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MISS LAURA M. HOARE

The departure of Miss Hoare at the beginning of April on her retirement will leave a gap in the life of Beechholme which will be impossible to fill. Furthermore, it would be unwise to attempt to do so. Miss Hoare has been Matron here since 1949 and was, prior to that, Assistant Matron. Her service with this authority, both at Beechholme and at Shirley goes well back into the thirties and her total experience in child care even further. Her career therefore, virtually spans the immense gulf that lies between the Guardians and the Family Service. It would under any circumstances take a remarkable person to be able to bridge this gap and it is in fact a very remarkable person whose departure we are recording in this issue.

No doubt everybody will have their own memories and impressions based upon their own experiences and the particular contacts which they have had with her during her period here as Matron. I make no excuses for writing almost entirely from my own point of view. The regime I inherited in 1954 was fundamentally different in concept from that which we are attempting to pursue together in 1967. I shall never cease to be grateful to Miss Hoare for the manner in which she has been able to adjust and adapt her work and her loyalties in the face of the fantastic changes which have taken place. It will be as a person of the most intense loyalty and devotion that I and most of us will want to remember her. These are rare and precious qualities which most people of integrity would want to emulate.

Miss Hoare has shown herself to be the most adaptable of people and sought with a vigour which must have shamed many younger than herself, to adapt herself to the changing ideas, to new philosophies and new policies which were growing during the early years of this latest partnership. I have never ceased to wonder at the manner in which she did it and at the clear-headed precision with which she was able to approach these changes.

Then I shall remember her and appreciate her for her immense courage. This is inferred in much of what has already been said but it goes deeper than that. She has shown herself to be fearless in tackling any problem, however difficult, but has not been so fearless as also to be foolhardy. She has succeeded in working as a member of the team and in drawing strength from its members. But much of what she has had to do in her daily contacts has required great courage,

tact and understanding.

With all this Miss Hoare has always shown herself to be a very human colleague. One of the most impressive features of her humanity, however, is shown in the last of the many features which one might discuss. It has been her immense concern and care for the individual child. Behind the scenes she has been a great protagonist for his rights, his liberties and his opportunities. She has not infrequently waded in and put right an injustice on behalf of a child. The fact that some staff have brushed against her in this determination is no discredit to her. When in the midst of so complex a life one can continue to have the child at one's centre and when this can be said of one at the close of a career there are few higher commendations that can be made.

Miss Hoare will be greatly missed. Our wishes for health and contentment and happiness in her retirement go without saying. As does the fact that there will always be a warm place for her in our affections at Beechholme. Those of us who have depended upon her unfailing reliability, loyalty and support simply want to say - bless you and thank you.

G.A.B.

Sunday 23	Psalm 24	
Easter IV	Lesson St. Matthew 5, 1-12	
	Hymn before Address	224
	Hymn after Address	445
	Recessional Crimond	
Tuesday 25	St. Matthew 4, 18-22	
St. Mark	Hymn	221
Evangelist		
Sunday 30	"Songs of Praise".	
Easter V		

MRS. WITKOWSK'S QUIZ

There has been a very good response to this quiz, and the competition is now closed. Entries will now be judged and the results will be published in the next Gazette on April 21st.

It is proposed to publish the answers to this quiz, as there has been so much interest in it.

The judges decision will be final.

PRIMIRY SCHOOL NOTES.

Netball Results.

33	Beechholme	v	Walton	0
4	Merland	v	Beechholme	21
4	Nork	v	Beechholme	19
3	Shawley	v	Beechholme	19
24	Beechholme	v	Tadworth	2
4	Banstead	v	Beechholme	27

The Players:

- Rita Anderson - A small girl with a good aim in shooting goals even from the perimeter line.
- B. Ekprikpo - A sure aim in shooting and firm in all aspects of play making a devastating partnership with Rita.
- B. Akintibubo - An outstanding player on and off the ball. Has a sense of leadership and her enthusiasm and example has helped to set a high standard of co-operation in passing and positioning.

- N. Stephenson - A strict but active player with a quick eye to get a movement going.
- D. Lawrence - A busy player, pops up from unlikely positions and is able to turn defensive action into quick attack.
- K. Stephenson - Positions well, quick at interceptions and reliable moving forward or back.
- Val Franks - A rock of a defence covering a wide area with an economy of preventative action and dedicated to keeping her own attack going.

All given able support by V. Champion, R.N. Kanor, M. Elliston, R. Pocock and other younger girls.

BANSTEAD DISTRICT NETBALL RALLY
4th March.

Results - Winners - Beechholme

Beechholme	11	Merland	0
	9	Tadworth	0
	11	Banstead	0
	15	Walton	0
	10	Shawley	0
	7	Nork	1 (!)

With 10 minutes given each way Beechholme scored 63 goals in 60 minutes with only one scored against. A remarkable performance for any school, let alone a small one.

FOOTBALL RESULTS

Keen young players who have done themselves much credit but who have found goals somewhat elusive this year, just about sums up the team. Not all their opponents have had the same trouble at finding the goal as the results here show - but having won the League last year our lads didn't mind that the school did not emulate the same performance this year. They enjoyed the games.

5	Beechholme	v	Walton	0
2	Banstead	v	Beechholme	0
9	Merland	v	Beechholme	0
2	Nork	v	Beechholme	1
0	Beechholme	v	Shawley	5
2	Beechholme	v	Tadworth	0

BEECHHOLME SWIMMING
CHAMPIONSHIPS

The object, of the events held in the Swimming Baths was to discover who were the best swimmers in Beechholme. 61 entries were made, 24 girls and 37 boys for the two divisions of under 13 years and Open.

Congratulations to the following:

- D. Langford - Champion boy under 13 years in Breast Stroke,
Acacia Back Stroke, Freestyle (4 lengths) and Medley events.
- M. Ahmad - Champion girl under 13 years Breast Stroke
Rendel
- B. Akintibubo - Champion girl under 13 years Back Stroke.
Laburnum
- B. Burgess - Champion boy under 13 years Freestyle 2 lengths
Jasmine
- E. Owen - Champion girl under 13 years Freestyle 2
Willow lengths, 4 lengths and Open Medley champion.
- D. Ford - Boys Open champion in Breast Stroke and
Rendel Freestyle 2 lengths.
- P. Ahmad - Girls Open Champion in Breast Stroke and Back
Rendel Stroke.
- R. Gladman - Boys Open Champion in Back Stroke and Medley
Fir events.
- S. Lowman - Girls Open Champion Freestyle 2 lengths.
Willow
- J. Williams - Girls Open Champion Freestyle 4 lengths.
Thistle
- P. Easterbrook - Boys Open Champion Freestyle 4 lengths.
Maple
- V. Campion - Girls under 13 Champion Medley event.
Fir

10 MINUTE SKETCH

There was a big boy who thought he would go fishing in a fish pond. His name was Harry. Harry could not behave himself. When his mother asked him to tidy, Harry said "No" very sharply. Off went Harry to the pond with a fishing rod to the park. When he was just about to throw his line and then the parkkeeper came. The parkkeeper said "Oy what do you think you are doing, young man". Harry said "Why can't you mind your own business". The Parkkeeper took him by the scruff of his neck and sent him running out of the park. Harry said "Blow" and he walked to a public fishing lake, he threw his net and he caught a large pike.

Barbara Ekprikpo

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I was delighted to see in your last issue that Mr. Elliman had responded to your editorial on the subject of library books. This is a matter which has been much on my conscience for a number of years. I think it is accepted that not only is the bulk of books in the houses of little real value but that almost the entire collection of books in the library falls into this category as well.

The solution of the problem is not entirely straightforward. To provide even a modest collection suitable for the wide age range of each house would call for the expenditure of £20 to £30 at the very least which for the entire community amounts to some £600 with the obvious need to budget replacements at regular intervals. This is not of course to say that it shouldn't be done.

I have often thought that there was need within Beechholme for a comprehensive reference library in the library building itself to which children might refer for information on the entire range of subjects which they cover both at school and in their leisure time. To do this well would certainly call for at least another £500 when one reckons that an average book today costs 20/- and prices up to twice that amount are by no means uncommon.

I would certainly value a comprehensive investigation into the whole question. If Mr. Elliman and any of his friends were willing to undertake it I would

most grateful. Dare I suggest one or two lines of procedure which in my view would be both helpful and practical.

a) What would be the minimum collection in each house which could satisfactorily make good the present deficiency e.g. how many books would be involved and what would be typical examples.

b) Would the prospect of a reference library for which we might conceivably get support from sources other than the Council meet a real need and if so, what kind of books would be necessary, what particular subjects, giving examples.

c) In order to arrange a regular change of books in houses where children read regularly, would a mobile collection organised centrally be a useful suggestion.

d) Is there any feeling that children want to see the same books on their shelves as part of the continuity of surroundings which would invalidate the previous suggestion.

e) In response to the specific comment in Mr. Elliman's letter - what kind of books would he and his friends like to see on the shelves?

Finally, may I say that many of us would welcome this investigation and would be happy to give it whatever support was thought to be helpful.

Yours sincerely

G.A. BANNER.

Dear Editor,

After reading the article on Miss Sunderland in the last edition of the Gazette I feel I must add my own personal tribute.

I remember the day I returned from the Scillies I had to move down to Maple as my old house had broken up two weeks previously. I arrived on the doorstep looking like "Orphan Annie" as Mrs. Grey later informed me and was told that Miss Sunderland was off duty. I was so relieved as I had heard some awful stories of her being an absolute tartar.

After living with her for over 2 years I can say they were completely untrue.

The most wonderful things about her were her standards, her fairness, sense of humour and kindness to one and all. Her standards were very high and you always had something to look up to and respect. She would never let her fondness or dislike of a child impair her judgment, and everyone was treated the same. I often had my off-days and if I were rude or objectionable, Miss Sunderland would soon sort me out. When I had simmered down she would point out where I had been at fault and an apology was soon forthcoming; everything was then forgiven and forgotten.

One thing I will not forget was her sense of humour. She would have a saying for nearly every occasion and they were sure to make you laugh. I was constantly being told that I took life too seriously and that one was nothing without a sense of humour.

Miss Sunderland, this is little to say after all you have done for me but I thank you with all my heart.

Yours,

CAROLE EASTERBROOK.

CABLE'S CORNER.

Soccer Friendly Sunday March 5 The Hollies 3 Santos 8

Santos maintained their unbeaten away record in this thriller at Sidcup. This game had everything, thrills, spills and plenty of open attractive football. Santos had most of the play in the first half and would have had a hatful of goals but for some brilliant goalkeeping by the Hollies keeper. Santos opened the scoring after ten minutes. Peter Ahamad ran on to a long ball through the centre and steered a low shot into the net. Colin Meek added a second and Russ Simmonds scored a third from close range. The Hollies reduced the arrears after thirty minutes but Ahamad added a fourth for Santos just before half time. With five minutes of the second half gone Santos went further ahead with a goal from Nobby Stiles. A real jammy goal this that must have surprised Nobby himself, he lobbed the ball in from the right flank and it eluded everybody in the goal area and dropped in by the far post. But the Hollies were not beaten yet and spurred on by their Superintendent and his deputy who were playing like two year olds, they hit back with two goals. The ball was now moving quickly from one goal area to the other as both sides built up defence splitting attacks, but it was Santos

scored the goals. They increased their lead with further goals from Ahamad (to complete a popular hat trick), Meek and Siumonds.

Santos, SMITH: MURPHY: BROWN: FRANKS: SHIPTON: CABLE: AHAMAD:
STILES: JONES: MEEK: SIMMONDS.

Santos 4 Fox and Hounds 2
Sunday March 19, 1967

This was sweet revenge for Santos having been beaten the previous Sunday 4-1 by the same team. Santos opened the scoring after ten minutes when Russell Simmonds slammed in a hard drive. Five minutes later Santos were awarded a free kick for hands just outside the penalty area, and Stan Jones made no mistake with kick hitting a power drive into the roof of the net though the Hounds reduced the arrears after 32 minutes Simmonds added a third for Santos before the interval. The Hounds came more into the game in the second half but the Santos defence broke up most of their attacks before they got too close and their shooting power consisted mostly of long range shots which were sadly off target. New signing, Bob Scotland made an impressive debut for Santos at centre half and will undoubtedly fit in very well with his new colleagues. Santos increased their lead after 75 minutes when Simmonds dribbled the ball in from the left and hit a banana type shot into the net to complete his hat trick. Ian Smith scored a second for the Hounds 5 minutes from time.

Santos, SMITH: MURPHY: SHIPTON: FRANKS: SCOTLAND: BROWN:
AHAMAD: STILES: JONEES: SIMMONDS: CABLE.

THANKING MR. CABLE

Dear Editor,

I am still a regular reader of the "BEECHHOLME GAZETTE" especially the column written by your soccer reporter Mr. Cable (Cable's Corner) whose efforts on the field for the Santos team are on a par with his excellent reporting ability.

Understandably his name never appears in his football reports and we feel this omission should be rectified.

This service to the Gazette and to us (Santos F.C.)

have made him invaluable.

Yours sincerely,

BRIAN MURPHY
on behalf of Santos Football Club.

P.S. He has only one football fault he supports ARSENAL.

MY CRUISE.

On Monday, the 20th March, myself and eleven other girls and boys including a teacher set out on an educational cruise. We went by coach to Southampton Docks at 11.15 a.m. and arrived at the harbour at 2 p.m. The ship, s.s. NEVASA served as a hotel more or less for the whole journey. Our ports of call were to include Gibraltar, Malta G.C., Greece, Itea and Venice. I found all these ports of call interesting and I found the people friendly and eager to know you if you were English.

There is one port of call that struck me as being a marvellous place and that was the ancient city of Athens where the Acropolis stands with the Parthenon on top. There is a terrific view standing on the Acropolis and I enjoyed being there although the walk up was tiring.

I enjoyed the whole cruise thoroughly and I would like to thank all the people who made it possible for me to go. I am very grateful to them as I shall never forget my experience.

SYBIL WILLICOTT.

NOTES FROM THE INFANTS SCHOOL

Last autumn the Infants School went on an outing to Ewell Court Park. The children and teachers enjoyed this very much. Those who could keep still for a few moments found that the squirrels would eat out of their hands. There is also a lake with ducks and swans and a few amateur fishermen. This has a fence which saves adults from worrying about children falling in. On the school outing the children did not discover that there is also a playground with swings etc.

We were fortunate and travelled by coach which took barely ten minutes. The park lies west of the Kingston Road on the 406 bus route. The bus stops at the corner of Ewell Court Avenue at the end of which are the gates to the park.

G. HUGHES.

STOP PRESS

Congratulations to Sandra Owen on gaining a medal for first place in the Novices Race at Gorringes Gala at Wimbledon on the 11th March. Sandra was swimming for Cheam Ladies.

COOKERY NOTES

Welsh Cakes.

8 ozs. S.R.Flour
4 ozs. Butter
3 ozs. Sugar
2 ozs. Currants
1 Egg
Milk, if necessary.

Rub butter into flour. Add sugar and currants.

Break the egg whole into the middle of the mixture and stir it in. When the mixture is a firm ball, not too wet, roll it on to a floured board. If it is necessary, add a little milk to the mixture.

Roll out to about a quarter of an inch thickness.
Cut into rounds.

Bake on a girdlestone, bakestone or cast iron frying pan. The gas or alternative heat must be very slow and even. When golden brown on one side, turn and cook reverse side. Serve warm, liberally sprinkled with caster sugar. If kept until next day, spread with butter and eat cold.