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FIVES TOUR

Away at Shrewsbury, End of Winter Term

On 24 November, a team of six boys: Panav Patel, *Elmfield*, Fred Prickett, *The Park*, Jonathan Barley, *The Grove*, Phoenix Ashworth, *The Head Master's*, John Richardson, *Elmfield*, and Nathan Shepard, *The Park*, along with Mr Hutchinson, set off on a three-hour minibus ride to Shrewsbury in "practically Wales".

This time, however, was not wasted. We were told to bring work along with us, partly because of Trials the week after, but also to kill some time. We arrived at Shrewsbury (Mr Hutchinson's old school) in good time and got out the bus all tired and stiff: not helpful for a fives match. We decided to mix pairs up for this match against the old Salopians on the Saturday evening. Prickett and Shepard had a very tight and exciting game at 2nd pair, drawing 2-2 in the first few sets. However, in the last set, there was a thrilling game with great movement from Shepard on top step and accurate yet powerful shots from Prickett. In the end, though, the Parkites couldn't quite pip the older, more experienced men who won the set 12-9. Ashworth and Richardson also had a tight match within the games but didn't quite execute the chances they had compared to the Old Salopians, who won each set by just a few points. Success was still not granted at 1st pair, with Patel and Barley losing the sets quite convincingly but still playing to a high level while trying to get to know the courts better, as these games were practice for the nationals at the end of the Spring term.



After this, we were taken to the boarding houses, with the four Removes staying in one house while the two senior boys went to the other side of the school. We had a chance to have a shower and get changed before going out to dinner at the Third Place, an amazing Indian restaurant picked out by the senior pro Panav. The food there was amazing, definitely the highlight of the trip, ranging from a duck stirfry to a huge plate of samosas and leg of lamb. We returned to the house to get a good night's sleep before the big match ahead of us. We woke up fairly late since we didn't have to be down at breakfast before 10am. A leisurely breakfast was ready for us in the dining hall with the regular toast and cereal on offer. Now came the main match, delayed because the Shrewsbury boys had chapel.

The first pair to finish was Shepard and Richardson playing against their Under-15 2nd pair, an easy 3-0 win for them, wiping the Shrewsbury boys up winning the sets 12-3, 12-5, 12-2. Richardson played with twinkletoes from anywhere on the

court, moving excellently, while Barley played shots into the buttress, making it unreturnable for the Shrewsbury boys. Soon after, Barley and Ashworth also finished their game winning 3-0 against the Shrewsbury Under-16 1st pair. The score lines were 12-2, 12-4, 12-4, which has not been a difference to any of their previous matches this season. Small tactics carried them to victory, despite also playing supremely well. Ashworth returned all the cuts and sliced the ball perfectly from the back court into the buttress. Finally, the senior match starring Patel and Prickett; they played a very exciting game which had to be cut short because of the time. Nevertheless, they won 2-1 with the shot of the weekend by Patel. Prickett played his usual amazing game, aggressive and fast, despite being hit in the eye in the practice beforehand. We said our commiserations and quickly left so that we could return to the Hill with plenty of time to revise and go to dinner. On the way back, we stopped at a service station, although it was a bit too late for someone. There we went to Burger King for a snack; despite having many sandwiches and chocolates in the minibus, it was still nice to have a stretch. We returned to Harrow at around 4.45pm after a fun and exciting trip, ready for Trials the next day.

LATIN FIVES

As the name suggests, Eton fives originated at Eton College, where boys developed a hand-ball game against the wall of the chapel. There are spaces suitable for ball games between all the buttresses along the wall but it is the particular space at the foot of the steps to the main door that provides the most interesting features and makes for the best game. It has long been thought that the first replica courts were built at Eton in 1840 but it has recently come to light that an Old Etonian Headmaster of Beverley Grammar School in Yorkshire built a court with all the features of the Eton court – buttress, ledges and steps – in 1823. The Beverley court was demolished long ago when the school moved site, but the plaque with a Latin inscription survives and is displayed on a wall at the modern school.

*Ut pila missa spatiis agitur in amplis
Arduus hic paries stat. lapidesque jacent
Tempore quo vindex Regnum; et Sacra Foedera servans
Gallia in Hispanos arma nefanda tulit
Hoc opus exactum est: maneat! Nugisque relictis
Musas et ludos nostra juvenia colat
Praemia prima tenant labor et certamina mentis
Judice me. Detur palma secunda pila*

The Latin Fives Inscription Competition

The Classics Department is offering a £25 book prize for the best translation of the Latin fives inscription from a boy at the School. Entries can be emailed to SMK. The competition closes at the end of the term.

JUNIOR PIGOU SOCIETY

Julian Li, Drurries, on Cryptocurrencies

The Junior Pigou Society met to hear Julian Li, *Drurries*, speak on cryptocurrencies, focusing on Bitcoin, and how blockchain works.

A blockchain is a growing list of records, called blocks, which are linked using cryptography. Each block contains a cryptographic hash of the previous block, a timestamp and transaction data. By design, a blockchain is resistant to modification of the data. It is “an open, distributed ledger that can record transactions between two parties efficiently and in a verifiable and permanent way”. For use as a distributed ledger, a blockchain is typically managed by a peer-to-peer network, collectively adhering to a protocol for inter-node communication and validating new blocks.

Blockchain was invented by Satoshi Nakamoto in 2008 to serve as the public transaction ledger of the cryptocurrency Bitcoin. The invention of the blockchain for Bitcoin made it the first digital currency to solve the double-spending problem without the need of a trusted authority or central server. The Bitcoin design has inspired other applications and blockchains, which are readable by the public and are widely used by cryptocurrencies. Private blockchains have also been proposed for business use. Computerworld called the marketing of such blockchains without a proper security model ‘snake oil’.

Satoshi Nakamoto is one of the richest people in the world, but no-one actually knows who and where he is. There was attention focused on Hal Finney, an expert in cryptography, but he died in 2014. Then people started to suspect Andy Greenberg, who has always denied being Nakamoto. Graig Wright, an Australian who studied private emails, said he was Mr Nakamoto, but when he was told he could be facing arrest, he started to deny it. Others claimed Mr Nakamoto is a group of people, but who knows? No-one can actually figure out who this billionaire of blockchain is.

The starting price of one Bitcoin on 30 June 2010 was £0.048. By contrast, its highest price was on 30 September 2017, when 1 Bitcoin was £10,677.07. Bitcoin’s price boom is being driven by Wall Street’s ‘growing embrace’ of the cryptocurrency, according to a leading economic historian. CME, CBOE and NASDAQ all announced the launch of future markets for Bitcoin, and many see this as further legitimisation of Bitcoin as a new asset class. Many business transactions allow Bitcoin to be used as a trading tool, and many stores and online shopping transactions now accept the cryptocurrency. People want to use the Bitcoin Wallet app to replace the cash and card we know so well.

The value of the first Bitcoin transactions were negotiated by individuals on the Bitcoin forum with one notable transaction of 10,000 Bitcoins used to indirectly purchase two pizzas delivered by Papa John’s. Bitcoin has fallen in value recently, however. Should someone wish to buy Bitcoin despite this, include Coin Pocket and Edge.

ORIENTAL SOCIETY

*Edward Blunt, Elmfield, and Rohan Doshi, West Acre,
22 November*

On Thursday 22 November, the Oriental Society was privileged to have Edward Blunt, *Elmfield*, and Rohan Doshi, *West Acre*, speak on Shinzo Abe and the Chinese economy respectively.

Blunt started by providing some background information on the Liberal Democratic Party, the historically leading right-wing Japanese party; 22 of the 31 prime ministers since the end of WW2 have belonged to this party. Shinzo Abe, the current leader of the LDP and prime minister of Japan, assumed office as a member of the House of Representatives in 1993, and

became the 57th prime minister of Japan in 2006. However, before going on to explain Mr Abe’s impact on Japan, Blunt discussed the legacy of Abe’s family – Abe’s grandfather, Kishi Nobusuke, was a former Japanese prime minister. He strongly opposed the Japanese Socialist Party. However, more importantly, Nobusuke was at one point the Deputy Minister for Industrial Development in Manchuria, during which various war crimes were committed, earning Nobusuke the nickname the “Showa Era Monster”. If this isn’t enough to prove his unpopularity, then perhaps the Japan Times ranking Nobusuke as the most useless Japanese prime minister is.

On the other hand, Abe’s impact, according to Blunt, has been a very positive one. Japan’s greatest economic problem is its deflationary mindset, where Japanese consumers are apt to save a lot more than they spend, thus decreasing the country’s national output and price level i.e. the economy stagnates and prices go down. Solving this issue is Abe’s primary goal, as outlined by his ‘Three Arrows’: quantitative easing, fiscal stimulus and structural reforms. Quantitative easing is a process where the central bank essentially creates new money and releases it into the economy, which lowers interest rates on those bonds and, in turn, interest rates in the whole economy, which encourages people to spend their money rather than save because it has become cheaper to take out loans and less profitable to save. This increased spending also raises prices. Fiscal stimulus works in a similar way to QE, where less tax on individuals and firms encourages consumption and raises prices as well as production. The third arrow, structural reforms, is sometimes described as the lagging element of Abenomics due to the lack of progress made. However, there have been significant achievements, most recently, perhaps, the major shift in government policy that attracts and enables manual workers from abroad to emigrate to Japan. Overall, Blunt praised Abe’s economic policy and structural reforms, which together have enabled Japan to become one of the world’s leading financial and technological centres.

Doshi’s talk focused on a different economy: the Chinese one. Doshi started off by introducing the popular opinion that China’s economy is “awesome”, in other words, it has experienced rapid growth in the past decades, and is now on track to overtake some of the most advanced economies in the world, like the USA. However, as Doshi soon began to explain, China’s rapid and unprecedented economic growth has come at a cost, primarily in three areas: ecology, equality and law. The first area Doshi discussed was ecology. As James Kynge described it: “The edifice of Chinese statehood rests on frail ecological foundation”. Doshi explained that China is the biggest consumer of energy in the world, and 75% of its energy comes from coal, one of the most polluting sources of energy. To put China’s energy use into context, China’s total energy consumption is 22 billion barrels a year, whereas the USA’s is 17 billion barrels. Furthermore, Chinese energy consumption is highly inefficient – it uses 2103 barrels of energy per \$m of GDP, whilst the US uses only half of that, at 967 barrels of energy per \$m of GDP.

On the side of equality, China has made improvements in recent decades – between 1981 and 2011 the number of people living in absolute poverty has decreased from 840 million to 84 million, and the average per capita income has increase by 229% since 1998. However, despite these improvements, China still faces a large number of problems. In 2004, there were 74,000 “mass incidents” which involved 3.7 million people protesting about inequality and corruption. Some further statistics that point to the great corruption and inequality that exist within China are these: a mere 0.2% of petitions lead to a resolution, the top 10% of China in terms of wealth own 85% of assets, and a 2012 survey showed that inequality was the third-highest concern for urban residents.

Doshi went on to discuss Chinese law and the impact that it has on the economy. China has grown well, despite the lack

of developed and integrated institutions. However, there are four areas in which the Chinese economy is held back by poor institutions and laws: intellectual property, licences, property rights and certainty. A lack of clarity in all these things leads to difficulty for entrepreneurs and new firms, and could cause corruption and exploitation. Doshi concluded that, although China's economy is statistically doing well, this achievement is tainted by many negative externalities (negative side effects) on China. In order to achieve progress in the future, China needs to fundamentally change its institutions to accommodate the rapidly advancing technological world, as well as create a strategy for sustainable development that minimises environmental impacts.

TEIKYO COMPETITION

Hosted at Teikyo School, 8 November

Japanese, despite its global appeal, is a rather niche subject at Harrow. In November, six Harrovians, accompanied by voracious cheerleaders Ken Yin, *Rendalls*, and Trevor Tang, *The Grove*, travelled to Teikyo School to take part in the second-ever instalment of the aptly named Teikyo Speech Contest against Eton and Teikyo. Each boy had to prepare and deliver a short presentation on an impromptu topic. The presentation would then be given in Japanese to an entirely Japanese-speaking audience.

The competition consisted of two categories: beginner and advanced. In the beginners' category, Harrow's finest GCSE students: Marc Lindgren, *West Acre*, Zarin Rana, *Moretons*, and Cody Xu, *The Grove*, rose to the challenge. Xu went first, giving a comprehensive and eye-opening talk on the differences between life in China and the UK. His PowerPoint contained many nice images, much to the audience's delight. He was followed shortly after by Rana, who delivered a more light-hearted talk about his family. The informal tone resonated well with the audience and judges alike. Both speakers radiated confidence and talent in the subject, but unfortunately, neither speaker was able to take home the top prize. Fortunately, though, that prize went to Lindgren, who spoke about the Otari Village. Despite lacking an actual PowerPoint, Lindgren's speech itself left the judges speechless (pun intended). He displayed a wide range of vocabulary and a host of grammar structures far beyond the IGCSE level. Such attributes, coupled with his fluency, conviction, and half-Japanese-ness (you didn't hear that from me), were more than sufficient to cement Lindgren as a worthy winner.

Moving on to the advanced category, Harrow entered another three speakers: Pasa Suksmith, *Elmfield*, Lawrence Leekie, *West Acre*, (yours truly) and defending champion Anthony Cho, *Elmfield*. Special credit must be given to Suksmith, who delivered every word of his presentation without the aid of any notes whatsoever. His talk about Songkran, a festival in his native Thailand, was given with such composure and skill that actually having notes would have probably slowed him down. He even managed to spare time for some maths! Within a matter of minutes, it was time for Cho to launch his much-awaited title defence. His talk on Japanese surreal art was best summarised by TS, who described Cho's language as "too sophisticated". To put it simply, Cho's presentation was of an unbelievable calibre, a standard similar to that of a native speaker. Last and not least, Leekie went up to speak about Japanese badminton; this was arguably a less cultured choice than one would have hoped. Nonetheless, the talk was given, albeit with the aid of innumerable sets of notes. A few laughs from the audience throughout the speech calmed the nerves and suited Leekie's hyper-colloquial style well. Unfortunately for all three speakers, the coveted Best Speaker prize went to an Etonian, a spectacular upset in the eyes of the Harrow and Teikyo camps, who (overwhelmingly) tipped Cho for the prize. Even though the results generally went against us, we were consoled by what can be universally agreed upon as the single greatest school dinner in existence.

In the end, it was great to see Harrovians of different backgrounds exhibiting such clear enthusiasm in a common subject. All six speakers gave their best efforts and can only be congratulated on taking up a truly difficult task. We can look forward to winning more prizes in the future, given the disproportionately large number of Shell boys studying Japanese to pick from.

SENIOR MATHS CHALLENGE

In their final group-stage match of the London-wide Hans Woyda Competition, the Maths Team, comprising Andrew Zhou, *Lyon's*, Girk Yin, *Bradlys*, James Yuen, *Lyon's*, and Liron Chan, *The Grove*, faced some tough opponents in the form of University College School. Having faced them in previous years, the boys knew that UCS were capable of a very strong performance, and were looking forward to a match of high quality.

The Harrow team started well and were four points up after the first section. In the next few sections, the points were shared equally and, by the half-way stage, the lead was still only four points (equivalent to just two questions). As the end of the match approached, Harrow's focus was perhaps not quite as sharp as it should have been and a couple of points went begging when silly mistakes were made. Thankfully, a strong performance in the penultimate 'Algebra and Calculus' section helped establish a slightly more comfortable lead, so that, even when the UCS boys performed strongly in the final 'Race' section, Harrow were able to keep it together and secure a well-fought 52-45 win.

The team now progresses to the knock-out stages of the competition, which take place next term.

CROSS CURRICULUM LECTURE

*'The Presence of Absence', by LWH,
26 November, OSRG*

As Trials and the end of term drew near, so did the end of the Cross Curricular Lecture Series, and so LWH's lecture took place on the term's penultimate Monday. Cold, dark, and tired, seductively obscure film references flirted with both the series' suspiciously loyal fan base and the common lecture goer.

It seems to come as no surprise that the lecture's title was as enigmatic as the lecture itself: The Presence of Absence: a suitable paradox. Perhaps, in less artistic terms, what the title speaks of is that what we gain through the *act of experiencing* art, which is not contained in the physicality of the art itself. In extension, *what* we gain is informed by *other* experiences: memory. Henry Tonks spoke of this as the 'subconscious imagination,' or the 'power to make use at the present moment of something put away in the past.'

The lecture began with the 'snail trail' through Francis Bacon's works. This elevates the concept of memory to an almost physical status, which is key when considering the physicality of both art itself and, again, the *act of experiencing* art. With this transient physicality, come the memento mori that loom over the Dutch Golden Age. The memento mori act as a reminder of both the finality of life and the transience of physicality. Perhaps the best-known example of this is in Hans Holbein the Younger's *Ambassadors*, where an anamorphic skull is placed amid wealth, as if on another plane.

Soon enough, LWH made reference to the 1968 film, *The Swimmer*, where Ned Merrill ends up confronting his troubled past through the allegory of 'swimming down a river of forgetfulness.' This climaxes with Merrill being forced to 'confront the visceral, disquieting truth of his life': Merrill was confronted with his own troubled memory.

Rachel Whiteread's work is a contemporary epitome of this presence of absence employing 'negative space'. Whiteread achieves this by casting objects or interiors. This creates a 'new series of thoughts and reflections about the physical world'. Here, we see that the transcendence of the physical and metaphysical worlds is so integral to the concept of art as art. This transcendence is fundamental to what David Jones largely terms the 'sacramental notion', leading him to write in the essay *Abstract Art* (written in 1950, from Harrow on the Hill, about the Old Harrovian Victor Pasmore) that 'it is an abstract *quality*; however hidden or devious, which determines the real worth of any work.'

One of Whiteread's works was the Holocaust Memorial at Judenplatz in Vienna. The memorial is an 'austere reinforced concrete cube configuration creating the semblance of a library with its myriad of volumes turned inside out; symbolic of the systematic burning of books in 1933.' In Whiteread's similar work, *House*, she cast the interior of Sid Gale's home. The work creates a 'strong of evocation of past lives', and is akin to the absence associated with the whole notion of a memorial, after 'Sid Gale, the last residential occupier of 193 Grove Road, opposed its demolition and continued to live in the house while the remainder of the terrace was demolished.'

On a relatively different avenue, LWH spoke of Edward Hopper's 'psychological narratives' and the 'sense of nostalgia, reflection, alienation, and loneliness' in his works. Through this evocative nature of Hopper's works, they become a 'multi-sensory' experience. Hopper's work, *Room by the Sea*, evidences this through its 'existential nature' and 'the precipice which melds... the calm austerity of the interior space with the notion that the conceptual, absent inhabitant has plunged into the ocean, or resides elsewhere, or nowhere.' John Berger, in his book *Portraits*, speaks of when 'the intensity of looking reaches a certain degree, one becomes aware of an equally intense energy coming towards one.' This is not at all dissimilar to the 'multi-sensory' experience of Hopper's works.

LWH wrapped up the lecture with the music and video work of Mark Leckey. *Both Dream English Kid* and *Fiorucci made me hardcore* are edited visual vignettes and memories of Leckey's teenage years. Understandably, and specifically, Leckey's teenage years were often marked by a struggle with the somewhat tribal identity system of the 1980s.

Identity seemed a fitting place to end the lecture, the end of the series, and the end the term. Identity is itself an abstraction of oneself: the presence of the absence of oneself.

HILL LIFE

Hats are an intrinsic part of the Harrovian DNA. Other than perhaps the sportsman in his flat cap, and maybe the occasional top hat at a wedding (if even that), the closest anyone comes to hats in the real world is in most cases likely to be a baseball cap. Given this modern setting, it must not be surprising to anyone that in the first Speech Room of 2019 our Head Master felt the need to remind us of the appropriate hat etiquette that should befit a gentleman. However, as we embark on a new year, some 447 years since our first, it is as good a time as any to briefly muse on our modern Hill life, and the characteristic (or outdated) traditions we maintain in this modern setting.

Is it strange that we still wear hats? Well, if it is strange, old fashioned, or simply just quirky, does that render them an irrelevance? If so, it is likely to be because of their incompatibility with the modern world and the current social norms. However, hats are practical in many regards, not to mention the strong characteristic links between the straw hat and Harrow. What about the black tie we still wear in mourning of Queen Victoria 118 years on from her passing? Again, now, a strong part of our characteristic uniform: 'Lest we forget'. Or the tailcoat dress for formal days and Sundays? Do these still have a valid role today in the ever-practicality-orientated world?

While these may seem distant and outdated, the consensus is strongly for keeping these quirks; it is arguable that these minimum standards stay with a Harrovian for life. Despite this, times are moving forward at a rapid rate, and schools have to change with them. Predominantly, these changes take the form of health and safety, CCTV, signing in and out, tracking on the internet, Surface Books, leaving the Hill, and general School rules that might have seemed ludicrous in the past. It is important to keep a wary eye on these new changes and treasured relics of the past to make sure one doesn't come out on top of the other, for both are necessary for the progressive evolution of Hill life.

GAFFE AND GOWN

Quips from Around the Hill

(*In a Maths Trial*): "Sir, the formula book doesn't give me the formula for the surface area of a cylinder." "No, it doesn't." "But sir, I don't know it." "Oh dear." "Sir, you mean I needed to know it?" "Evidently..."

"Sir, would you stop distracting me. I'm trying to copy his work."

HERE AND THERE

Congratulations to Dylan Winward, *Lyon's*, who was the most successful solver of this term's chess puzzles. The competition resets next term with new puzzles – all entries will be welcome.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letters to the Editors of *The Harrovian*

DEAR SIRS,

The Guards Magazine, the journal of the Household Division, published last autumn an article on Field Marshal Lord Guthrie (*Newlands 1952*). Happily, it describes how he has recovered well from his fall from his horse in the Queen's Birthday Parade. Charles Guthrie told his interviewer, "I was surprised at how sympathetic people were. And all the photographs I have seen have me landing on my head. And if you land on your head from that height, you usually die. So, I was very lucky, although I had a broken collar bone, a broken shoulder bone, and four broken ribs. The consultants are amazed that I was not more seriously hurt. And thankfully, I was blissfully unaware of all of this at the time. I woke up in the hospital. I had a very nice horse, Connery, who behaved impeccably. I was very well looked after by everyone around me on the parade and was in hospital very quickly. Luckily Kate didn't see any of this happening. She was having lunch in The Ritz!"

The article mentions that there have been three Old Harrovian Field Marshals who were also Guards officers – Guthrie, Gort and Alexander. Gort and Alexander won chestfulls of medals while they were both active in the World Wars. Gort (The Headmaster's 1900) was titled Field Marshal John Standish, 6th Viscount Gort, VC, GCB, CBE, DSO & Two Bars, MVO, MC. Alexander (The Head Master's 1904) was titled Field Marshal Harold Leofric Alexander, 1st Earl Alexander of Tunis, KG, GCB, OM, GCMG, CSI DSO, MC, CD, PC. Charles Guthrie is titled Field Marshal Charles Ronald Llewelyn Guthrie, Baron Guthrie of Craigiebank, GCB, KCB, KCSG, LVO, OBE.

While Charles Guthrie may not have engaged in as many firefights as his colleagues, he has certainly had to fight for resources as much as them. The history of the British Army has,

as its constant refrain, commanders complaining about lack of men and “kit.” Edward III was outnumbered by the French at Crecy (1346), Marlborough had only 40 cannon at Blenheim (1704) and Wellington barely had a full army at Waterloo (1815).

The Parliamentary Defence Select Committee found in 2017 that our top military, naval and air commanders felt deprived of proper weapons even though the Defence Budget is £45 billion a year. The new aircraft carrier, HMS Elizabeth, alone cost £3.1 billion, enough to pay for all Harrow School fees for 100 years, (800 x £40,000 x 100).

I hope several Harrovians now in the CCF will become Field Marshals, but they may be jousting as much with the Exchequer as the Russians.

Yours sincerely,
MIKE STONE (MORETONS 1957²)

THE RIVAL MESS

MPS reports a competitor to the Mess – The Dringer

Those looking for a Harrow dessert to rival Eton Mess may be interested in this paragraph from a book of stories from my shelves:

“One summer day Henry Dring, as a lower-school boy at Harrow, had sixpence and a great idea. Instead of the conventional strawberries and cream he asked the lady of the “tuck shop” to give him two-pennyworth of strawberries, two-pennyworth of strawberry ice-cream, and two-pennyworth of ordinary cream over all in a glass. His idea caught on, and the discovery was henceforth known as “The Dringer”. And though it is more than a quarter of a century since the erstwhile little boy was called to his rest, he immortalised his name. The toothsome “mess” is known and relished by all Harrovians, whether they be in the Church, in the offices of State, or in the Navy or Army, as “The Dringer.”

As the book was first published in 1918, and Henry Dring had then been dead for more than 25 years, “Dringers” must have been eaten in the mid-19th century, when imported ice made cold summer desserts possible.

SUDOKU

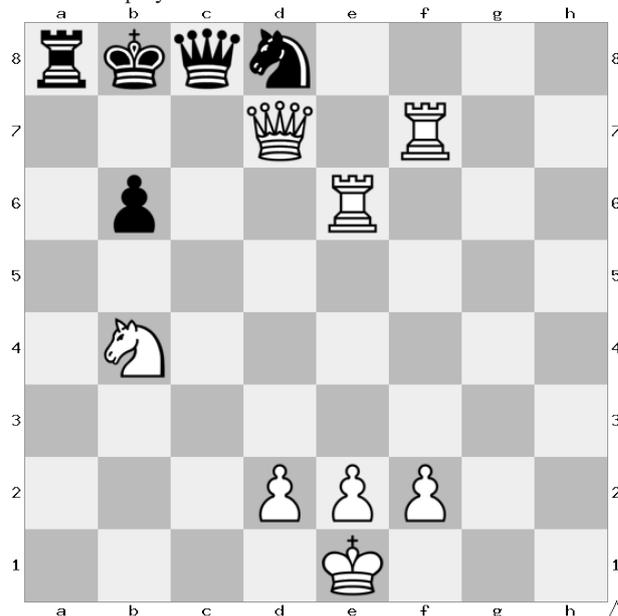
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CHESS PUZZLE

The weekly Chess Puzzle is set by JPBH. Email your solutions to him to enter the termly competition. Answers are published with next week’s puzzle.

White to play and mate in 2.



Last week’s solution: 1.Nf5. Then after any move from black, one of Qg5 or Rh2 is checkmate.

Fancy playing chess? Drop in to Chess Club – Tuesdays and Thursdays 4.30-6pm in Maths Schools 5. All abilities (boy, beak or support staff) are welcome!

RACKETS

The School v Wellington College, 27 November

Senior – 1st Pair Lost 3-4

An excellent effort from Julian Owston, *Moretons*, and Otto Stroyan, *The Grove*, who recovered from 0-3 down to get to 3-3 before losing a tense final game.

Senior – 2nd Pair Lost 1-3

A packed and noisy gallery were unable to take James Cullimore, *Rendalls*, and Cameron Mahal, *The Grove*, to victory as they lost 1-3.

Colts – 1st Pair Lost 2-3

Jude Brankin Frisby, *Newlands*, and Ben Hope, *Rendalls*, started well but succumbed to some fine serving from the Wellington pair in a 2-3 defeat.

Junior Colts – 1st Pair Lost 0-3

Some good play despite a 3-0 defeat for Phoenix Ashworth, *The Head Master’s*, and Sam Owston, *Moretons*.

The School v Radley College

Senior – 1st Pair Lost 1-3

A tight match where Julian Owston, *Moretons*, and Otto Stroyan, *The Grove*, showed signs of wear and tear in trials week in a 1-3 defeat.

Senior – 2nd Pair Won 3-0

A convincing 3-0 win for Rishi Wijeratne, *The Head Master's*, and Henry Wilson, *Elmfield*, who were too aggressive and consistent for their opponents.

Colts – 1st Pair Won 3-0

The best performance this term from Jude Brankin-Frisby, *Newlands*, and Ben Hope, *Rendalls*, in a fine 3-0 victory.

Colts – 2nd Pair Won 3-1

A tense 3-1 win for Johnny Connell, *Rendalls*, and Finn Matheson, *Druries*, who both played well against well matched opponents.

Junior Colts – 1st Pair Lost 0-3

A strong Radley pair were too consistent for Phoenix Ashworth, *The Head Master's*, and Max Shirvell, *The Head Master's*, in a 0-3 defeat.

Junior Colts – 2nd Pair Lost 1-3

A spirited effort despite a 1-3 defeat from Henry Oelhafen, *Lyon's*, and Federico Ghersi, *The Head Master's*.

SQUASH

The School v Radley (home)
29 November

1st V Lost 2-3

B Sodi, *West Acre*, Won 3-0
DD Shortt, *Newlands*, Lost 1-3
K Jafree, *Elmfield*, Won 3-1
TC Santini, *The Park*, Lost 1-3
JD Gibbons, *The Park*, Lost 1-3

2nd V Lost 1-4

HGT Wilson, *Elmfield*, Lost 1-3
SWS Sebag-Montifiore, *The Knoll*, Won 3-0
PE Kinnaird, *Elmfield*, Lost 0-3
WA Orr Ewing, *Elmfield*, Lost 0-3
FAW Murley, *The Park*, Lost 0-3

Junior Colts Won 6-0

WTC Sotir, *Druries*, Won 3-1
HAX Sie, *Newlands*, Won 3-2
I Qureshi, *The Park*, Won 3-2
CR O'Flaherty, *The Head Master's*, Won 3-0
ALO Du Roy De Blicquy, *Elmfield*, Won 3-0
APC Gupte, *West Acre*, Won 3-0

FIVES

House Matches, 4 December

This term, the House matches came back to the Hill in full flow at the end of a busy term of fives for the boys. As usual, those boys who competed gave their all for and, as usual, there were some stunning upsets along the way. A cunningly devised scoring system meant that, even if a pair won the knockout tournament, it was no guarantee that that House won the event overall, as points were awarded for three pairs placing per House.

Shells Novice Fives

Some stunning performances from the vastly improved Novices resulted in The Park winning the final, with Casper Stone and George Ansell dominating the final points. A separate individual top step Shells Tournament was won by Alfonso Fontana, The Grove, who was too strong for all the others. He and his

partner Adam Mohd, *Lyon's*, have remained unbeaten this term as Harrow Under-14s first pair.

Torpid Fives

Three Elmfield pairs played some strong opposing pairs in a highly competitive tournament. Each and every Elmfieldian represented the House well, with some solid wins that placed Prasad and Vyas into second place, Richardson and Jodrell into third place and Hancock and Debrah into ninth place. This meant that Elmfield slid into first place overall, just ahead of Newlands as the Torpids Fives House winners.

Senior House Matches

A hotly contested tournament resulted in the biggest upsets of the week with seeds falling to the clever pair from The Grove of Jonathan Barley and Conor Cushley, who played without a care in the world and smiles on their faces to beat two older seeded pairs.

This result catapulted The Grove into first place and left some disappointing faces on boys from Newlands, Rendalls, and The Head Master's. A really pleasing way to finish a great term. Thank you to Mr Murray who helped us.

FOOTBALL

The School v Dr Challoner's Grammar School
Development A XI, Won 6-0, 27 November

Harrow played a perfect game of football to put a good Dr Challoner's side to the sword. The passing was quick and slick and the goals scored were top quality.

Scorers: Carlo Agostinelli, *The Head Master's*, (hat-trick), Christian Boland, *Newlands*, (2), Toby Gould, *Lyon's*

Development B XI Won 3-2

The B XI faced a tough Dr Challoner's side on another cold and wet afternoon looking for their third win on the bounce. With a slight change in personnel from the last match, the boys quickly settled in to the new system. Ademide Odunsi, *Moretons*, opened the scoring, making the most of a 1v1 with the opposition keeper and burying it in the bottom corner. A superb direct free kick mid way through the second brought the scores level, but a tap in from Jasper Gray, *Newlands*, and a collected finish from Fin Scott, *Rendalls*, restored the advantage. Another direct free from the oppo reduced the deficit and made for a nervous last ten minutes, but the Harrow boys showed good grit and determination to hang on under pressure to win 3-2.

Development C XI Lost 1-6

The School v The Haberdashers' Aske's Boys' School

Development A XI Home Won 8-0

Harrow played the first half with ten men and showed great team spirit and ball retention to lead 4-0 at half time. With a full complement of players in the second half, they played scintillating football to score some wonderful team goals.

Scorers: Carlo Agostinelli, *The Head Master's*, (4), Christian Boland, *Newlands*, (2), Toby Gould, *Lyon's*, (2)

Development B XI Draw 2-2

With a greatly depleted squad due to injuries and SAT tests, Harrow did well to stay in the game in the first half after starting with nine players and conceding two early goals. After pulling it back to 2-2 through excellent goals (Jasper Gray, *Newlands*, and Ben Harrison, *West Acre*), Harrow were unable to kick on to get the victory they deserved. Alex Hall, *Rendalls*, was superb at the back and Raef Tanner, *Bradlys*, did a superb

job of captaining the team in difficult circumstances. Overall, it has been a good term for the boys who have all improved as players and we hope they use this draw as motivation to kick-on next term.

Development CXI Won 11-0

The CXI finished their season with an 11-0 demolition of Habs. Gerry O'Brien, *The Head Master's*, and Ciaran Timlin, *Bradbys*, both scored a hat-trick. An excellent team performance!

RUGBY

Middlesex County Cup Final v Hampton School Under-14A, Yearlings A, Won 33-7, 28 November

"Now this is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning." Winston Churchill
The boys entered their final game of the season at Allianz park with some trepidation but also their usual good cheer and joviality. Everyone just about had their kit on this occasion but despite explicit warnings Baba Obatoyinbo, *The Knoll*, had managed to injure himself in House rugby by flipping over Toby Ferneyhough's, *Elmfield*, shoulder. It was a shame for Baba to miss out on the big occasion as he has had a superb season and easily made the conversion (no pun intended) from American football lineman to prop forward. Ferneyhough, sadly, got a dose of the same medicine the day after House rugby with a foot injury sustained in House hockey, but eventually decided to man-up and play. Bebo Morales Quintantal, *Rendalls*, stepped into the pack seamlessly. Alex Ghani, *The Knoll*, completed a dizzyingly tall second row and put himself about during the match with some big shots. Arnaud Du Roy De Blicquy, *Elmfield*, started and played the whole match. He has demonstrated that he's rugby savy and aggressive as well as taking a team-focused approach. Tiarnan O'Brien, *Bradbys*, has been quite the find this season, from a B-team prep school player to a pivotal part of this A-team's front row. His confidence has grown, his best asset is his soft hands, reminiscent of Kyle Sinckler who was MOM against Australia. O'Brien is now beginning to use his brute force more effectively. Someone who has had no issues using their brute force is Matthew Gaffaney, *Bradbys*. The pack leader is someone that, although quiet, others listen to. He takes on responsibility and leads from the front. He very much deserved his score in this game and was unstoppable from 8 metres out (would you want to tackle him!?). Dani Neal, *Moretons*, ran hard again all day and was superb at the back of the lineout and running the strike move 'AVOCADO'. On this occasion, Barimah Adomakoh, *Newlands*, managed to get on the end of an offload and make a spearing run through the heart of the defence. Adomakoh was the outstanding forward on the day. Throughout this season he has done so much of the grunt work and always makes intelligent decisions, rarely making any mistakes. Sadly, he was the only player too scared to immerse himself in the ice bath in last Friday's recovery session.

Gabriel Black's, *West Acre*, service is consistent and accurate. His defensive organisation of others has improved dramatically and he is still working on his kicking options. Kit Keey, *Druries*, has developed a useful show and go and brings others into the game. He finished this game by blasting the ball out of hand almost through the uprights over the dead ball and into row Z. Had he had enough? Was he tired? Or willing the season to end? Surely not. Perhaps it was intended to be a crossfield kick? We shall never know. Ollie Miall, *Newlands*, managed to bring all of his kit to this match and it's a good job he did. He was excellent once again and has made an impressive comeback after his injury. Emmanuel Olowe, *The Grove*, has also had injury struggles but came on in a new position, which is perhaps something he should stick to in the future; he's a hard hitter who loves to be involved. Charlie Cross, *Newlands*, made his debut for the A-team in this final game of the season. It was

much deserved as he has been a hugely committed member of the squad, attending every training session and match. He made a crunching try saving tackle against a Hampton player and friend of his. Cross came on for the diminutive (for now) Casper Davis, *Elmfield*, who has played out of position for the whole season and learnt his new position well. In this game, he executed some nice kicking options with a little chip and chase and he now knows when to link, when to kick and when to go for it. Cameron Ellis, *Rendalls*, has been our gamebreaker and so it was again on this occasion where he used his power and pace and found gaps in the defence and always made us yards. Ellis is by no means a selfish player and always looks to draw defenders who swarm his way before finding colleagues. Often, Fin Smith, *The Knoll*, and Tito Edjua, *Lyon's*, are the beneficiaries. Smith's defence has been sublime of late. He chased down Ellis's 45m kick and smashed the winger on his own 5m line. Tito 'Mario' was MOM in this cup final, using his jinking feet and rapid pace to make several lethal carries, two of which were nicely finished scores. He is easily the most improved player of the season - someone who has gone away and spent a lot of time on his own practising his passing. He has learnt how to hold a ball (not one-handed any more), he runs straight and hard and uses his feet well, rather than running sideways, and he has the basics of positioning down. If he continues to be hungry to learn the game then he has an incredibly bright future.

One of the players of the season has to be Conor O'Flaherty, *The Head Master's*, with the heart of a lion he has tackled boys twice his height and three times his weight. He has hit countless breakdowns and screamed encouragement to others. In him, it is a passion to win that will take him far in sport and even further in life.

There you have it: ten games played, ten wins, 413 points scored and 93 conceded. The players and the coaches would like to thank the parents for their commitment and support come rain or shine. This is the end of the season but this is only really the beginning of these boys' Harrow rugby careers, which promise to be something special. I have no doubt that a few of them will go beyond this to play Premiership and perhaps even international rugby.

Season Stats: Played 11 Won 11 For 472 Against 98.

The School v Bedford School, 1 December 1st XV, Won 41-10

In the final game of the season, Harrow were determined to deliver a complete performance, alongside finishing the season unbeaten at home. Ultimately, the XV were too strong for the opposition, despite a frustratingly high penalty count, unsettled set piece and a battle to contain Bedford's evasive backline. Ben Coldicott, *Newlands*, may have had a day to forget from the kicking tee but he was unrivalled with the ball in hand, breaking loose at will and putting Harrow firmly on the front foot. The Harrow pack were particularly effective in phase play, with plenty of positive contributions coming from the likes of Joe Patron, *Rendalls*, Nick Neal, *Moretons*, Ricki White, *The Knoll*, and Scott MacNaughton, *Bradbys*. The backline also had their moments, with fine solo efforts from Harrison Obatoyinbo, *The Knoll*, and Oliver Johnson, *Rendalls*. The whole squad should be immensely proud of their efforts this season. The character required to bounce back from several disappointing performances should not be underestimated, and it is safe to say that they have set a high standard for next year's XV. Scorers Ademuwagun, Johnson, Obatoyinbo x 2

2nd XV Won 33-7

Harrow 2nd XV signed off their season in style, with a 31-7 win against Bedford School. Congratulations, to all those who have represented the Harrow 2nd XV this season. It has been

a pleasure to work with each player and watch their personal development and skill development as rugby players.

3rd XV Draw 7-7

4th XV Won 33-7

5th XV Won 51-0

Against a Bedford side who arrived with 11 players, Harrow took part with great spirit in an 11-a-side match with uncontested scrums. We turned around at half time 32 points up. A shortened second half saw another 19 points added and the match finishing with an entire VIth XV team. Final score Harrow 51 Bedford 0
Tries: Rugge-Price, Bird, Du Sautoy, Lintott(3), Johnson-Watts (2), Gill

Cons: Du Sautoy (2), Johnson-Watts ,

Season Stats : Played 5 Won 5 For 166 Against 32.

Colts A Lost 31-38

The Colts A showed determination and character in their final match of the season as they lost to Bedford on Saturday. Harrow were slow out of the blocks and Bedford struck early with a number of tries. Harrow replied with a pair of explosive line breaks and tries from Henry Arundell, *The Knoll*. The sides were evenly matched at half-time and the match was finely balanced . The second half was a physical battle, but Harrow lacked the accuracy required to see the game out. Bedford finished the victors 38-31.

Colts B Won 26-7

The Colts B finished their season with a comprehensive 26-5 win over Bedford. Freddy Slater, *Moretons*, and Ryan Cullen, *The Grove*, (who ran in a brilliant hat-trick) were the chief string-pullers, but everyone fronted up impressively to a very physical home side

Colts C Won 50-5

Junior Colts A Won 46-7

The Junior Colts prepared for their National Cup game with a comprehensive 46-7 win against Bedford at home. Some excellent support play and incisive running from Harrow was the difference on this occasion. Bedford had little answer to Harrow's strong defence and clinical finishing and, in the end, Harrow were deserving of the margin of their win. Epsom lie in wait for Harrow in the next round of the National Cup this coming Tuesday.

Man of the Match: William Barrett, *The Knoll*,

Scorers: Sam Dunn, *Rendalls*, William Barrett, *The Knoll*, Nick Martin, *The Knoll*, Rupert Cullinane, *Newlands*, Cameron Ellis, *Rendalls*, Ehiada Garuba, *Newlands*, x 2, Hugo Anderson, *Newlands*

Junior Colts B Won 38-7

Junior Colts C Lost 10-17

A difficult season was capped with an epic game where both sides fought a tough battle with Bedford nudging Harrow to the finishing line. A much-improved Harrow in recent weeks went down by a converted score, but had many standout players including Alvaro Talayero Osio, *Newlands*, a second row forward who played the final 15 minutes at full back, picked up the ball on his own 22 and ran like a back to touch down.

Scorers: Toby de la Billiere, *Elmfield*, Alvaro Talayero Osio, *Newlands*

Junior Colts D Won 12-7

The best performance of the season with tries from Jeran Jeyanthan, *Bradbys*, and Fred Bethell, *West Acre*, securing a 12-7 win.

Yearlings B v Bedford Under-14 A Won 22-5

The Yearlings B overcame a heartened Bedford A team to end their season with a 22-5 win. It was great to see the players performing as a cohesive unit to come away with the win.

Yearlings C vs Bedford Under-14 B Won 40-19

The YearlingsBs won comfortably 40-19 against Bedford Bs on Saturday, scoring six tries in the process. A powerful performance, with strong running from the forwards, complemented with precise and tactical kicking from Henry Woodcock, *The Head Master*'s.

Yearlings D v Bedford Under-14 C Lost 14-17

Yearlings C had a hard-fought contest against a well-built Bedford side, and they were unlucky to be defeated in the dying minutes of the game by 17 points to 14. While it was disappointing to be defeated in the last game of the season, there were many strong performances.

Tries: Patrick Elliot, *Druries*, Rahul Ponniah, *Newlands*

Conversions: Charlie de Hemptinne, *Bradbys*, x 2

Yearlings E v Bedford U 14 D

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