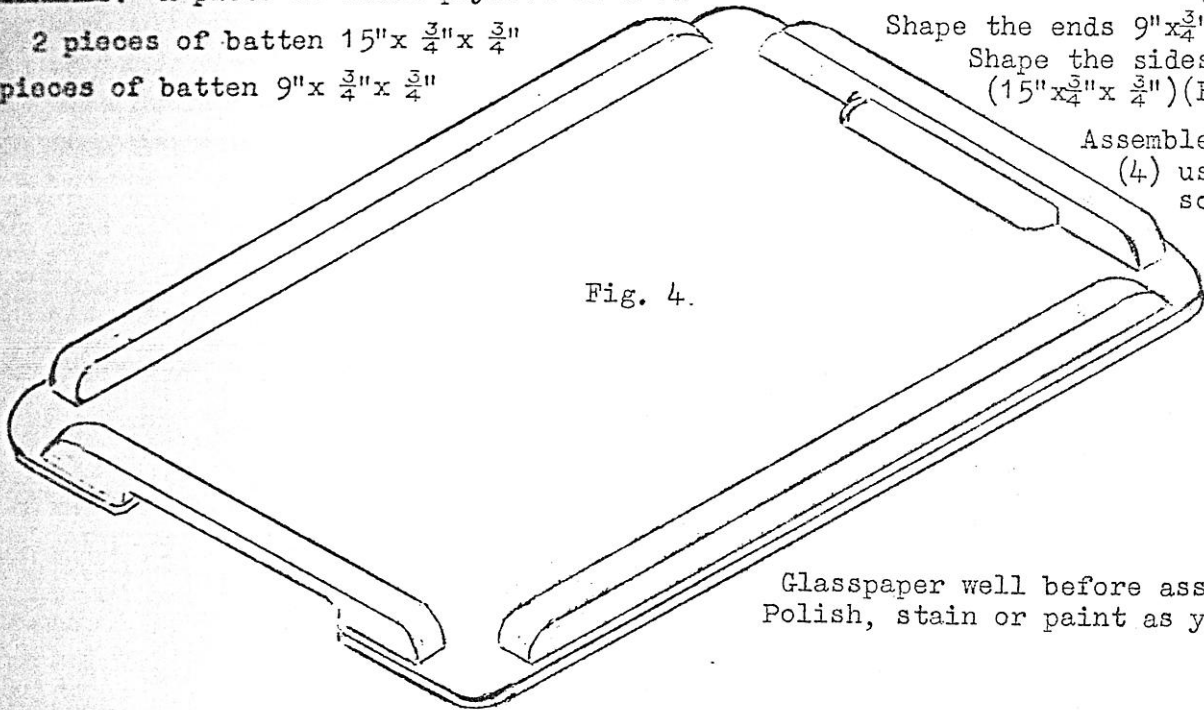


Fig. 4.

Glasspaper well before assembly.  
 Polish, stain or paint as you like.

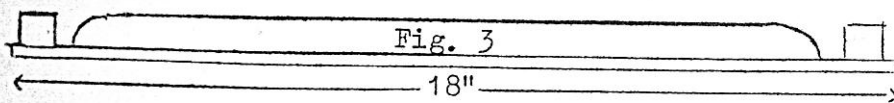


Fig. 3

Side elevation

Plywood base: all corners and edges rounded.

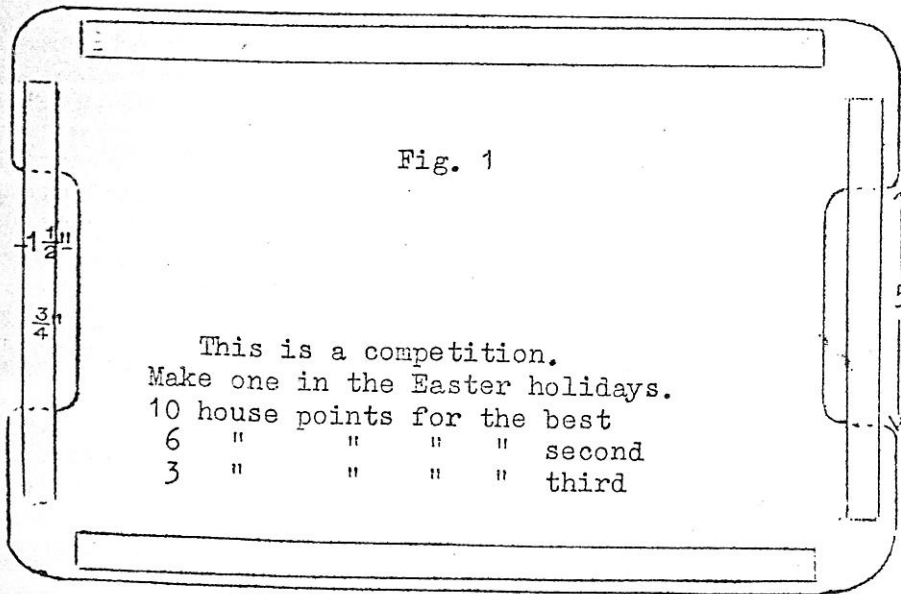


Fig. 1

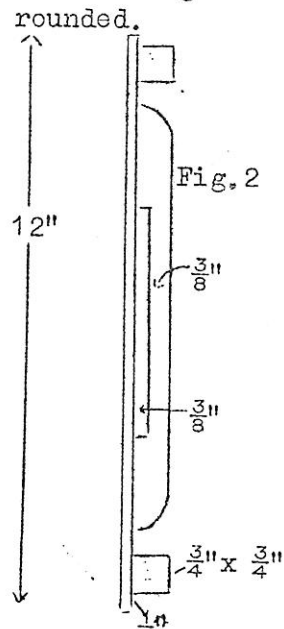


Fig. 2

This is a competition.  
 Make one in the Easter holidays.  
 10 house points for the best  
 6 " " " " second  
 3 " " " " third