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EASTER 1970 to SUMMER 1973.

Present for part or all of the time. 30, all told.

OCs Room: Messrs Faulkner [EAF], May [JM], Tustin [GT], Donovan [HRD],
and Sellis [MS].

Cooks' Room: Messrs P.J. Smith, R.W. Fryer, V.E. Broadbent, R. Butts.

Long Room: Messrs N.J. Evans, J. Allen, Horsell, Sheppard, R. Pinkney (all OCs)
and D. May ("visitor")

Nissen : All boys : Form 6L ; Anstow (Squad leader)

Form 5 ; Brember (Squad leader) & Roden

Form 4 ; Arnold, Rhodes

Form 2 ; Ware, Duffy, McClenaghan, Griffiths S.F.

Form 1 ; Shakespeare, Toft, Morris, Moran, Sargent,
Draper.

} All
"old"
Camp-
ers.
6 "New"

EASTER 1970

Wednesday 25th March to Sunday 5th April.

Wed 25th March. Cold but bright sunshine. Last day of term; advance party arrived 1300hrs. EAF and N.J. Evans; GT with Anslow & Bromber.
Beating the Despatch Run bounds for GT's benefit.
JOB: Cleared trowing, troughing, or gutters of dead leaves and other muck. [5 in camp]

Thursday 26 March A little warmer; showery. Arrival of R.W. Fryer & J. Allen, Horsell and Sheppard. Paillasses aired. Straw fetched from farm to Min. Col.
A dozen old Nissan beds replaced by new; new springs all round, where needed. Walk to top of Van. [9 in camp]

Good Friday 27 March Sun and hail/snow alternated; very cold in the North wind.

Am. Scrap wood, for kindling, fetched from Them Hats.
Arrived at various times in morning & early afternoon, 12 boys; D. May & J.M.; P.J. Smith; R. Pinkney; R. Butts (late, from West Cowntree)
Pm: a walk (1600hrs) to Pompren*; Hairbrush, to shore of lake; along shore to the Creek; ex-Daillre Chapel; over the Gaer.
for Tea, hot cross buns given by Jack Abbey.

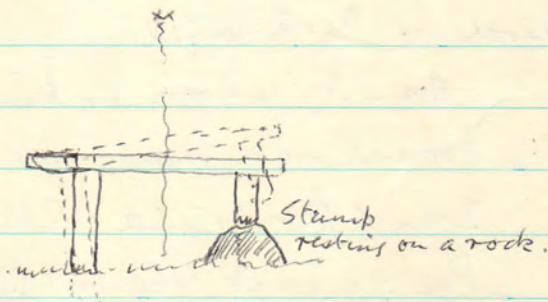
VISITORS (drivers & drivers' mates): Mr Sargent & daughter; Mrs ~~Toft~~ ^{TOFT} & two sons; Roden family.

DEPARTURE: GT to go on Aston OE Rugger tour.

[25 in camp]

* See glossary at the end of the book.

Beetle Drive. The scores, totalled first by the players, were checked by EAF, with interesting results. E.g., McClenaghan's 183 for the first round turned out to be 201, giving him a ~~total~~ grand total of 400; Rhodes on the other hand gave himself 188, true total 183, and grand total 399. Dear me.



SATURDAY Still cold, but wind backed to West; glimpses of sun in morning, but
28 March mostly drizzle later.

A.m., a walk to see some of Despatch Run bounds.

Afternoon, by teams, with captains, to study D.R. territory.

Evening, a Beetle Drive; 16 players, 16 Beetles. Result: 1st McElenaghan,
2nd Rhodes, 3rd Ware.

JOB. More scrap wood ("for kindling") fetched up from Them Uts.

EASTER DAY

[25 in camp]

29 March. Wind between W and SW, roughish; Some sun, some light drizzle.

A.m., preparations for early dinner & Chapel service at Nenadd
12 o'clock, dinner. Some Camp-squad jobs were done before a nominal
1 p.m. start for Old Hall, where some 40-45 (campers, 25) congregated
to pray, sing, and hear Mr Gareth Evans, Pantydwr. A pleasant,
earnest young man, lay preacher and, we thought, farmer, he spoke
fairly briefly on the words of the crucified male-factor: Luke xxiii, 40-42.

After some converse outside, walkers left, with sandwiches, about 3.10.

9 Juniors with JM to Craigy Llo, Glyn Hafren, Forestry Cottz, Brithdir via muddy
fields (one shoe lost for a time in a particularly muddy gateway), and so back
by way of Aberdeunant. Our old stile is in a bad way; see sketch which
shows the unique rocking motion.

Seniors & Old Boys to Malgwyn, Ment yr Oerfa, the Motte at Rhyd yr Onen,
Felindre Bridge, up old lane from Short Bridge to Pen y Bane (near) & Glyn Bridge
Motorists to Llangurig, forestry on South of Wye, Nant y Moch, "Machy", &
Dylife where "Matron" of Star was serving some very superior Sailors.

Supper: Bit of am, tomatoes & beets; biscuits & cheese; "Shredded Wheat" & milk.

None came or went, & no visitors, as far as we know.

Easter Monday,

30 March.

A cold, gale-force wind from W. kept things fresh. Plenty of sun.
Some drizzle in morning; ferocious hailstorm about 5.30.

Am: Sandwich making.

11.30 am: departure in 6 vehicles, to Marteg, where we arrived at 12.30.
Here 10 'senior' walkers set off for Craig Goch Res. via footbridge over Wye, & "Ancient Road". The rest by car to Rhayader, Caban Coch dam (admire view, admire waves and clouds of spray bursting over cill, eat sandwiches, climb cliffs), Penygarneg dam (admire view) and Craig Goch dam - the top one. Here, at ten to two, Jim & juniors set off at brisk pace (to get warm) for Pont ar Eilan; up the hill and down again, meeting senior party at derelict bothy, 900705. Then on, through wetness underfoot, to "Old Aberystwyth" road, leaving it after half a mile at 913715 for what the guide well calls the "ill defined" Ancient Road. Tea-sandwiches at prominent rock outcrop by crossing of Nant y Sarn (note name); then onward - road now obvious - to hill top above Nannerth Farm. Going too far right here, we lost Ancient Road, but fridd to the Farm and crossed Private Bridge to the Marteg "car-park".

Seniors. Ancient Road; from bothy 900705 along Craig Goch Res., keeping near water. Then along north (?) bank of Penygarneg; near the dam turned N. up Nant Hesgog; reached track over Esgair Perfedd at 914698, & turned right-handed. Past a non-~~E~~airn at 936699 and so down to Marteg via the Suspension Bridge.

Special Supper, 8.30.

DEPARTURE: R. Pinkney, OC, about noon. ARRIVAL: Hayden Donovan abt 8pm

TUESDAY, 31st MARCH. FIRST (& only) DESPATCH RUN

off 3.45

(White) (Colours)
CATCHERS RUNNERS

ANSLOW	BREMBER		
BREMBER	ANSLOW	Caught: D.D, HD	5.05
McLennaghan	Roden	IN	4.39
Rhodes	Arnold	Caught	
Sargent	Toft	caught	
Griffiths	Moran	IN	5.31
Duffy	Ware	Caught: N.J. Evans	5.12
Morris	Shakespeare	Caught: N.J. Evans	5.17
N.J. Evans	J. Allen	IN	5.24
H.R. Donovan	D.J. May	IN	5.22

+4

-5

-1 the score.

PIEDMONT, 1 April 1970

Old Boys : D. Winnett, H.R. Donovan, G. Tustin, R. Fryer, N. Evans, J. Allen, R. Butts

Nissen : Anslow, Brember, Roden, Ware, Griffiths, Toft, Rhodes.

Referee : D. May. ~~Line~~ Touch judges : M. Sellis, Arnold. Timekeeper : J.M.

SCORE : Old Boys 8; Nissen 4.

Tenters' Walk : see next page.

TUESDAY

31 March. Wind veered North or North East; breezy & cold; some sun, and two or three hail- and sleet-showers.

A.m.: Rugby Touch in Caeklyn.

P.m.: First Despatch Run: Score -1.

Tea late (about 7 o'clock) so some cards, and Post Office.

DEPART: Horsell & Sheppard, after bkfst; P.J. Smith after dinner, to go on an educational course.

One ton coal delivered.

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WEDNESDAY

1 April. Wind North, and bitter. We woke to find snow lying thin but uniform, and later thawing slowly in the good sunny spells.

A.m. Tidying generally, and tidying of wood - coals cleared & Coachus stacked tidy.

P.m. Walk: By G, Van top, Bulch y Fan, By G.

After tea: Piedmont Trophée; teams, officials, and result opposite.

Then Post Office, to inform relatives of Sunday's travel arrangements.

VISITORS: Mr & Mrs Jones, Jones Form 1, & sibling; M.J., bringing tent, sleeping-bag, and M. Sellis.

ARRIVE: D. Winnett, G. Tustin, M. Sellis, V.E. Broadbent, Draper, Form 1.

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THURSDAY

2 April Another frosty night led to a cold day, with Northerly breeze & plenty of sun.

A.m. ① preparations for tenting expedition; ② a little walk to, and under, Pont Newydd (Pont Neuf) to skin stones. Back via river (Lower Dressing Floor and Tweedlepool) and to camp through Gelli.

After dinner, tenters for Trefeglwys (!) and Nainfa. The party: D.W., H.R.D.,

The TENTERS' WALK: 2nd - 4th April 1970

Not much information; no written report

Thursday 2 April. Six, after dinner, with 3 tents, food, gas stoves, pots and pans, to — Van Terrace; then, somehow, to Trefeglwys, back over bridge, and on R. bank of Trannon to Llawryglyn & to camp site at Nainfa.

Friday 3 April. Follow Afon Trannon; over Bryn Mawr; to Trannon farm. Across to Pennant hamlet, and to camp site at Pennant Isaf.

Saturday 4 April. Upstream and steep (& tricky) climb out of the gorge. To Staylittle, and via "By-pass" (!) to B. y Gŵ & Camp; about 3.40.

Anslow, Bremler, Roden, Rhodes. Arnold was to have gone, but in bed with a high temperature.

For the rest, a walk: over fields to Glyn; Glyn Cottages, Chapel, and Bridge; in Red Road; down Crowlwm Lane, all the way, across Pompton and up Zig-zag.

After tea, a long and exhausting game of Rugby Touch (or Touch Rugby) in the Caer Glyn.

Depart: M. Sellis; R. Butts, N.J. Evans.

24 (6 out, 18 in)

FRIDAY

3 April. Still cold with North-ish breeze, but no frost or snow. Drizzly a.m., bright

After dinner, the Shopping Trip. Walk to Llani, meet at Gro 4.20, swap presents for sandwiches; change into shorts. The party (G.T., J.M., and G.)

Gro at 4.40 for Peny Green, Felindre Bridge (tea in lane near barn & sheds)

Nant yr Heboz and across Severn to Ty Coch ("the Blacksmith's"). He

farmer, a pale, gloomy outlander, was talked into giving grudging permission to walk up his fields. At the top we met Davies, Cefn-pararth

who not only raised no objection to our trespass on his land, but was expansive, friendly, positively jovial. Back from here via Crowlwm Lane & Pont

What Total time $\pm 2\frac{1}{2}$ hours.

Arnold now better and up; went with RWF to Pennant Isaf, to see

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SATURDAY

4 April Another fine, cold day, with North wind.

Am. Rugby Touch in Caerhlyn - refereed by G.T. who would not be deterred despite having to speed away to Walsall for 15-a-side Rugger.

A dozen wily and athletic sheep driven off River road through wicket back onto their hill - without dogs, a considerable task.

SCAVENGING. 4 April 1970. 3 Teams.

	G.	A.	McC.
Daffodil Leaf	1	1	1
Oak Leaf	1	1	1
Acorn	1	0	X
Holly Leaf	1	1	1
Holly Berry	0	0	1
Celandine (flower)	0	0	0
Snowdrop (")	1	1	1
Spring Heather or Ling (flower)	0	0	X
" " (flower)	0	0	0
Sycamore Seedling.	1	1	1
Fir Cone	1	1	1
Fir Cone, different	1	1	1
Wool	1	1	1
Black Feather	1	0	1
White Feather	1	0	1
Cartridge Case	1	0	1
Large River-pebble	1	1	1
Galena	0	0	0
Quartz	1	1	1
Barytes	1	0	1

15 10 15
+ 1 Bonus

Teams:

Griffiths	Arnold	McClenaghan
Ware	Duffy	Moran
Sargent	Draper	Toft
	Morris	Shakespeare

(Saturday
4th April, continued)

After dinner a game of Scavenging.

The tenters returned about 3.30.

After tea, soccer with oval ball.

JOBS: Start on final tidying & book-work. Slating finished, with 6 or 7
on roof above pantry. Depart: ^{HADEN} Margherita Donovan [23]

SUNDAY

5 April. Wind back in West, so a milder morning for the clearing up
and departure.

A simple but enjoyable meal was prepared, at about 1 o'clock, but none
of the drovins and other visitors stayed to eat, so there was a right
good belly-full for the ten who did. Last to leave, at 3 o'clock,
were V.E. Broadbent, Anslow, and Roden after working with great energy
and devotion on the penultimate chores.

The day became increasingly windy and wet, and EAF & JM, on
the final tidying, inside and outside, were reminded, once again,
of what "Bryntail weather" is really like.

General: The site, down at the Work-camp ("Them Uls") now
almost clear.

Working Parties

May 16th.

Mr Albright (Form 1, Form 3)

Mr Jaman

Mr Sargent + Jim

Mr Cantwright + Jim

E.B.F.

Fly-mo. Not too successful over humps.

June 18-20.

Ron Sargent

Harold Olive

Don Parker

Arthur Brooks brought food

Eric Cantwright (fat) Mrs C. C. 1, C. 2 + C. 3.

George Tustin

P. J. S.

R. W. F.

Rog. P.

E. A. F.

Nissen Patching.

July 19th.

Albright Family.

Maykenette grass cutting; better result.

July 3 - July 5.

Doug Ward

John Ward (bn)

Derek Wilkinson

Dennis Taylor

Geoff Jaman

George Tustin

Nick Evans

Mark Evans

E.A.F.

Eric Cantwright, Mrs C. C. 1, C. 2, C. 3

Part Cottage Whitewash.

Part Nissen w/c

" glass

" Black

Nissen Ends Black.

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SUMMER 1970

Friday 17 July to Saturday 1 August.

Present, for part or all of the time - 38 in all.

MASTERS:

~~Old Boys Room~~: Messrs Faulkner (EAF), May (JM), Weightman (RW), Phillips (GWP),
Tustin (GT), Price (SP, or RSP)

OLD BOYS: Messrs VE Broadbent, RWFryer, R. Pully, D. Smith, C. Lane, I.A.M. Wood,
I.J. McIntock, M.J. Chambers, N.J. Evans.

BOYS: 60: Ward I (Squad leader), T. Phillips, Giles (old); Prodromon, Williams,
Woodford (New)

6L. Anslow (Squad leader), Thomas (old)

5th. Roden (Squad leader)

4th. Rhodes, S (old)

3rd. Moulson (old)

2nd. McClenaghan (old)

1st. Toft, Draper (old); Bartlett, Januszcwski, Kelly, Knowles,
Lake, Mason, Noakes, Peat, Ward II (New).

FRI
17
July. A sunny day, he said. Last day of term, of year, of 40 years.
First arrivals: EAF. GT, with Draper & Bartlett. Ward, with Woodford & Prodromou, late afternoon. Three O.C.s, R. Pulley, D. Smith, Chris Lane, very late.
Palliasos done. Bartlett to hospital with a split thumb-nail.
(A good, and early, start!) [10]

SAT
18
July. Mostly fine.
Arrivals: Stuart Price, 18 boys, 4 Old Boys (V.E. Broadbent, R.W. Fryer, I.A.M. Wood, I. McIntock).
Visitors and Drivers: M.J. with the dinghy - our G.P.14, as yet nameless; Mr Moulson, Mrs M. & Leo; CGT; Mr Mason; Nokes family, of 4; in all, six cars & a minibus.
Dinner (lunch) served from 1.30 to 3.30 #
Dinghy taken and "parked" on its trailers at Clywedog Sailing Club.
GT took walkers to Bwlch y Gle, on "Fisherman's Path" & up to Viewing Point back down Waunygadair to B y G, broken dam, Penclun. [33]

SUN
19
July. Sunny; a few quick showers.
Am. Bathing Parade by Pomfren (or False Miners Bridge) and back via Pm. Party to C.S.C. to stake dinghy and measure it, but the Official Boat-measurer, one Jack Pennington, blew up at Machynlleth.
Two teams with leaders to view D-R territory.
After a late tea, Post Office.
Visitors: Anslow family; Allbright family; R. Peck & his mate. (Dr & Mrs Allbright cut grass in Cottage garden, on Mound, and South side of Nissem - grateful thanks from scythe- and sickle-men.)
Arrived: M. Chambers; RW & JM in afternoon.
Left: R. Pulley, D. Smith, C. Lane [33]

Report on R.T. game

Mole	Thomg
Mick	Wood
Steve	Eric
Toft	Peat
Kelly	Bartlett

18 Tick Took 17

Decided as follows

Moulson	Thomas
M Chambers	I. Wood
Rhodes	Williams
Toft	Peat
Kelly	Bartlett.

Referee I. McIntock

Score: Moulson's, 18

Thomas's, 17

TENTING TOUR

Party: SP, Anslow, Ward I, Prodromou, Woodford.

Not much is known about this expedition & no written report exists. The tents leaked, they said, and the Primus stove wouldn't work (a leg became detached, & it needed (1) a small wind-shield, and (2) slight attention with a pricker).

Tu 21 July: via Old Hall, near Malgwyn (track missed), Llangurig: camped near the river.

Wed 22 July: along right bank of Wye, cross by footbridge, up Marteg valley, camp at Saint Harmon.

Thursday 23 July: return via Llanidloes, one member of the party on foot.

MON
20
July

Fresh, cool W. wind; Sunny am, but showers from late afternoon on.

Am. Old Boys and Labourers made new stile in wire fence across Bryn-y-tail ridge (about 1300 feet up, and very draughty).

Afternoon: First Despatch-Run - FOR DETAILS, see 25 July.

Evening: 1. Sailing; the first time on the reservoir (or Llyn Clywedog)
2. Rungly Touch

3. Walk to Hairbrush and the Gaer.

Supper well after 9.30.

VISITORS: - Abbott (O.C.) and his betrothed, for a meal.

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TUES.
21
July

Cool breeze continues. Sunny, but showers in evening & much of night.

Am: Tenters eventually leave on their not-very-long tour.

At C.S.C., some attention to rescue boat; RW succeeded in making the lock work on side door ^{of club house} (~~of~~ £15,000 job); I. Melintock & JM explored & partly cleared path round head of Nant ^{Dau} ~~Dau~~ creek & up to Deildre ex-chapel.

G.T. walked to show new campers the Bryntail (Despatch Run) bounds.

Pm: Sailing, and a walk - GT, JM, and 18 - to Pompreu, Deildre Chapel where we waited for a couple of hundred sheep to go through to big field below Hairbrush, after dipping at former Nant Gwestyn ford (Rees, ex-Ystradguod). Then down to creek; watched some sailing & ate sandwiches; to Pen Bane; left at end of lane, and fork right along old road over Deildre Hill (Cader Idris just visible). Short lecture about the Britthdir Gate; down to Aberdaunant, and then a scramble ^{up} thro' bracken and gorse to view the old mine-levels, the engine-house, and unfenced (and extremely dangerous) shaft. Down again to Aberdaunant, Precipice Walk, Pompreu, Camp.

ARRIVED: N.J. Evans, pm (with JEE & Mrs Evans who stayed briefly)

29 in, 5 out = [34]

"TWO-MILE" RELAY, Thursday 23 JULY, 2.30 pm.

	TIME		TIME
	min. Sec		min. Sec
Williams	12.40	Bartlett	18.36
Phillips	15.55	Noakes	18.00
Lake	11.35	Knowles	15.06
Ward II	15.49	Toft	16.25
Kelly	13.41	R.W. Fryer	14.25
Mason	14.37	Moulson	14.15
Januszewski	15.33	Giles	15.10
Mellenaghan	12.00	Peat	12.59
Thomas	10.35	Rhodes	12.00
J. Wood	12.35	Roden	9.52

The score-sheet seems to show that the time-keeper had some difficulty with his arithmetic (or his clock); the last two times in each team should be treated with reserve.

WED
22
July

Bright in morning; dull later, and some showers. Cool breeze all day.

Am. Olaboy cleared corner of the Coach-house and fixed ~~boards~~ but seemingly sturdy shelves for paint-cans; a Hole, or rather a 3 foot soft place, was discovered. GT, with some help, washed walls of Long Room and Passage. Eventually, a dozen went up, with Giles P., to Rugby Touch.

Afternoon & evening sailing as usual at C.S.C. This was the normal daily routine and will not be entered in log henceforth.

Pm. Eleven to Caeklyn, where GT. supervised, refereed, and no doubt played R.T. (score 3-2) and "Soccer" (score 10-10); sandwiches were cut and the three evening sailors walked to C.S.C. with them.

Evening: a walk to see ^(a)Holes, and ^(b)a hick-foot. (a) included sites of famous holes in cottage garden (by front door; under rockery) and farm-yard, as well as Murray's shaft, Little's, the Glyn; (b) was Pen y Clun, where bearings were taken on the Cleft-on-Crown.

29 in, 5 out [34]

THUR
23
July

Stiff Westerly breeze continues; fifteen-minute showers of medium drizzle went on all day. Basically, a little warmer.

Morning Jobs: firwood in Coachus; more ~~the~~ cleaning - all paintwork in passage; latching-post of front gate removed and hole enlarged. Difficulties here included the concrete in which the old, half-rotted post was embedded.

Afternoon: The "Two-Mile" relay. A lengthy affair; large teams and slow times spun it out to nearly 2½ hours. Some new campers had slight difficulties in finding the way, but none were permanently lost. Good time by Lake of Form 1.

The Tenters returned, damp, at about 2.15.

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PIEDMONT TROPHEE, Friday 24th July.

<u>NISSEN</u>	<u>O.Cs.</u>
Woodford	R. W.
Anslow	G. T.
Ward I	I. Wood
Prodromou	M. Chambers
Roden	R. Fryer
Giles	I. McIntoch
Thomas	N. Evans.

The game was followed by the 'Soccer' match, but as the referee & timekeeper (who also writes these notes) went back to the cottage for a well-earned, he wots naught of it, and nobody reported. Selah.

Score: 9 — 8.

FRI 24 July. The Westerly weather continues. Wind now less boisterous & cold; generally cloudy, but some good sunny intervals; drizzle & light rain for, say, a quarter of the time.

Stringent Economy in the use of Water

began today after word from the farm that one of their outside taps was dry. EAF measured and found that the water in the "Thousand Gallon" tank was 29 inches deep, instead of the maximum (ball-cock controlled) 52. This was at 9 pm on Thursday; the level was never as low again, and ~~our~~ our measurements (7.15, 12.30, 9.30) showed it rising slowly and irregularly until by the morning of the fifth day (28th July) the maximum was reached. Measures included: no washing of clothes; minimum washing of skins; bathing parades with soap & towels; washing-up curtailed, and most of these were enthusiastically supported.

Morning: Wood-sawing; new latching post fixed; the "well" up on the hill cleared of mud, newts, etc (but no help in increasing the flow into the tank). Bathing parade at Round Pool; all washed, many swam.

Afternoon: The Piedmont Trophée disputed in y Cae Lllyn. The teams & result shown opposite. Points of interest are that the ~~of~~ slope was a deciding factor (of 17 tries, 11 came from "downhill" moves, 6 from "uphill") and that despite G.T.'s early success in disabling the opposition, Nissen were able to hold on to their early (down-hill) lead.

Evening: Tea being late - 6.30 or so - a Beetle Drive was held. It was not taken very seriously, and was in fact noisy and untidy, and in the end rather pointless. Prizes to Williams and Lake, for highest legible scores, and Phillips for "artistic" beetles.

Visitors: John Payne and family

Departure: RSP.

FIRST DESPATCH - RUN

MONDAY 20 JULY, 1970. Off at 20 to 3 pm

CATCHERS	RUNNERS	
ANSLOW	WARD	IN 4.39
Roden	Woodford	IN 4.32
Thomas	Prodromon	C Fryer
Williams	Giles	C Anslow
Rhodes	McLennaghan	IN 4.37
Moulson	Knowles	C Roden
Toft	Ward II	C Fryer
Pear	Draper	C Anslow
Kelly	Januszewski	C Roden
Lake	Mason	C Roden
Noakes	Bartlett	C Roden
R.W. Fryer	I.M. Wood	IN 3.25
M.J. Chambers	I. McIntock	IN 4.36
	G.T.	C Fryer

Score +5 - 9 = (-4)

RETURN DESPATCH - RUN

SATURDAY 25 JULY, 1970. Off at 10 to 3 pm

CATCHERS	RUNNERS	
WARD	ANSLOW	LATE
Woodford	Roden	LATE
Prodromon	Thomas	IN 4.50
Giles	Williams	C. Woodford
McLennaghan	Rhodes	C. Ward
Knowles	Moulson	C. McLennaghan 3.50
Ward II	Toft	LATE
Draper	Pear	C. Wood 4.20
Januszewski	Kelly	C. Prodromon 4.50
Mason	Lake	LATE
Bartlett	Noakes	C. Tustin
I. Wood	R.W. Fryer	C. Wood
I.J. McIntock	M.J. Chambers	IN 4.30
G.T.	N.J. Evans	IN 4.33
Phillips		

Score +3 - 11 = (-8)

Camp Concert, Saturday 12 July 1970, at 8.15 pm approx.

Programme (according to Thomas, G., lower Sixth).

1. Hymn Singing by all.
2. Singing of Pop Songs: N. Pear, B. McLennaghan, G. Knowles.
3. Morecambe-and-Wise Sketch: G. Knowles, Mason
4. 'The Diver', and Reading of Eury Wright's poems: J. May*
5. Senior Sketch.
6. 'Golden Leg': E.A. Faulkner.
7. Brain of Bryantail.

* Poems from the other side of the world; nostalgic memories of the Hammer Pool, of the soft Welsh rain, of Plynthmon and the Nantlago mine, of the whole of that country - Bryantail country - as it used to be.

SAT 25 July Wind N-W. No rain, and more sun than cloud.

Morning: wood-sawing and -chopping; the remains of an old body finally dismantled, wood being separated from iron strip plates; some hedge trimming; some road making (I. McIntock).

Bathing Parade.

Afternoon: the Return Despatch Rom. It is not known, at the of writing, how this turned out, for the score-sheet has some incredible piece of incompetence been lost. However, as slight and irrelevant compensation, the result of the First D is shown opposite, and a space left for the Second. [^{Now recovered}]

A late tea was followed by an hour of diverse activity; muttering three or four in a corner; sporadic bursts of song; borrowing from the of various utensils, articles of clothing, pencils & paper, Whitaker's Almanac all part of final preparation for a CAMP CONCERT that followed a course, though it included (in deference to the aged) a couple of long established items.

Notes on some items: No 1: a quick run-through of the hymns suggested for tomorrow night's service at Neuadd - just a verse or so of first three, to give some idea of tunes like Hyfrydol, Moriah, Rinn then the full treatment for Cwm Rhondda, putting a fine edge on the part harmony, and paying attention to the words as printed in the "English section" of Hyf Emyrnau a Thonau (eg. "great Jehovah" and "great Redeemer"). No 4: - A J Wright, OC, had written from Queensland, on three poems; how moved he would have been at the close attention and silence, and the tremendous impact that his poems had on everyone in Camp-lit room. No 7: G.T., deviser and Question-master of a varied quiz; with the Brains (Williams 60, Rhodes 4th, Mason 1st) on the platform, showing surprising knowledge & versatility; very successful

Cwm Rhudda is not in their book.

Jeffrey Thomas (64) with E.A.F. went to see D.S. Evans, Chapsec., at

Min Hafren to ask permission to use the tune.

Thomas wrote out the parts in a manuscript book.

Miss Evans, organist, borrowed a manuscript copy but in the end preferred ours.

Sat 25 July, continued.

VISITORS: Mrs Weightman & NTC, to dinner & tea; C.G.T. & family, & American guests; Mr & Mrs Kelly.

Depart: V.E. Broadbent; Arrive: P.J. Smith

[33]

LORDS
DAY,
26
July.

Wind fell very light. Continuous drizzle until 3.30, then dry, warm, and sunny.

Dinner at 12 (in fact, 12.30) was followed by preparations for chapel, tea at 4 o'clock, and the departure ~~for~~ at 4.55 of the ~~21~~²¹ who were walking, and arrived at Capel Neuadd, Old Hall, at 6.05. The late arrival was due in part to our being forced to take the gully below Ty'n y Coed, which was fearfully muddy and greasy, and led to further delay while the more particular stayed to wash their boots.

Preacher: Mr - Williams, Cemmaes. Hymns: No 8 All people; No 12 Jesus shall reign; No 34 Come thou Fount (to Hyfrydol); No 32 Guide me (to Cwm Rhondda, in four harmonious parts). Complimentary remarks, later, on the excellent singing.

Return to camp various ways, but most through a wicket gate and up one field to Bron Haulwen, then Ty'n y Coed & Crowdon Lane.

Visitors: Mr & Mrs Ward. To dinner, Mrs Weightman & N.T.C. (uningham)

Depart: Giles & Thomas, after chapel.

MJ Chambers, I.A.M. Wood, R.W. Fryer, after breakfast.

Arrive: GWP in afternoon

[29]

Allow $1\frac{1}{4}$ hours to Old Hall, especially when there are small walkers and elderly walkers.

Long Walkers, Tuesday 28 July 1970. (N.J. Evans's party)

N.J. Evans, I. McIntock, Anslow, Phillips, Prodromou, Rhodes, Roden, Ward, Woodford.

To Staylittle, Lead Mines & upper Clywedog gorge, Glaslyn (Sandwiches here, 3pm). Climbed Foel Fadian, where all were surprised and much impressed by the long views. Back to Dylife, Fford Fawr, Staylittle, and back via New Road (or "By-pass") arriving at Camp about 9.30. Eleven hours out.

MON
27
July.

Wind fresh to moderate, West. Almost continuous drizzle, usually light, but a much heavier precipitation 7.30 - 8.30 pm

Morning: Shopping in Llani as usual, but a much heavier load to-day.
Wood-cutting in Cochas to replenish big bins in Coalus.

Afternoon: 1. Sailing as usual. 2. P.J. Smith took I. McLaitock & Roden to Pen-y-Banc, whence they walked to study The Forestry at Nant Felen & elsewhere.
3. A five-hour stroll for juniors. G.T. & J.M., with invaluable assistance from N.J. Evans, took 11 over Bryn-y-Tail, then beach-combing for yacht parts at By Gle Dam. SW Ridge to Van top; traverse; down to road left handed. In lane leading to Cwm Cidyn, ate sandwiches in hedge-bottom during almost dry interval. Up the field by Esgair Fraith (old barn in trees) to The Hill, then down the steep woods (keeping mainly to slanting footpath), to Llaur y Glyn, gay with flowers. By road to Bap. Chap., Cwm Cidyn, along Van-Wannygader valley, Caeklyn, Camp. The last 45 minutes were very wet, and all arrived soaked.

Tines: leave Camp 3.15; Llaur y Glyn 5 to 7; Camp 25 past 8. [29]

TUES
28
July

Wind S-W. A gloomy, menacing start, but the day became increasingly clear, sunny, and warm - the best for a week.

Morning: Long Walkers left at 10.30 (see across for details)

Afternoon: After dinner, washing-up, dixie-cleaning, sandwiches, & Post Office, G.T. walked with evening Sailors via Pompton, Precipice Walk, Bathdir Gate, Pen y Banc, to C.S.C., then brought back afternoon Sailors by motorists' route to Crowlum, then across Pompton.

Water-crisis now less acute: before breakfast the water in the Thousand Gallon was lifting the ball of the ball-cock. [29]

WED.
29
July

A fresh wind, West. Sun and white cloud; what had any of us done to deserve such a heart-lifting day? — perhaps the patient endurance of a cold and rather damp week.

After the usual "Camp" chores, there was vigorous work on cutting, filling, and packing a mountain of sandwiches, the manufacture of several boxes of kindling, the raking clean of the chopping site, then Bank and Tuck-Shop; the preliminaries to a general exodus of four afoot and the rest in motor vehicles, thus:

1. Anslow, Proctor, Rhodus, Woodford for a lowland stroll to Llyn Ebyr, Melin Hen Sarn (Mill by the old Trackway) and, no doubt by way of Oakley Park and the Tyddyn, to the "Hill Fort" of Cefnarnedd [014 899]. Thence, back along main road to Llanin. (Is there a fisherman's path along the Severn?)

2. P.J. Smith for unknown destinations; a rendez-vous, we heard.

3. 22 on the Scenic Run to Llanguig, Nant-y-Moch, Borth, Aberystwyth, back over Plinlimon Pass. Games on the sands, some bathing, sticks of rock, and all that, as is now — or now becoming — the custom.

All, except PJS, were welcomed back (with boiling water, at least, both inside and out), by J.M. and I. McIntock who had had a "quiet day."

JBBS: Front hedge finished, outside boiler cleaned (the roof-water had made it pretty filthy), more road-making. [29]

THUR
30
July

Light westerly wind. Cloudy but dry, with some sunshine

Morning: Ragley Touch in Caehlyn. Afternoon. A walk by G.T. and six of

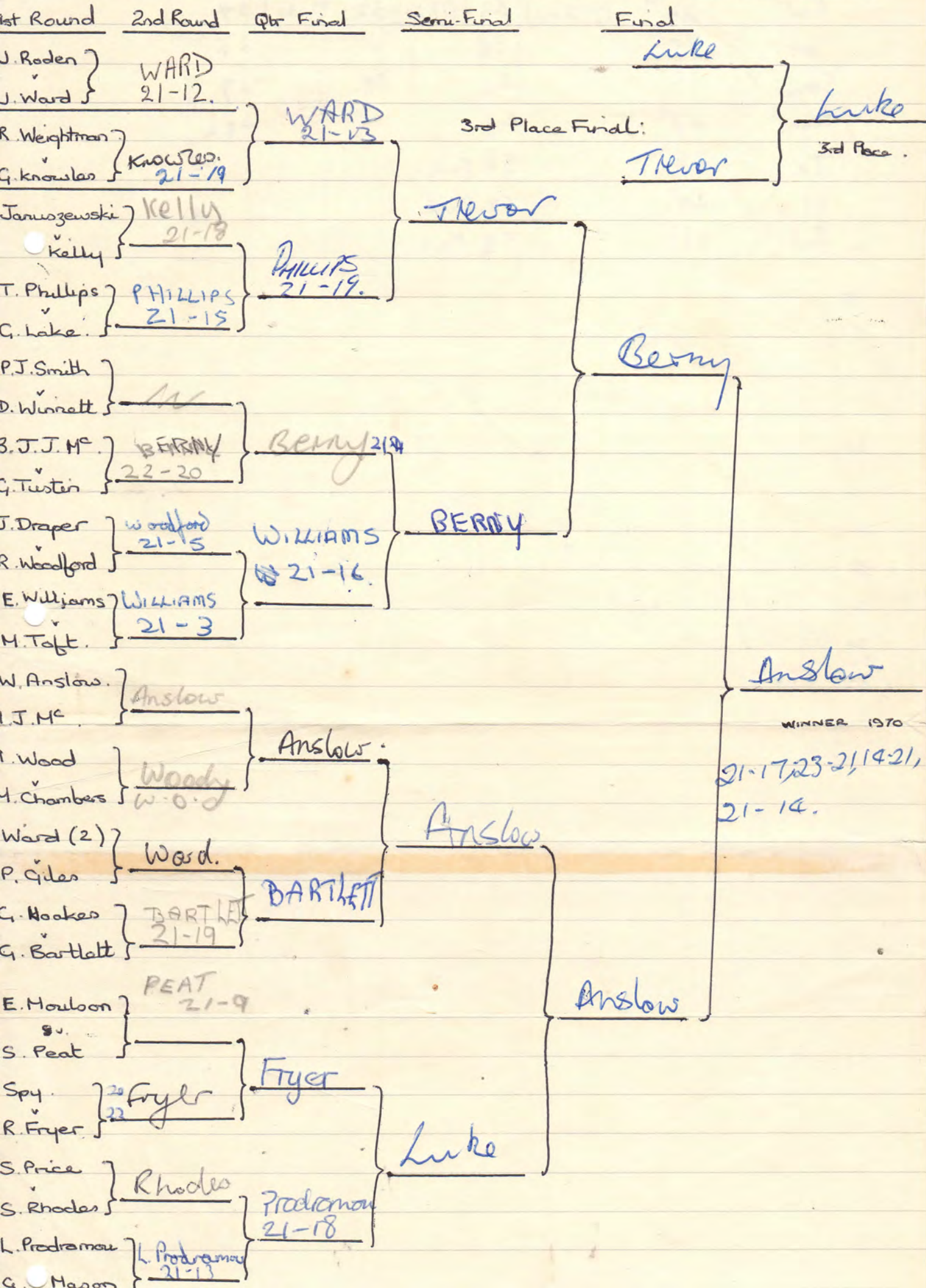
Boat names.

Mr. Sellis had much to do with 'fitting out'.

He being a cross word addict decided on the spur of the moment (when form filling) on the name "LANTREC".

at a later discussion it was decided to name her "SEA SEE".

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"TWO MILE" RELAY Summer 1970

	OUT	IN	TIME		OUT	IN	TIME
" Williams ^{R₁}	2.30	2.42 ⁴⁰	12.40	Bartlett	2.30	2.48 ²⁶	18.36
Phillips	2.42 ⁴⁰	2.58 ³⁵	15.55	Noakes	2.48 ³⁶	3.06 ³⁶	18.00
lake ^{R₂}	2.58 ³⁵	3.10 ¹⁰	<u>11.35</u>	Knowles	3.06 ³⁶	3.21 ³⁰	15.06
Ward (2)	3.10 ¹⁰	3.25.59	15.49.	Toft.	3.21 ³⁰	3.37.55	16.25.
Kelly	3.25.59	3.39.40	13.41	Fryer	3.37.55	3.52.20	14.25
Mason	3.39.40	3.57.17	14.37	Moulson	3.52.20	4.06.35	14.15
Januszewski	3.54.17	4.09.50	15.33	Giles	4.06.35	4.21.45	15.10
McClenaghan ^{R₄}	4.10.50	4.22.50	12.00	Peat ^{A₂}	4.21.45	4.34.00	<u>12.59</u>
Thomas ^{R₂}	4.22.50	4.33.35	<u>10.35</u>	Rhodes ^{A₅}	4.34.00	4.46.0	<u>12.00</u> 11.50
Wood. ^{A₁}	4.33.35	4.45.0	<u>12.35</u>	Roden. ^{R₁}	4.46.0	4.55.52	<u>9m.52</u>

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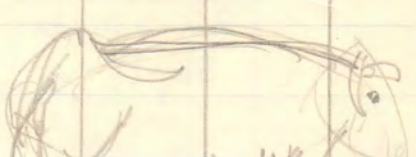
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THUR. 30 July, continued]

the non-sailing members, to :- Cukes, Glyn, Glyn Br., Red Road. Then down that "V" gully, or notch (So prominent from the Cefn) to road near footbridge, which was crossed to Nant yr Hebog. Up right bank of Hafren, to Glan Hafren & Old Hall. Then vaguely towards Britdir Gate, struck road "too soon", and down to Aberdennant, and so home. Sounds like a good explorers' route; never lost, but not always quite sure where we are.

Sailing afternoon and evening, for last time.

JOBS: More wood-cutting; road-making by Tick took & Nick; construction of new front-garden gate.

VISITORS: Rev A.J. and Mrs Draper, very briefly

Depart: Draper, 3 pm, with parents.

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FRI

31
July.

South-West. Dull, with some Scotch mist at times.

Morning: A start on the tidying jobs. At C.S.C. the boat (still, as far as I know, nameless) prepared for towing. At Camp, wood was stowed with geometrical accuracy in the Bins; the rotting galvanized sheets, girders, etc cleared from behind Coals, where they had lain for years; grass and hedge-cuttings collected and dumped down Gundry's; half a dozen other, even more fiddling jobs.

Afternoon: walk to Llanidloes for shopping. 5 pm Sandwiches arrive at the Gro, eaten at the Gro; some changed into shorts at the Gro, and at 5.40 GT, N. J. Evans, I Mc Hintock, and 11 boys walked to Felindre Br, Nant yr Hebog Br, Brown-hauwen, Crowlum Lane, Camp.

Depart: R.W. abt 3pm, with Bartlett, Mason, Noakes, Pent.

Arrive (for 2nd time): Giles

[24]

Seldom before has the Nissen been swept (a repetitive, indeed endless job) to the accompaniment of two-part madrigals.

SOME SALIENT FEATURES

Music : Directed by G. Thomas & Sixth Form, some agreeable part-singing, especially, of course, 'Com Rhondda' which reached a high level and stood the Capel Newadd test.

Sailing, for the first time in the history of the Camp.

Water : Severe restrictions on its use.

Ping-Pong Tournament : was completed (this does not always happen) despite larger entry of 30. Won by W^m Anslow, who was also organiser — and "adjudicator"

Saturday Little wind, less sun. Cloudy, with light drizzle at times.

1st
August 7.30: palliasses emptied & inspected in Bryntail Stable.

After breakfast, the Big Clean (even unto the Cooks' Room), with groups of Compers, ~~and~~ ^{when} their jobs were done and their drivers ready, taking off

thus: GT GWP Ward I Giles P.J. Smith Mr & Mrs Moulson Roden family

McClennⁿ Lake Woodf.^d Toft Anstrow Moulson Roden

Rhodes Kelly Prod.^m Ward II 6 kits. Knowles Phillipis

Janus^{ki}

[about 5.30]

I. McIntock

This was the final arrangement, arrived at by much celebration and then complicated by change of plan, accident, and illness. Only Moulsons stayed to dinner, others having left ere the gong was sounded.

EAF, JM, N.J. Evans then busied themselves with floor-mopping, iron-drying, window-screwing, and 38 other things. [3]

LORDS
DAY

2
Aug. Little remained to be done except have breakfast & wash up, turn off the water, pack the forgotten things (one shoe, once black; one duffle-bag; one music-case, stuffed full of recorder music), and lock the back door.

Iago Hir, August, 1970

OF THE CAMP, SUMMER 1970.

Jobs: New front gate made, hung, painted one coat (G.W.P.) Shelves in the Coach House (Old Boys). Mechanised grass-cutting (Allbright family). A pathway of graded shale from back porch to garden gate & in mud patch by big gate (I.J. McIntock). Later front gate had two more coats and 'Elean' by Bacha Civaly Wright's poems (See 25 July).

new roof of sheet iron

Weather: 14 days - 3 sunny, 2 sunless, 9 'sunny periods'.

M.S. collected boat 16th August.

3 dry, 11 with drizzle or showers.

6 chilly or cold, 3 warm.

EASTER 1971

Thursday April 8th to Wednesday April 13th.

Working Party

Arthur Aldridge, the Sailing Club Instructor, advised that sailing at Easter is inadvisable for juniors as the water is so cold.

This advice was accepted and it was decided to have a working party at Easter, a week's camp at Whitewide, without 6th or 5th formers, and the usual July camp.

Workers.

65 nights in all.

B. D. Roberts (Deputy Head), G. Tustin, Stuart Price, E. A. F.

P. J. Smith, Clive Grainger, Ian McIntock, Don Abbey + 2 Boys.

6th Brember, Roden, Wall, Lyons, Hunter, Hudson; 5th Arnold.

Jobs.

Bitumastic on outside of Nissen.

U'coat to gloss on remaining third inside Nissen.

Second wood bin and shelf in coal house.

Concrete apron by side of drain pipes in garden.

Painted roof of Elsan Ty Back.

Handles on meat safe doors

Roof repair over O.C.'s room and flashing round Long Room chimney.

Campers.

Masters: Messrs Weightman (R.W.), Tustin (G.T.), Faulkner (E.A.F.).

Old Boys: Vic Sanders, Roy Pulley, Don Smith, Chris Lane,
Ted Broadbent

Boys:

6h	Brember	Roden		
4c	Barber	Lane	Moulson	Russell I
3c	Jones	Whyley		
3g.	McClenaghan	Russell		
1c	Rees	Roberts	Terry	
1g	Carlin	Murphy K	Murphy P	
1s	Rhodes	Siverns		
1c	Price			

WHITSUNTIDE 1971.

Thursday May 27th. Cold and Dry.

Advance party; shopping and opening up.

E.F.F., ~~P.J. Smith and T. McIntosh~~

3 in camp.

Friday May 28th. Cold and Dry, then rain, hail & sunshine.

? ↗ G.T. arrived with 4 boys.

↘ R.W. with 7 boys, mini bus and boat.

Mr Moulson with 3; and left after a meal.

Vis. Sanders with 3.

21 in camp.

opening up, post office, walk over miners' Bridge to Drenfordeg.

Saturday May 29th. Showers and sunshine.

Sailing in morning; bathing parade for others.

afternoon walk (H.15); Pen Clun, Mawledd, Schol, Pool, Gantth,

Main Road & round S. of PenWar.

Mr & Mrs Brewer and daughter with 2 boys; & returned.

Pulley, Lane and Smith arrived.

26 in camp.

Sunday May 30th. Mainly showery.

Sailing for Old Boys.

cleaning up for chapel.

Continued.

The Cadair Idnis Excursion.

June 1st.

- 10.0 am. Departure.
- 11.0 Mochynulleth.
- 12.0. Parked $\frac{1}{2}$ m N.E. of Taly Flyn.
Walked and climbed Doleirion, Dot-y-cae,
Path N.N.W., N.W., and S.W. to Craig Lwyd
W. to Cwm Amarch.
- 4.0. N. along ridge called Craig to Pen y Gadair
 $\frac{1}{4}$ m. W to Rhin Gwedydd
S.S.W. to Pen-coed and Llanfihangel-y-p.
6 of party rested at Llan-y-Pen while G.T., Moulson
and Barber fetched vehicle to collect them.
- 9.30. Return to Base Camp.

Sunday continued.

The service at Neuadd was addressed by Mr J. H. Williams, of Rhayader, who spoke on the parable of the talents. V. E. Broadbent read the old Testament lesson. This was history repeating itself as V.E.B. read a lesson when Mr Williams took a service at Deildre 12 or 15 years ago. R.W. and G.T. in the late evening to a Barbecue at the Sailing Club.

V. E. B. arrived.

27 in camp.

Monday May 31st. Brilliant all day with a slight breeze.

Sailing and mowing out rugby touch pitch followed by a pick-up game.

Old Boys won Piedmont Trophy School 9 - Old Boys 6. (R.T.)
 Old Boys won Bryntail Trophy. O.B.'s 7 - School 2 (Soccer)

Sailing and walk to Aber Deunant.

27 in camp.

Tuesday June 1st. Sunny with a little haze.

Sailing in morning by R.W., V.V.S. & 4 boys.

7 others made sandwiches and walked to Sailing Club at mid-day.

G.T. took 8 3rd & 4th formers in mini bus to Cader Idris

27 in camp.

Wednesday 2nd June. Hot. Haze. Force 4 breeze.

Sailing afternoon and evening.

The Capsize Trophy.

This trophy was produced by John Payne and presented to the school on Speech Day at which he was the principal speaker and Mrs Payne presented the prizes.

The Trophy is to be presented to the helmsman when a capsiz occurs.

This first presentation is to be made to

E. Moulson, A. Russell and V. V. Sanders.

Thereafter it is passed on to future capsizers.

The non-sailors to sandwiches to Ilwary Glyn.

Thursday 3rd June. after thunders at 9.30 a fair day.

The McClenaghan family visited.

Yed Broadbent, Cook, had news that his little boy's jaundice had taken a turn for the worse.

With help from Ancient Gentlemen Jed was dressed, packed and off in ten minutes; in order to comfort and succor his wife and to give what assistance was possible.

26 in camp.

Friday 4th June. Rather dull but warm.

A fair amount of clearing up was done.

Carlton went to the doctor with his eye.

Sailing morning, afternoon and evening.

Non-sailors in the morning swam in the new pool.

Non-sailors in the afternoon climbed Van Mountain.

Saturday 5th June. Fair.

R.W., mini-bus, boat and a load of juniors left

"straight after breakfast", about 10.30.

Seniors left after making a good job of clearing up.

Sunday 6th June.

Rear-guard, E.A.F., left by 11.0 am.

Campers.

Masters:- Messrs Weightman (R.W.), Winnett (D.W.),
Danovan (H.D.), Faulkner (E.A.F.), Roberts (B.D.R.),
Sellis (M.S.), Walker (S.W.), Wakeley (J.W.).

Old Boys:- P.J. Smith, R.W. Fryer, Les Moulson, John Ward,
Jesse Phillips, V.E. Broodbent, Cline Grainger,
Jerry Stocker, Colin Bullard, Chris Lane,
Gordon Griffiths & 3 boys, Mel Hemmings & 1 boy,
Paul Giles, Mick Chambers.

Boys:- 6H Thomas (3)
6H Brember⁽⁴⁾ Hunter⁽⁴⁾ Roden⁽⁶⁾
4C Moulson⁽⁶⁾ Russell I⁽⁸⁾
3C Child⁽⁹⁾
3G Russell II⁽⁶⁾ Yeomans⁽⁹⁾ McClenaghan⁽⁶⁾
2G Kelly⁽⁴⁾ Mason⁽⁴⁾ Ward⁽³⁾
1C Roberts⁽⁵⁾ Terry⁽⁵⁾ Rischmiller⁽¹⁾
1S Siverns

Also:- Anthony George, cousin for Geoffrey Thomas.
Sailing sessions in brackets. 18 sessions; about 150 man-hours.
HH altogether.

Summer

a visitor had been to look round and called in at the Yamm: Michael Madison ("Babo").

Now living in Canada; previously 92 Chippenfield Rd., 34.
Last time at camp apparently Summer 1956.

Thursday 15th July. Very fine and hot. Some cloud in the evening but no rain; the great interest arising from the fact that this is St. Swithin's day.
Advance party, E.A.F., opened up.
1 in camp.

Friday 16th July. Fine, warm, fresh breeze.
R.W., mini-bus, boat and nine serious arrived.
D.W. and H.D. by car.
Hunter 6L by bicycle; left at 5.0 am, City, Kid., Bewdley, Cleobury M., Cleek Hill, Ludlow, Craven A., Knighton, Newtown, Bryntail 1.30 pm.
After sorting out and tea all went to rig the boat; and sailed.
P.J.S. and R.W.F. in R.W.F.'s van.
15 in camp.

Sunday's Pyulinn Walk.

11.30. Want of moch.

12.30. Half hour break at the cañon.

Along summit, down to old mine 827825, forestry road to Rhydlybennock, Rhydlynnen, forestry cottages, Brittdir gate, Cwm and

5.10 arrived home.

9½ m in a straight line.

Saturday 17th July. Perfect day, mostly sunshine, at times very warm and fresh breeze.

Camp duties, calor gas shopping, some grass & hedge cutting. Walk to sailing club to see the Northern Area Hornet Championship races; unfortunately the race started at 2.30 p.m. and the party arrived to see the last boat come in.

Some stayed to sail the Club Wayfarer the others walked back. Three went on ahead, the others had to follow, thus the route was different to that intended.

Mr Mason arrived, drank tea, and left; leaving seven boys behind.

Les Moulson descended upon us.

23 in camp.

Sunday 18th July. as Saturday.

H.D. and R.W. took the sailing party.

H.D. returned and took D.W. and four seniors to Nant-y-Moch whence she returned over Rhylimmon.

H.D. returned and fetched the sailing party.

after dinner all took sandwiches:-

R.W., P.J.S., Moulson II, Phillips & Ward sailing;

H.D., R.W.F., Moulson I and boys to Llanyglyn.

John Ward & Trevor Phillips arrived.

25 in camp.

Monday 19th July. As Saturday and Sunday.

The "Two Squad System".

There being 16 boys in camp and 8 being the number for a sailing party the following was decided upon.

Squad A. Sailing in morning, Camp Squad for rest of day, with a walk or other occupation in afternoon.

Squad B. Camp Squad, Veg. Squad, odd Job Squad from 7.30 am until dinner. Sailing in afternoon.

Squad A - Roden - sailed and went to Van Pool and Ganth Hill returning via the Glyn Road.

Squad B - Brember - did all duties - sailed afternoon.

Late evening all played soft ball.

25 in Camp.

Tuesday 20th July. Cloudy but quite warm.

Squad A - Brember - Sailing - Camp duties - repeated men's walk

Squad B - Roden. - all in duties - sailing

again all played soft ball.

25 in Camp.

Wednesday 21st July Warm, mainly cloudy but spells of hot sun.

The Elan Valley excursion.

Ward, Mason and Siverus decided to have the day in bed with various aches and stomach pains.

Dr Graham Davies visited and prescribed.

continued.

Wed. 21. cont.

R. W., H. D. and Trevor Phillips went with the other four juniors in the mini-Bus to the quarry at Caban Coch. They walked the left bank of Caban Coch, over the bridge at the Fall Tower and Garreg Ddu dam, up the right bank of Garreg Ddu to Penygarneg Dam and back down the left banks of Garreg Ddu and Caban Coch.

D. W. and 9 seniors walked to Llangurig, down the right bank of the Wye to Derrud and Dymawr (the latter renamed), over the top to Pantar Elan. The right bank of Craig Goch was followed, mostly on the dried bed of the reservoir, across the Craig Goch Dam and down the left bank of Penygarneg to the telephone box. Here they were met by four cars for the return home. General opinion: a good walk.

25 in camp.

During this excursion those remaining nursed the sick and removed the plaster from the chimney breast in the kitchen.

Discussion in the late evening favoured cutting out old plaster, scrubbing down and re-pointing to leave a stone chimney breast.

Despatch Run.

15.05 - 17.05.

Catchers

Brember
 D.W.
 H.D.
 John Ward
 Hunter
 Roberts
 McCleughan
 Rischmiller
 Ward M
 Yeomans
 Sivens

Runners.

Roden	In	15.44
Les Moulson	Caught	Brember
R.W.F.	Caught	Brember
E. Moulson	Caught	Sivens
Russell I	In	16.49
Child	late	
Russell II	late	
Phillips Inw.	Caught	John Ward
Kelly	Caught	John Ward
Mason	Caught	D.W.
Henry	Caught	D.W.

$$\text{Score } + 2 - 9 = \underline{\underline{-7.}}$$

Thursday 22nd July. Fair until mid-afternoon when a drizzle developed followed by heavy rain.

R.W., Pezj, R.W. B., Hunter and E.F.F. stayed in camp.

R.W. and K.W.F. cleaned up and painted the chimney breast.

The other twenty went off to Barmouth but the excursion was marred by the rain.

25 in camp.

Friday, 23rd July. Some sunshine, but mainly dull and drizzle.

D.W. and H.D. took the boys to show the Bryntail Bounds.

~~R.W. took a sailing party in the morning.~~

The First Despatch Run was held in the afternoon.

In the evening R.W. and a few volunteers went sailing.

During the evening D.W. and H.D. left, also Les Moulson and young Moulson left.

Late evening arrivals; Gordon Griffiths with Adrian, Nicholas and Julian; also Mel Hemming & his boy.

27 in camp.

Saturday 24th July. Sun and heavy showers.

R.W. took a squad sailing.

G.S.G., Mel. and Mini-Bus took boys to Staylittle.

The party walked up and down the Clywedog Gorge; the Seniors continued up to Glas Llyn, onto Gell Fadian and Brynny Fedwan and down the valley of the

Saturday 24th July.

Hunt Droppings to Dyflife where they were collected by G.S.G. and Mel.

P.J.S. and R.W.F. left in the afternoon John Ward.

Clive Grainger, Jerry Stocker, ^{Colin} Fullard and Chris Lane arrived and V.E.B.

Mick Sellis arrived, having left his family at Aberdyfi.

Margaret Weightman arrived to collect R.W. and took him off to sleep at the Glyn.

30 in camp, + 1 at Glyn.

Sunday 25th July. Sunny & Warm, Rain in evening.

R.W. and old Boys took M.S. to Sailing Club to show him the ropes.

R.W. & M.S. covered the Rescue Boat Duty for the day's racing on behalf of E.A.F.

Shoe cleaning and general clearing up in the afternoon in preparation for Chapel visit at Neuadd in the evening.

The service was conducted by the Rev. G.J. Harvey of Aberangell.

R.W. & Margaret left in afternoon, G.S.G. & Mel and boys B.P.R. arrived and Paul Giles; Thomas & Tarey George.

27 in Camp.

Piedmont Trophy.	
old Boys	School.
Lane	Thomas
Franger	Brember
Fullard.	Roden
Stocker.	Sam George
Phillips	Child
Giles	Russell I
Sam George	

8 - 3

School hld the Trophoe

Bryntail Trophy	
old C's.	School.
Lane	Thomas
Franger	Brember
Fullard	Roden
Stocker	Sam George
Phillips	Child
Giles	Russell I
M.S.	Russell II

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old C's hld the Trophy.

Monday 26th July. Very fine and warm.

There was little breeze and capsizing training was introduced, immediately producing a great increase in the keenness to sail.

The p.m. non-sailors went up Van and down to the Van shop to buy iced lollies; with B.D.R.

27 in Camp.

Tuesday 27th July Very fine and warm.

Sailing a.m. and p.m.

The p.m. non-sailors went on Dinas and tried to follow a path alongside the lake to Bultchyle but found it very rough going; with B.D.R.

In the evening the contests were held for the Piedmont Trophy and the Buntail Trophy.

Hunter left at 5.15 a.m. to cycle back to Birmingham arriving at about 2.0 p.m.

26 in Camp.

Wednesday 28th July. Very fine and warm.

Sailing a.m.

Shopping for presents in the afternoon; sandwiches at the golf walk up the right bank of the Severn with B.D.R. and M.S. right as far as Craigy Ho.

The kitchen had a white undercoat.

26 in Camp.

Return Despatch Run

15.23 - 17.23.

Catchers	Runners		
Roden	Brember	In	17.02
Russell I	Roberts II	Caught	Roden
Child	McClenaghan	Caught	Russell II
Russell II	Ward	late	
Kelly	Yemans	Caught	Russell II
Mason	Sivens	Caught	Roden
Thomas	Henry	late	
Trev Phillips.	Terry Stocker	In	17.02
Paul Giles.	Tommy George	In	17.02
Nick Chambers.	Colin Fullard	In	17.02
	B.D.R.	Caught	Roden

Score +4 -7 = -3.

Final Result:- Brember -3 — Roden -7.

Thursday 29th July. Very fine and warm.

Sailing in a.m.

The return Despatch Run was held in the afternoon.

Following Brember's course four got in, thus winning the game; Van Pelt, Garth, Woods, Glyn Cottages, however Cefn Penarth, Red Road, down through Upper Cefn Penarth to Crowlun Lane and crossing the river at the lower end of Gelli Wood.

In the evening was held the Camp Concert.

Original items were presented by groups of Old Boys and by groups of present boys, songs old and new were rendered and there was some community singing.

Vigour rather than quality marked the efforts of some of the younger boys, in the singing of the choruses. The programme was brought to a close with the singing of Cwm Rhodda.

Some glass painting was done in the kitchen but unfortunately most glass is left unfinished.

24 in Camp.

Friday 30th July. Mostly fine and warm with some cloud.

In the evening there was some summer lightening and thunder followed by rain.

The morning sail was given over to the Old Boys.

After dinner a number left:-

B.D.R. took Mason, Roberts and Jerry.

Table Tennis Tournament.

The later rounds.

Brewster 21	}	Brewster	}	Ward 19 16 21	}	Tang George.
Russell I 13		Ward		T. George 21 21 19		
Roberts 14	}	T. George	}	}		
Ward 21						
Rischmiller 16	}	}	}	}		
Tang George 21						
Thomas 21	}	}	}	}		
McClunaghan 19					Thomas	

Prizes were presented to Winner and Runner-Up.

Friday 30th cent.

V.E.B. left with Siveano, Rischmiller & Kelly.

In the evening Mick Chambers left with McClenaghan, only to return from Abernule, McClenaghan to remake his bed and Mick to clean out his radiator with Caustic Soda.

After pot scraping in the afternoon the seniors sailed and brought back the boat.

Seniors and Old Boys played rigger touch in the evening and put away the corner flags.

John Wakely and Steve Walker arrived; the latter to act as mini-bus driver.

18 in Camp.

Saturday 31st July. A wet morning to clear up but fine in the afternoon and evening.

at 9.45 the mini bus left with S.W., Child, Russell II, Yennans, Ward and McClenaghan.

J.W. took Brember and Russell I.

A very small party was left to clear up and the standard tended to suffer in consequence.

E.A.S. went to pay bills and cleared up.

1 in Camp.

Sunday 1st August.

E.A.S. locked up, paid his respects to Davies and left.

CAMPERS.

MASTERS: J.R.C., J.M., R.P., R.S.P., B.D.R., P.J.S., G.T.

BOYS: 6U. P.M. Brember, P. Burns, G. Farmer, P. Hudson, A.P. Hunter,
K. Ingram, R. Lyons, J. Roden and C. Wall.
6L. J. Arnold, P. Pomeroy.

OLD BOYS: I.J. McIntock.

UNEXPECTED

GUESTS: David May and Gavin Hogben (Old Pauline).

EASTER 1972.

A working party weekend.

There have been two very substantial changes since the last diary entry:

1. E.A.F. has retired from the Bryntail scene after 25 years at the 'helm'. The present diarist wishes to thank him for his complete devotion to Bryntail Cottage during that time and hopes that the new 'regime' will aspire to the same high standards achieved during the past $\frac{1}{4}$ century.

2. The Bryntail Committee was formed in January, 1972; consisting of The Headmaster, and Messrs. P. J. Smith, O.C. (Warden, Chairman and Treasurer), R. S. Price (Fabric Manager), G. Tustin (Outdoor Pursuits Organiser), R. Weightman (Sailing Commodore) M. Jones and R. Peck (Lightweight Camping and C.W.M. Organisers) R. W. Fryer (O.C. Representative) and A. Brookes (P.T.A. Representative).

Wednesday 29th March.

P. Brember and P. J. S. arrived by van from Birmingham to set up camp. Palliases were aired in a very good drying wind and straw for same was obtained from Davies, Bryntail.

Weather: Fine, warm (for March) sunny periods.

2 in Camp.

Thursday 30th March.

R.P. arrived with 9 boys in minibus, travelling via Bridgnorth, Craven Arms, Chun, Kerry, Newtown and Hlanidloes.

R.S.P. with J.R.C. and G.T. by car via Bewdley, Tenbury Wells,

Kington, Rhayader and Llanidloes.

A.P. Hunter, by bicycle from Wolverhampton (train from N. St. to High Level). Left home at 6.30 a.m., W'hampton (7.45 a.m.) Bridgnorth, Craven Arms, Kington, Newtown, Caersws, Talerddig, Pennant Village; stay a little to Bryntail arriving at 7.15 p.m. approx. 100 miles or thereabouts against mainly westerly winds with ample rain. Two full mugs of coffee fortified him amply.

B.D.R. came via A5, Oswestry, Newtown with J.M. arriving during tea. Weather: Strong westerly winds, heavy rain for whole day.

18 in Camp.

Good Friday: 31st March

Several jobs started:

1. O.C.'s Room completely cleared except for tall green cupboard.
2. Walls in same, plus corridor, washed down with sugar soap.
3. Replacement kitchen garden gate under construction in coach-house.
4. Nissen fire repaired.
5. Surrounds of ^{water}cock-~~sump~~ in Bryntail Copse cleared to depth of three courses of bricks. First load of hard core tipped on site.
6. Wood sources explored and a trickle of supplies brought into the kitchen garden.
7. Plastering and repair of wall surface generally, in O.C.'s Room.
8. Support for kitchen garden stile dug out - 2 feet of fence replaced new support creosoted ready for later erection.

Visitors for tea: Mr. and Mrs. K.F. Davies (uncle and aunt of P.S.) for tea who presented us with a large can of Fruit Salad.

Weather: calm, dry during morning; strong westerly winds with heavy rain thereafter.

18 in Camp.

Saturday, 1st April.

Jobs were continued - some completed, more started:

1. Erratum and omission from yesterday - Roof of Bryntail Cottage was checked and several displaced tiles were replaced/adjusted by J.M.
2. Undercoating of O.C.'s room was completed as also was that of the corridor. R.P. and G.T. (who also cooked) working with the boys.
3. Replacement kitchen garden gate completed, creosoted and hung. Associated latch post found to be rotten and replaced, capped. Fence to tree renewed. J.R.C. and A.P. Hunter on gate. R.S.P. and P. Hudson on post and fence.
4. Attempts to seal various leaks in the Nissen were made and the new chimney was sealed into the hole in the roof to prevent water leaking into the hut.
5. Davies, Bryntail suggested steel cover be replaced on sump in copse. Wooden cover was taken to Upper Floor of Coach House to dry out. Hard core filling was completed.
6. Continuing flow of wood supplies. Experiments proved that mountain ash is no good for fires!
7. The new support for the kitchen garden stile was placed in position, capped and finished off with additional fencing. (R.S.P. and boys).
8. A start was made on the top nissen gate - removal of fungi and replacement of two spars.
9. Replacement of some of the rotten spars in the boys' latrine was undertaken, the whole being creosoted thoroughly.

The chef for the day - G.T. - was congratulated on the excellence of his porridge, rice and punctuality of meals.

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Curried Hotpot.

Cut up 1½ lb neck of ~~lamb~~ mutton.

Place in saucepan with 2 quarts water.

Cut up 2 onions, 2 carrots, 2 parsnips and 1 head of celery.

Bring to the boil and simmer for 1½ hours.

Add 2 lb potatoes cut into small pieces.

Simmer for a further 20 minutes.

Mix 1 dessertspoonful of plain flour plus 1 dessertspoonful of curry in a little cold water, add to the saucepan, and stir for 5 minutes.

Sufficient for 8 to 10 persons.

B.D.R.

2nd April, 1972.

Work finished at 4-00p.m. and, there being an improvement in the weather, B.D.R., J.R.C. and 11 boys walked via now non-existent Cucumbers, Pen Chun farm and down the steep field to Van School, eventually reaching the 'phone box at Fan (Van) itself, where the lines to Birmingham were soon humming for many (12p - i.e. 10p + 2p bits, these days - per 3 minutes). Returning via the tips and dam of Van Pool and by-passing the environs of 'Muddy Lane', the party reached the main road at the Bidffeld and walked home for dusk in an increasing S.W. wind.

Arrival: From Birmingham via Ludlow, Church Stretton, Church Stoke and Newtown - I.f. McIntock, O.C. in time for tea.

Weather: Early and morning - N.W. wind with plenty of driving rain. A lull at lunchtime - wind veered to S.W. and rain ceased. A good drying afternoon. Hopes soared of a permanent improvement.

19 in Camp.

Easter Day. 2nd April.

G.T. and R.P. rose early to cook and light fires with some success. Again, the standards were high. B.D.R. took over for the rest of the day and produced a very popular curried hotpot - menu opposite - for lunch.

Jobs were continued and concluded and problems emerged:

1. The top nissen gate was repaired and rehung.
2. The 'tent' was re-weatherproofed, but the force of the wind drives the rain up the roof and in through the airvent.
3. A cowl was found and placed in position at considerable risks. (R.S.P.)
4. The front path was repaired - a concrete mix provided by Tick-Tock.
5. Top coat of brilliant white was spread on all (but one) walls in O.C's

Sunday
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J.E.A + K.J.B + T.S.D.

Walk.

Bryntail - "Cukes" - Fair Pool - Yarr village - Track of old railway to Genist
Bridge - along road to Hill just outside Trefeglwys. (468902) - along path
beside the R. Trannon - up small valley between Fforest and The Hill.
- down to Maesyblawd - along track between Fair and Waunygadair.
to Buldrygle - Ruby Touch Field - Camp - (4 hrs about 9 miles).

Monday
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A.W + J.E.A + K.J.B. + T.S.D.

Morning to C.S.C. to set up G.P. 14.

Afternoon to C.S.C. Negotiations (Tweedle 1 and Tweedle 2 found)

Tuesday
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Walk 1 - Camp - Dam - Pen-y-gaer - old Chapel - C.S.C.

- up road from Club and along road to Pen-y-banc -

- aber-deurant - Mine shaft - Sheep track - Dam - winding path
camp.

Walk 2
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Camp - "Cukes" - Glyn Farm - along road through the wood
to caravan park - back to Glyn Cottages - Glyn Farm - "Cukes"
- camp.

Night

(Tweedle 1 and Tweedle 2 ~~found~~) explored and mapped by
J.E.A. K.J.B and P. Jones

Wednesday

Sailing.

~~(Tweedle 1 and Tweedle 2 explored and mapped by J.E.A., K.J.B. and P.A.J.)~~

Thursday

Sailing.

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Orthographical note: WIST^AERIA is a tricky one. Chambers calls it "Wistaria" — named from the American anatomist Caspar Wistar (1761-1818). He adds, "Also, wrongly, Wisteria (so spelt by Thomas Nuttall, who named it."

However, the S.O.E.D. says "from name of ~~Caspar~~ Caspar Wistar (or Wister) . . .

With AUBRIETIA, we are on firm ground; hear Chambers: "After Claude Aubriet (c.1665-1742), naturalist-painter."

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room, the remaining wall - the chimney breast being aubretia (lilac). The woodwork is salat (salmon), while the shelf edges ~~were~~ are also aubretia, except for one which is in broken white - to be rectified. Cupboard in broken pink.

The corridor ^{was} finished in brilliant white until it ran out. Woodwork in doors and door frames in wistaria (lilac again). Thanks are due to Mr. Ockleton and painter contact for variety in colour schemes.

An interesting note on the side of most of our Permaglaze Paint tins:

"One coat thixotropic paint, but allow a day between coats".

Arrivals: From Carnedd - resulting from many hours of inclement weather, gale force winds, viewed from inside of a tent - via Dollygellau, Machynlleth and Dyliife, David May and Gavin Hogben (latter an O. Pauline).

Weather: Hopes of Saturday were dashed as the weather had returned to normal; N.W. gale force winds with driving rain - all day. The stars and planet Venus were visible during the evening!

21 in Camp.

Easter Monday - 3rd April.

Cooking again by G.T. aided by R.P. before breakfast. - Served at 8.20 a.m., but kitchen clock altered to compensate. This was not noticed until the due time for dinner, when the extra 10 minutes proved very useful.

Jobs continued:

1. The woodwork in the corridor was divided between dining room end together with the long room door, all of which were finished in wistaria (see above). [This is the Permaglaze spelling, which is hotly disputed by J.M.] The kitchen end woodwork, together with the front door and framework of the wood panelling are finished in sage, while the

- door frame and top to the panelling are in porcelain blue.
2. The insides of the O.C.'s Room cupboards were completed in salsar for shelf edges and broken white for all other surfaces.
- [Incidentally, since the top beading of the medical cupboard escaped the brush, the room may become known as the "Green Room". P.J.S.]
3. Large quantities of wood from the coach house, which have dried out now for some time, were sawn and placed in the coal house wood-bins (now overflowing) and were replaced by a large quantity brought from the hedges and fences in the way to Pont Neuf.
 4. Clearing-up was started and assisted progress greatly for Tuesday's session.
- A new departure was the evening excursion for all, save J.H. and B.D.R. (the latter having spent the day in Oswestry), to Llandlloes for suitable refreshment, both solid and liquid. A generally successful evening, the only failing being that the fish and chip shop unfortunately closed at 9.00 p.m!
- Visitors: Don Smith and Chris Lane (both O.C.)

Weather: bright, sunny, windy, cold.

21 in Camp.

Tuesday, 4th April.

Clearing-up continued apace; 9 boys + a bicycle left in the minibus at 12.00 noon with R.P.; A.P. Hunter and I.J. McIntock (O.C.) left by Mini at 2.00 p.m.; the remainder were locked up and away by 3.05 p.m.

Weather: Wet, windy, cloudy, driving rain, which later moderated to April showers and bright periods.

CAMPERS.

MASTERS: P.N.J., G.T., R.W., P.J.S.

Boys: 6L. J. Arnold, K. Bird, T.S. Duffy.

4C. J. Groves, P. Loughurst.

3S. J. Draper.

2C. M. Price, P. Roberts.

2G. M. Baker, J. Bradbury, K. and P. Murphy.

2S. A. Checkley, W. Hutchins.

1G. D. Cobestick, D. Groves, G. Green, M. Phillips,
D. Williams, D. Winston, I. Yeomans.

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Old Boys: V. V. Sanders, D. Abbey.

SPRING BANK HOLIDAY WEEK 1972.

[At last has it happened that the Festival of Pentecost and Spring Bank Holiday are not one and the same, leading to much confusion - P.f.S.].

FRIDAY 26th MAY.

Arrivals: From Birmingham via "Spaghetti Junction" (opened on 24th), M6, Wolverhampton, Shifnal, Salop, Montgomery, etc. P.f.S. with Arudd and Duffy in overloaded-with-provisions car. Palliases were aised before comfortable fires in kitchen, long-room and cooks' room.

Weather: Blustery, gale-force winds. Rain, heavy at times. Cold for May.
3 in Camp.

SATURDAY 27th MAY.

Arrivals: From Birmingham:

M.J. (who departed again for Cardiganshire) with Draper, Williams, Green via Stourbridge, Bridgnorth and Clun, Newtown. 1.00 p.m. after a 3 hour journey.

Vic Sanders with Roberts, Winston, Copstick, Yeomans via Kidderminster, Bridgnorth and Newtown. 1.30 p.m. after a 3½ hour journey.

Mrs. Weightman with R.W., Loughurst and Groves Bros via Newport (Salop) and North route. 3.00 p.m. after a 5 hour journey.

G.T. in minibus with Bird, Murphy Bros. Checklay, Price, Baker, Bradbury, Hutchins, Phillips and Dinghy. 4.30 p.m. after a six hour journey via A5 and main road.

During the evening, a walk to show new camps various parts of the local terrain. Vic Sanders and G.T. led them via Miner's Bridge, cleft and Hill fort on Crowlyn, Hairbrush (some to the point) returning via Viewing Point and Pont Neuf.

Mrs. Waightman and R.W. repaired to The Royal Head leaving 24 in Camp.

Weather: As for Friday.

SUNDAY 28th MAY.

Morning: 10.30 start, G.T. with 21 boys and packed snack to Cucumbers, Bulch y bar, Van summit, Bulch y Fan, return alongside Van, Bulch y bar, over Rugby Touch field and back for 2.45 p.m.

Tea/lunch was taken at 3.00 p.m. and the Camp then prepared for chapel; for the first time everyone travelled by road, save R.W. who, by this hour had returned and stayed in tending fires and tidying up.

Promptly at 6.05 p.m. the congregation arrived (22) and together with the Bryntailers achieved the welcome number of 47 plus the minister - The Reverend J.R. Jones of Trefglwys. He welcomed us all stating that it was a privilege to address such a large number of us all. Then insisting that it was to be a very short sermon, he spoke for 35 minutes, taking as his theme The Parable of The Prodigal Son. Total heat was provided by a two bar electric fire.

Upon return to the Cottage, a Post Office session preceded supper and lights out.

ARRIVAL: From the Royal Head, Waidloes ~ R.W.

Weather: As for Friday.

Number in Camp: 25.

MONDAY, 29th MAY.

The morning was occupied by various jobs:

1. The coachhouse door was rehung.
2. Curtain rails and curtains were placed in the Long, O.C.'s and Cook's Room.
3. The garden gate post was added to, to improve ease of fastening.
4. Much wood was carried and stored.

During the afternoon the boys were encouraged to go their own ways, following their own interests, as follows:

Loughurst, J. Groves, Draper Price Roberts and Yeomans walked to Bwlch y Gle, Broken Dam to Van Pool and the lead mines, returning via the School, Pen Clun Farm and the Cucumbers.

Baker, Bradbury, P. Murphy, Checkley and Hutchins crossed the Miner's Bridge and climbed up to study the nature trail at greater length, returning via Pont Neuf.

Green, Groves, Copestick, Phillips, Winston Williams travelled via Penwar to Van Pool and returned via the summit of Pen Clun.

Draper and K. Murphy went prospecting to the summit of Pen Clun, in error, thinking they were on Penwar.

The evening was made free and many went prospecting in more detail, bringing in some very good rock specimens.

ARRIVAL: From Gloucester by Ford Anglia - P.N.J.

Weather: As for Friday; no change as yet.

Number in Camp: 26.

TUESDAY 30th MAY.

As there was no change in the weather (wet and gale force winds), the prospective sailors walked in two directions, explored the neighbourhood fully and gave P.N.J. some idea of the countryside and its limitations. - led by R.W.

Walk 1 a.m. Bryntail Cottage, Dam, Miner's Bridge, Crowlym, Pen y Gaer, Deildae Chapel (or so it was; now looks the worse for wear), CSC, Pen y Banc, Aberdeunant, Mine shaft, Precipice Walk and return via outward route from Crowlym.

Walk 2 p.m. Bryntail Cottage, Cucumbers, Glyn Farm, Clywedog Caravan Park, Glyn Cottages and return via outward route.

Meanwhile G.T. and non-sailors by minibus to Nant y Moch. Having parked at Ponterwyd, they walked to Ystumtun, and followed the Rheiddol to the Falls. Returned the same way photographing the narrow gauge train en route. The party reached home for 7.45 p.m. and the big meal of the day was eaten.

Weather: As for Friday

Number in Camp: 26.

WEDNESDAY 31st MAY.

Caving, it seems, has become part of the Bryntail scene and P.N.J. explored and mapped Tweedbedum and Tweedledae during

the early hours of the morning. (see map opposite). with Arnold and Bird.

Sailing was, at last possible and R.W. and P.N.J with the sixth formers made the most of a still wet and blustery day.

G.T. provided assistance for wood duty and walked locally during the afternoon and early evening, searching, successfully, for galena.

Weather: Windy, a little warmer, not so wet.

Number in Camp: 26.

THURSDAY 1st June.

By now the wind had dropped and, on what was to be the best day weatherwise, the camp was split into three groups:

G.T. took 9 boys to Llanidloes, thence bus to Llandinham and return (walking) via Cefnearnedd Hill Fort (015900), Van Railway, in the valley of the Afon Ceirot, to Trefglwys, Bwlch y Fan, side of Van Hill, Bwlch y Gie and over Bryntail to arrive just in time for supper.

R.W. and P.N.J sailed a.m. and p.m. with different groups and the spare group stayed in Camp to provide Camp and Wood Squads. The ~~features~~ ^{waymarked} and our own dinghy were in use all day.

Weather: Fine, sunny, breezy. Number in Camp: 26.

FRIDAY 2nd June.

The boys having had very little opportunity to shop, an expedition was organised for the morning - transport in the form of a Viva with P.F.S. at the helm was provided and a shuttle service operated. A small group sailed in the morning and a larger one in the afternoon. The non-sailors had the benefit of a free afternoon. It rained and rock collections were examined. The sailors brought the boat back and

dinner was served as a late meal once more.

ARRIVAL: Mr. Checkley from Birmingham to provide transport for Saturday.

Weather: Back to normal, wet, windy and relatively cold.

Number in Camp: 27.

Saturday, 3rd June.

Clearing-up was efficiently carried out and the majority of the participants were gone by 12.30 p.m. PJS and RW together with Arnold and Duffy locked-up, turned the water off and left by 2.00 p.m.

Weather: A sprinkling of sunny periods. [An intended pun].

Evening Mail, Friday, June 23, 1972

Teacher dies in hospital

Mr. Ernest Arnold Faulkner, a former pupil and later physics master at Birmingham Central Grammar School for Boys at Tile Cross, has died in the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham.

Mr. Faulkner, who was 58, lived at 134 Cliveden Avenue, Perry Barr.

For more than 20 years he ran the Bryntail camp for boys near Llanidloes, which he first visited as a schoolboy, later as an old boy of the Grammar School. In recent years he took charge of the camp and was responsible for much of the renovation and rebuilding after the war.

He leaves a widow and one daughter.

Obituary

Mr. E. A. Faulkner

Mr. Ernest Arnold Faulkner, of Cliveden Avenue, Perry Barr, Birmingham, senior physics master at the Central Grammar School, Birmingham, has died in the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, aged 58.

He attended the school as a pupil and returned as a master in 1947 after gaining his B.Sc at Birmingham University.

Mr. Faulkner took an active interest in the old boys' association, Old Centrals, and for 24 years he ran the school annual camp at Bryntail, Llanidloes. He leaves a widow and one daughter.

The Birmingham Post, Friday, June 23, 1972—

CAMPERS

MASTERS :- R.S.P, G.T, R.P., J.C. P.J.S, B.D.R. P.J.^N, D.N.

Boys :-
6U. Brember, Roden, Price, Hunter, Wall.
6L. Pomeroy
5th. Barber, Moulson, Lane, Price,
4th. Child, Griffiths, McLenaghan, Olive, Yoemans
3rd. Draper, Meadows, Steventon, Lake, Peat
2nd. Rhodes, Murphy, K, Murphy, P.
1st. Green, Groves, Yoemans, Wright.

Old Boys :- R. Annetts ; Ted ; D Monaghan, A. Taylor (Spud),
Les Moulson, A. J. Dunn,

Visitors : Headmaster and J.M. (Tuesday, 1st August).

SUMMER CAMP 1972

Friday 21st July

The advance party of R.S.P, Wall & Brember arrived; Rodger was collected from Caersws - travelled by train from Stechford. Usual opening up procedure. George & Pety Annetts brought 6 lads in the evening which was very misty.

Saturday 22nd July

Rest of the camp arrived during the afternoon with J.F.F., C.G.T D.H, R.P. (Minibus). In the morning the lads had a short walk after sorting out beds, mattresses etc. The new foam mattresses v comfortable & much in demand. Evening stroll by various parties to Bulchygok & Miners Bridge. Two old boys arrived & stayed the night. D. Monaghan 1950-58 and A. Taylor 1950-55!

Sunday 23rd July

A beautifully sunny start to the day but thundery showers soon brewed up for R.P. & his 1 day walking party. Taken to Llandinam & then walking back over the hills to 'Llan'. G.T. took Catholics to Church & walked back from town. 4th formers walked to Sailing Club. Rest of the 6th not with R.P. walked to The Hill

Monday 24th July

R.P. & 10 boys from 5th & 6th left on 2 day walk. Camped at Llanquwig and walked out from there. Returned from there via

Glynbrochan pool on Tuesday. B.D.R. & 1st, 2nd & 3rd yrs walked to Llanyglyn. Some boys swam by Miners Bridge. After main evening meal a game of soft ball for whole camp thoroughly enjoyed

Tuesday 25th July

Return of R.P. in the evening - weather hot for both days B.D.R. to Pen-y-gaer, Glyn Farm & home. Swimming in the afternoon. Soft ball after main meal.
33 in Camp.

Wednesday 26th July

R.P., B.D.R. & J.C. took ~~all~~ all the 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th year. Went to Staylittle by transport. Then walked over the hills to Pennant, to Dylife & back to Staylittle. Weather v. hot. 5th stayed in camp & worked - wood cutting. Soft ball after evening meal.
33 in Camp.

Thursday 27th July

R.P.'s two day camp. 5th camped at Glynbrochan Pool in their own. R.P. & 4th to Llanyglyn. Weather again v. hot. 6th walked all day to Staylittle, Dylife, Gbaslyn, down the Chweddog Gorge to Staylittle & home. Juniors rested after previous day's walk; some went swimming. B.D.R. & J.C. left after breakfast for B'ham.

34 ~~33~~ in Camp - including the lightweight party.

Friday 28th July

Return of 4th & 5th year campers in the evening. Ted worked an excellent meal - roast chicken; in fact he worked extremely hard all week & introduced some new menus - fruit crumble, custard, instant whip, fried breakfast, tippers etc. Some campers late back from Lham where they attempted to "chat up" some girl guides, unsuccessfully - Lane, Child, Yeomans, Russell.
 13 in Camp.

Saturday 29th July

RSP, RPL & Lane left for B'ham in mid-afternoon. Arrival of PSS PJ & DN from B'ham at 3 o'clock. Work in camp in a.m. Woodcutting & clearing of the Drying Building. Les Mounson took whole camp in the afternoon; a walk via Old Hall to ~~Stawglyn~~ Craig y Llo Waterfall and return. Meadows and Draper put to bed with temperature - over exposed?

PNJ, DN with Bremer, Mounson (E) sailed during the afternoon. Sausage from Birmingham was deepfried and produced for evening meal.

12 in camp.

Weather continuing fine and sunny. Little wind.

Sunday 30th July

PNJ sailed a.m. and p.m. with different groups; Draper rested until lunchtime, rose and went in search of geological specimens. Dr. Graham was called in to visit Meadows, diagnosed tonsillitis and prescribed penicillin and plenty of liquid. The afternoon saw a stroll to Fan Hill summit led by Roden to show DN something of the scenery. Wall caught the 16.06 coach from the Gto to B'ham (SSUO July-August) and Griffiths and Rhodes attended Mass at 6.00 p.m. in Hlaidlaes. Returning from Fan, the 6th

Light-Weight Camping (Cader Idris Expedition).

Party: Brember, Roden, Hunter, Price B.A., Pomeroy, Russell S.J., Barber, Price T.M. (our kid)

Arrived late Sunday night, 11 pm., shore of Talylllyn lake

Very wet night, pitched tents by lights of mini-bus.

Moved to camping site at other end of lake (ENE.)

after breakfast of bacon sarnies and shredded wheat. After

Grand Exodus, walked to Upper Corris to buy provisions and

time ourselves for walk back. After meal, walk to

Abergynolwyn (saw narrow gauge railway train) and on

to Dolgach Falls coming back the same way (walking

along the railway track). Very wet night (11 hrs rain)

Tuesday: Decided to walk to top of Cader Idris

(Perygadair, 2927 ft.) but at 1800 ft., above Hlyn Cau,

the clouds and mist forced us to abandon our

expedition. We returned to our site where we

packed up and walked to Upper Corris to be picked

up at 7.00 pm. Enjoyed by one and all and ^{now} we have a

determined ambition to conquer Cader Idris next year?

form plus Barber, Russell and Price prepared for light-weight camping scheduled to begin at a late hour on the shores of Talyllyn Lake. A.P. Hunter cycled to Aberystwyth via "Cucumbers", Pont Neuf, Crowlyn Farm Track, Red Road, Severn Valley, Craig y Ho to the main road (A44) and then via Capel Bangor. Finding that resort seething if damp, he chained his steed complete with pump to the Parish Church railings, visited the Promenade and returned to find that the Good Lord had taken care of his property. He returned to Camp via Maccyuleth and the mountain road through Forge, Dylyfe and Staylittle. He, after a short break joined the Lightweight Camping Party who were driven by minibus to Talyllyn arriving at 11.00 p.m. and pitching camp next to the local graveyard. PJS and Ted arrived back home by 12.15 a.m. next morning and retired to bed.

DEPARTURES: Les Moulson and his bro' (E) in minivan } for B'ham.
 C. Wall by Gosville X70 bus from The Cro } all of them.

29 in Camp. Weather: Cloudy, changeable and finally heavy including LW Campers. rain.

Monday 31st July

Sailing continued both a.m. and p.m. with capsizing drill for all. The assistant commodore seemed to have achieved a fool-proof method of remaining dry when the boat went over - much to the chagrin of the boys! D.N. walked a.m. and p.m. one route for two different groups - Bryntail to Glyn Farm, the white bridge and return on west bank of Afon Chywedog to Miner's Bridge and so to Camp. A carving expedition occupied the evening and A.J. Dunn (O.C.) arrived from Walton-on-Thames. Meadows and

VISITORS : RSP's family consisting of parents and aunt/uncle visiting from Kington and County Durham.

Tuesday 1st August.

The day dawned wet and calm, although the wind developed during the morning and produced an excellent session for sailing: PNJ was able to tack the full length of the sailing area from Penybanc to Bulch y Gle and return with sails in "goosewing" fashion.

The Headmaster and J.M. arrived from Birmingham by 11.00a.m., meeting PSS in town at the conclusion of shopping. The Milk Bar being full to the seams, these worthy gentlemen repaired to Bryntail Cottage for refreshment before joining A.J. Dunn for a pilgrimage to the top of Bryntail itself. There, without ceremony but with, informality as he would have wished, the remains of EAF were scattered upon the hill where much of his leisure time was spent in serving the boys and old boys of the Central Grammar School, Birmingham. Thank you Arnold.

Meadows was fully recovered and returned home with Peat and Griffiths in The Head's car (accompanied by J.M.) Draper, possibly developing mumps and tonsillitis and looking poorly was taken home by A.J. Dunn on his way to Walton-on-Thames.

PNJ returned with the dinghy during the afternoon and upon the arrival of DN from a walk embracing Bulch y Gle, a circuit of Fan, Fan Pool, Penclun Farm, departed with him for Upper Corsis P.O. where, as recorded elsewhere, the lightweight Camping group was ready for collection.

The whole camp ate well in the evening - chicken, peas and potatoes with gravy; steamed treacle pudding to follow.

DEPARTURES: A.J. Dunn with Draper.

Headmaster and JM with Meadows, Peat, Griffiths

No. in Camp: 25.

Weather: Wet, windy.

Wednesday 2nd August.

Clearing up started a 7-30 a.m. - At breakfast, Ted Broadbent, 'The Wizard {with} the Wooden Spoon' was presented by the boys with a set of O.S. Maps of the area. Jobs were finished by 11.30 a.m. and followed by soup. The minibus brakes were repaired to produce efficiency.

Departures: PNJ in minibus, with 8 boys.

Mr. and Mrs. Groves (visiting), with 2 boys

Mr. and Mrs. Olive (visiting), with 3 boys.

R.W. (also visiting), with 4 boys.

leaving PJS and A.P. Hunter to clear up, lock-up and retire for the evening to the home of the milkman for a very pleasant coffee and biscuits.

Thursday 3rd August.

A.P. Hunter departed by bicycle for Birmingham at 7.15 a.m.


Working Camp 19th - 22nd October 1972

To combine two jobs: providing cups of tea for the First Forms on their Geographical Field Day, and painting pantry and Long Room.

Thursday 19th Oct. School mini-bus left Birmingham about 7.45 pm Aboard were P.J.S., J. May, J. Arnold, P. Whyley, & P. Pomeroy. Arrived about 10.45 (is this a record for lateness?) and fed slightly, then bedded down - about 1 am.

- A clear, moonlight, frosty night.

5 in camp.

Friday 20th Oct. After breakfast, clearing out & preparing Dining Room & Long Room for the invasion. 85 boys (First Forms) with B. Roberts, B. Hutton, M. Jones, P.N. Jones, a student, and 3 or 4 Sixth-formers for tea about 4.15 onwards.  Plastic "beakers" used; no washing-up - *aha!*

P.N. Jones stayed, and after a quiet evening we were joined at 11.15 pm by R.S. Price, R. Peck, & J.R. Cope, making total of 9 in camp.

- A fine dry day, warm sun, but^a strong, perishing wind from ^{NE}

Saturday 21 Oct. Up early, some on us - well, eight o'clock. Tea in bed, thanks to Stuart Price. As we finished breakfast, the Fathers began to arrive, having left Birmingham at 7, and set about their tasks as follows: H. Olive, painter (backdoor &c); B. Fisher, carpenter (making & fitting facing to outside of front door); J. Downes & E. Cartwright (covering dining-tables with a plastic material identical with that used by the "Met" for London Tube carriages, also assisting carpenter); Arthur Brookes, Cook & Caterer.

Busy also were R. Peck & P.N. Jones, painting themselves and the Long Room; J.R. Cope, fitting shelves to the wardrobe

that we brought up three or four years ago from them uts, and painting the same; Arnold, Pomeroy and Whyley, sawing, chopping, and filling the wood bins; R.S. Price & P.J.S. lending a hand everywhere, finding tools and materials, organising, and above all encouraging their gallant little band of workers.

Splendid meals, and tea at reasonable intervals — altogether a perfect, and successful, day.

The weather helped: tho' the wind was still cool, the day was less chilly than before. There was much cloud, bringing a little drizzle, mid-afternoon; nevertheless, some very good sunny intervals.

3 in OCS room, 3 in cooks room, 3 in tent, 5 in Dining Room = 14 in camp
Sunday 22 Oct.

There had been some wild talk, at midnight on Saturday, about starting then and there to clear out and paint the pantry; one expert assented, several times, that a regular and liberal supply of Barley Wine would make such a night shift not only possible, but enjoyable. But it all came to naught; indeed the pantry and its grime remain inviolate. Instead, the ~~the~~ morning was spent in completing various jobs (front door finished & painted; second coat on Long Room) and introducing refinements, e.g.: fixing the fire-extinguishers in strategic positions in the Kitchen; insulating the gas-cupboard, with asbestos sheet, from the "heat" of the outside boiler; fixing a round-edged plank so as to project beyond the

sharp edges of roof-sheets (outside Cooks' Room windies);
odd bits of painting and creosoting; Tidying Up. — though
this is hardly a refinement but a Prime Necessity.

All went well. The morning had been so gloomy that we
breakfasted by lamp-light, but the day gradually brightened
and then the sun came out again. To make the work, both
indoors & outdoors, a comparative pleasure.

We fed on cold roast chicken, packed up, paid the
Score, and departed in small groups, the rearguard
about 3 o'clock in the minibus. 14 in camp.

An enjoyable and extremely useful week-end.

Easter 1973.

Members of Staff: Messrs. BD Roberts, PN Jones, RS Price and PJ Smith.

Old Boys: in residence: J Roden, CF Wall, BA Price and P. Brember.
visiting (from The Curm): R Annetts, RW Fryer and IAH Wood.

Boys: 6U D. Warren, J. Arnold, P. Pomeroy, PJ and SR Whyley, C. Cole, G. Buck
6L. TM Price, J. Barber.
5R AS Thomson.

EASTER 1973.

Friday, 13th April.

Advance party - R.S. Price, J. Arnold + J. Barber came up via Kington (collecting spuds) by car, leaving school at a gentlemanly 10.00 a.m.. Weather bracing + fine.

Saturday 14th April - B.D. Roberts, S.A. Price (student of Guy's Hospital), C. Wall + P. Smecher arrived late afternoon by Moskwith with much tinned food, having stopped off in Oswestry. Roden came by rail. Assisted Arnold + Barber in clearing pantry - R.S.P. having revisited Kington for onions, which he did not get.

P.N. Jones, with remaining school passengers, arrived at 10 p.m., having left Llan. at 5 p.m. (P.N.J. having gone to a wedding first). They came up in the mini-bus, towing the boat, taking the Gorsewen route because the driver + navigators neglected to communicate with one another.

Sunday 15th April - a leisurely start to chores - cleaning pantry walls after bacon + egg breakfast. B.D.R. went to parish church in Llanidloes - no other churchgoer - service dreary + dull.

P.N.J. took the Whylly trins, Barber, Thomson + Buckley sailing - returning to Bontail for lunch + then back again after. No other boats on the lake - but P.N.J. sorted out some stotty-headed sailing club twerp who wanted to

Know why P.N.J. was instinking without a burgel - the tweep also turned his nose up at school parties on the lake. In refraining from pitching him into the lake P.N.J. behaved with admirable restraint.

P.M. boys went on local walks - old boys to top of Broughtail where they have a figlet + riped S.A. Price's anorak (a pity it wasn't his vocal chords).

R.S.P. + S.D.R., having received a phone call from P.J.S. in Morecombe at a family wedding, celebrating which had so debilitated him, that he postponed his drive down till Monday, looked the cottage + walked alone + then down to the Cwm to scrounge a cup of tea from Spud Frier, wife + child - departing just before the arrival of Ray Ansell + Jan Wood + ladies.

Late evening meal - S.D.R. carried skew (much prized). Then R.S.P. + P.N.J. chaperoned all boys down to Llanidloes for pub-crawl.

Weather superb all day - not too hot but clear + sunny all afternoon + with light breezes over lake.

Spud Frier reports water shortages on his side of valley but Davies, this side, is not perturbed.

Washing down of pantry completed + fire lit in there to dry it off.

Monday 16th April - leisurely start again. Wood-chopping, first coat of paint on pantry, sailing by P.N.J. + boys etc

didn't sail on Sunday - a.m.

P.M. more sailing.

Spud Hojer, ~~Ray~~ Annelts + Jan Wood entertained to lunch, then these O.C.s were left in charge of cottage while boys + younger old boys walked or returned with P.N.T. to sailing. The younger old boys walked up Dinas + overheard P.N.T.'s sailing instructions. R.S.P. + B.D.R. walked to sailing club.

P.T.S. arrived + made some jellies.

Late evening meal

P.N.T. + R.S.P. to town with mini-bus load.

Tuesday 17th April - not very much earlier - start - B.D.R. nearly removed top of left index finger opening bloody bacon pack.

Work continued - wood chopping, second coat on pantry. T.M. Price, later to distinguish himself by over-consuming in Llanidloes, started to make a new lid for the boiler. P.T.S. to Llanidloes to settle accounts + canal milk, of which we have a surplus. P.N.T. sailing again with 5 best boys (the Whyteys, Povey, Thomson + Barber) + Ray Annelts + Jan Wood - who walked over from the Cwm (Jan Wood falling in a stream on the way) - both are bitten by the sailing bug.

All assembled for lunch which we ate outside - the day again being perfect - clear with a fitful breeze

Catering notes : R.S.P. bought from the Marsh + Barker
factory on Chester Road, 2 lb bags
of 'bacon bits' @ 25 p. each. Excellent
value. The bags should not be opened
with the carving knife, however

B.C.

Jim Jones gave some Twinings coffee
bags 'for the staff'. They made
excellent coffee.

- Agenda for next camp -
1. re-tension + tan roof of
steel tent.
 2. Transparent sheeting on top of coal house
 3. repair water pipe by coal-house door.

over Soutair Hill.

P. Bramble was unwell. He guarded camp p.m. while everyone else cooked.

Another carried hot-pot for tea + the established evening routine.

Wednesday 17th April : the spare truck (a box of Mars bars) was ruffled. Won (unpopularly) by P.N.J. *

The pantry was re-stocked + the cottage tidied up + secured.

The Price brothers completed the lid to the boiler.

An apresno lunch of left-overs - cheese, biscuits, bread + marg + Jack Abben's gift cake, milk to drink - was consumed + camp ended at mid-day.

Mattresses were left on beds as it was felt they mixed better this way - with air circulating all round. Some of them were dampish when we arrived, having been stacked in one pile.

The weather had changed for the worse - overcast + some misty rain at times.

* P.N.J. returned 15 favour when he gave everyone a Mars bar.

CAMPERS.

Masters: Messrs. I. Peden, R. Peck, R.S. Price, P.N. Jones, P.J. Smith, G. Tustin,
 Old Boys: RWA Annetts (1957-64), M. J. Chambers (1946-51), M. Noble (1962-67) ^{C. Thomas}

Boys:

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|-----|---|------|
| 6L. | J. Barber, K. Cole, M. Lane, E. Moulson and S. Russell. | (5). |
| 3s. | P. Roberts and G. Terry. | (2) |
| 2c. | G. Abbey (son of Jack - several volumes ago) | (1) |
| 2g. | D. Groves, D. Winston and I. Yeomans. | (3) |
| 1c | N. Delaney and P. Phillips | (2) |
| 1g. | A. Green and A. Heaven. | (2) |
| 1s. | S. Adkins, C. Coles, J. Shirley, J. Sumner. | (4) |

19 in all.

	Sail.	Camp, Veg, O.J. etc.	<u>Squads.</u>	
Sat.	M.	B	<u>Barber.</u>	<u>Moulson.</u>
Sun	B	M	Lane.	Cole
Mon.	M	B	Roberts ⁺	Russell.
Tues	B	M	Terry. ⁺	Abbey ⁺
Wed.	M.	B	Groves	Yeomans
Thurs.	B	M	Winston	Green.
Fri.	M.	B	Delaney.	Heaven.
			Phillips	Coles.
			Adkins	Sumner.
			Shirley.	

+ = non sailors.

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1973 SPRING BANK HOLIDAY WEEK 1973
26th May - 2nd June.

FRIDAY 25th May.

Arrivals from Birmingham via M6, A5, Westbury Forden, Newtown, P/S and R. Annetts with Moulson and Yeomans in heavily overloaded car.

Many preparatory jobs done, quiet evening - early to bed.

WEATHER: Overcast, some sunny periods, warm. [4 in Camp].

SATURDAY 26th May.

Arrivals: all the boys save for Barber and Russell - 8 with PNT in the minibus and 8 with Messrs Green (father and uncle of A. Green) in a long wheelbase Land Rover. Later Barber with I.P.

Departure: PNT at 3.50 p.m. for Birmingham with Mr. & Mrs. Green - where he arrived at 6.50 p.m. After picking up Russell and his car he returned once again by 9.00 p.m. - a 2 hour journey - is this the record.

R. Annetts led all the boys (except Russell) plus I.P. via Miner's Bridge, Crowlym Lane, "Red Road", Cefnpennarth Isaf, Glyn Cottages Footbridge, Glyn Farm and thence along the road round Penwar and along the Bryntail Lane to tea. During the evening Messrs Annetts and Peden went to the "metropolis" for the telephone and suitable refreshment.

WEATHER: Sunny and hot. [23 in Camp].

SUNDAY 27th May.

The sailing party left by 09.30, the cook having risen at 07.05 and breakfast having been prepared by 08.30. The sailors took with

Observe the Country Code



them - soup, tea, milk and chocolate, but forgot the saucepan in which to prepare their food. The remaining booties peeled potatoes, sawed wood and tidied up generally. Bathing parade was held under the miner's bridge - 6 swam 2 paddled and 1 abstained - a good reintroduction to former habits.

During the afternoon, the same group plus O.C's (see below) walked via Miner's Bridge, Cwm Deildre, Britthir Gate, over the Deildre Fawr to the Sailing Club returning via the Clywedog Scenic Trail (see opposite) and Miner's Bridge - a good long walk.

The sailors returned with tales of sinking Wayfarers, cork bungs or lack of same and many wet clothes.

ARRIVALS: From Birmingham - M.J. Chambers (1946-51). and M. Noble (1962-67) from Montgomery - G.S. Griffiths (1941-46) and friend Don Mosses with various members of their families (7 in all) having walked since Friday from Kington along Offa's Dyke to Montgomery. The 7 settled down in the Tent while Messrs Chambers and Noble displaced IP in the Cooks Room.

IP, RWAunetts and PNJ repaired to the Annual Clywedog S.C. Barbecue during the evening. [32 in Camp, including 7 Independents]

Following their return a sortie in the direction of the river - and beyond - led by G.S. Griffiths produced an end product, for which (it seems) the Mid Wales Constabulary is still searching - an old unsolved mystery, maybe?

Weather: ~~Wet~~ Dry, hot - sunny early - cloudy later.

VISITORS (contd). ⁽¹⁹³⁴⁻⁴¹⁾ Lt. Fredk. Bridgwater, paying his first though
fleeting visit since Summer 1938 when with N.L. "It was
a prison camp in those days," - he said - "now, it seems more
like a holiday."

I AM Wood (1957-63) and friend, John Cox, called in
on the way home from Abertovey.

MONDAY, 28th May

The day dawned wet, but by 09-30 the clouds, though still, rose sufficiently to enable dry weather to persist. The sailors went off for their day - Moulson and Russell crewed for senior club members in a long distance race (1 1/2 laps though took them 4 hours and abandonment was the result) (Russell, it was said, came 4th, Moulson 6th).

R. Annetts, M.F. Chambers and M. Noble escorted the remaining juniors ostensibly to Penruan, but weather conditions and low cloud directed them to turn left at Staylittle and to encircle the lake - a notable first time - Round Clywedog Walk.

PJS took Winston to see Dr. Brittain about a swelling on the back of his hand - the doctor diagnosed a dislocated middle finger - which, he said, had slotted back into place, but had bled; he recommended "Caine Muting" treatment. - and that Winston report back on ~~Monday~~ ^{Wednesday} morning.

IP guarded the fort, arranged a big fire in the kitchen and dried mountains of wet clothes

Barber and Lane set out to walk to Llawr-y-glyn, Trefeglwys, Llanidloes and return, but attempted instead to reverse this - took several wrong turns and eventually due to imminent rain returned to Camp via Van village.

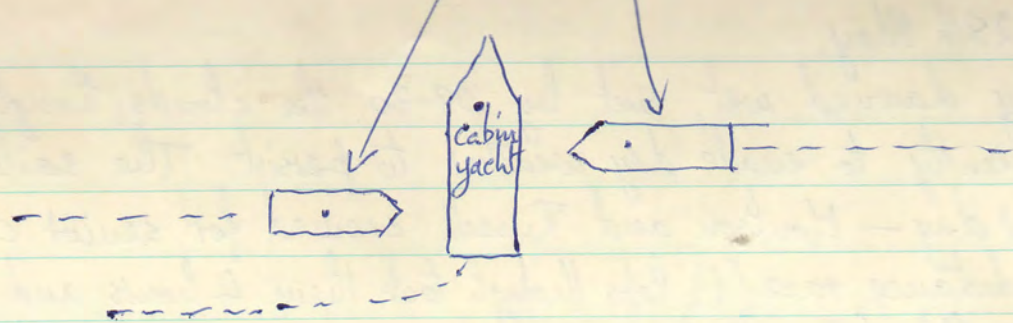
PJS, IP, Annetts and Noble repaired for a natural break into Llanidloes, where IP revealed his true prowess as a master-darts player by landing a bull and a "shanghai" in the same game! / C.S. Griffiths and the Tribe for Kington

DEPARTURES: M.F. Chambers for Birmingham - just before tea.

Weather: Wet at first, dry later - very warm but cloudy all day.

Jobs: PNT jacked up his car preparatory to removing and exchanging the gearbox. [24 ~~31~~ in Camp]

VISITORS: Moulson's brother-in-law, sister and nephew - former set up tripod and camera - bounce-flashed in all directions - wait for results.



Shore

Clubhouse

TUESDAY 29th May.

A wet start to the day, which very quickly developed into a fine but cloudy and cooler one. The sailors departed with alacrity and quickly started sailing up and down under instruction. Visiting member of Clywedog S.C. launched his cabin yacht and proceeded to do likewise - parallel to the Central contingent, but suddenly turned out into centre of lake (without premeditation or signal). Result - collision with one dinghy and narrow miss with the other (see sketch). PNT shouted information about instruction and cabin yacht owner (red-faced and embarrassed) apologised and made off into centre of lake!

At the conclusion of the day C.G.S. wiped tables and cleaned up generally, thus keeping - or making - our reputation - a good thing.

R. Annetts and apprentice Yeomans constructed and fitted a new support for the tap by the coalhouse door - very much appreciated - and drank tea.

The boys table-tennised in the morning - PFS and Noble stopped.

Afternoon activities involved the juniors once again in a walking - this time with an air of competition about it: to collect oddments of interest - among them were some interesting rocks from Van mines and another sledgehammer (found in the long grass on the upper slopes of Bryntail).

Houlson, Cole and Russell walked via Bwlch y Cile, Bwlch y Van, Trefeglwys, returning via Van Railway, "Broken Dam" and Pen Clun farm.

The evening was free and PNT finally removed his gear box in pouring rain.

DEPARTURE: I.P. for Bangor via A487 leaving 23 in Camp.

Weather: Wet at first - dry but cloudy eventually and very wet later.

WEDNESDAY 30th May.

A day of comings and goings.

Damp at first, but quickly brightened to sunshine and clouds.

The sailors quickly left, but forgot all their midday food.

PfS stopped taking Winston to Dr. Britain who pronounced him fit in every respect. Upon his return to Camp, Noble left for B'ham taking R. Annetts with him.

The morning passed quickly and Lane led a party towards Van, it being joined by G.T. in the Bryntail farmyard. Mr. Davies looked askance at developments around him.

R.S.P. and Mrs. Smith arrived during the afternoon and later RSP returned to Llandloes to pick up RP from the Cardiff-Liverpool bus - running 15 minutes late.

Tea was prepared for 6.00 p.m. as arranged, but sailors ran into difficulties with capsize drill and walkers arranged to get lost* - tea served late at 7.00 p.m. (*'Arranged to get late', would be a more correct description - long experience of sailor's timekeeping!

Thursday 31st May.

Rain. Pete Jones took sailing group & Stu Price, Ron Peck and George Twiss went with the remainder, to Cader Idris. Not raining too heavily & decided to walk. Lunched $3/4$ way to the summit. George returned to the cars with those having difficulty in walking. Ron, Stu & Adkins reached top of Cader as low cloud quite suddenly lifted. Very warm on the descent. Sailors brought boat back to camp. Pete Jones left for Gloucester in the evening. Moulton's birthday celebrated in town.

Friday June 1st

Beautiful sunny day. Whole camp walked to town in the morning to shop. Mini-bus brought them back. In the afternoon Ron & Stu plus younger lads who could walk any distance left for Hyllyn Forest in van. Walked to the source of the Severn; wonderful views of Mid-Wales though the boys preferred to play in the peat bogs. Back via the river; distance of perhaps 10-12 miles. Boys left in camp prepared the evening meal - very pleasant indeed. ~~But~~ Cy Thomas had arrived to take boys back to B'ham on Saturday. Last night drink in Lham. Reminiscences from Cy of former camps.

Saturday June 2nd

Clearing up of the camp & everyone away by mid-day. Very wet again so not too sad.

Summer 1973 21st - 28th July

Members of Staff : R.S. Price (advance party), P.N. Jones (mini-bus)
 P.J. Smith + S.D. Roberts + J.R. Cox (two nights)

Old Controls : V.E. Broadbent, R.W. Fryer

Squads

	C.A. Cole (2)	Barber (5)	Gleaves (1)
	Tomans (4)	Hunt (1)	Evoy (4)
(Figures denote nos of times at camp, including this one.)	Grubb (4)	Boyle (1)	P. Roberts (5)
	Jelber (1)	Harrison (1)	Fincher (1)
	Shirley (2)	McCannell (1)	Abelby (2)
	Raisin (1)	D. Roberts (1)	Jyle (1)
	Coles (2)		K. Cole (2)

<u>Rota</u>	<u>Sailing</u>	<u>Camp</u>	<u>Odd Jobs</u>
Saturday 21st	-	C	B
Sunday	C	G	B
Monday	B	C	G
Tuesday	C	B	G
Wednesday	B	G	C
Thursday	C	B	G
Friday	B	G	C

Friday 20th July - Advance party - R.S.P. + Abbey + Glemans
 arrived in R.S.P.'s car in
 rain, via Kington. Found on cake - finding 4 young frogs in
 cistern.

Saturday 21st July - Main party. P.N.J. in mini-
 bus with boys not otherwise transported
 arrived 2.30, having started at 9.30 driving via Witley Lakes
 to see some water-skiing.

V.E. Broadbent arrived with wife in his car via A44.
 Wife took car back.

Mr Coles delivered sons + Barber.

P.J.S. in his car with Hunt
 M6, A5, relief road, Grove - Shrewsbury road,
 + via Pantymore

B.D.R. in his car via
 Oswestry with J. Roberts (K.E.C.S. Aston), Coles, McCunnell,
 + Shirley - having travelled on the relief road betw
 Wellington (Telford) immediately after a sharp
 rain storm which caused much flooding - drains
 fountaining - shopkeepers sweeping out water etc.

P.N.J. took Jellen + Harrison off
 for an early rail.

(25 in camp)

After substantial, late tea (Spam + spuds, peaches + custard) S.D.R. took all boys on local walk - Miner's bridge, New bridge, Lower Messing floor + back, bringing up one piece of wood per lad, returning at dusk.

[Coles' Squad 2 pts; Greenes' Squad 2 pts; Barber's Squad 1 pt for Wood collection]

After late supper boys retired - juniors in Nisser, seniors in Steel Tent.

Juniors enjoyed a disturbed night - Ige tipped out of bed 18 times - claims he sat up all night in vigilance. (Bed-tipping banned hereafter by P.T.S.).

After early heavy rain the weather improved - cloudy but dry.

P.N.T. unhinged the front gate, falling down steps on his return from an evening visit to Llandwys.

Sunday 22nd July - excellent bacon, egg + fried bread breakfast. Morning chores quickly finished - spud-peeling in a down-machine brought up by P.T.S. Sandwiches (ill) prepared for workers then P.N.T. + S.D.R. took sailor's (Coles' Squad) to sailing club in mini-bus, sailors

taking soup + sauce pans for lunch. S.D.R.
brought back mini-bus to pick up R.S.P.
+ Greaves + Barkers' squads to drive to
Hafren Forest via Llanidloes (6 gallons petrol).

Thence R.S.P. lead walk up headwaters
of Severn to its source on Pumlumon range.
Sandwiches eaten at water fall at edge of trees.
From source of Severn (Blainhafren) to confluence at
Carn Biga, thence back to mini-bus. Seven (plus)
miles, the first half quite rough + tiring. An
excellent walk sign posted (yellow markers) by
Hafren Forest Commission, rewarded by superb views
as far as Shroton, Beacon Beacons, the sea.
One light shower weather improving to superb fine
by afternoon with stiff westerly breeze.

The sailors, near Dike, enjoyed a superb day's
sailing.

P.N.J. crewed in two races in a Hornet (Pauis
Grant), breaking the sliding seat on a capsize in
the first race but coming third, + breaking the
jib sail in the second race which they won

R.S.P. departed by road, home to wife in S'ham

S.D.R. + Parris attended R.C. Church in Llanidwys
(2 collections! no singing) 6 p.m. returning to
have supper.

Main party dined on Sausages, green beans, sprouts,
jelly, fruit salad + rock cream.

Evening rain defeated soft-ball intentions. Boys
played cards + table-tennis (tomorrow organize yeoman).

Telfer (probably merely over-tired) felt low
but picked up after administration (a placebo -
milk + water - decaffeinated by P.T.S. with appropriate
bed-side manner).

Monday 23rd July - after bacon + tomatoes, +
cornflakes breakfast at 8.20,
+ domestic chores, the sailors (Barber's Squad)
left for sailing. The remaining boys folded wood.
The sailors landed at the sailing club, the rest
highly (limestone soap) at the cottage.

After lunch S.D.R. took the non-sailors
on walk partly to reconnoitre the dispatch run
course to Van School, the broken dam, the top
of Pen Aun (to look at the fort), then home
across the football field to the ridge above the
reservoir + round the back of Bayntail Hill.

The sailors returned after a calm day
to an excellent dinner of corned beef hash,

+ apple-crumble + custard.

After dinner P.N.I. + B.D.R.
captained soft-ball sides on the dam worker's
field. B.D.R.'s team won handsomely.

Home to supper + another
disturbed insect in the Nissen necessitating
the reading of the riot act next morning.

24 in camp
No rain, to speak of; cloudy weather, little
wind.

Tuesday 24th July - a good full day. Weather
overcast with five minutes' drizzle
early afternoon.

Having peled spuds last night the sailors, Coler's squad,
+ P.N.I., went off soon after 9.0 a.m. for a too
calm day's sailing - finishing with capsize drill as the
wind was slack.

At 10.30 B.D.R. was to set out with the
walkers, but 12 of the 13 boys vanished, having
taken it into their heads to walk on slowly to
the 'Cakes'. They were whisked back, + rather late
the party set off for the fort on Pen-y-Gaer,
via the viewing point café. Thence down to
the abandoned mine-shaft where stores were hauled down,
the precipice walk (less than usually vertiginous because

Note : the Christmas puddings had been procured by
— P.J.S. on a shopping trip to Llanidloes
as a result of some sharp bargaining
with the accommodating manager of SPAR.

the backen is so high), thence across damp fields to the ford on the Custom track for a jumping competition, whence home via the New Bridge & the Lower Crossing Floor again bringing up wood - Roberts + Terry manfully hauling up a cut log which may have been scarrled down by the lone camper in the field by the river.

Light lunch then the afternoon was devoted to odd jobs - drain cleaning (P.J.S.), Ledge trimming etc. etc. gate re-hanging except for BDR & the five boys who had not done a despatch run since. They walked to Pen Clun to look down on the course then back as yesterday round the back of Roystail Hill.

The evening meal was an epicurean epic prepared by W.E. Broadbent assisted by P.J.S. (+ George Abben, who was less than well):

Mutton Curry	} OR	{ Breast of Lamb
Rice		
		Potatoes
		Gravy

(A complicated pre-surgery was conducted to determine who would eat stomach curry)

followed by
Christmas Pudding Flambé
Rum Custard

+ Orange or Lemon Squash

Immediately after this gargantuan meal P.W.J. + B.D.R. set off to blaze a trail up the flank of Bonetail Hill + down, over the Nissen's Bridge, through the abandoned road, across the new road to the ford, doubling back to the New Bridge + home via the Lower Dressing Floor. The trail was marked naturally by stone arrows, knots of grass, foxgloves on gate posts etc. Washing up done, the boys were set off in pursuit at intervals, youngest first.

Sleeping arrangements were reorganized in the Nissen & the 3 three-fomers being given charge of one third of the room, all torches being withdrawn + the direct threats uttered.

Abney + Ige both deep but not really right were accommodated in the long Room for the night + dosed with paracetamol as a precaution.

Scratches on Raisin's legs were scoured + plastered by B.D.R.

Tomorrow the intention is to visit the coast. The Davies (Bonetail farm) has ceased forecasting unbroken rain + wee (losing faith in St. Scithin, perhaps).
24 in camp

The packed meal consisted of: 2 oranges, 2 Cornac Bars, 2 'Ryking' (battered) biscuits + 2 lumps of cheese in a plastic bag per 2 boys (the boys having been paired off in a 'buddy system'). The meal was more popular than traditional sandwiches.

P.I.S. having lost the first skirmish with a mouse that has been nibbling the bread, has made up his heavy guns ('War farin').

Jye - in the long room last night - claimed to have heard at least two mice running about - one with a heavier tread than the other.

Today's meals + yesterday evenings were served cafeteria style - the boys coming in through the back door collecting a plate, having it loaded to taste + then taking their places in the dining room. Everyone appears, at least in fine weather.

We have it in mind to alter the washing up system - being dissatisfied with the rather messy traditional method of each boy washing + rinsing his own plates, k, f + s + mug at two large bowls outside, then drying his own on his own increasingly nasty tea towel.

Wednesday 25th July : after sausage, tomato + fried
 bean breakfast, camp does etc,
 all, including cook, set out via Sylife, for Taryn.
 The weather was glorious, the sea blue + the tide
 right for bathing which most enjoyed. P.J.S. + V.E.S.
 with one on the boys travelled on the Gal-y-llwyn railway
 while the boys enjoyed the resort.

Some just after six to find John Cox +
 R.W. Foye had arrived separately by road + lit the
 fires.

All enjoyed another splendid meal - cold chicken
 etc. + peas + cream closely followed by supper
 of cocoa + Swiss rolls kindly supplied by
 R.W.F. - bought at Montgomerie's Spar.

Harshen had started the day poorly, but finished
 well. Abbey, Iye + Gones were closed by P.J.S..
 Iye remained in the long room.

K. Coles (an android lad) complained of a
 touch of the sun but picked up after being
 obliged to eat dinner.

R.W. Foye moved in to the Cook's room with
 P.J.S. + V.E.S. - the more did much to improve
 the squalor of the room - but the abuse mutually
 bandied by the carmen + the incumbents was

land + course.

26 in camp

Thursday 26th July Scrambled egg for breakfast, then Barker's ~~boat~~ went sailing, with John Cope, using his car + P.T.S. as taxi-man.

L.D.R. + R.W.F. took the remaining boys in the minibuses to Dylyfe, parking the bus outside the Star + then walking southwest to the abandoned Dyffnegan lead works where we spent an hour poking about + throwing stones in the river before picnic lunch (reinforced by oranges @ 4 1/2 p each bought en route). Hence magnificently along the Clywedog gorge (a superb scrambling scenic walk close to the river line) to the disused Nant-ddu mine. Hence by track to Glaslyn, down to its shore, then to the Dylyfe-Monhyndeth road below Bryn y Fedwen, along the road WSW, turning left on a track for half a mile then across country to the small reservoir above Dylyfe + back to the minibuses.

Harry Dacey (former C.G.S. staff, now head of Boverley Green C.T.S.) visited camp in the afternoon + was used as taxi-driver to return the sailors to camp after good sailing, ending with cartridge drill. After an early excellent dinner - chicken on

Despatch Run

		<u>Running (white)</u>	<u>Catching (colours)</u>
IN	8-28	<u>U. Cole</u>	<u>Greaves</u>
IN *		P.N.J.	J.R.C.
IN	8-28	C. Cole	Hawker
LATE		P. Roberts	Jeonans
LATE		Terry	Groves
IN	8-28	Boyle	Harrison
CAUGHT		Telfer	Abbey
CAUGHT		Hunt	Shirley
VERY LATE		McConnell	Raisin
CAUGHT		D. Roberts	Colles
CAUGHT		Tye	Barber

predictably * P.N.J. appealed against the umpire's initial decision to rule him out as late. His appeal was allowed after much debate + a confession to confidence trickery in respect of boundary chasing by Jeonans. (It transpires that P.N.J. bribed Jeonans with a glass bar - 23.34 hrs)

There is some suspicion that the 3 other successful runners bluffed their way past J.R.C. - both he + they when they met by the river being ignorant of just where they were + just where the bounds were.

Time out 6.45, finish 8.45 : Score 4 in -3
 4 caught
 3 late

Sausage, rhubarb crumble, a dispatch run was held - results opposite. Harry Rassey returned home.

Biscuits, cheese, cake + coffee for supper, final doses, then to bed.

Numerous baked wine swatches, nettle stings etc were treated with Savlon + sympathy.

Ige was dosed with cough medicine + retained in the long room.

26 in camp

Friday 27th July: late breakfast - cans + soap in garden water dousing off first-beans + fried bread. J.R.C. left mid-morning after post-breakfast party, speech by P.I.S. Colin Cole accompanied J.R.C. in order to go to his library job tomorrow.

P.N.J. took off five volunteer sailors. The rest spent the morning on wood - wood chopping, sorting etc. V.E.B. + R.W.F. scrubbed out the kitchen. S.R. sketched.

After a late + light lunch, + after the unexpected return of P.N.J.'s sailors. (P.N.J. himself returning to the sailing club to man the reserve boat for some Girl Rangers, + to park up the boat for the home trip), 5 boys walked to the top of Van, + S.R. + the other 14 walked to the beam, up + over its hill, up to the red road + eventually back via the lower-decking floor, picking up more wood

Despatch Run

Running (White)

Catching (Colours)

Catch	<u>Graham</u>	<u>K Cole</u>
IN 7.36	Harber	P.N.J.
IN 7.35	Jeanans	P. Roberts
Catch	Gromes	Terry
"	Harrison	Boyle
"	Abbey	Telfer
"	Shirley	Hunt
"	Rainin	Mc Cunnell
Lake	Coles	D. Roberts
IN 7.45	Barber (Chasing bird before reaching Van school, & eventually walked out + in the way he went!)	Tye

Time out 6.45, Finish 8.45 : Score 3 IN }
 6 CAUGHT }
 1 LATE } = -4

Cole's team -3 ; Graham's team -4

Another brilliant, hot, almost cloudless day; little wind, rather a lot of flies.

on the way - Mc Connell struggling up with a huge load.

Another excellent dinner - Jimmy James' gift ham, instant potatoes + peas, Christmas pudding or jam tart à la Grandbet + mustard tea.

In the absence of the walkers P.J.S. had been to town + returned with a new door mat + cold water hose (green), + he, V.E.B. + R.W.F. had reorganized the parking, attacked the mouse, broken the kitchen table, + set in train a refurbishing of the kitchen.

After dinner the return dartschess was held - resulting in a win for Cole's side (see opposite).

P.N.J. reversed the minibus + had to be pushed out of the track between the camp buildings before rushing into Llanidloes.

Yeomans + R.W.F. adapted the old shelves from the long room for use in the kitchen.

Sutton applied 15 numerous scratches + little bites.

At supper (b + j, Christmas pud or marmalade tart + cream!) K. Cole made a speech of thanks to V.E.B. + presented him with three O.S. maps to purchase which the boys had raised a collection.

P.J.S. organized the morning's routine for Saturday, including the final of the table-tennis tournament between Yeomans (the organizer) + K. Cole.

V.E.B. in a touching reply commended his year's campers + all lads who get stuck in.

(26 in camp)

Saturday 28th July: Only roused at 7.30 by P.T.S., the finalists contested the table-tennis championship. Jomans won 21-18, 22-20.

Breakfast was delayed when the calor gas ran out + the replacement was impossible to instal without a new washer + an open-ended spanner of the right size (the adjustable spanner does it fit the latest cylinders which have a high collar denying access to the nut of the connection).

P.T.S. took the old cylinder into town by mini-bus to replace it + get spanner etc. V.E.B. boiled 2 eggs on the fire.

The morning was spent in the usual clearing chores.

The boys were to be returned to the bosoms of their families by minibuses, by P.T.S., by S.R. + by V. Evans + C. Sadana who were expected to arrive early afternoon to view Sgt. Tal (C.C.B. for the first time in his 26 years at C.G.S.) + then out as taxi-drivers.

An excellent camp - superb weather, A1 cuisine, good company, much energy expended. Almost all of the boys will return. We all owe a great debt to our predecessors, to V.E.B. +, especially, to P.T.S. who is heir to a splendid tradition.

This end for the projected Explanatory Notes and Glossary (June 1970) together with random thoughts, also Inanities, Insanities, Banalities, and Joculars

A few short topographical names (some established) for the more certain identifying of Features, using very few words.

Pont Neuf (as in Fr.) - bridge carrying new "Motorway", between Glyn Farm & Crowlwm Farm, over Afon Chywedog.

Pompren (Welsh = Pont bren) - the imitation Miners' Bridge; strong, straight, rigid, and highly varnished, it is a mockery to those who know the real Miners' Bridge - curved and twisted, its timbers grey with age and weather, it was smashed, they say, during blasting operations and its remains lie hidden in the old barytes works - and in the minds of old and young men. Cross the Pompren and you're at the foot of the

Zigzag - the track for carts and walkers, obstructed by stiles, that leads up the slopes of Bryn y tail and replaces the old Long Path.

Tweedlepool - a rather disagreeable swimming place between the old Trial Levels, the entrances to which form small caves known ~~to~~ to generations of campers as Tweedledum & Tweedledee.

Round Pool - another swimming place, not bad, but rather public. Cross Pompren to far (Crowlwm) bank, go down steep little bank and you are on the Beach.

Remarks, or Dicta.

[Before a "Two-Mile" on a damp day, the usual homily, was delivered on the importance, on finishing, of having a hot wash, and of washing muddy shorts, ^{&c} mangling them, and asking the cook to dry them when there was room before kitchen fire] Very small boy: "Ted, can I put my (aces by the fire to dry?"

By the Miners' Cottage, at ten to nine one July evening: "Sir, have we had supper yet?"

ABBREVIATIONS: By G - Bwlch-y-Gle, the house or the site thereof.
C.S.C. - Clywedog Sailing Club.

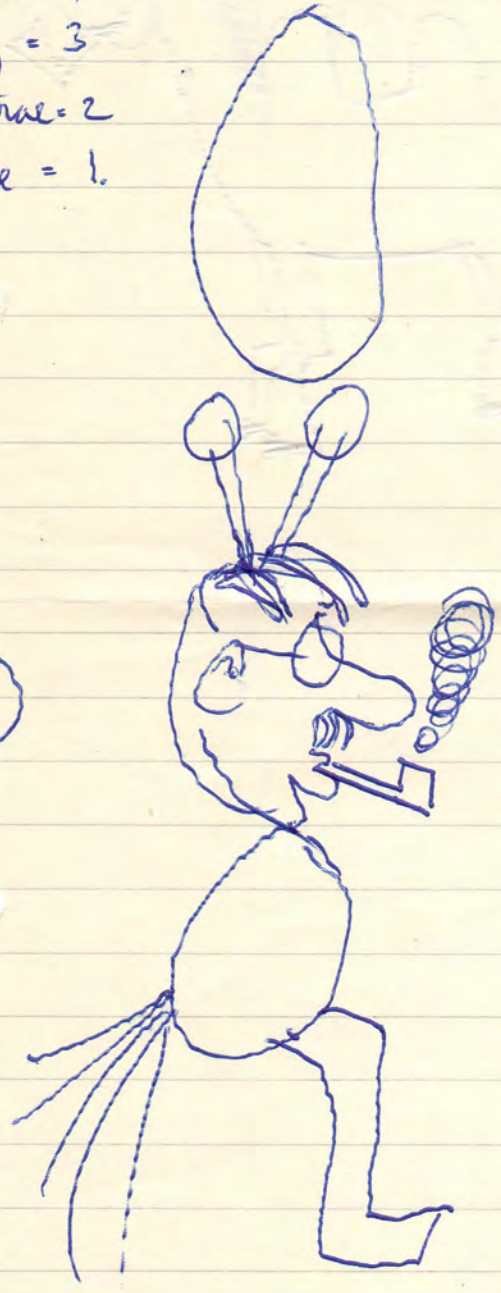
TREV PHILLIPS (NEWBOY)

- Body = 6
- Head = 5
- Tail = 4
- Leg = 3
- Antennae = 2
- Eye = 1.

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- 6 Body
- 5 Head
- 4 Tail
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- 1 Eye

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