

GEOGRAPHY

(B) HUMAN.

Geography has become one of the burning questions of the day; it is amazing how much smoke can rise from a little fire. It is a subject that the G. C. Experts divide into two parts: I dealt with Physical (and Mental) Geography in our last issue (A), now we must look at Human Geography before we pass on (out?).

A simple illustration will show the connection between the two aspects of Geography: If you stand facing North, what have you on your left hand? – fingers? Exactly, and they are quite touchingly Human.

But, beware! Despite all this Human Geography is a very tricky subject, humanity being what it is, to say nothing (preferably) about Geography itself. It might, for example, be quite correct to say that the liver is situated south-west of the heart but that is not Human Geography; the home of the swallow might be the stomach but that also leads us (however delightfully) in a different direction. Yet birds and animals, fish and vegetation all come into it because most of them become human. This puts us into something of a stew (or perhaps it is the other way round) and may, for instance, explain why Oxo is always regarded as the capital of Norway.

Wherever you have Human Geography you have Man; and Man is the flower of civilisation. It is no exaggeration to call a man a flower; most men eat meat and so are carnations. In most countries sheep (which are mutton covered with wool) provide the staple diet; but particular places of special delicacies. There is historical record of the Diet of Worms; indeed, to this day, we all eat spaghetti. There are also cattle, which are composed of cows and bulls; undoubtedly the most dangerous cow is a bull. Many communities produce pigs but it is not polite to draw attention to the fact.

Vegetation is another part of human nature; it has recently become more easy to deal with because of electric razors. There is sugar that comes from cane; which is very warming on special occasions; we also get it from beet, which sounds much the same thing. Cereals are most important in Human Geography. For thousands of years they were produced in the most unhygienic possible manner out of soil; now Man's developing skill brings them to us in beautiful clean packets. As for the other vital food, the potato, the best shops always take the sand out of its eyes before putting its sizzling chips into newspaper. In civilised parts of the world cotton and linen have long been grown for clothes; but in the South Sea Islands – they only wear grass skirts – which reveal still more of Human Geography.

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The World's rivers and seas teem with fish and the forests and skies with game; but, whatever team and wherever the game, Mankind always wins. The earth is full of minerals of all colours (thoughtfully put into bottles for school boys to drink on hot days). Men strike into the earth for coal (or just strike) which is composed of decayed vegetarians. It is the chief source of power. It is burned in huge furnaces to produce eccentricity. With power Scientists are now so clever that they can turn anything into nothing at all, so we are all back where we started. This shows the final perfection of Human Geography and makes it almost inhuman.

Man's ability to think and to reason produced first Religion; then, Science. (See future issues.) Nowadays Science is regarded as immaterial.

But we come back to the fact that for the proper study of Human Geography one must have Faith, which is that quality which enables us to believe what we know to be untrue. Another name for this quality, apart from Science, is Socialism. One must also have that infinite capacity for picking other men's brains, which is called Genius; this where the Americans always beat the British and why civilisation is going West. The Russians are furiously jealous and look like coming West, too. This might (happily?) put an end to Human Geography forever.

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## HOCKEY

The 1<sup>st</sup> XI have enjoyed a season which does credit both to themselves and to past school XI's. The Season's fixtures opened in grand style when, with the customary untried team composed of last year's stalwarts and this year's "probables", St. Paul's were beaten 5-0.

There followed several fixtures with Ladies' clubs which, whilst they provided enjoyable occasions, did not fully extend the capacities of the team, and which resulted in comfortable wins.

A further result, one feels, was a dangerous attitude of over-confidence and a slackening off hard team work which led to defeat in the hands of Crypt School Gloucester on two occasions - a defeat which must be reversed next season.

The game against the Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester 2<sup>nd</sup> XI was hard and evenly contested - an excellent game which ended in victory for the school 3 - 1. Could it be that anticipation of a "royal" tea to follow produces such zest in the field?

The Old Boys' Fixture gave us another hard, evenly contested game, with victory to our opponents by the only goal scored.

As is to be expected our sternest opponent has been the weather, forcing several cancellations. A rearranged fixture with R. A. F. Rissington met the same fate as the fixture before the Christmas vacation. This was a big disappointment.

Despite snow and rain the return match with the Royal Agricultural College took place and another enjoyable game completed the double. King's School, Gloucester were later defeated 3-0.

In the return game with a mixed Bourton Vale XI our opponents reversed the win we registered in the Autumn Term.

Consideration is already being given to next season's XI and to those who will fill the places of players leaving us soon. To the latter we wish many more years of Club Hockey and the chance of meeting again in the Old Boys' Team.

Several congratulations to John Bunting, last year's Captain, on being awarded his County Cap in the first season after leaving King's School.

Later Note: The Old Boys' Match, most keenly contested, ended very justly in a draw and happily completed the Season.

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### HOCKEY RESULTS 1957-58

5. 10. 57.	St. Paul's College	W	5 - 0
12. 10. 57.	Ragley Ladies	W	7 - 0
2. 11. 57.	Shipton Oliffe	W	9 - 1
9. 11. 57.	Crypt School	L	1 - 3
13. 11. 57.	R.A.C. Cirencester II	W	3 - 1
17. 11. 57.	Old Boys	L	0 - 1
	Shipton Oliffe	W	5 - 2
20. 11. 57.	Bourton Vale	W	2 - 0
23. 11. 57.	Shipston H.C.	W	2 - 0
30. 11. 57.	Crypt School	L	1 - 3
7. 12. 57.	St. Paul's College	W	3 - 1
12. 2. 58.	King's School Gloucester	W	3 - 0
19. 2. 58.	R.A.C. Cirencester II	W	4 - 0
5. 3. 58.	Bourton Vale	W	4 - 0
15. 3. 58.	Old Boys	D	0 - 0

<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Goals for</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>against</u>
	14	10	4	41	15

R. C. S.

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### FOOTBALL

This season has seen an improvement in the standard of football compared with the last few seasons. During the Autumn Term matches were won against King's School Gloucester, Chipping Campden and Sibford. The most memorable match, however, was against Westwoods Grammar School when the result was a draw. There was no score till after half-time when a defensive error allowed Westwoods to go ahead. Immediately the school fought back and equalized. Though Westwoods pressed very hard until the final whistle the school held out gallantly.

The Spring Term was marred by the fact that bad weather prevented most of the fixtures from being played.

Regular members of the team have been:

In goal: Mossman (Captain)

Full Backs: Hanks and Gay

Half Backs: Revers, Moss I and Rowe

Forwards: Lowe, Allen 3, Berrington, Haymes, Dickinson I.

D. J. M.

## RUGBY FOOTBALL

For the first time in my knowledge of the School records, which go back to 1904, the Juniors seriously started to learn to play Rugby at the beginning of this year and formed a team. To test their progress rather than seriously to play a game, they played a Junior Team of Kingham School just before the Easter Holidays under the Captaincy of Viner. They played bravely throughout and, although they were defeated by 5 tries to nil, deserve the utmost credit for their efforts in every way.

As they move through the School I am sure they (and the other boys will join in this, for us, new venture) will win successes equal to those won in the other games we play. You can always remember with pride the name of Don Burland who presented the Athletic Championship Cup. He took up the game after leaving the School and was Captain of the England Rugby XV in 1926. Who knows but that his achievement might be repeated by a boy even now at King's School.

As this game with Kingham was a "first occasion" and a very important one at that, I took colour film of the whole game for the School Records.

J. H. M.

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## IN PROTEST AGAINST RUGBY

Certain "High Sources" informed us, at the beginning of the term, that the game of Rugby would replace Football. Never in all my short life have I been so disgusted. The whole business is stupid because there are so many illogical rules in this game. Without probing the matter deeply one is at once struck by the question of the ball. What a shape! A ball is a "ball", a round, a sphere – but not so a Rugby ball; that must be different. Just take a good look at it, when the chance arises, and have a quiet laugh for you will see that, in its leather "shell", it is enough to make any self-respecting chicken blush!

Another item in the list of "queer ideas" in this game (sic!) is that of goals. NOT only is there no goalie, but the goal posts are of a fantastically illogical height. What the reason is for such a waste of good wood I cannot imagine, unless the "Game" envisages players "air-borne" at some future date?!

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In the middle of the field of play is a mad melee of men – all heaving and straining madly, and simply wasting time by collapsing on top of each other. The spectators, meanwhile, roar remarks such as “back up there, Joe” or “kick ‘im ‘ard, Fred” and the players continue to cover themselves, and anyone else they can lay their hands on, with mud. And bruises.

Out of this lunatic hurly-burly there finally emerges a figure clasping the idiotic ovoid to his bosom as if it was his last hope of salvation. He belts down the field towards the aero-nautic minded goal-posts but the opposing team becomes enraged and tackles the situation by trying to deprive him of his “ball”. To do this they hang around his waist, embrace his thighs, lick his boots, tear his hair, trip him up, sit on him and, in the main, proceed to make the field of play (God save the mark!) like the world before creation – chaos! When deadlock is produced and no one can free the ball the Referee blows his whistle and they start the whole mad business over again – and so it goes on and on and on and on.....

An Admirer of the Marbles  
League and the  
International  
World-wide Tiddlywinks  
Brotherhood.

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### BILLIARDS AND SNOOKER

Many boys have spent happy hours relaxing round the snooker table and, in doing so, have improved their play considerably. This was evident when the snooker tournament was in progress. Many well played matches resulted in exceedingly close finishes. The tournament was won by Moss 1.

Special mention should be made here of a number of the Junior members of the School whose skill is equal to that of most boys in the top forms.

It has been suggested that a Billiards Club should be formed during the two “dark” terms. If sufficient support is forthcoming, the suggestion will be forwarded.

M. N.

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### TENNIS AND TABLE TENNIS

During the last year a far greater interest has been taken in Table Tennis. At the end of the Christmas Term a tournament was held which was won by Shingadia.

At the beginning of the Spring Term a "Junior" table was reconditioned and erected. Following this, the "Senior" was reconditioned and replaced. This enabled two tournaments to be run at the end of the term; the Junior tournament was won by Solanki 3 and the Senior tournament was won by Shingadia.

Regarding Tennis, the two courts were in use earlier than usual. Solanki 1 and his helpers made a splendid effort erecting a wire screen beyond the base lines. They painted the supporting posts a cheerful aluminium and they were also responsible for marking out the courts.

It is also noticeable that many boys are becoming interested in the game. This will create keener competition in the Tennis Championship at Exhibition Weekend. The champion last year was Yakub.

G. D. B.

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Mr. C.                    "Would you like to run in the Mile Race? – You can take your time over it, within reason."

M... d                (Quite seriously) "Oh, Sir! But I am leaving at the end of the Term."

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### CRICKET 1958

The weather has seriously interfered with many matches; even then the 1<sup>st</sup> XI must admit to a poor season. Two matches were won, three were drawn and five were lost. The match against Bourton vale was lost by one run – which was taken off the last ball!

The 1<sup>st</sup> XI has largely been chosen from: - M. Moss (Captain), D. Mossman (vice captain), Hanks, Gay, Dassu 1, Dassu 2, Lowe, Hitchman, Jones 2, Omar, Yakub and Shingadia.

The Juniors XI, under their Captain Moss 2, reversed matters by winning all, the four matches they were able to play.

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### COMMENT ON FILMS

During the two dark terms of Autumn and Spring we are extremely lucky in being able to see some of the classic films in our own School. I speak for everyone when I say how very grateful we all are to Mr. Mosey for this exclusive form of entertainment.

The choice of films has been very good, their types have varied considerably. In spite of the exciting adventure films such as THE DAM BUSTERS, WALK INTO PARADISE, UNDER THE RED SEA, and ANGELS 15, the majority seem to find the good old English Comedies the best.

IT'S GREAT TO BE YOUNG seemed to be the most topical. But the "Cops and Robbers" type seemed to bring more of the house down. These included Ronald Shiner in LITTLE BIG SHOT, Kenneth More in BRANDY FOR THE PARSON, George Cole in TOP SECRET, and LAUGHTER IN PARADISE, not forgetting the Irish blarney about being HAPPY EVER AFTER.

The two Westerns, WAGONS WEST and WICHITA, went with a "bang". It is here that special mention should go to Coville, who has supplied us all with information and entertainment in the form of really excellent posters. In particular, we all remember the Sheriff of WICHITA.

After experiments with a new projector, it was found necessary to go back to "old faithful" but this did not affect in any way the good standard of the films. Let us hope we are fortunate enough to have future programmes as good as these.

M. MOSS. 5A.

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### ALTERNATE SATURDAY EVENINGS

Every alternate Saturday evening during the Autumn and Spring Terms the boys have the opportunity to have "their" evening. The ideas of "what to do" in these evenings have to be brought forward by the boys.

During the last two terms we have had "Twenty Questions" as our theme on many of the evenings. The idea is that boys have to guess, or find out by questions, what the "thing" is that has been written on the board in front of them.



We also had a lot of fun listening to the arguments between "Communists" and "Democrats", or taking part in the hot discussion about stag-hunting. There was a tremendous debate on atomic weapons in which boys of all ages joined with vigour in a ceaseless stream of sincere argument as to whether "This House is in favour of unilateral disarmament". (Motion lost by 25 votes.)

The greatest single success on Saturday evenings was the "Mock Trial". With Mossman as the Judge and our comedians Penrice, Moss 1, and Rowe taking part, we enjoyed this evening the best of our "own" evenings.

An outstanding attraction last term was the extra music evening during which Mr. Mosey played us Handel's "Messiah". We hope that these music evenings will continue and that all the other evenings will be just as great a success as they have been in the past.

V. STEIN. Va.

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### SUNDAY EVENING CONCERTS

Last Autumn Term saw the revival of Musical Concerts on Sunday evenings. Previously practised at Kingsholme, this was the first time any of the present boys at King's had ever had this form of entertainment here.

Feelings were mixed when we first heard that there was going to be a concert of classical music. The "popular music" addicts were vaguely peeved, considering classical music bad for the soul. Those with more taste for "good music" were pleased at the news. This left the "I don't suppose it's too bad" group of boys who like anything.

The Concerts were a success. Sitting in a semi-circle in the great Hall we faced a fire of burning logs in the big, open fireplace. With quite an informal atmosphere present the concerts took place in subdued light.

We had a variety of music ranging from stirring pieces like the Hebrides Overture to pieces like the peaceful Alcina Dream Music. The Volga Boatmen also found an audience as did Smotana's beautiful river poem "Vlatava" – a great favourite with all.

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Rimsky-Korsakov, Brahms, Greig, Handel, and many other composers helped to make the evenings a success, but we must not forget to thank Mr. Mosey for the part he played in the Concerts pointing out the finer points of the music and by supplying the gramophone records. His anecdotes of both the composers and the pieces played added greatly to our understanding and appreciation. We must not forget to thank Bent and his deputy Merrett for being in charge of the electrics.

As a whole the concerts were enjoyed by all. Of course everybody was not satisfied but the selection was so wide that most tastes were catered for. Even though the news of the concerts was first received with trepidation they were a great success.

F. Willgrove. 5A.

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POLITICAL RHYMES

Little Miss Russia sat in the Kremlin  
Throwing her Soutniks away.  
Along came poor Ike  
With a Vanguard in sight  
And made the world sit up and pray.

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Ring-O' -ring of neutrons  
A pocket full of postrons,  
A fussian. A fussian.  
We all fall down.

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J. Dickinson. 5B.

EXAMINATION NERVES ???

1. Who was Pepys?  
John Pepys was a seventeenth century Dairy Keeper.
2. Comment on "Let us now praise famous men" from Ecclesiasticus:  
"Their bodies are berried (!! ) in peace but God knows who are dead and who are alive."

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VILLAGE HERITAGE.

In Brookthorpe - enclave of the Danes, -  
 Whilst centuries roll by,  
 Great elms have lined our narrow lanes,  
 And reached up to the sky.

The plough has turned the rich, brown earth,  
 The sower casts his seeds,  
 The harvest proved the toiler's worth  
 To fill the common need.

And still this land twixt wold and vale  
 Its gifts and beauties showers,  
 This good earth's bounty does not fail  
 - A paradise is ours!

R. Castle. 4b  
 (Killed in a bicycle accident  
 During the Easter holidays)

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THE TURKEY

A turkey is a great big bird  
 With feathers, bronze or white,  
 A turkey can be loudly heard  
 It "gobbles" day and night.

The turkey-cock is large and strong  
 With a brush as stiff as wire,  
 The turkey-hen is small and long  
 With tail as long as a liar.

V. N. Jones. 5C.

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EXAMINATION NERVES Cont).

3. Define acceleration.

"Acceleration is the speed at which a stationery (!!!!)  
 body moves in a given direction."

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## CLUBS.

### The Photo Club

This term the Photo Club has been revived under the guidance of Mr. Winn.

The Club, which consists of 30 members, decided on a moderate subscription of 3/- a term.

The Club, started 3 years ago, thrived for a little while and then relapsed. This term, since compulsory club nights have been formed, a greater interest has been taken; members are eager to do their own processing.

The Club, has a dark-room that was designed and made entirely by Edwards and Gay who left last year. It is already well equipped but we are gradually buying more up to date equipment and an enlarger is to be the next purchase, together with a heater for the dark-room.

The Summer Term Photo Competition should show some favourable results (if the rain ever stops!!) and encourage a greater "know how" in the art of good photographs.

S. Bent

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### The Model Railway Club

A nice surprise awaited all railway fans in our School at the beginning of the Autumn Term: the Model Railway Club was formed.

Boys from all forms joined the new club and soon the group of 25 boys saw the first model engine running in our room. This room is in the Stable Block. Mr. Dennis is in charge of the Club (and because he lives so near to the room it is easy for him to play Station Master on the nights we meet.)

With the help of Mr. and Mrs. Mosey the Club got a great deal of 0-gauge locomotives and carriages, and the younger members enjoy themselves in one half of the room in which we built a special great table for out layouts. Our railway stock is increasing every week and we all hope that we soon can run a much greater system of trains than now.

The head boy on our Club is Merrett (5B), the Treasurer is Benson (5B) and the Secretary Stein (5A). These boys invite, in the name of the whole Club, all boys who want to join us to come. We guarantee a lot of fun!

V. Stein.

### The Craft Club

The Woodwork Room in the Stable Block is the meeting place of the Crafts Club under the guidance of Mr. Morris the Woodwork Master. It is a fine way of making the dark evenings both enjoyable and useful. There is no entrance subscription because we are privileged to have the use of the tools employed in Woodwork Classes. You can make anything in reason.

Some boys make aeroplanes, some ashtrays, some table lamps; others are doing work on the new lathe Mr. Mosey got for us last term and the saw attachment certainly makes light of labour. The Young Farmers have made a lot of their equipment there, such as the feeding-troughs for the poultry. Next winter we hope to embark on much more ambitious projects.

H. M.

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### The Young Farmers' Club

During the past years the Young Farmers' Club has had some interesting activities which have taken place both at School and away. Last Summer Term a few members were chosen to go to the Three Counties Show at Gloucester which everybody seemed to enjoy. We have also had some interesting talks on sheep farming and Massey-Harris-Ferguson were very kind in sending us some interesting films on their tractors and implements.

At the end of last Summer Term Mr. Simms, our Club-leader, left and Mr. Mosey took over the job with a vengeance!

He first hoped to put a few score sheep on the Top Pitch and the wire netting (it is almost a mile round!) was obtained. Posts provided a greater problem and the awful weather finally compelled us to postpone the scheme.

He then managed to buy two lots of battery-cages for laying hens and we helped to strip and clean them. They are "the last word" and operated entirely by electricity. They will house 500 birds.

The next job was to build a house in which to put these cages and we were taught how to mix the concrete with which Mr. Mosey made the entire floor himself. All is now complete and the hens - we hope - will be in, and laying, just before we go home.

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Meanwhile last January, Mr. Mosey got 600 day-old chicks which we have looked after every day. They have come on wonderfully and we have very few losses. By Christmas we shall have started the whole cycle all over again.

The Conservatory has been the site of another of Mr. Mosey's experiments: - the growing of mushrooms. Some thousands of square feet of "trays" were prepared last November and successive crops have been grown until May. Next year we hope to enlarge on this and learn the whole story of mushroom-growing properly now that that risky experiment has had reasonable success.

For the moment we have prepared the Conservatory (empty of mushrooms from May to October) to receive 200 turkeys. We shall be looking after them also next term and will re-start on mushrooms when the turkeys go outside in November.

Mr. Mosey is steadily altering the whole nature of the Gardens so that we can use them much more and in varied ways. We are grateful to Mr. Mosey for treating us all to a visit to the Three Counties Show at Malvern. Exciting days are both behind and ahead for that happy, willing, hard-working band - the Young Farmers.

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The American Language is now becoming a Sl language;

B. Tuck. 5A.

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(Innocently during his first Summer Term here)

E.....t: "Nurse, is it true that we can read in bed after 'Lights Out', provided we're not found out?"

Nurse: ??? !!!

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ARCHAEOLOGY IN THE COTSWOLDS

The Cotswolds are one of the best areas for roman and Pre-historic remains in England. The Fosse Way A fine Roman road, cuts through the Cotswolds between Stow on the Wold and Cirencester (Corinium Dobunorum). Cirencester was built at the crossing of Ermine Street, the Fosse Way and Akeman Street; it was a large cantonal capital for the people of the Dobunni tribe after they were conquered by the Second Augustan Legion.

As you travel along the Fosse Way from Cirencester, about a mile before you come to Northleach you come to a sign-post marked Chedworth Roman Villa. Chedworth Roman Villa is one of the best in Britain, it was discovered about a century ago by Mr. J. Farrer who was digging for a lost ferret when he came across some roman paving. The Villa is owned by the National Trust and there is a small well-lit museum containing the things found during its excavation.

As you go along the Fosse Way you come upon Bourton on the Water which was a small Roman settlement.

We have so far looked only at Gloucester (Glevum), which was the headquarters of the Second Augustan Legion. After the conquest of the Dobunni, Gloucester, the first legionary fort, was built to protect the Dobunni from their wild neighbours in the Forest of Dean.

The two most common Pre-historic monuments to be found in the Cotswolds are the Long Barrows and Hill Forts or camps. The two best examples of Long Barrows are at Lodge Park near Aldsworth, and Hetter Pegler's Tump less than a mile south of Nympsfield. Lodge Park has one of the finest Long Barrows in Gloucestershire, the mound is one hundred and fifty feet long and has never been excavated. Hetty Pegler's Tump is so nearly complete that it can give a true impression of a newly built barrow, it is twenty feet long with two side cells opening on the left hand side.

About two miles east of Northleach on the A40 a track opposite the turning to Windrush leads to a neat circular fort with a single well preserved rampart dating from the early Iron Age. --- There is much to be seen in the neighbourhood when you go off on cycle rides.

R. J. Dickinson  
J. M. Baugh  
Form 5C.

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Down in the depths of a dark and cavernous hole misty figures moved and shuffled in the dust. Lumps of plaster fell from the roof and smashed on the floor. A dirty face appeared out lined for a second in the light; its lower half was shielded by a black-coated handkerchief, the evil eyes were ringed in dust and grit. A bucket appeared behind its owner filled with refuse; and still. Down in the distance, the scrapings and bangings continued. Eerie and dreadful in the dark – they chilled the hearts of the bravest men.

You have probably guessed by now that we are referring to the esteemed hole that was discovered hiding behind some lockers in the Boot-room. A daring exploration party led by that great leader, The Hon. D. Mossman, advanced upon the territory and, upon finding it unclaimed and uninhabited (except for a couple of dozen skeletons) forthwith took control of the region.

Great obstacles still had to be overcome, such as removing mountain ranges of precious anthracite, debris, pipes, old boilers, the foundations of the School etc. But these in due course fell (or will fall) before the relentless tread of the pioneer settlers.

Let us then with one accord praise this haven of rest, this happy spot of seclusion that the Prefects of King's School have carved from the wilderness of rock and steel that lies beneath the roof we know so well. Theirs is a valiant task.

But remember... the Gunpowder Plot; does this mean...!!!

The Prefects: "Yes, it does!"

Rest of the School: "Shame, shame, resign."

Well it's up to you to decide yourselves: does this mean – WAR?

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Long Live The CAVE

An anonymous member of  
a group of highly in-  
telligent intellectuals.

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S T O P P R E S S

Our new Gymnasium is being made!  
Read all about it in our next issue...!



## THE SKATING RINK

This magazine is a record of a tremendous amount of activity, hard work and exciting projects performed during the school-year now ending. Since the great days of the making of our Swimming-pool we have not done so much at one time. But the greatest project of all must be the Skating-rink.

During the Spring Term all the turf (12,000 square feet of it!) was dug, by hand, and carted away to be stacked for future use in the gardens. Practically every boy in the School took part in this though, as always, some – led by Blake – did the lion's share; it was a job in which even the smallest boys could help, and help they did. All the time we were beset by the bad weather, but we used every possible opportunity.

Then Mr. Mosey, aided by "Blacksmith" Revers, Harmer, Jones I, Tustian, Abbott and others carefully pegged out the area with large pegs painted white to a certain, exact depth. Excitement rose to fever-pitch when, a day or two afterwards the world's latest in giant in Scrapers (costing £10,000 and weighing 10 tons) arrived on a low-loader and, in one day, proceeded coolly to level the whole site as a flat as a table-top. Its huge scoop deposited tons of earth at each mouthful on the space behind the cedar tree at the end of the Swimming-pool. A gallant gang, most ably led by Stein, levelled the great heaps of earth most beautifully to complete the bank. They put in great labours and deserve the highest praise for their speed as well as their skill.

The next task was to peg out the site once again but this time, with smaller pegs sticking out of the ground each exactly level so that hundreds of tons of gravel could be spread evenly over the site, then rolled and rolled, to give a perfectly horizontal base six inches thick onto which the concrete could finally be poured. Skilled hands were needed for these tasks and again, Mr. Mosey called upon his gallant band of "Stalwarts" – chiefly drawn from the Young Farmers.

The same "Stalwarts" (including Revers, Rowe, Bent and Blake, and not forgetting a bucking protesting and sadly overworked tractor!!) tore out whole trees and bushes by the dozen to prepare a way for a road right through the Grounds to the Rink. Then big boys and little boys carefully dug out two parallel tracks and broke up stones and bricks to fill them so that the heavy lorries could come through easily. Mr. Mosey has taken colour films of all these labours.

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Parents have most generously subscribed £400 for our project but much of this has already gone despite all our own labour and the most expensive part is yet to come; - this is the pouring of the concrete itself. Although he reluctantly admits it is almost impossible, Mr. Mosey hopes to complete this final job in the six days that will be left between end of G.C.E. and end of Term; Va, released at last then from their tribulations, are eager, with him, to make the impossible possible. They propose to lay the concrete in strips forty feet long and ten feet wide; and twelve thousand square feet is 'some' area to cover, tamp down and make truly smooth in six days.

It will certainly be a case of: "On the seventh day they rested from all their labours...!" Good Luck to them. -  
Good Roller-skating; hard-court tennis; basketball; and ice-skating to us all, soon.

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Master: "Do you know where Mr. Mosey is?"

Miss K. . . .n: "He's pegging-out on the Skating Rink."

(---Not yet!) T. O. M.

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