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EDITORIAL

"My business is not to remake myself

But make the absolute best of what God made."

(Bishop Blougram's Apology)

Although it would be untrue to suggest that Abingdon has been a hot-bed of Victorian repression, it has nevertheless become increasingly obvious that much in our life needs reform. Youth's apology, "Times have changed", has never before been so true, and we have therefore to subject inherited attitudes to intense criticism; we have to abandon and modify traditions to bring ourselves into line with modern life, and this we are trying to do at Abingdon.

Discussions have taken place this term to effect a balance between freedom and responsibility. We are trying to reconcile the freedom an individual needs to develop his personality with the discipline necessary for encouraging in him a social conscience. In this, and it is not smug to say so, we have already had some success. Now we breathe a much freer atmosphere, of which syncopated hymns in Chapel and revolutions in the uniform rules are the most obvious part. Not unnaturally, perhaps, freedom has been given more prominence, but the time has now come when we should consider our responsibilities.

A prospective parent recently remarked that our traditions were very fine, but that the way we were educated was more important. He was right, but although it is the School's job to prepare us physically, mentally and morally for adult life, it is ours to learn, and the best way of learning is to accept the discipline of a challenge. We have plenty of opportunity to suit all tastes. Extra-mural schemes, such as the Duke of Edinburgh's Award and Outward Bound, run side by side with our Social and Voluntary Service, the C.C.F., experimental "Little Trevelyan" and other activities offering a wide range of challenges, which some accept. Yet the response is not great enough. We cannot fairly diagnose irresponsibility, for other facts do not suggest this, but the remedy might well lie in more discipline. It is not easy to make compulsory, activities which are necessarily voluntary, but in an artificial society such as a School freedom might well be sacrificed in our own interests.

All this may appear depressing, but we have already achieved much: societies are thriving, our hockey and chess seasons were the best ever, and we have a 'baker's dozen' of vacancies at Oxbridge. Even so, we have to deserve our new-won freedom, and at the beginning of our fifth centenary we might do worse than reflect Browning's optimism, and make the best of what life offers. It is always exciting, but we can give ours greater colour by accepting its challenges.

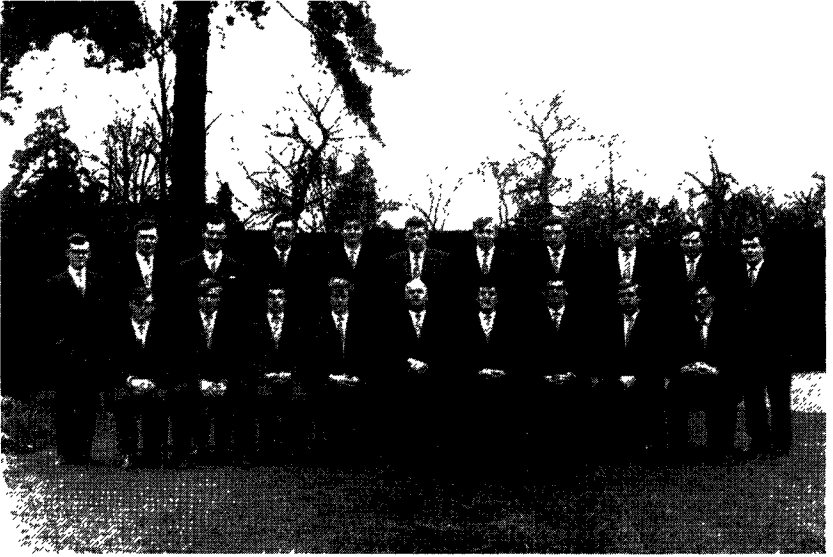
It is with profound regret that we record the death of Alderman Howard Cornish, M.B.E., which occurred suddenly in the late evening of Friday, 14th February. The national and local press paid deserved tribute to his outstanding record of service to the community as Alderman of the County and as Chairman of the Rural District Council and of the Abingdon County Bench, to the staunch support he gave to his local church, to his services to agriculture and to education, to that integrity and devotion to duty which enabled him to exercise such a wide influence. We shall remember him more particularly as a Governor and as a true friend of the School, who for so many years presented the prize for service to the School which bears his name. To Mrs. Cornish, who had shared his joys and his sorrows for so many years, we offer our very deep sympathy.

All sections of the School were represented at the funeral service which was held at the Trinity Methodist Church, Abingdon, on Wednesday, 19th February. Interment followed privately at Abingdon Cemetery.

Generations of Old Boys will have their memories stirred when they hear of the death, in his ninetieth year, of Charles Octavius Wright, who was Art Master at this School from 1904 until ill-health compelled him to retire in December, 1930.

We are indebted to Mr. Rudd for the following note: "C. O. Wright arrived when the School had recently come under the Board of Education and the new block of buildings had just been completed, and so he was instrumental in fitting out the new Art Room. His portrait of Rev. Thomas Layng hangs in the Dining Hall, and some of his delightful pencil sketches of the School buildings and grounds used to be displayed round Big School. His etching too, of the South window of Big School, now the Library, is something of a collector's piece. Of late he had lived on the outskirts of Greenwich Park and found much to interest him in the Royal Buildings nearby, as in his later years he took a keen interest in the history of Architecture. He kept up his painting in oils to the last."

Death is never more tragic than when it strikes wantonly, suddenly, and in the fullness of youth. His many friends both in and out of the School were shocked to learn that Julian Kandiah had been killed instantaneously as the result of a road accident on the afternoon of Easter Sunday, 29th March. Julian, who was born on 22nd September, 1945, was a dayboy at the School from September, 1959 until July, 1963. Apart from being a good athlete, he was a fine rugger player, and was awarded full colours as scrum-half for the First Fifteen in 1962. At the time of his death he was employed with Messrs Bailey, of Abingdon. Cremation took place at Headington on Saturday, 4th April. The large congregation was some indication of the affection in which he was held. To his parents, and to his elder brother Peter, we offer our profound sympathy.



THE PREFECTS

SCHOOL NOTES

The birth of the infant Prince was celebrated by the award of a half-holiday on Friday, 13th March.

We hope Alderman Stanley will realise that there is nothing formal or conventional about the thanks we offer him for what he has done for the School — and indeed for the town — during his year of office as Mayor. As an Abingdon product himself, he has shown that Abingdon can make it, and that an Abingdonian born and bred can rise to the occasion. In thanking him we thank too Mrs. Stanley. We are sure that both of them will continue to be firm friends of the School.

To Alderman Arthur Williams, who has been designated to succeed Alderman Stanley as Mayor, we offer a warm welcome, and we hope that he will find his work as a Governor is not the least interesting part of his duties.

We congratulate Mr. E. J. S. Parsons, Governor and ex-parent, on his election to succeed the late Alderman Cornish as Chairman of the Abingdon Rural District Council; and the Headmaster on his election (again *vice* Alderman Cornish) as Chairman of the Abingdon County Bench.

On the subject of Governors, we did not realise, when we welcomed our new Recorder, Mr. Patrick Medd, last term, that he was the nephew of a very senior Old Abingdonian, Mr. H. A. N. Medd (1906–1910).

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Arkell on the birth of a son, Peter Hardy (born 27th February); our felicitations too to Miss Clare Ashcroft on her marriage to Mr. S. D. A. Firth, of the Gloucestershire Regiment.

Last term we mentioned briefly our Chaplain's appointment to the important living of Gaywood with Bawsey and Mintlyn in the Diocese of Norwich. Now the time has come to say good-bye to him, which we do with unmixed regret. The Rev. Gerald Phizackerley came to us as Chaplain in September, 1957, fresh from a tough curacy in Carlisle. During his ministry of nearly six years his services to the Chapel and to the School have been incalculable. The whole School unites in wishing him God-speed; our good wishes go too with Mrs. Phizackerley, whom many of us remember as the Administrative Assistant before she graduated to her present position. The many presentations that were made to Mr. and Mrs. Phizackerley at the end of the term were a token of our affection. We shall have another opportunity of wishing them well at the Institution and Induction on Sunday, 26th April, where the School will be well represented.

To succeed Mr. Phizackerley we welcome the Rev. David Street. Mr. Street, who was Head of School at St. Edward's, held a regular commission in the Royal Marines which he relinquished in order to train for the ministry at St. Aidan's College, Birkenhead. His experience includes work in a forestry camp, a teaching appointment at S. George's College, Jerusalem, a curacy in dockland, the leadership of the Shrewsbury School Mission in Liverpool, and a chaplaincy at an approved school. So somewhere along the line we can reasonably expect that he has learned how to cope with the varied problems that will face him at Abingdon.

We are glad to welcome back Mr. Tammadge, that new-style wandering scholar, on his return from his embassy to Nigeria.

We look forward to having two more students from Westminster College with us for the first month of the Summer Term, Mr. John Pratt, B.Sc. (Leeds), a physicist, and Mr. Kenneth Redmore, B.Sc. (King's, London), a chemist.

On Wednesday, 4th March, some twenty-five headmasters from the three counties, who had been attending a conference elsewhere in Abingdon, took tea at the School House and were subsequently shown round the School.

And two days later, we had the pleasure of playing host to Mr. C. C. Brownell, an historian from Rhode Island, U.S.A., who visited us under the auspices of the Oxford Institute of Education.

On 6th February we welcomed Mr. G. K. Barnes, of the Public Schools Appointments Bureau, and on 5th March our new Naval Liaison Officer, Lieut.-Cdr. A. E. Roberts,

At the beginning of the Lent Term the number of boys on the School Roll was 577, of whom 177 were in one or other of the Sixth Forms and 194 were boarders.

We are very grateful to Rev. Professor Canon Ramsey for the gift of a picture for the School Sanatorium.

Congratulations to R. J. Ormerod on the award of a Scholarship to the Royal Military College of Science; and to M. C. Johnston on the award of a Royal Naval Flying Scholarship.

If we include the three Awards announced in our last issue, present and former members of the School have secured in all thirteen places at Oxford or Cambridge for October, 1964. A steady flow of firm and provisional offers is now emerging from the U.C.C.A. pipe-line, and from the London hospitals which still gang their own gait. Not every candidate has the same embarrassment of choice as a lower sixth-former, Brian Avery, who at one and the same moment held in his hand firm offers from four different London dental schools.

There were two Parents' Evenings this term, for parents of third formers on 6th February and for parents of boys in Sixth (Special), Remove, and Fifths on 27th February.

The institution of Sixth Special deserves a word of explanation. For some years now the rigid distinction between Middle School and Sixth Form has been blurred in that a boy could start doing advanced level work in his main subjects while still in the fifth form. A number of boys in the Remove (formerly 5.A) will be taking their Advanced level papers in at least two subjects in eighteen months from now, at the end of one year in the Lower Sixth. In effect then they are already working to a sixth form timetable; and if they are, why not say so?

The written papers of the School Entrance Examination, which we are assured attracted a record number of candidates, were held on 25th February. Interviews followed on 10th, 13th and 17th March.

Saturday evening entertainments this term included the following lectures —

25th January — Professor Hugh Trevor-Roper, M.A., Regius Professor of Modern History at Oxford, on 'The Last Days of Hitler'.

15th February — Mr. Anthony Wedgwood-Benn, M.P., on 'Under Big Ben'.

21st March — Mr. Alfred Gregory on 'The Ascent of Everest' (with slides).

Feature films were 'The Man Who Knew Too Much', 'Sapphire', 'Mon Oncle', and (under the patronage of the Joint Club) 'The Guns of Navarone'.

The Abingdon School Subscription Concert Society sponsored two highly successful meetings this term. On 26th January Mr. Anthony Hopkins gave an amusing and exhilarating lecture on 'Incidental Music

for Radio, Television and the Theatre', and on 23rd February Mr. John Shirley-Quirk gave a most enjoyable song recital. The fact that these meetings are regularly held in the hall of John Mason School highlights the happy relation that exists between us — a relation that was further cemented when we were invited to send a party to the Entertainment given by John Mason on 18th March.

Entertainments beneath our own roof included an informal concert given in the Court Room by the Senior and Junior Orchestras on the evening of 1st March, and a highly original *divertissement* laid on in the Heylyn Room a fortnight later, at which poetry and music were subtly mingled by Mr. Owen and Mr. Billington, with P. A. Sugg and M. F. Kitto to assist them in the one and A. G. Fairlie (flute) and F. R. Howlett ('cello) in the other.

In addition, we had the pleasure of playing host on 14th February to a joint meeting of the Berkshire Archaeological Society and the Friends of Abingdon, at which Dr. John Fletcher gave a lecture on 'Some Mediaeval Buildings in North Berkshire'.

Outside entertainments at which we assisted included the second annual S. Nicolas' Lecture, on 30th January, given by Rev. Leslie Houlden on 'Charles Gore and *Lux Mundi*'; and a lecture on 'Russia and the World' given on 5th March by Mr. Laurens van der Post at Greycotes School, Oxford.

On 18th February a small party of classicists saw a production of the 'Bacchae' at the Mermaid Theatre. Some of our musicians attended a performance of Verdi's 'Falstaff' in the Oxford Town Hall on 25th February. Four days later the School Choir all had tea in Oxford before attending Evensong at the Cathedral.

On 3rd February a select party of sixth-formers went up to London to see the first edition of *The Times* through the press. Others attended a Sixth Form Conference organised at Sutton Courtenay by the Ockenden Venture over the weekend of 14th–16th March. Two middle-school boys, D. J. Letley and M. G. Martin, were lucky enough to accompany Mr. Sewry to an Open Day on S.S. *Uganda* in London Docks on 19th March.

A large contingent from the School was invited to attend the Sixth Form Dance given by St. Helen's School in the Guild Hall on 24th January. Our dancing men were to the fore again at the Civic Youth Ball on 14th February. We visited the Guild Hall in more serious mood on 12th February to attend a meeting of the Borough Council.

A very successful party for Old Boys at the universities was held in the School Shop on the eve of Sports Day, 20th March. It is clear that this function has now established its claim to a permanent place in our calendar.

That remarkable institution the 'Gentlemen versus Runners' Race, by now a quaint old Abingdon custom, was revived on 22nd March, when the Gentlemen, in all their grotesquerie, were alleged to have won by 'half a walk'.

The Inter-house P.T. Competition was held on 23rd March, when the Viney Cup was won by Reeves. We are grateful to Mr. Thomas of Matthew Arnold School, who adjudicated.

The customary Boarders' Concert was held on the last evening of the term, 25th March. It was well-rehearsed and well-produced, and if it over-ran its time the audience was well content.

The process of civilisation continues. School prefects have been given the privilege of wearing mufti except on 'state occasions'. Upper Sixth Formers and house-prefects may now go bare-headed. Attendance at the Sunday evening service will in future be optional for sixth-form boarders. And we welcome particularly the growing extent to which we are able to invite the ladies of St. Helen's to join us in our society meetings.

Something has been done too to tackle the problem of the senior sixth former whose ordinary timetable has ceased to present him with sufficient challenge. A high-speed course in Italian has been started, and also a project scheme known as the 'little Trevelyan'.

Transfer from dayboy to boarder has long been a common feature (it is only a year ago that the heads of both School House and Crescent were 'converts'). This term we have helped three different parents out by providing temporary lodgement for their dayboy sons for a period of one or more weeks. But of course there is a limit to what we can do in this line.

It is a pity that such an admirable game as fives should have fallen into the doldrums — largely because of the pressure of other activities. But we did arrange one match against Bloxham which we lost, not discreditably. We hope the game will soon recover its popularity — though we shall not be able to field a team of any merit until we have a second court to play in.

In an unofficial soccer match played on Sunday, 23rd February, the Dayboys beat the Boarders by three goals to one.

Mention is made elsewhere of the activities of our Voluntary and Social Service organisations. Here we would mention the good work some of our boys put in at the Ockenden Venture Auction Sale on 14th March; and we would add a word of thanks to the North Berks Herald for the generously-worded article on this side of our activities which appeared in their issue of 13th February.

A warm welcome to our latest society, the 'Athenæum', which aims to provide a wide programme of cultural entertainment by organising visits to theatres and the like and then arranging follow-up discussions.

In gratefully acknowledging the receipt of many contemporaries, we welcome particularly two young entries from our own stable — Query (third form) and Spotlight (second form).

As we close these notes, the Victorian gas-lamps in Park Road and Park Crescent — so sparsely sited, so ill-equipped to endure the slings and arrows of belated revellers — are being replaced by stream-lined concrete standards from which a myriad electric lights will shortly blaze.

Appositely, we have just received, by courtesy of Mr. Hooke, a copy of the second issue of the 'Dayboys' Comet' (dated, from internal evidence, about 1900). One of the poems 'To a Street Lamp', subscribed with the initial 'O' (we suspect Oswald Couldrey), may well have been addressed to one of these then new-fangled gas-lamps. Some lines from it might with even more propriety be addressed to their successors —

"Take hence that vulgar, blinding stare
 Mar not the night's romantic spell —
 Intrude not with thy sorry glare
 Where softer flames were meant to dwell!"

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FROM THE HEADMASTER

The contribution which an H.M.I. makes to the successful running of a direct-grant school is far greater than the boy in the desk — or come to that, the master in the Common Room — can possibly realise. I am particularly sorry that changes in the administrative set-up mean that we shall no longer fall within the province of Miss Deas, and I should like to say now how grateful I am for the sympathetic and understanding help she has given to the School and to me since she succeeded Mr. Barrow. In her stead I welcome Mr. J. S. Wingate-Saul who is already no stranger to the School. Indeed he represented the Inspectorate at our Quatercentenary Luncheon last year.

We have recently said farewell too to our Chaplain, who has served the School so faithfully for nearly seven years. The present state of the Chapel is his most obvious monument. But there is something of the ice-berg about a Chaplain's work, and it is the part that is hidden under the water that is most important. I am sure that I am only one of many who have private reason for gratitude to Mr. Phizackerley. We shall miss him sorely and we all wish well to him and Mrs. Phizackerley as they face the formidable new job that lies in front of them.

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As far as the development of the School is concerned, the Governors recently increased their estate by purchasing two small semi-detached

houses in Park Road which have for some years been used as a private school. When they have been done up they will form a most useful addition to our range of staff accommodation. Much thought has been given too to the new Dayboys' Changing Room — the first project of what I mentally think of as our Seven-Year-Plan. The site near the new fives-court in the Waste Court Field has been carefully chosen so as to have the least possible effect on the amenity of this very lovely part of the School grounds. The plan has been approved in principle and will come up for final consideration by the Governors at a special meeting to be held at the beginning of May. All being well, we can hope that building will start very soon thereafter. Then we shall be able to think of the next projects — the Music School and the Dining Block, both of which are so urgently needed.

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As parents know, we have recently been considering the problem of freedom in the sixth form, and we have already made certain concessions to seniors in such matters as dress. It is the mark of a civilised community to rely rather on self-discipline than on a discipline imposed from without; and increasing freedom must go hand in hand with increasing responsibility. One sphere where we are trying to build up a greater sense of responsibility is work. I am inclined to think that many of our seniors still do not accept enough personal obligation in the matter. Parents of course can do much to help us to build up the right climate of opinion.

The actual arrangement of the time-table is bound to be our headache and nobody else's. By and large I think our curriculum is sound and well-balanced; but we are not getting enough work into the day — certainly not in middle and upper school. A school which is both boarding and day has unique advantages, but when it comes to mapping out the day there is much less room for manoeuvre than there is in a school which is one thing or the other. We are taking a hard look at our time-table at the moment, however, to see if we can possibly get more teaching periods into the week.

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This year we are of course reverting to our normal programme for Founder's Day (Saturday, 25th July). Mr. Phizackerley has very kindly agreed to come back and preach for us at our state service at 11.30 a.m. in St. Helen's, and Mr. Alan Bullock, Master of St. Catherine's College, Oxford, will be distributing the prizes at 2.45 p.m. in the Corn Exchange. There will be an Evening Entertainment on both the Friday and the Saturday. Formal invitations will be sent out later to all parents. Old Boys who would like to attend any or all of the functions are asked to write to Mr. Blagden at the School. I hope many of them will do so, for they will be equally welcome.

J.M.C.

NOW THAT APRIL'S HERE

Until you look into things, you might imagine that few boys do anything of value during their holidays; but in fact during the past month an amazing number of our members have been engaged upon all manner of activities more or less under the auspices of the School. Most of the group activities are of course more fully reported elsewhere. But it seemed worth-while to present a bird's-eye picture of what some of us have been doing.

The Nevers party was the first away, on 24th March. It was no fault of the masters in charge, Mr. Parker and Mr. Morelle, that one boy left his appendix behind him in a French hospital and another missed his train in Paris on the return journey! The advance party of the Skye Group also left before the end of the term. To smash a car up in the middle of Rannoch Moor was a bad beginning to what was subsequently a most successful expedition. Then thirteen boys set out on 31st March for a week's Arduous Training in Kirkcudbrightshire under Major Montague. In addition to Bob-a-job activities there have been three major Scout expeditions. The Senior Scouts went on safari in the Glencoe and Glen Nevis area, the Juniors hiked in the Black Mountains, Patrol Leaders (more sedately) attended a training camp at Youlbury. Ten members of the Air Section of the C.C.F. had a week's gliding camp at the R.A.F. aerodrome at Kirton-Lindsey. Four army cadets attended a Civil Defence course at Falfield. Mr. Murray organised a 'holiday camp' in the extreme north of Scotland for a small number of boys who were prepared to rough it in a more or less derelict croft.

Now for individuals. Five boys have spent the whole holiday on Outward Bound Courses, R. B. Davis, P. B. Godfrey and J. C. Randall at Moray, and P. R. Havelock and T. R. Morris at Ullswater. D. E. Joyce attended an Army Outward Bound Course at Morfa in Merionethshire, M. J. F. King completed an Armourer's Course at Bovington, S. M. Nicholl was flying at Oxford under the terms of his flying scholarship. M. S. Livingston represented us at the P.S.A.B. course at Ashridge (where Sir George Sinclair, O.A., was one of the guest speakers), and M. C. Johnston attended a Short Works Course organised by the London Master Builders' Association and subsequently had a detailed account of it printed in 'The Builder' of 10th April.

Our three representatives gained a first and two seconds at the Radley Invitation Athletics Meeting on 31st March. On 4th April, J. A. Cooper and M. A. E. Ballinger sailed under the School colours in the Graduate National Schools' Championship at Wraybury and came third out of twenty-one entrants. On the last Saturday of the holidays we had a couple of fours rowing under the sign of the Gryphon in the Abingdon Head of the River Race. F. J. Dobbs and L. Morgan have been having cricket coaching at Reading and N. D. Brice on the Gloucestershire ground. The Holiday Club has organised various matches against local teams.

Culture-wise, an Old Boy (David Wiggins) and three of our present members, D. D. Allen (oboe), A. G. Fairlie (flute) and S. P. Sewry (horn) accepted Mr. Sawbridge's invitation to join the Haileybury College party which has been producing 'The Mikado' in Scandinavia. We learn from postcards that they have been televised both in Denmark and in Sweden. A. R. Gibbs again went on tour with the National Youth Orchestra, and F. R. Howlett represented the School at the British Schools' Music Association Course at Coventry. At home ten boys (and two Old Boys) played in the Abingdon Holiday Orchestra. Two of our actors, too, have been to the fore. P. A. Sugg ('Caesar') and A. L. Vernède have each been given a couple of parts in the cycle of excerpts from seven plays which the Junior Playhouse Association is presenting at the end of April in the Festival of Drama at Headington, so they have been kept busy with rehearsals.

The School itself has rarely been deserted. The Tape Recording Society has been engaged in completing its new Studio in Lacies Court. The electric guitars of the rehearsing Zodiacs have shaken distant windows. Many 'O' level candidates have taken advantage of the revision classes in French, Latin and Mathematics.

If this list of activities seems surprising to many of us, we hope that it will be an eye-opener for some critics of the teen-ager.

And of course there was always the Holiday Reading book for stay-at-home juniors, and the Bevan Scripture Essay for their elders and betters . . .

(And as we go to press we can record that as a result of all this the Gryphon First Crew shared with Windsor the Jones Cup for the first school boat in the Head of the River Race and Steven Nicholl has been awarded a full civil pilot's air licence).

CHAPEL NOTES

We offer a very warm welcome to the Revd. David Street who takes up his duties as Chaplain in April. His varied experience will stand him in good stead.

With Easter coming early we had the happy experience of spending Palm Sunday at School. To celebrate the occasion we had a Sung Eucharist with Distribution of Palms. The day was then clear until Evensong and Sermon at 6.15 p.m. This programme of worship was an experiment which met with considerable approval.

On the whole, our experience of watching the television religious programmes on Sunday evenings has not been a satisfying one. Too often the programmes, although attractive in prospect, have been dull and pointless. It was a relief to many, and the result of numerous requests, that we returned to Chapel in the evenings.

The Chapel, to at least one partial observer, has never looked lovelier than it does at present. The final stage of the Redecoration Plan was completed with the laying of a hard-wearing, discreetly purple, carpet

down the Aisle. (One donation already gratefully to hand; many more welcome!) With the Eagle lectern now removed, the eye is guided to the Altar and the richly decorated apse. It is not surprising that visitors now unanimously praise the Chapel's beauty. Even those who are daily accustomed to it still gain a restful satisfaction from admiring it.

The music in Chapel, in the extremely capable hands of Mr. Cullen, has provided a constant delight. A list of the Anthems sung is included below, but special mention must be made of Malcolm Williamson's "Procession of Palms" which was sung by the whole Chapel at Palm Sunday's Evensong. Even those who view contemporary church music with suspicion were won over by this performance. All who took part in it will long remember the singable tunes of "Ride on" and "All glory, laud and honour", the simple beauty of the "Benedictus", and the jagged splendour of the syncopated, half-sung, half-shouted "Hosannas".

The special Lenten Services on Thursday evenings were reasonably well attended. The 40 or 50 who regularly came were much helped by the course of sermons preached by the Revd. G. Davidson, the Vicar of Marcham. He set out to answer the question "What is it all about?" as applied to Christianity. He dealt stimulatingly with the basis of Christian belief and its relevance to the individual.

Throughout the term, Nicholas Atkins has been doing very efficiently the duties of Sacristan in place of Anthony Medland who unfortunately broke his leg during the Christmas holidays.

Perhaps I may be permitted a final personal paragraph. The past nearly seven years have been extremely happy ones for me. Working here has never been other than an exciting experience. There is possibly no sphere of work for a priest which is more demanding, critical (in both senses), and full of consequence — nor one in which he lives at closer contact with his failure: it is, in fact, a combination which is both humbling and exalting. My wife and I will be taking with us to Gaywood, King's Lynn, a vast number of happy memories. Our inevitable sadness at leaving is fortunately tempered by the friendships we have formed with the Headmaster and his family, with colleagues, with boys, with parents — friendships for which we are indeed grateful and which we hope will be continued.

G.R.P.

The following anthems were sung during the term:

Feb. 2nd When to the Temple Mary went (Eccard).

Feb. 16th How lovely are Thy dwellings (Brahms).

Mar. 1st O Saviour of the world (Goss).

Mar. 8th Jubilate Deo (Britten).

Mar. 15th Jesu, Lamb of God, Redeemer (Mozart).

Mar. 22nd Procession of Palms (Malcolm Williamson).

In addition to our Chapel, Chapel Furnishing, and Organ Funds, the following have benefited from our collections:

Jan. 14th £7 3 6 St. Helen's Church (Beginning of Term Service).

Jan. 19th	£6	15	4	Student Christian Movement.
Feb. 2nd	£8	2	0	S.P.C.K.
Feb. 16th	£9	5	0	St. Anne's, Limehouse.
Mar. 8th	£9	0	0	Clergy Orphan Association.
Mar. 22nd	£8	11	8	Royal School of Church Music.
Mar. 24th	£7	10	0	St. Helen's Church (one-half of the retiring collection taken after the St. John Passion Music).

Chapel Flowers in the early part of the term were very kindly provided by Form 2Y, Squad X and the Historians.

The Rev. R. S. Brutton, Vicar of Radley, will preach at the School Service at St. Helen's Church on the morning of Tuesday, 28th April; and the Rector of Gaywood with Bawsey and Mintlyn (better known to us as the Rev. G. R. Phizackerley) has very kindly agreed to return and preach the Founder's Day Sermon on Saturday, 25th July.

We shall welcome also the following visiting preachers in our Chapel:

10th May — Dr. B. M. W. Trapnell, M.A., Ph.D., Headmaster of Denstone College.

21st June — Mr. R. S. Thompson, M.A., Headmaster of Bloxham.

28th June — Rev. W. B. Littlechild, Vicar of Sutton Courtenay.

5th July — Dr. Ralph T. Haas, Ph.D., Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Fullerton, California.

19th July — Rev. Maurice Jelbert, Minister of the Trinity Methodist Church, Abingdon.

VOLUNTARY SERVICE

Statistics cannot tell the whole story. It is true that in the Lent Term 45 boys paid well over 200 visits to 36 old people. But this straightforward statement does not give any indication of how much these visits are welcomed and appreciated, nor of the pleasure and satisfaction which the helpers experience in doing their jobs. Perhaps to "mods" and "rockers" such occupations as carrying coal (in some cases daily), cleaning windows, digging gardens, laying felt in a draughty loft, shopping, posting letters, chopping wood and collecting pensions, seem much duller than, for example, causing havoc in a seaside resort. But the boys who do these jobs in their own time are normal, full-blooded types who happen to have a social conscience and are aware that even a Welfare State cannot cope with every human need. In looking for, and dealing with, such cases of need, they are enjoying "kicks" of a constructive kind and are discovering that a compassionate heart has more to offer than a purple one.

SOCIAL SERVICE

A similar number of boys has also been helping local Churches. At the beginning of term a squad cleaned down the Parish Hall. Another squad has continued and completed a heavy piece of work at Dorchester

Abbey. Two squads are still working at Marcham and Steventon. Work is also planned or in progress at Appleton, Cumnor, Wootton and Christ Church, Abingdon. Towards the end of the Summer Term it is hoped that arrangements can be made to start a School detachment of the Auxilliary Fire Service. This may well appeal to those who have retired from service in the Corps.

G.R.P.

VALETE ET SALVETE

Left 19th December, 1963

Upper Sixth Form Arts (L): C. J. Dean (left 1st October); K. W. R. Dixon; P. J. Leather; J. J. Mackenzie.

Upper Sixth Form Science (B): E. Blaze; M. J. I. Day.

Upper Sixth Form Science (M): C. J. D. Bailey; P. E. Dixon; I. W. D. Matson; P. S. McK. Ramsey.

Lower Sixth Form Arts (L): J. H. Froggatt.

Lower Sixth Form Arts (H): N. D. Pullen.

Lower Sixth Form Science (M): R. J. Peckham.

Form 3A: M. Gy. Martin.

Form 3Y: G. J. Mackereth.

Form 1Y: D. J. Martin.

Came 14th January, 1964

Form 4A: D. A. Baker (came 27th January); M. O'Neill.

Form 3A: M. C. G. Stevens; R. G. Whittington.

Form 3Y: L. Morgan.

Form 1X: R. C. Cash.

QUATERCENTENARY APPEAL

On Friday, 25th January, 1963, the second phase of the Appeal was inaugurated at an informal sherry party in the Court Room. At that time the total of the Fund stood at about £38,000. On Friday, 24th January, 1964 — almost exactly a year later — the Appeal was officially closed in the same way. In the meantime the Fund had risen to half as much again, so the Committee could look back on their efforts with some satisfaction, though certainly not with complacency.

The sherry party served also, of course, by way of an epilogue to all the events of a memorable year. There were three speakers apart from myself — the Chairman of the Appeal Committee (Mr. John Hooke), Sir George Sinclair and the Mayor of Abingdon. It is no reflection on

others if I say that it was the Mayor's forthright and downright appeal to the School to go forward that remains most vivid in the memory.

But although the Appeal, as such, has closed, the Fund remains open, and indeed it has swollen considerably since the sherry party. New covenants are still coming in, and only a few days ago the Fund received a magnificent fillip in the form of a cheque for £500 from the Master and Governors of Christ's Hospital. It is very pleasing that the historic connection between Hospital and School should be cemented in this way. This generous contribution brings the total amount covered to date to some £58,500. The Committee too remains in being and at its last meeting it pledged its whole-hearted support — moral and financial — to the construction of the Ingham Music School and the Dining Hall Block.

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I have claimed the privilege of writing these notes this time so that I can add my own word of thanks to the members of the Committee for the valuable contribution they have made to the Appeal in terms of personal service over the last six years. No committee can ever have worked with a greater sense of unity and purpose. The School has good reason to be grateful for their labours. And at the risk of embarrassment I am going to say more particularly how much the success of the Appeal is due to two successive Chairmen, Mr. Stow and Mr. Hooke, and to the Secretary, Mr. Hillary.

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A further list of subscribers will be printed in our next issue.

J.M.C.

HOCKEY

FIRST ELEVEN

What a difference from last season! The weather has at last been kind to the Hockey Club and although a few practice games have had to be cancelled, one match only has fallen to a similar fate. The standard of play and team spirit has been outstanding and improved throughout the season. Much of our success was due to the fact that the team remained unchanged throughout except for Liversidge who, as Captain of Athletics, had to miss the last match.

On the whole the defence has been sound with Livingston, a young player who shows considerable promise, outstanding. He timed his tackles well and was always quick to clear. He was well supported by Liversidge, at left back, and towards the end of the season these two had built up a fine understanding between them. Halstead, again a young and comparatively inexperienced goalkeeper, kept very intelligently, always seeming to advance to the edge of the circle at the right time. He made some fine saves, notably in the match against the Hockey

Association, but he must learn to maintain his concentration even if the ball is in the other half of the field.

At half back Roblin and Moore both began the season rather hesitantly but improved, particularly the former who promises well for the future. Moore has a powerful hit but must learn to control it to his advantage. The centre-half position was less easy to fill and Rowson began the season there without knowing a great deal about the positional play required. Once this had been mastered however, he played some splendid games marking his man well and distributing his passes equally well on both wings.

The forwards have caused no serious worry; their approach work being intelligent and constructive, all, given the chance, were capable of scoring goals. One of their main assets was their ability to shoot quickly once inside the circle. Barrett and Forsyth, the right wing couple, combined well once they had controlled a tendency to exchange positions too often. Barrett was probably the most constructive of the forwards and scored some quite remarkable goals. Forsyth cut in to score a number of valuable goals but must remember that his main object is to swing the ball across for the insides. On the opposite side of the field, two younger members of the team — Ford and Morris — played sound hockey and once they had learnt to work together did very well. Some fine centres were put across by Ford, and Morris followed up the shot at goal very well although he was not quite so keen to get back in defence.

For the first two games of the season the team did not work really well together, particularly against Wallingford where a certain victory slipped through our fingers and we only just managed to hang on for a draw. The third game against St. Edward's School was one of the only two we lost. It was here that our lesson was learnt: St. Edward's played fast, hard, constructive hockey and after this match we seemed to be able to do the same. As a result the next match against Pangbourne was one of the most memorable. The two sides were well matched and victory was gained only minutes before the final whistle blew. Other notable matches were those against Solihull School, whom we entertained to a game played in terrible conditions in which both sides despite the hail managed to produce good hockey; and the Hockey Association against whom, for a few brief minutes, it looked as though the School might even win — but it was not to be, though the team's play and co-ordination were at their best that day. The O.A. match was marked by an accident to their goalkeeper before play had even started. Nonetheless an attractive game followed with both sides using the ball well yet often failing to make good their advantages. The School attack went on to show its powers against defence weaknesses in the Bloxham and Pembroke matches, in both games securing nine goals!

Our thanks go to Barrett who has been an efficient Secretary throughout and in particular to Mr. Griffin who has coached us to play hockey

as a game to be enjoyed and to whom is largely due the good spirit of the team.

Congratulations to Barrett, Livingston, Forsyth and Halstead who were awarded full Colours.

The final arrangement of the team was: D. G. Halstead; M. S. Livingston, P. W. Liversidge; P. A. C. Roblin, A. G. Rowson, T. B. Moore; A. M. Forsyth, A. T. Barrett, G. J. Bailey (Capt.), T. R. Morris, C. C. Ford.

Also played: I. J. Newbold (once).

Results

v. King Alfred's School, Wantage (a).	Sat., 25th Jan.	Won 2—0
v. Wallingford Grammar School (a).	Wed., 29th Jan.	Drew 2—2
v. St. Edward's School (h).	Sat., 1st Feb.	Lost 0—3
v. Pangbourne Nautical College (a).	Wed., 5th Feb.	Won 4—3
v. Abingdon Hockey Club (a).	Sat., 8th Feb.	Won 6—2
v. Solihull School (h).	Sat., 15th Feb.	Drew 3—3
v. Bloxham School (h).	Sat., 22nd Feb.	Won 9—0
v. Hockey Association (h).	Wed., 26th Feb.	Lost 3—6
v. Old Abingdonians (h).	Sat., 29th Feb.	Won 3—1
v. Pembroke College (a).	Sat., 7th March	Won 9—1
v. Old College, Sandhurst (a).	Wed., 18th March	Cancelled

G.J.B.

Much of the season's success has been due to Bailey himself who, apart from his own personal skill as a fast, energetic and hardworking centre-forward, has been a first rate Captain. His infectious enthusiasm for the game has been a great example to the side and his quiet efficiency has been a great help to me personally. I can offer no better advice to future captains than to carry on in the Bailey tradition. L.C.J.G.

SECOND ELEVEN

As the record suggests the team steadily became more confident as the season progressed. The Wallingford match was very scrappy and against St. Edward's the side was outplayed. But against Solihull School they showed signs of improvement by forcing a draw. In spite of injuries to two valuable players in the Staff match the team were able to end the season on a high note with a hat-trick of victories. The major weakness in the side was the lack of shooting power in the forwards, and this was particularly noticeable after R. B. Davis was injured. Partridge proved to be the answer to the problem and he was moved from centre-half to the forward line. There was a variety of players upon whom the team was able to call when injury struck. Two strong features in the side were the defence, who always put a great amount of effort into the games, and the Captain, P. H. Davis, who instilled confidence by voice and example. Congratulations to Davis on his Half Colours and our thanks to Mr. Tammadge who has coached the team as well as finding time to play for the Abingdon H.C.



THE HOCKEY ELEVEN



V.S. — IN ABINGDON AND DORCHESTER



THE SENIOR ATHLETICS TEAM



CROSS COUNTRY; SCHOOL v. O.A.A.C.

The final arrangement of the team was: W. I. M. Webb; N. D. Brice, L. J. Newbold; T. R. Giddings, D. D. Allen, P. H. Davis (Capt.); D. N. Laybourne, A. C. Hoddinott, D. S. Partridge, R. J. Thornton, R. A. Chaplin.

Also played: R. B. Davis and P. G. Henderson.

Results

v. Wallingford Grammar School (a). Wed., 29th Jan.	Lost 1—2
v. St. Edward's School (h). Sat., 1st Feb.	Lost 1—3
v. Solihull School (h). Sat., 15th Feb.	Drew 1—1
v. Common Room (h). Wed., 19th Feb.	Won 2—1
v. Bloxham School (h). Sat., 22nd Feb.	Won 4—0
v. Westminster College (a). Wed., 4th March	Won 2—1

G.J.B.

ATHLETICS

Once again the weather has not been kind to us. Standards got off to a good start early in March but the prolonged cold weather dampened the enthusiasm of all but the hardiest competitors, and the last week of the competition was severely curtailed because of the state of the grounds. It was not surprising therefore that far fewer standards than usual were obtained. The result was 1st—Bennett (190 pts.); 2nd—Blacknall (174 pts.); 3rd—Reeves (131 pts.); 4th—Tesdale (108 pts.). Bennett therefore become the first holders of a most handsome Standards Cup which has been presented by Mr. and Mrs. Furneaux to whom we are most grateful.

Against Bloxham we had an unexpectedly easy victory in both Senior and Junior matches, so winning the "Bloxham-Abingdon" Cup for the fourth successive year. The fixture we have had with Reading in the past has now been replaced by a triangular match — Leighton Park being the third member. Because of difficulties of laying down six-lane tracks at all three Schools it was decided that the longer sprints should be run as relays. Our Senior 440 trio (Marsh brothers and Liversidge) ran extremely well and finished about 80 yards ahead of their nearest rival, averaging about 54.1 seconds a lap. Other good performances were Harrison's Javelin throw (4 feet better than the School record) and Bosley's Shot put which was only 2 inches short of the School record established in 1939. The trophy — a shield awarded on the combined totals of both Senior and Junior matches — was narrowly won by Reading.

Conditions were very wet underfoot for the Old Abingdonian match and competitors in the javelin found it almost impossible to obtain a foothold. However Nelson broke his own match record by half an inch

in the High Jump and interest was maintained to the end as the result depended on the last event — the relay — which the School narrowly won when Corps overhauled his rival on the last leg.

The Radley track was partly under water for the quadrangular match with Bradfield, St. Edward's, and Radley. Our rather depleted teams failed to overcome the conditions and fared badly, coming 4th in both Senior and Middle matches. The only performances of note in the Senior match were: Bosley who was 1st in the Shot with 42ft. 8ins., Liversidge who was 2nd in the 880 yards in 2 min. 4.0 secs., and Marsh S. who was 3rd in the 440 yards in 52.8 secs. Among the "Middles" and "Under 15s", Blackburn, Bradfield, Carr ILM, Cook NK, Froggatt, Penny and Sagar all performed creditably.

During the holidays three boys competed in the School invitation meeting at Radley on 31st March. The track had dried out but in a bitterly cold wind performances were not as good as in the same meeting last year. Akinbiyi won the long jump with 19ft. 6ins., Liversidge was 2nd in the 880 yards in 2 min. 6.7 secs. and Marsh S was 2nd in the Junior 440 yards in 55.2 secs.

Half Colours were awarded to N. A. H. Bosley, A. S. Harrison, and M. F. Kitto.

In addition to the four jumping pits we now have on Waste Court Field, concrete shot and discus circles have been put down on War Memorial Field, but as these latter will not be available for use during the cricket season, other circles are in process of construction in the Dell and on Lower Field. We are very grateful to Mr. Smithson and the ground staff for doing the bulk of this work for us and hope that these new facilities will lead to harder training and improved performances.

MATCHES

v. Bloxham School (h), Sat., 7th March

Senior Match

100 yards: 1—Roberts (B) 11.3; 2—Corps; 4—Bell.
 220 yards: 1—Corps, 25.2; —Younghusband (B); 3—Bell.
 440 yards: 1—Marsh S, 54.5; 2—Marsh V; 3—Bate (B).
 880 yards: 1—Avery, 2:8.3; 2—Liversidge; 3—Millington (B).
 Mile: 1—Avery, 5:2.9; 2—Weatherill (B); 4—Bisby.
 High Jump: 1—Kitto, 5:3½; 2—Caudwell (B); 3—Johnson.
 Long Jump: 1—Akinbiyi, 18.11½; 2—Caudwell (B); 3—Bell.
 Shot: 1—Bosley N, 44:1½; 2—Tame (B); 4—Johnson.
 Discus: 1—Abbott B, 127.1; 3—Bosley N; 4—Kitto.
 Relay: 1—Abingdon, 47.5; 2—Bloxham, 48.4.
 (4 x 110)

Result: Abingdon 53 pts.; Bloxham 34 pts.

Junior Match (Under 16 on 1st Jan., 1964)

- 100 yards: 1—Hassett, 11.7; 2—Wilde; 3—Coryton (B).
 440 yards: 1—Hassett, 58.1; 2—Bradfield; 3—Jackson (B).
 880 yards: 1—Weller (B), 2:21.4; =2 Bradfield and Coulbeck.
 High Jump: 1—Weller (B), 4:10; 2—Gibbs; 4—Jackson.
 Long Jump: 1—Beckett, 17:4½; 2—Morgan; 3—Ramsey (B).
 Shot: 1—Cook, 38:7½; 2—Bosley J; 3—Coryton (B).
 Discus: 1—Brice, 102:11; 2—Sagar; =3—Coryton & Lamont (B).
 Relay: 1—Abingdon, 49.8; 2—Bloxham 53.1.
 (4 x 110)

Result: Abingdon 52 pts.; Bloxham 17 pts.
 Cup: Abingdon 105 pts.; Bloxham 51 pts.

*v. Reading School and Leighton Park School (at Reading),
 Wed., 11th March.*

Senior Match

- 100 yards: 1—Yeomans (R), 10.5; 2—Corps; 6—Marsh S.
 880 yards: 1—Dipper R (R), 2:3.4; 3—Liversidge; 4—Avery.
 Mile: 1—Dipper D (R), 4:35.5; 3—Avery; 5—Bisby.
 High Jump: 1—Okoli (LP), 5:6; 2—Kitto; 3—Johnson.
 Long Jump: 1—Bell, 18:8½; 2—Taylor (R); 5—Akinbiyi.
 Shot: 1—Bosley N, 46:7; 2—Ruddle (R); 3—Flint I.
 Javelin: 1—Harrison, 151:9½; 2—Bevitt (R); 4—Bosley N.
 3 x 440 yds.: 1—Abingdon, 2:42.4; 2—Reading; 3—Leighton Park.
 4 x 110 yds.: 1—Leighton Park, 47.8; 2—Abingdon; 3—Reading.
 Result: Abingdon 73 pts.; Reading 63 pts.; Leighton Park 53 pts.

Junior Match (Under 16 on 1st Sept., 1963)

- 100 yards: 1—Cath (R), 10.8; 3—Wilde; 5—Hassett.
 880 yards: 1—Colyer (R), 2:14; 3—Bradfield; 5—Coulbeck.
 High Jump: 1—Harrison (LP), 5:1; Gibbs and Brice failed to qualify.
 Long Jump: 1—Beckett, 17:8½; 2—Ling (R); 4—Morgan.
 Shot: 1—Blackburn, 39:4; 2—Adams (R); 5—Cook.
 Javelin: 1—Calvert (R), 140:3; 3—Hassett; 4—Gillespie.
 3 x 220 yds.: 1—Leighton Park, 1:15.7; 2—Reading; 3—Abingdon.
 4 x 110 yds.: 1—Leighton Park, 49.3; 2—Abingdon; 3—Reading.
 Result: Reading 62 pts.; Leighton Park 53 pts.; Abingdon 46 pts.
 Trophy: Reading 125 pts.; Abingdon 119 pts.; Leighton Park 106
 pts.

v. Old Abingdonians (h), Sat., 14th March.

- 100 yards: 1—Britten (OA), 11.1; 2—Stewart (OA) and Corps;
4—Marsh S.
- 440 yards: 1—Marsh S, 55.4; 2—Marsh V; 3—Kirby (OA);
4—Stewart (OA).
- 880 yards: 1—Avery, 2:13.5; 2—Liversidge; 3—Sale (OA).
- Mile: 1—Sale (OA), 4:57.3; 2—Avery; 3—Bisby;
4—Cunningham (OA).
- High Jump: 1—Nelson (OA), 5:7½ (Record); 2—Kitto; 3—Roblin;
4—Kirby (OA).
- Long Jump: 1—Bell, 19:2; 2—Britten (OA); 3—Akinbiyi;
4—Woodward (OA).
- Shot: 1—Darroch N (OA), 45:5; 2—Bosley N; 3—Nelson
(OA).
- Discus: 1—Darroch N (OA), 111.0; 2—Moore; 3—Bosley N;
4—Britten (OA).
- Javelin 1—Woodward (OA); 2—Harrison; 3—Nelson (OA).
- Relay: 1—School, 2:36.3; 2—Old Abingdonians.
(6 x 220)
- Result: School 50 pts.; Old Abingdonians 39 pts.

THE SCHOOL SPORTS

(Wed., 18th and Sat., 21st March).

The continuous rain of previous days threatened the postponement or even the cancellation of both Sports Days, but fortunately the War Memorial Field soon dries and all the events were held as arranged. The weather was almost mild on the Saturday but as might be expected the track was not fast, and the Javelin throwers once again found their run up exceedingly slippery. J. W. Hassett's record throw in the Under 16 Javelin is therefore especially praiseworthy. Three other records were broken — all in Junior events.

At the end of the preliminary Sports Day, Bennett held a slight lead over Reeves with the other two houses a long way behind. The scoring on the Saturday was much more even, but Reeves did not do so well and Bennett emerged comfortable winners of the House Cup for the fourth successive year.

At the conclusion of the Sports, the Challenge Cups were presented from the pavilion by Mrs. Phizackerley.

RESULTS

- 100 yards (U/12): 1—Galbraith, 13.5; 2—Chalker; 3—Cox JL.
- 100 yards (U/13): 1—Varley MC, 12.5 (Record); 2—Brown KP;
3—Stafford.
- 100 yards (U/14): 1—Carr, ILM, 12.0; 2—Allen CJ; 3—Rose.
- 100 yards (U/15): 1—Froggatt GJ, 11.5; 2—Dobbs; 3—Morgan L.

- 100 yards (Open): 1—Corps, 10.9; 2—Bell; 3—Marsh VA.
 220 yards (U/12): 1—Cox JL, 31.6; 2—Chalker; 3—Smith DI.
 220 yards (U/13): 1—Varley MC, 28.9; 2—Brown KP; 3—Plail.
 220 yards (U/14): 1—Carr ILM, 27.3; 2—Semmence; 3—Allen CJ.
 220 yards (U/15): 1—Froggatt GJ, 25.9; 2—Booker NJ; 3—Morgan L.
 220 yards (Open): 1—Bell, 24.9; 2—Marsh SA; 3—Corps.
 440 yards (U/13): 1—Brown KP, 69.7; 2—Plail; 3—Ellis.
 440 yards (U/14): 1—Carr ILM, 63.0; 2—Rose; 3—Janz.
 440 yards (U/15): 1—Gibbs PE, 60.0; 2—Morgan L; 3—Booker NJ.
 440 yards (Open): 1—Marsh SA, 54.2; 2—Marsh VA; 3—Hassett.
 880 yards (U/14): 1—Carr ILM, 2:36.5; 2—Varley MC; 3—McLaughlan.
 880 yards (U/15): 1—Carr ILM, 2:35.7; 2—Ford BH; 3—Berry.
 880 yards (Open): 1—Avery, 2:8.7; 2—Liversidge PW; 3—Bisby FA.
 Mile (U/15): 1—Gibbs PE, 5:51.4; 2—Ford BH; 3—Berry.
 Mile (Open): 1—Avery, 4:58.1; 2—Bisby FA; 3—Owen.
 Shot (U/15): 1—Cook NK, 38:9½ (Record); 2—Carr ILM; 3—Booker NJ.
 Shot (U/16): 1—Blackburn PH, 43:5; 2—Cook NK; 3—Bosley JPH.
 Shot (Open): 1—Bosley NAH, 42:1½; 2—Flint IR; 3—Blackburn PH.
 Discus (U/15): 1—Sagar, 90:0½; 2—Gibbs PE; =3—Morgan L and Sayce JL.
 Discus (U/16): 1—Brice ND, 125:8½; 2—Sagar; 3—Wharton CMB.
 Discus (Open): 1—Moore TB, 102:10; 2—Brice ND; 3—Avery.
 Javelin (U/16): 1—Hassett JW, 140:10 (Record); 2—Ford BH; 3—Blackburn PH.
 Javelin (Open): 1—Harrison, 125:4; 2—Avery; 3—Hassett.
 High Jump (U/13): 1—Ellis AC, 4:4½ (Record); 2—Allington; 3—Rowson JR.
 High Jump (U/14): 1—Luff, 4:5; 2—Janz; 3—Shatford.
 High Jump (U/15): 1—Mosdell, 4:7½; 2—Goldsworthy JF; 3—Booker NJ.
 High Jump (Open): 1—Kitto, 5:4; 2—Roblin PAC; 3—Brice ND.
 Long Jump (U/14): 1—North, 14:6; 2—Shatford; 3—Snodgrass.
 Long Jump (U/15): 1—Morgan L, 16:8; 2—Goldsworthy JF; 3—Booker NJ.
 Long Jump (Open): 1—Bell, 18:5; 2—Beckett; 3—Corps.
 Junior House Relay: 1—Blacknall, 3:56.9; 2—Reeves; 3—Bennett. (8 x 220)
 Senior House Relay: 1—Bennett, 3:30.4; 2—Reeves; 3—Blacknall. (8 x 220)
 Senior Medley Relay: 1—Reeves, 3:58.3; 2—Bennett; 3—Tesdale. (880, 440, 220, 220)

- Inter-House Cup: 1—Bennett 136½; 2—Reeves 112½; 3—Blacknall 100; 4—Tesdale 79.
 Heber Clarke Cup (Senior Victor Ludorum): 1—Avery 15; 2—Bell 14; 3—Corps 10.
 Shallard Cup (Junior Victor Ludorum): 1—Morgan L 13½; 2—Gibbs PE 13; 3—Booker NJ 11.

R.H.B./V.A.M.

CROSS COUNTRY

Only a very few boys opted for Cross Country this term, and several times we have had considerable difficulty in raising a team. It was unfortunate that a number of matches had to be called off at the last minute because of illness among our opponents and tardy confirmation of fixtures between secretaries.

The following represented the School on more than one occasion this term: B. S. Avery, F. A. Bisby, B. D. Diffey, R. J. Ormerod (6 times); F. A. Light, J. R. Owen (5 times); S. A. Marsh (3 times); B. Marks (twice).

RESULTS

North Berkshire Schools Championships (at Wantage), 29th January
 Under 20 Age Group: 1st—Abingdon 18 pts.; 2nd—Wallingford G.S. 19 pts.

(Scorers: Avery 1, Bisby 4, Marks 6, Diffey 7).

Under 15 Age Group: Paxton finished 43, Fairlie 50, Ellis 53, out of 57 competitors.

Under 13 Age Group: Varley M, finished 1st out of 49 competitors.

v. Newbury G.S. (h), 1st February

1st—Newbury 26 pts.; 2nd—Abingdon 52 pts.

(Scorers: Avery 4, Marks 7, Bisby 8, Diffey 10, Owen 11, Light 12).

v. Westminster College and Culham College (h), 8th February

1st—Westminster 20 pts.; 2nd—Culham 32 pts.; 3rd—Abingdon 34 pts.

(Scorers: Avery 4, Bisby 8, Owen 10, Light 12).

v. Old Abingdonians (h), 15th February

1st—Abingdon 27 pts.; 2nd—Old Abingdonians 29 pts.

(Scorers: Avery 3, Bisby 4, Owen 5, Diffey 6, Marsh 9; Old Abingdonians: Harvey 1, Sale 2, Hann 7, Kirby 8, Cunningham 11).

v. St. Edward's School and Radley College (at St. Edward's), 20th February

1st—St. Edward's 31 pts.; 2nd—Radley 47 pts.; 3rd—Abingdon 112 pts.

(Scorers: Avery 14, Bisby 17, Liversidge 18, Owen 20, Diffey 21, Light 22).

v. The Queen's College (a), 26th February

1st—Queen's 24 pts., 2nd—Abingdon 54 pts.

(Scorers: Avery 4, Bisby 8, Owen 9, Diffey 10, Light 11, Marsh S 12).

R.H.B.

ROWING

In all respects the Boat Club has enjoyed a very good start to the season. The weather has been extremely kind to us and not a single outing was lost through flooding, ice or gales — the usual mixture for the Lent Term. A few minor ailments in the crews were annoying at the time — even some of our senior oarsmen seem incapable of taking the most elementary precautions against chills and colds — but this temporary absenteeism allowed some juniors to gain valuable experience in senior crews.

Five eights have been training; three senior and two Colts crews. All made very satisfactory progress during the term. The senior crews were entered for the Reading University Head of the River Race on 14th March, and all did well. The 1st VIII went up to 41st from 70th, and was 9th out of the 37 school crews entered for the Bourne Cup. The 2nd VIII went up to 54th place from 88th, and the 3rd VIII — a new entry — went up to 97th from 127th. There were 137 crews in the event. Times were: 1st VIII 16 mins. 41 secs.; 2nd VIII 16 mins. 51 secs.; 3rd VIII 17 mins. 17 secs.

'Umbrage' has unfortunately been out of action during the term after an accident, but repairs are in hand and we hope to have her back in service very soon.

The need for a new Boat House is as great as ever, but there is no progress to report regarding this problem.

Despite our difficulties, however, we look forward to a good season's rowing.

	1st VIII	2nd VIII	3rd VIII
Bow	D. H. Willis	A. J. Longstaff	A. R. L. Hewison
2	J. Bowthorpe	P. N. Atkins	I. Nayler
3	E. J. Roblin	P. A. Bartlett	L. R. Llewellyn
4	P. V. Bosley	S. J. Sewry	D. J. Jessett
5	B. G. Mackay	I. R. Hewes	W. R. Lynn Robinson
6	R. C. Leathem	C. H. Portman	N. P. Coe
7	C. W. M. F. Cox	R. W. Schnellmann	E. N. Broadway
Stroke	E. D. J. Hunter	D. G. Clubley	S. M. Nicholl
Cox	P. G. Dowling	J. S. Hutchins	T. J. Wood

R.G.M.

RUGBY FOOTBALL

This term we have had no Junior Colts fixtures and the playing of matches against other schools has been restricted to the Junior side. In the event, only three matches were actually played but a record number of points was scored. The results illustrate the difficulty we have been meeting for some time now in finding really good opposition in the post-Christmas part of the season. In the first of the matches played, for instance, ten of the side scored tries and although the team enjoyed themselves the value of the match is questionable. It was obvious, however, that the Juniors were — as indeed they had already proved in the Michaelmas Term — a very good side who had set themselves a high standard. There is much potential still to be realized and the future of these players will be watched with interest.

The following represented the side in the final game: D. N. Hunt; M. C. Varley, J. C. Paddison, N. J. Booker (Capt.), F. J. Dobbs; B. H. Ford, J. Y. McLaughlin; R. L. Matthews, A. E. Banes, D. R. Sayce, I. L. M. Carr, L. Morgan, P. B. Harrison, P. K. Ablewhite, T. R. Paxton. Also played: D. R. Langmead, A. Varley, J. L. Sayce.

Results were:

v. Headington Sec. School (a). Wed., 12th Feb. Won 69—0

v. Christ Church Cathedral School (h).

Thurs., 27th Feb. Won 68—0

v. John Mason High School (a). Sat., 29th Feb. Won 34—3

Interest towards the end of term was provided by the Oxfordshire Seven-a-side Contest. It was originally planned to enter three Sevens, one junior and two senior, but unhappily ground conditions on the day — Saturday, 21st March — caused the cancellation of a number of games and eventually we entered one senior and one junior side. The senior team — A. E. Johnson; P. B. Godfrey, J. R. Jennings, M. R. Louth; I. R. Flint, S. J. Baker, N. A. H. Bosley — found the opposition of Rutlish School in the first round too strong and lost 3—15. The junior side — P. E. Gibbs; R. E. N. Bradfield, D. S. Jackson; R. G. Coulbeck; P. Rogers, N. K. Cook, P. H. Blackburn — were more fortunate and reached the Quarter-finals, beating Southfield School (13—5) and Monmouth School (8—5) on the way.

JUNIOR HOUSE MATCHES

The Knock-out competition saw Blacknall House again the winners of the Bayley Cup. They defeated Tesdale in the final 19—5, their three-quarters, especially N. J. Booker and the Varley brothers, proving too good for a gallant but slow opposition. The results in the opening rounds were: Blacknall beat Bennett 39—3 and Tesdale beat Reeves 17—0.

The Under 13 League provided Blacknall with another victory and the Candy Cup since by defeating Bennett 23—0, Tesdale 14—0 and

Reeves 53—0 they gained the full points (6). Tesdale were runners-up with 4 points while Bennett and Reeves had to be content with a single point each: Tesdale gained victories over Reeves (15—0) and Bennett (13—11) and the game between Bennett and Reeves ended in a draw 8—8.

D.O.W.

COMBINED CADET FORCE

ARMY SECTION

Final negotiations have taken place between the School and the Ministry of Defence (new style War Office) and our establishment as from 1st September will be:

R.N. Section	50	cadets
Army Section	120	„
R.A.F. Section	55	„

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Total 225

Our present strength is just over 250 and so during the course of the summer term we shall be cutting down to our establishment. In future there will have to be some form of selective entry based on, for example, a three-week drill and map reading course to show aptitude for C.C.F. work.

We welcome Pilot Officer Morelle and hope that he will enjoy his service with us. The R.A.F. Section has flourished so well since its inception that a second officer has been a necessity for some time, to bear the burden with Flying Officer Manly.

The R.A. and C.D. Sections have had a successful term, particularly the latter, as four cadets from that Section have been selected to attend a course at the Home Office C.D. School during the holidays. The R.A. Section will be visiting Larkhill Ranges next Field Day to watch a demonstration put on by the Army.

The Signals Section is having a difficult time at the moment because of lack of regular help from specialists. We can only hope that this improves soon. The 'old hands' have put in some useful work teaching the 'new boys' the rudiments of wireless procedure. I feel that if they accept the present difficulties as a challenge, even more useful instruction could be done.

Our instructors from 16 Bn. R.A.O.C. have given us continued assistance on the drill side and now all members of the Army Section have had a grounding in the new arms drill. The first public showing of our prowess will be the Annual Inspection on Friday, 12th June.

Field Day passed off successfully. R.A., N.C.O.'s Cadre and B Coy spent the day as guests of our parent unit at Bicester, the time being split between Weapon Training and visiting the Ordnance Depot. Perhaps it would be more correct to say that these were interludes

between meals, as 16 Bn. are renowned throughout the Army for their splendid food, which was enjoyed by all.

C.D. Section spent the day at Kidlington, while the Sigs Section and C Coy took part in a map-reading scheme on the Downs.

At least 31 cadets from all three sections were engaged on courses during the Easter holidays. This is one of the pleasing aspects of the C.C.F. at the moment, the willingness to use holiday time in pursuit of further specialist knowledge, or just simply 'roughing it'. Promotion only goes to those who have attended camp or a course and so I hope that rather more cadets will volunteer to attend summer camp at Wyke Regis, Weymouth which will be run by the Royal Engineers.

I have recently had news that it may be possible to add an M.T. Section to 'A' Coy very soon when we will be issued with what the Army term a vehicle 'Beyond Economic Repair'. It certainly will be that when we get our hands on it.

We hope to run a series of weekend bivouac camps during the summer term to give rather more cadets the opportunity to acquaint themselves with camping 'army-style'.

B.J.M.

ARDUOUS TRAINING

This year we revisited Carsphairn in Kirkcudbrightshire. Major Montague drove the 1 ton truck which conveyed stores for the week and seven boys — T. R. Giddings, R. J. Davis, Caradoc-Evans, Bell, Llewellyn, P. J. Evans and Marks. Lt. Fairhead and Lt. Griffin took their own cars in which they lifted the remainder of the party, Clubley, Mein, A. M. Forsythe, Ridehalgh, Goldsworthy and Longstaff.

The cars travelled up during the day, leaving at 9.00 a.m. and arriving at about 7.00 p.m. Fortunately, enough equipment was taken to make a bivouac camp and await the truck which was expected to arrive at 11.00 p.m. As luck would have it the lorry started misfiring rather badly just north of Shap. At this stage too petrol was rather low so we coasted into a petrol station and took on enough to take us to the next Army petrol pump at Carlisle. But more petrol did not seem to be the answer and after a further five or six miles the engine again failed and we came to an enforced stop just outside Penrith.

A telephone call to the Army Apprentice School at Carlisle resulted in a tow into their Maintenance Depot.

We were given very comfortable beds for the night and next morning breakfast. While the lorry was being repaired, we saw some of the life at the School. We were on our way again by 10.00 a.m. and arrived safely at Carsphairn at 1.00 p.m.

The remainder of this day was spent settling into camp and explaining our troubles to the car parties who had waited up quite late for the lorry.

Next day we had a short walk from New Cumnock, back to camp, about 12 miles across the hills. The most strenuous walk of the course

however was on Friday when most of us walked about 21 miles down the side of Loch Doon and across to the main road. On this walk one group went about 4 miles further than originally planned, and had to ford a river four times in order to rejoin the road.

On Saturday we took part in a very successful 24 hour exercise which took us all the way round Loch Doon in all about 24 miles. Our bivouac site was on the far side and we pitched camp by 6.00 p.m. with perfect blue skies. We were in three groups for camping and when my section climbed out of their tents next day on a very clear but frosty morning, we found one group had already left. We learnt later that they arrived back at base at 9.00 a.m. after five hours walking and very nearly had to wake Major Montague!

All groups were safely back by lunch time and the rest of the day was spent tidying up.

The return journey of the two cars was uneventful but the lorry stopped four times, once to be repaired by the Army at Castle Bromwich. Nonetheless it arrived back in Abingdon not very far behind schedule. Perhaps the most memorable part of this exercise was the superb weather which rapidly deteriorated on our return to England.

B.M.

ROYAL NAVAL SECTION

There has been nothing of outstanding importance to report this term, which has again been one of quiet work towards the Proficiency Examinations.

One of the four candidates for the Advanced Proficiency, N. P. J. Bell, passed the oral and we are awaiting the result of the written exam. It is hoped to hold the A.B.'s exam early next term.

On 25th February we were glad to meet Lieut. D. A. H. Dobson, R.N., who has taken over from Lt.Cdr. Over the task of Liaison Officer at our parent establishment. We welcome him, and thank Lt.Cdr. Over for all he did for us while in office. Later in the term, we had a visit from a ship-wright, who made a survey of our boats, with a view to having them repaired by H.M.S. Sultan. We await his report.

For Field Day, on 3rd March, the Section was split — one half going to Portsmouth, spending a night in the Royal Naval Barracks, and then visiting workshops in the Dockyard, H.M.S. Victory and a new Destroyer, H.M.S. Kent. The other half, with Lieutenant Arkell, had a day's boating at Raven's Air.

It was a pity that on the same day that we knew for certain that enough boys were able to take part in our proposed camp in Gibraltar at Easter to make the visit possible, we received news that the authorities in Gibraltar could not have us, and that subsequent efforts to re-arrange the dates proved vain. However, we hope to arrange a similar camp next Easter.

L.C.J.G.

ROYAL AIR FORCE SECTION

Most of the term was spent preparing for the Proficiency examinations on the new syllabus. The candidates for Proficiency were reasonably successful but those for Advanced tests fared much worse than in previous years.

Field Day was spent in the Pangbourne area on a defence and attack exercise. Unfortunately the defenders beat an orderly retreat to the coach some five minutes before the attack attempted to penetrate the line of defence. However, the initial object of strenuous outside activity was completely successful.

On account of various crises abroad, RAF Abingdon were unable to give us as much flying time as they had hoped but there should be more opportunity of this during the summer.

During the Easter holidays we had a most enjoyable gliding camp at Kirton-in-Lindsey. After the forecast of snow the prospect of a week's gliding seemed very remote. Yet the weather changed quite dramatically and conditions were ideal throughout the week, enabling most of the boys to take their A and B Gliding Certificates.

Finally, we were pleased to hear of the award of a Flying Scholarship to Sergeant Nicholl and we also wish to welcome Mr. Morelle into the Section. His experiences as a National Service pilot should prove very valuable.

D.W.M.

SCOUTS

34th North Berks

This term we have welcomed Mr. Lewis, an experienced Scoutmaster from Rhodesia. He has helped to organise weekend hikes and camps.

The two scout troops have started training fairly seriously in scouting and camp craft for the summer. This year we hope that each patrol will reach a good standard by the end of May, so that we can have inter-patrol competitions for each troop, from which the best patrols will be entered for the District Competition. If every patrol has camped several times, we shall be able to spend more time at summer camp on hikes, wide games, expeditions, and pioneering projects and less time on simple camp chores than in previous years.

On two successive weekends during the term there were training camps at Youlbury for the patrol leaders and seconds. Both were hampered by bad weather, which was good practice for the Scouts concerned. Later in the term three patrols camped for a weekend at Oakley House.

For Field Day the two patrols of Senior Scouts went on overnight exercises ending up with stalking into Abingdon from the direction of East Hanney during the day. Both scout troops were deployed in the same area, cooking their lunches, map reading, and trying to follow

the movements of the Senior Scouts. This operation was co-ordinated so well by the scout master with walkie-talkie radios that only one senior scout stalked through unseen.

The Senior Scout troop has been very active. During the weekly meetings bridgework, pioneering, making canvas rucsacs, overhauling the equipment and planning weekend and Easter hikes have taken most of the time. Mr. Lewis has been teaching rope spinning with mixed success! At the beginning of term Carr, M. T. D., was invested and Poole, J. R., promoted to patrol leader. During the term seniors have been on two weekend hikes, the first in the Cotswolds, the second on the Downs from Uffington to Ilsley. Four seniors have nearly finished their Venturer Badge, passing parts one and three at a course at Bears Rails Camp Site at Windsor, and completing their hikes in the holidays.

Holiday activities included, besides Bob-a-Job week, a highly successful training camp at Youlbury run by Richard Welch and attended by a dozen scouts; a hike camp led by Mr. Williams to the Black Mountains in Wales, where three nights were spent in very windy conditions in the area of Llanthony and Capel-y-ffin; and also an eleven-day expedition of Seniors led by Mr. Lewis to the Glencoe-Mamores district in Scotland and reported below. By the end of the holiday over two hundred nights had been camped this year.

Finally we should like to thank all those parents who have so generously used their cars to convey scouts to and from camps and hikes. Without their kind help much of our activity would have had to be curtailed.

M.N.W.; J.B.; F.A.B.

During the Easter holidays, Mr. Lewis led a party of Senior Scouts on a hiking camp in Scotland. The party who spent eight nights on the camp consisted of F. A. Bisby, R. A. Egelstaff, D. M. Dickson, R. A. Lyons, I. L. M. Carr and A. Rose.

The first two nights were spent in Coire Gabhail off Glencoe at a height of 1,250 feet. Camp was set up in windy rain and we awoke next morning to four inches of snow. The first day was occupied by a climb up Bidean nam Bian (3,766 feet), quite an exercise in the conditions! Unfortunately Mr. Lewis had strained his knee before the expedition got under way and so missed most of the climbing. In our subsequent climbs, we experienced every variety of weather. On the fifth day, for instance, we climbed Na Gruagachan and An Garbhanach in heavy cloud and descended later to the Water of Nevis in torrential rain, only crossing it with difficulty and at the cost of a thorough wetting for one of the party. But the next day was gloriously sunny and was spent climbing Ben Nevis. Thereafter it was back to bad conditions and some of us got very wet when we climbed Scurr Choinnich Mor (3,603 feet) in a blizzard. Yet even this experience had its compensations in the sight of large herds of deer and the three course supper

cooked miraculously in the driving rain by Mr. Lewis and Egelstaff against the return to camp.

All in all, this was a most enjoyable hike camp and we are much indebted to Mr. Dickson for providing transport and to the Ramblers Association for the loan of ice axes.

F.A.B.

MUSIC NOTES

In the last issue of the *Abingdonian* my predecessor, Mr. Pratt, modestly under-rated his own immense contribution to the music of the School. So much has he done, and added to the fine tradition which his predecessor Mr. Sawbridge handed on to him, that one is soon conscious of the fact that Abingdon School is musically very alive. One not only finds this among the regular practising musicians, but it is pleasing to come across boys who, neither singers nor instrumentalists, are musically well-informed. It takes some time to become familiar with such a large music department as we have and to know the people actively concerned with it, and I am grateful for the support and encouragement I have received from both the Staff and the boys during this my first term.

The final two Recitals of the Subscription Concerts Society were well supported. Mr. Antony Hopkins gave us a most lively and enlightened account of his methods of writing music for the Theatre and Television. As he himself is an accomplished composer for this medium, we benefited from his first-hand account of the special problems involved and how they can be solved. Afterwards many boys took the opportunity of inspecting some of his musical scores.

Mr. John Shirley-Quirk's excellent recital ranged from a group of songs by 17th and 18th century English composers to a set of five of Peter Warlock's best known ones. Particularly strong in appeal were three delightful Don Quixote songs by Ravel and, in contrast, Brahms' Four Serious Songs.

In the House Music Competitions Mr. Olleson again proved himself to be a very helpful and encouraging adjudicator. After a very varied day's programme, Bennett House came out on top with Reeves a close second. The main strength of Bennett lay in its fine woodwind ensemble, though Reeves gave an outstanding performance of Dvorak's "Nigger" Quartet. Blacknall and Tesdale, though lacking the resources of the other two houses, coped extremely well with the talent they had, the singing of Tesdale producing astonishingly good results.

The Orchestral Concert in the Court Room was well supported and both Senior and Junior Orchestras acquitted themselves with commendable credit on this occasion. The Junior Orchestra's spirited performance of the March theme from Elgar's "Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1" was very popular, while the Senior Orchestra brought the

concert to a rousing finish with Schubert's Symphony No. 1. One of the chief delights of the evening was the polished performance of the three soloists C. Ford, A. Fairlie, and A. Gibbs in Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No. 4.

This term's Staff Recital was devised by Mr. Billington and Mr. Owen who presented an evening of music and poetry, enlisting the services of A. Fairlie, F. Howlett, M. Kitto, and P. Sugg. With such a well-balanced selection of music ranging from Bach to Bartok, and poetry from Raleigh to Eliot, we were rewarded with one of the most pleasurable recitals ever given in the Heylyn Room.

Although the Band has not performed in public this term, it is still actively engaged in rehearsal for next term's events.

The Chapel Choir has been quite busy increasing its repertoire with anthems this term by Eccard, Mozart, Brahms, Goss, and Britten. Particularly memorable was the performance by the whole chapel congregation of Malcolm Williamson's "Procession of Palms" on Palm Sunday.

The experience of hearing the Choral Society's performance of Bach's "St. John Passion" is not soon forgotten, the chorus rising to the occasion magnificently, from the vividly dramatic crowd scenes of 'Crucify Him!' to the tender pathos of the last chorus 'Lie still'. Sincere thanks go to Mrs. Kitching and her team of six girls from the Convent who helped to add brilliance to the top section of the Choir. We also were pleased to welcome back Nicholas Loukes as one of our excellent group of soloists for the occasion. Much credit must go to Mr. Billington whose accompaniment of the choruses on the Organ was outstanding.

While, on the whole, attendances of the musical societies are both good and punctual, we have had the odd occasions of absence or lateness without prior notice or excuse. It is only fair and courteous to the Masters and leaders concerned to give them warning of either late arrival or absence on each occasion, and the reason thereof. Most boys show a high sense of responsibility in this, but it was very disheartening, particularly during the rehearsals for the House Music Competition, to learn of boys just not turning up and offering no proper excuse to their House leaders. Once committed to a society or group of this nature, it is the duty of each boy to be loyal in every respect.

Associated Board Examinations:

Passes:

M. J. Andrews — Violin, Grade 1; M. J. Tajfel — Violin, Grade 1; P. J. Hill — Viola, Grade II; N. J. Pilling — 'Cello, Grade II; J. R. Rowson — Violin, Grade IV; D. M. Dickson — Violin, Grade V; M. H. Hampton — Violin, Grade V; A. L. Vernède — 'Cello, Grade V; R. J. Thornton — Violin, Grade VII.

With Merit:

G. H. Hallett — Bassoon, Grade IV; J. D. Evans — Violin, Grade V; C. I. Rowson — Organ, Grade V; C. C. Ford — Flute, Grade VII.

With Distinction:

C. W. Denny — Violin, Grade V.

J.G.C.

CHESS

The 1st VI in its strongest form has been unchanged since November 1962. With its record of success since then, we should certainly have hoped for another good term. In chess, the value of match experience cannot be overestimated. Unhappily, however, we found ourselves without Medland (one of the doyens) for all but two matches: he had broken his leg in a skiing accident in the holidays. Worse was to follow when first reserve Burton was put out of action by pneumonia. But despite these unfortunate setbacks, we still had plenty of young talent to draw upon, and in the end only one match was lost, that against Carmel College. Now, to put it at its most impressive, the first team won 20 of the last 24 matches; and for all teams there is an 80% winning record over the last three years.

Without the Sunday Times Tournament to worry about, we were able to go ahead with several 'first-time' fixtures. Of these, an eight board match against St. Edward's School was won easily, the younger, less experienced members of our own side doing particularly well on this occasion. The match against Wallingford G.S. was a harder fight, but was won all the same; and we drew 3—3 against Leighton Park School, whom we had heard provocatively described as "the strongest school side in Berkshire." An U/15 team had no difficulty in defeating the John Mason High School, although the score of 8—0 conceals one or two very lucky wins indeed.

Of the other matches, that against Eton (winners of the Berks & Bucks Shield, for which we do not enter) is one worth commenting upon. The 4—2 win was very satisfying, and was certainly more convincing than our previous victory. The opposition included the Captain of the Oppidans, who drew with Giddings.

Intramurally, this term's Senior Championship was won by T. J. King. The Junior Championship is still unfinished, the dayboys' section having been beset by numerous delays. In the Waste Court section, R. L. Deuchar won the title from C. J. H. Wilkinson. The Michaelmas Term Junior Championship was at last decided, with J. J. A. King the victor. Stern measures will have to be introduced to prevent these tournaments from coming to complete standstill through the inertia of one or two boys.

It is pleasing to report that several of our members have distinguished themselves extramurally during the past season. Term began, for

instance, with the good news that in the holidays Burton had won the Oxfordshire U/15 title from 22 entrants, with 6 points out of 6. That is a remarkable fine achievement. C. J. Woods, too, did well to come seventh. In the U/18 Championship (28 entrants), M. F. Wells came 4th=, Harding 7th= and T. J. King 14th=. King would surely have done better but for the burden of organising the whole affair which fell to be his lot — in itself a feather in his cap. He and Wells were subsequently chosen to represent Oxfordshire in the Southern Counties U/18 Jamboree held in London on 29th February. King's success for Oxford City has been quite phenomenal: he won ten and drew the other of the eleven games he played. When he goes up to Pembroke in October he will already have an enviable reputation amongst Oxford chess players. Harding and Medland have been doing well for Abingdon Town. Medland's absence has hampered his progress, but Harding has now been promoted to the first team. It is to be hoped that our local influence and reputation will continue to grow in this way.

Results

1st VIII	v. St. Edward's School (h).	1st Feb.	Won 5½-2½
1st VI	v. King Alfred's School (a).	17th Feb.	Won 5½-½
1st VIII	v. Carmel College (h).	19th Feb.	Lost 3-5
1st VI	v. Wallingford G.S. (a).	5th March	Won 4-2
1st VI	v. Leighton Park Sch. (a).	18th March	Drawn 3-3
1st VI	v. Eton College (a).	19th March	Won 4-2
U/15 VIII	v. John Mason H.S. (h).	20th Jan.	Won 8-0
U/15 VI	v. Southfield School (a).	4th March	Won 3½-2½

Those who have played are T. J. King (capt.) 2½/5, M. F. Wells 2/4, Harding 3½/5, R. J. Davis 4/6, T. R. Giddings 4/6, Medland 1½/2, Burton 1½/2, P. H. Blackburn 2½/4, J. J. A. King 4/5, B. K. Langmead 3/4, Rose 2/3, J. J. Morgan 1/2, Woods 2/2 Wilkinson 2/2, I. L. M. Carr 1/1, R. K. Blackburn 0/1.

J.V.T.

NEVERS

Once again a party from the school has made an exchange visit with the Lycée in Nevers. We set off on 24th March to spend three weeks in a town with which many of our boys now have very close contacts.

This year seems to have been more eventful than some, with one of our number forced to sample the hospitality of a French hospital, making a more extended stay in Nevers than he had anticipated and returning one week later than the others, leaving an English appendix behind him; and with another boy deciding that Paris offered more attractions than England on the return journey. Perhaps he had still not had a

close enough look at the problem of France and the Common Market or the efficiency of our Consular staff abroad! The Foreign Office however responded to this crisis very well and one crestfallen young man found himself spending a cold night on the following night ferry.

While in Nevers, our hosts as usual set us an example in courtesy and hospitality which we shall have to work hard to equal. Many boys travelled to other parts of France and despite the absence of sunshine in the first part of the visit they all seemed to enjoy themselves, and we look forward to the visit of our French friends in the summer.

D.W.M./M.R.M.

SKYE

29th March—7th April, 1964

This year the Skye Group was entirely carborne in spite of an accident above Glencoe which eliminated one car. Walton went through the windscreen and was kept in hospital at Fort William, but in a few days he made his way to Skye.

As with Ardnamurchan last year, only more so, the weather refuted the geography books. Since October Skye had had fine weather, but on the day the party packed up low mist changed to drizzle then to rain with strong west wind. The homebound car parties saw the highland mountain streams burst into life with long white waterfalls and raging torrents. Dry as the eleven days had been, there was considerable change of temperature. The north wind was unseasonably bitter, and some still starry nights produced frost. There were sheltered alcoves among the mountains where one could bask in the hot sun and sleep in the heather.

Camasunary was three rough miles from the nearest road where the cars were left. The footpath was over a ridge and down to the sea. 'Home' for the Abingdon exiles was a corrugated iron hut outside which a large fire of driftwood from the beach was kept going each day. At night after supper the party sat around this fire sometimes to sing, sometimes to exchange ribald repartee, or just to sit and endure smoke in the eyes. Where it was warmest there was most smoke but everyone was very, very happy!

The place is a few yards from the sea on a grassy flat. It is a raised beach about 25 feet above sea level and behind it slopes a glacial valley with a loch about a mile long between large mountains. Mount Blaven (3042ft.) dominated the scene from the north as the sea did from the south, and to the west the Black Cuillins peeped over Scurrna-Stri. One morning the Cuillins were all white after a snowy night in their exalted regions. But black is the name and black the mood of the Cuillins, a sharp ridge of crags above 3000 feet. They cast almost permanent shadow over Loch Coruisk and the sea-loch Scavaig.

Overlooking the glaciated valley from the north are the Red Hills. These rounded granite monsters are almost as high as the Cuillins but

smooth with scree on their flanks. In contrast, the gabbro of the Cuillins weathers sharp and uneven into great pinnacles and sheer precipices.

Elgol was the nearest 'town', some four miles along a cliff footpath and consisting of a few crofters' cottages well away from each other, a store and a post office, though the terms are misleading.

Those who felt like a pub or hotel cup o' tea drove 15 miles to Broadford; but no place was large enough to be called a village except for Portree and perhaps Kyleakin where the cars were ferried across a few hundreds of yards of sea from the Kyle of Lochalsh.

Fetching and carrying was hard work always, particularly on arrival and departure, but the main essential, water, was very near in a mountain stream. It was a simple matter to heat the water on a grill over the fire made from an iron bedstead.

One Sunday afternoon the whole party visited the Talisker distillery by Loch Harport and compared it in detail with Abingdon's brewery. All stages were seen: first barley warm and moist and sprouting, then dried by peat to give it flavour, mashed and fermented in colossal vats and exuding alarming whiffs of acetone, and finally distilled. You could see white whisky flowing from taps and you longed for just one pint mug of it — but it was secure behind thick glass. The 10,000 gallons of whisky made per week are mostly consumed by thirsty foreigners!

A very different excursion was Bisby's idea of sleeping at the summit of Mount Blaven to see the dawn. The night was clear but sunrise was not, but the valiant few slept well in their sleeping bags after an arduous climb with heavy loads. No less enjoyable was the sleep of those less crazy who remained in camp!

The Cuillins tried to keep Mr. Blagden, Bisby and Crouch all night on their crests. Twilight descended upon the climbers before they were sure of their way down. Great was the relief in camp when they returned hungry and thirsty long after dark.

The cars were a great asset and extended the scope of enquiry. Some went to the extreme north past the Storr and the Quirang, others to Dunvegan where Dame Flora MacLeod resides in the Castle and is suzerain over all MacLeods. The zoologists camped on Raasay Island in the hope of trapping mammals peculiar to the place but instead were rewarded by seeing the golden eagle — and who could ask for better!

Remote as the Skye Group was they had guests. Booker and Candy came for two days and occupied the large empty tent vacated by those who preferred the hut. On the last day Mr. Brian Williams, who had come to Ardnamurchan with the Skye Group last year and previous years, passed by with a Marlborough colleague. Mr. Blagden and Mr. Moore wined and dined with them that night, the others having started for home. They returned to sleep in a derelict and abandoned church while a ranging storm sprayed through the broken window panes and



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dripped from the damaged roof; but they breakfasted sumptuously on the excess of corn flakes, bacon and eggs that remained.

The whole expedition was remarkably successful after the initial shock of a car crash on the way, and this might have been disastrous. There was a camaraderie of ordeal, living on bare necessity, mutual ridicule but with it mutual appreciation. Some started doubtfully but soon responded to the delights that went with the hardship. And pervading it all was the genuine scientific flair for first-hand observation. Members of the Skye Group will be presenting particular reports upon projects covering geology, ornithology, many aspects of biology and some sociology.

The Group wishes to thank: Mr. Mark Johnson for allowing the camp; Angus Morrison of Coruisk Stores, Elgol; Nigel Bosley, Q.M.; David Jessett and father for provisions; D. J. Bell, Ph.D., for his lecture on the geology of Skye.

The Skye Group: Mr. Blagden, Mr. Moore, S. J. Baker, F. A. Bisby, N. A. H. Bosley, (Q.M.), P. V. Bosley, J. Bowthorpe (Sec.), E. C. C. Crouch (Treas.), H. F. Flint, C. C. Ford, R. K. Gregson (Chairman), A. S. Harrison, D. J. Jessett, J. L. Walton, P. A. Wedgwood, D. H. Willis.

C.E.T.M.

SCHOOL SOCIETIES

ROYASSE SOCIETY

The first meeting of this term was held on 22nd January and we welcomed six new members, G. J. Bailey, S. M. Nicholl, R. C. Leatham, E. C. C. Crouch, D. L. Clarke and T. Furneaux. Introductions over, A. S. Harrison read a paper entitled "Higher Education." Although at first it seemed he was evading the issue, he soon got down to a very well written paper. We were indeed fortunate to have with us, as our guests, Messrs. Talbot, Tammadge and Murray whose ideas and comments soon provoked a very interesting discussion. We were finally ejected by the Headmaster with the question of how to reform Oxford University left unanswered.

The second meeting of the term was held on 26th February, when having seen, by courtesy of the Headmaster, Cassius Clay dispose of Liston in six rounds, we listened to a paper by R. J. Ormerod, entitled "Britain's search for a role in the world today." This dealt thoroughly with the purpose and aim of Empire and Commonwealth with reference to the increasing power of other Nuclear Countries and the United Nations. Our guests, Messrs. Gray, Talbot and Hasnip, set the ball rolling and the discussion was lively and constructive. The general consensus of opinion at the end of the evening was that Britain would eventually be a part of a United Europe which would be a third Nuclear Bloc, but not until De Gaulle was removed from his all too powerful position.

The last meeting of the term was held on the 18th March when D.F.K.-Smith presented a paper on "Capital Punishment" and his argument for its abolition. Although the paper was strongly biased,

the discussion swayed back and forth, everyone putting forward some sort of opinion. We were again fortunate with our guests, the Chaplain, Mr. Billington and Mr. Fairhead, who helped to provoke a high standard of discussion. The meeting was eventually closed by the Headmaster, but some members were still heard arguing violently as they retired to bed. Before we left, we bade farewell to Richard Ormerod, and in his absence, Alan Harrison, who are leaving at the end of term.

We should like to extend our warmest thanks to the Headmaster and his household for their generous hospitality throughout this term, without which the Society's meetings could not have been so successful.

D.F.K.S.

Perhaps I can add, what David Smith's modesty precludes him from saying, that the three papers this term have all reached a very high standard. It has been particularly pleasing too to see how even the junior members of the Society have played their part in discussions.

J.M.C.

ST. EDMUND SOCIETY

Three meetings were held this term. Those who watched the Fact and Faith film "The Stones Cry Out" were slightly disappointed, but we look forward to another film in the series, "The City of the Bees", which we are assured is the best yet, and which has been booked for next term.

Mr. Martin Dover of Carmel College came to speak to the Society at the second meeting about the Jewish religion. This proved to be most interesting; he brought several articles used in Jewish ritual to illustrate his talk.

For the last meeting we were joined by a few young ladies from St. Helen's School in a discussion — "Christianity—1964?" — led off by stimulating papers from M. A. Bisby and M. J. Giddings. The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Here we must record our sincere gratitude and good wishes to Mr. Phizackerley, our sponsor, as he leaves to take up a living in Norfolk.

J.B.

LITERARY SOCIETY

This term, with its wide variety of interests, has been one of the most enjoyable for some time. Our first meeting on 30th January took the form of a literary charivari, with four speakers ranging over a wide variety of subjects. On 20th February B. J. Lodge outlined the interesting life and work of William Blake, whose obscurity, it was decided, did not detract from his genius. We were privileged to welcome, on 5th March, Mr. E. J. M. Buxton, M.A., Fellow of New College, Oxford, whose talk, "Byron and Shelley", set an unprecedented level for the Society, and we should all like to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Buxton once more for his talk. By way of a change, our last meeting was an outing to the Oxford Playhouse where we saw two excellent productions, "The Maids" by Fenet and "The Exception and the Rule" by Brecht, both of which provided much food for thought. Again, many thanks to those parents who have entertained us during this term; their kind co-operation has contributed to a most successful series of meetings.

M.F.K.

THE HISTORIANS

A pleasing feature about this term's activities was the keen interest shown in the Society by those Lower Sixth Historians who are not regular members and this bodes well for the future.

R. J. Crumly spoke on "The Threat of the Ottoman Empire to sixteenth and seventeenth century Europe" at the first meeting held on 29th January. The paper contained some original ideas supported by numerous illustrations, in particular emphasising this often underestimated threat and showing how decadence set in as a result of complacency. The second meeting was held on 20th February when P. H. Davis read a paper entitled "The Decline of Spain." After a comprehensive survey of the main causes, discussion centred around the financial difficulties that faced the monarchs of Spain and many ideas were put forward by a remarkably authoritative audience.

The final gathering was the highlight of the term when we had the pleasure of listening to Christopher Hill, Esq., M.A., Jowett Fellow and Tutor in Modern History at Balliol College, Oxford, speaking on "Puritanism." To hear a paper read by one who is a leading expert in this particular field adds much to the meaning of our history studies. The speaker successfully conveyed the fervour of the seventeenth century Puritan, thus making the problem considerably easier to understand. A clash of certain opinions led to a lively discussion from which all benefited.

Our thanks must go to Mr. Montague for acting as our sponsoring master this term.

I.J.N.

THE CRITICS

At the opening meeting of the term, J. W. Dickinson read a paper on "George Bernard Shaw", in which he illustrated Shaw's life and times, his ideas and his influence on the dramatic scene. The discussions covered the light-hearted aspects of his work besides comparing his essential motives with other dramatists, including Shakespeare.

On 13th February, C. J. Corps spoke on "The Revolt in Post-War Poetry". Essentially a personal selection of modern writing, the paper naturally provoked much lively discussion. It proved both an interesting and an enjoyable evening.

"Ernest Hemingway" was the subject of the last meeting, and M. L. Thorpe spoke about the importance of personal experience and the value of a simple but careful style in this author's work. An excellent knowledge of Hemingway's novels enabled the speaker to lead an animated and controversial discussion.

P.G.H.

THE SYMPOSIUM

Three meetings were held this term, all in the School Shop. The third meeting was to have been held at the house of Dr. and Mrs. Ford, but C. C. Ford was unfortunately ill on the day of the meeting, and it was decided that the Society would be too much of a burden for Mrs. Ford. We are nevertheless very grateful for the offer of hospitality.

At the first meeting a number of resignations were received, and it was decided to maintain the Society at the resulting reduced size. J. R. Jennings read a paper entitled "Democracy", in which he discussed the forms of government through the ages.

At the second meeting the new Secretary was elected. Then P. J. Hardwick read a paper on "Punishment" in which he discussed, among other things, the controversial matter of capital punishment.

At the final meeting of the term, F. A. Bisby read a paper called "Darwinism and Christianity". The ensuing discussion was evidence enough of members' strong views on this subject, and a most enjoyable evening was had by all.

N.P.C.

THE ATHENÆUM

A new School Society was founded this term: The Athenæum. Its aims are to provide opportunities for cultural visits outside other School activities. The wide range of the programmes envisaged necessitated the invitation of three sponsor masters. We are most grateful to Mr. Cullen (Music), Mr. Griffin (The Theatre) and Mr. Fairhead (Art) for agreeing jointly to sponsor the Society. The usual order of events is for the Committee (A. S. Harrison—Chairman; F. C. A. Exon—Secretary; F. A. Bisby—Treasurer) to decide on a suitable programme, and for discussion meetings to be held shortly after the outings.

Owing to the lateness of its foundation, we were unable to be as ambitious this term as we had first hoped. The two outings that were arranged were both at the New Theatre, Oxford. The first play which we saw was "The Seagull" by Chekhov. It was generally agreed that the acting was of the highest standard, and the play provided a most encouraging first night out for the Society. At the follow-up meeting, P. A. Sugg read a paper on the play, which was followed by a good discussion. "Where Angels Fear to Tread" after the novel by E. M. Forster also provided a subject of general interest. A paper was read by the Chairman; prolonged and lively discussion followed it.

The Society has started off in a most pleasing fashion. No small part in its success is due to the sponsor masters. Mrs. Liversidge is also to be thanked for very kindly inviting the Society to meet at her house, for providing coffee and for helping with supper arrangements.

A.S.H.

We are sorry to be losing Alan Harrison so soon after the inception of the Society, but we do thank him for his good humoured and witty chairmanship, and wish both him and M. C. E. Hodge, the only other of our members who is leaving, the best of luck.

We welcome as Chairman in Harrison's place J. R. Jennings.

L.C.J.G.

MODERN LANGUAGES SOCIETY

Six meetings have been held during the Lent term, five of them joint meetings with the St. Helen's School French Club.

At our first meeting, on 7th January, we read Molière's "L'Ecole des Femmes", in preparation for the play which we saw a week later. The standard of reading improved rapidly during the evening. On 5th February, P. G. Henderson very valiantly carried on a discussion in French. Eventually conversation was squeezed out of the members and it was decided that in future each member should prepare a subject.

The third meeting on 28th February took the form of a Joint Social. Dancing and games provided the chief activities of the evening, which was enjoyed by everyone. At the fourth meeting, on 4th March, Mr. Day, a student master, read a paper on "French Education", which was very informed and instructive.

On 12th March the fifth meeting, held, by kind invitation, at Mr. Hasnip's house, was confined to the Upper Sixth German set who read and discussed some of Goethe's poems. The last meeting was held at St. Helen's on 20th March and consisted of a quiz game and the playing of 'charades' in French. It was a great success and rounded off a very active and enjoyable term of Society meetings. All thanks go to Mr. Hasnip and Miss Davis, without whose help and encouragement our meetings could not have taken place.

E.D.J.H.

TURNOR SOCIETY

The Lent term's meetings have had a predominantly African note. First, M. J. Giddings, dressed in the traditional robes of a Chieftain, and to the accompaniment of African "High Life" jazz, illustrated modern Nigerian life with some excellent slides. The only criticism of an otherwise successful meeting was the poor attendance which this talk did not justify.

Mr. J. S. Lewis, next spoke on "Trekking in Rhodesia". He communicated to a large audience his obvious enjoyment of this pastime, illustrating points with some most professional slides. The third talk of the term had unfortunately to be cancelled and we were unable at the last moment to find a substitute speaker, a fact which shows that there is still a poverty of enthusiasm in some quarters of the School. Much could be achieved if the speakers came from inside rather than outside the School: there are great opportunities for a member of the School to carry out research into some subject of general interest and speak on it, and it is to be hoped that this will occur in the future.

F.C.A.E.

DEBATING SOCIETY

Two debates only were held during the Lent term, but at both there were encouragingly large numbers. The first, held on 24th January, was on a topical note, when the motion was "Beatlemania is a sign of decadence in this modern world". The Opposition, M. J. Giddings and P. A. Sugg, suitably attired in Beatle 'gear', stressed that Beatlemania was really just a following of the Beatles, an outlet for modern youth. The Proposition, G. H. Hallett and R. B. Davis, valiantly attempted to persuade the House that Beatlemania was a sign of an unstable mind, but were overwhelmingly defeated — we obviously had either a large number of lunatics or Beatle fans in the House!

On Friday, 6th March, a party from St. Helen's School joined us to hear Miss Ruth Dobson, seconded by Mr. R. C. Leathem, unsuccessfully defend the motion that "Gallantry is outdated", which was opposed by Miss Sandra Adams and Mr. M. F. Kitto. An enjoyable time was had by all, and we hope it will not be too long before we have another joint debate of this kind.

M.J.G.

MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY

The first meeting of the term was a lecture held on Monday, 27th January, when Dr. M. E. Rayner of St. Hilda's College, Oxford, gave a lecture entitled $4\pi A \ll L^2$. This talk, despite its title, was about a simple topological proof made very interesting because we seldom see topology at work.

The next meeting was a members' papers meeting held on Tuesday, 11th February. A. S. Harrison spoke on "Paradox in Mathematics";

T. R. Giddings on "Zero"; M. L. Thorpe on "Probability Theory" and S. M. Nicholl on "Transfinite Mathematics". The standard of the papers on the whole set a high target for future meetings.

The last meeting of the term on Wednesday, 4th March, took the form of a Bingo session with a Mathematical approach. For once mathematical problems were enjoyed by all.

We are very grateful to St. Helen's School for helping to make the first and last meetings so successful. S.M.N.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

The usual Friday afternoon meetings have been held this Lent term.

On 31st January, A. S. Harrison attracted a large audience to his talk on "Phosphorus". He covered the history of Phosphorus-making, the present industrial manufacturing methods, and the uses of Phosphorus and its compounds. Then he discussed the allotropic forms of the element, how matches are made, and the chemistry of striking a match. This very interesting lecture was illustrated by Albright and Wilson slides.

Two films were shown on 21st February in the Court Room. "Introduction to Radioactivity" described several experiments which could be performed with simple apparatus to demonstrate radioactivity. "Chromatography" was a wonderful colour film which covered the whole subject, from column chromatography to gas/liquid chromatography.

Mr. H. Leigh, of Christ Church, Oxford, and a student master at the School, lectured on "Dyestuffs" on 20th March. He examined the chemical groups which give rise to colour, how the dyes are held on to the cloth, ingrain dyeing, vat dyeing, and mordanting. Mr. Leigh made an aniline dye and dyed a handkerchief in it; to everyone's surprise, including his, the dye was fast. The attendance at this meeting was unfortunately very small, and so many chemists missed a superb lecture. T.J.K.

PLAY-READING SOCIETY

This term the Society took on a new look with the introduction of half-a dozen young ladies from St. Helen's on a more permanent basis than had hitherto been attempted. It certainly is a pleasant change to have the female parts read by the proper sex! This term four plays were read, starting with Oscar Wilde's "An Ideal Husband". At the next meeting we read Webster's "The Duchess of Malfi", and this was perhaps the highspot of the term. Much of the atmosphere and the ingenuity of the plot was brought over by the excellent reading. Our modern play of the term was Ionescu's "The Rhinoceros", which was much enjoyed by all. At the last meeting of the term we had only time for a one-act play, Sheridan's "St. Patrick's Day", because of other commitments. Finally, our thanks must go to Mr. and Mrs. Griffin for their continued support of the Society and the very pleasant surroundings which they provide for the meetings. A.G.F.

MUSIC SOCIETY

The first meeting of the term took the form of an informal concert, given to welcome the new Director of Music and sponsor of the Society, Mr. Cullen. The solo performances gave much enjoyment and also gave Mr. Cullen a chance to judge the standard of playing and potentialities of the Society. Since it was the choral and orchestral section

of the House Music Competition this term, much of the Society time was taken up with rehearsals for the competition. At the last meeting of the term it was intended to perform some of the original compositions submitted for the House Music Competition. Unfortunately the illness of several members meant that only one composition could be performed. It is hoped that next term some more original compositions can be performed, both for the Society's enjoyment and the composer's benefit. It was further suggested that meeting for next term should be restricted to certain weeks, and that the dates of the meetings should be published in the Calendar.

N.P.C.

THE FORUM

The Lent term's meetings have been enthusiastically attended and some admirable discussions have taken place. During the term there were four meetings. At the first, an open meeting, two new members were elected into the Society. The most controversial subject of this meeting was the last question on smoking and advertisement. The second meeting realised the potentiality of the Society to help the School, for at this meeting the new dayboy changing rooms were discussed, and the Society put forward several suggestions, some of which were channelled through the Headmaster into the Architect's final plan. The last meeting was a crowning success, for while the Secretary took the chair at a light-hearted, but valuable discussion, the Chairman and the Sponsor were representing the Society's interests at the G.G.C. where after a suggestion from the Forum, the introduction of a half-colours tie was agreed upon. Our thanks go to both the Chairman and the Sponsor for their helpful contribution to the Society.

J.W.D.

THE ARTS CIRCLE

This term the Society held one meeting at which we were privileged to welcome Mr. Patrick Procktor, who delivered an illustrated talk on recent developments in British Painting, after which those who attended the meeting had a deeper insight into contemporary art. Simultaneously the Society sponsored a competition of drawings and paintings which Mr. Procktor kindly consented to judge. The standard of entries was impressively high, the prizes being awarded to K. J. Shepard, P. A. Sugg and C. J. A. Maude. We should like to express our deep gratitude to Mr. Procktor for coming down from London on 21st February.

M.J.H.L.

JOINT CLUB

There has been a welcome revival of enthusiasm for the Society and all have enjoyed the term's meetings. The first meeting was held on Saturday, 18th January, and took the form of a dance with light refreshments served during the evening. The next meeting was an outing to the Wallingford cinema to see "West Side Story". This meeting proved to be very popular, though the film seemed too much for some of the young ladies. For the last meeting the young ladies were invited to an Evening Entertainment at School, "The Guns of Navarone", which was followed by a jazz session with refreshments. We hope that the meetings in the coming term will be as enjoyable as those of this term. Our thanks go to Miss Glass and Mr. Sewry for their help in organization.

P.H.D.

JAZZ CLUB

On 27th January a few members were fortunate enough to see Chris Barber in the Oxford Town Hall. Fortunate indeed, for the performance given was one of extreme vitality and expressiveness.

The first School meeting was devoted to appreciating and contrasting the works of Art Blakey, Milt Jackson and Dizzy Gillespie, a meeting particularly well attended. After this came a further outside meeting when a few members listened to the mainstream sound of Humphrey Lyttelton, which proved to be below the usual Lyttelton standard.

The second School meeting was occupied by two very different artists yet in their own field particularly exciting, Thelonius Monk and Jack Teagarden.

The final meeting took the form of a series of lectures by R. D. Schuck on "How I began to like Jazz", Mr. H. Leigh of Christ Church, Oxford, on "Aspects of Modern Jazz" and A. O. B. Akinbiyi on "Jimmy Smith and Hammond Organ Jazz". All three, especially the second, were excellently done and amply illustrated. Our gratitude is due to the Headmaster, Rev. M. N. Williams, and Mr. H. Leigh for making the outside visits possible — it is hoped to continue the practice next term.

C.J.C.

CAMPANOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Our practices this term, which were also attended by some members of the Abingdon band, were held weekly, using hand-bells and tower bells.

We are losing this term our best and most regular ringer, Michael Hodge. We wish him all success, first in his temporary job at Grove, and later at Cambridge University.

On Friday, 24th February, a quarter peal (1260 changes) of Plain Bob Minor was attempted at St. Nicolas' by 5 members of the Society and 1 other Abingdon ringer. The attempt was unsuccessful.

On Saturday, 21st March, a half peal (2520 changes) was attempted at St. Nicolas' as a farewell to the Chaplain. This was lost only 360 changes before the end. It would have consisted of 21 extants in the following methods: Stedman, Plain Bob, Winchendon Place, St. Nicolas', St. Martin's, and St. Simon's. The ringers were J. Rowson, Jane Carruthers, M. C. E. Hodge, C. I. Rowson, Anne M. Rowson, and J. R. Poole.

Our thanks are due to the Rector of St. Nicolas' for allowing us to use the bells, and to Mrs. Dixon for her regular help and attendance.

C.I.R.

HOLIDAY CLUB

There were only two club activities held during the Christmas holidays. As usual, a rigger match was arranged for Boxing Day against a Town side. This year, for the first time for several years the rigger match was actually played on Boxing Day. On previous occasions the weather had been against us. The game was varied, but the superior ability of the Town's backs resulted in an 8—0 defeat.

The annual club social was held in the Tuck Shop on the 9th January. "The Zodiacs" provided the music and this, with the very good refreshments, provided an enjoyable evening.

C.C.F.

TAPE RECORDING SOCIETY

The Lent term has been a very active one for the Society. The usual termly meeting was held on the first Friday of term, when we were very pleased to welcome Mr. A. C. Griffith, who is the recording manager of the World Record Club, who gave a fascinating talk entitled "Modern Recording Techniques". He started with a brief history of recording and then went into the finer points of commercial recording today, illustrating the talk with recordings played on his own equipment. Much was learnt from this absorbing meeting.

"Out of School" activities have been abundant; the most notable being the work on the Studio which is progressing steadily. The Studio should be in use next term. Two of the Saturday evening lectures have been recorded, and twice recordings have been made of the singing in Chapel. Towards the end of term members were responsible for the public address on Sports Day, for the recorded sound at the Boarders' Concert, and for recording the "St. John Passion" in St. Helen's Church.
M.C.J.

THE BUILDING CLUB

The Society has justified its existence this term by erecting yet another garage, this time at Crescent House. The work progressed rapidly, despite alternative commitments of some of our members, notably in the direction of the Tape Recording Studio. Under the expert eye of Mr. Hasnip, and hampered by our own inexperience, we have somewhat surprisingly succeeded in completing the cedar garage in the short space of a single term. We should also like to express our gratitude to all those willing helpers, not members of the Building Club, who gave up their time to assist in the project.

M.C.J./M.J.H.L.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

This term the Society has had only one main meeting which was on Friday, 14th February. I. J. Newbold read a paper entitled "The Decline of the British Empire and the Future of the Commonwealth". The talk was very interesting and a short discussion took place afterwards. Most of us felt that Britain should join the Common Market.

Although this term has been rather quiet, as far as the Society is concerned, plans are being made to liven it up again next term. We hope to start a project on the campaigns and result of the General Election. A Society outing is also being planned and we will again be holding an exhibition on Founder's Day.

A.P.F.

SPOKES ANONYMOUS

The main aim of a Cycle Club is, obviously, to cycle. Spokes Anonymous as a club, hope to have cycle rallies and possibly some touring.

We hope to get extra enjoyment from cycling by making it into an organized sport. The fun involved in cycling is greatly increased by having a purpose.

A rally has been organised and proper weather is our only requirement. Next term we hope to increase our membership and activities, but this is only possible if our members are willing to go out of their way to get a new Club well started.
D.J.B.

LOCOMOTIVE SOCIETY

A single meeting was held; when the Society visited locomotive motive power depots at Gloucester, Hereford and Worcester, on Sunday, 15th March. Fortunately the weather was kind and we reached Worcester before it started raining. We would like to thank Mr. Morelle for giving up his Sunday to accompany us on the excursion.

K.R.

JUNIOR KNOWLEDGE SOCIETY

The Society has had four meetings this term. Unfortunately, owing to clashes with games, some of the meetings were not well attended. The first consisted of two talks given by members: M. Baker and P. Dean.

The second was a talk and demonstration by Mr. Relle on how to play tiddly-winks the way the champions do.

The third meeting was a really interesting talk by Nasmyth on New York. He brought with him many interesting slides.

In the fourth meeting we saw two films. The first was a colour film about the Alpine Rally, the second was the Story of Diesel.

A.R.H.

LIBRARY NOTES

We continue the policy of building up the different sections of the Library in rotation and last term Physics, Biology and Music were the chief beneficiaries, though considerable additions have, of course, been made to all subjects. The plastic covers are proving very successful, largely due to the labours of Nicholas Wharton, and the shelves are looking more colourful and attractive. We are very grateful to Keith Dixon and Peter Leather for handsome "leaving books", to the Misses Challenor for a large number of books and some interesting documents; to Dr. H. B. Prickett for numerous English Classics from American presses; to D. S. Kelly for the valuable *History of Chess* and to Mr. E. J. S. Parsons and Mr. A. J. S. Baker for welcome gifts.

G.F.D.

DUBLIN LETTER

Sir,

With a penny on the price of stout, your correspondent renewed his efforts to trace the Abingdonians at this University. Gerald Farrington was found polishing his guitars and his ice axe. We sought out John Kelly who enjoys that highest praise of any Dubliner as 'a Scholar, a Gentleman and a good judge of liquor'.

Tim Wright, shortly to be facing his finals, recently surprised us all by announcing that he was going to become a schoolmaster. But no word from Alan Smith who, after a stormy term editing Trinity's weekly magazine, seems to have retired from public life.

On the Medical side the School is represented by R. G. Lockton who spends a lot of time studying form in order to become a vet. No Dublin letter would be complete without mention of Michael Willey who is rapidly making a name for himself in Mental and Moral Science.

There has been little news of the opposition and, unlike certain other Universities, we cannot report having seen Keith Haarhoff, though word of a flying visit by Robert Johnston did reach the ears of
that humble and obedient servant,

YOUR DUBLIN CORRESPONDENT.

O.A. NOTES

BIRTHS

- LANE. On 18th February, 1964, to Patricia, wife of Sydney M. B. Lane (1939), a son, Adrian Francis.
- WESTALL. On 24th March, 1964, to Angela, wife of John Westall (1953), a son, Timothy.

MARRIAGES

- BECKETT-WHITEHEAD. On 22nd February, 1964, at St. Peter's Church, Drayton, Roger A. Beckett (1956) to Jennifer Whitehead.
- OWENS-WITNEY. On 25th January, 1964, at Benson Parish Church, Oxon, Peter G. Owens (1950), to Mollie J. Witney, of Brightwell.
- SEWRY-BEARD. On 28th March, 1964, at Holy Cross Church, Hove, Trevor A. Sewry (1961) to Freda Beard.
- STUART-LYON-WAKE. On 1st February, 1964, at St. Michael's Church, Abingdon, James Ian Stuart-Lyon (1956) to Elizabeth Christine Wake.

DEATHS

- WRIGHT. On 19th January, 1964, at Blackheath, after a short illness, Charles Octavius Wright, in his 90th year.
- KANDIAH. On Easter Sunday, 29th March, 1964, as the result of an accident, Julian Kandiah (1959-63), aged 18.

A short obituary of C. O. Wright (Chasow) by Mr. Rudd appears on an earlier page.

We might add that he and Mr. Rudd collaborated in the production of a most interesting volume entitled "The Geometry of Drawing". Both his son David C. K. Wright (1927) now an Estate Agent in Dorset, and his grandson Christopher (1960) who is at A.E.R.E. Winfrith, were at the School.

We have quite a large batch of academic appointments to announce.

Mark Bretscher (1958) has been elected to a Fellowship in Physics at Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge.

Martin Scott-Taggart (1956) has been appointed Lecturer in Philosophy at York University.

Michael Enser (1956) who has just taken his D.Phil. has been elected to a five year Lectureship at Oriel College, Oxford, and also to an I.C.I. Research Fellowship.

Graham Howlett (1960), at present doing his Dip.Ed. Course at Southampton University, has been appointed to a post in Mathematics at Charterhouse School, while Robin Dickenson (1959) has secured a post at Stowe School in the English Department.

Brian Kibble (1957) has taken his D.Phil at Oxford, and during the absence of his Sponsor, Dr. Series, he has had the duty of lecturing to some 150 students.

Michael Culley (1956) a recent Ph.D. London, has been working as a Research Pharmacologist with the drug manufacturing firm of John Wyeth & Bros. of Southsea, but has hopes of a lectureship at a College of Technology.

Eric Firth (1960) B.Sc. Southampton, is taking his Doctorate Course at Keele University.

Paul Reynolds (1959) who went on to Hardye's School, Dorchester, when his father was posted to Winfrith, has won an Open Exhibition in Physics to Brasenose College, Oxford. We may see him again in the summer when he is doing a Science Students' Course at Harwell.

Jasper Rose (1942), who went on from Abingdon to Cheltenham, is co-author of *Camford Observed*, a most informative and well-balanced picture of the workings of the older Universities and how life is lived there.

Pat Mosdell (1931) has retired from the Tanganyika Judiciary, and is now settled in this country.

N. V. Pearson (1927) paid a welcome visit to the School after a lapse of 25 years. He is Second Master at Falmouth Grammar School.

Kenneth Sims (1943) retired from the Army as Major in 1961, his last appointment being Senior Instructor in Radar and Meteorology at the School of Artillery, Larkhill. He is now Sales Engineer with the Military Radar Dept. of A.E.I., but chiefly concerned with commercial ventures.

Peter Horrey (1958) at present co-Director of Peter Horrey Films Ltd. of Chiswick is engaged to a New Zealand girl and hopes to settle there with a job in the Broadcasting Company.

Roger Scott-Taggart (1958) is now with Mars Ltd. (of Bar renown) and left for Ghana last month to study the cocoa-growing industry there.

Peter Rainey (1962) toured B.A.O.R. recently with the Southampton University Rigger team.

Christopher Loukes (1959) Sub.Lt. at R.N.E.C., Manadon, was rowing in the College VIII at the Reading and Putney Head of the River races.

P. A. H. Dawson (1961) has been commissioned in Royal Ulster Rifles.

Bill Marzluff (1960) who is now at Harvard reading Maths and Chemistry plays scrum-half for the University Rigger team.

W. M. Jamieson (1962) has returned home after 18 months in USA and hopes to secure a commission in the Royal Navy.

We apologise for errors in the list of University and College residents in our last issue. Richard Welch is at Westminster College; M. P. Hart is at Edinburgh, not Durham, and Richard Eflaway has not yet gone into residence at Durham.

Paul Ramsey (1963) is doing a short tour as Supernumerary Engineer in M.V. Cairnforth, on the N. Atlantic route.

Clifford Carter (1963) has obtained a post with Campbell Thomson & Chambers, Estate Agents and Auctioneers, of Reading.

Roger Bampton (1961) has forsaken the Law and taken over a garage at Verwood, Dorset.

David Leather (1962) will be joining the Oxford School of Architecture shortly.

Jonathan Mackenzie and Peter Leather have been sampling Continental life since the New Year. Jonathan has been studying the languages at Vienna and Sceaux, while Peter has been working with a firm in Frankfurt am Main.

Michael Nurton (1961) has been appointed to the staff of Lewes Grammar School.

O.A. CLUB NOTES

The 20th London Dinner was held on Friday, 13th March, at the United Service Club in Pall Mall. Stanley Paige had made all the arrangements and organised the function excellently and though some may have been deterred by the all-in charge the fifty-odd members who attended must have agreed that it was a very good party. At least it brought together many O.A.s who have not been seen for many years.

The President, Sir George Sinclair, was in the Chair, and proposed the health of the School, to which the Headmaster replied with thanks for the past and hopes of even closer links between School and Old Boys in the future. Mervyn Gray proposed the health of the Club with unsuspected eloquence and a wealth of amusing reminiscence. Once

again we offer our hearty thanks to Stanley Paige and perhaps next year more members will be encouraged to attend.

The successful get-together of Old Boys in *stat. pup.* at Universities and similar institutions, initiated last year, was repeated on Friday, 20th March. Despite the small charge which had to be made, nearly 40 were able to attend and spent a very happy evening with plenty of food, drink and gossip. Obviously this is a function worth perpetuating.

The notices for Old Boys' Day will be going out shortly but we may remind members that the Cricket and Tennis matches and the Annual Dance will be on Saturday, 13th June.

The Secretaries' addresses are:

Club Secretary: N. J. Holmes, 100 Ock Street, Abingdon (Abingdon 184).

Sports Secretary (Rugger, Athletics, Tennis): J. T. Cullen, Frilford End, Frilford, Abingdon (Frilford Heath 205).

Sports Secretary (Cricket, Hockey): P. J. Millard, 14 Chequers Road, Basingstoke, Hants.

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G. F. Duxbury.

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After many months of planning, the John Roysse Lodge, No. 7957, was formally consecrated, on 18th April, in the Guildhall, Abingdon. Membership is open to all past members of the School and to all past and present members of the staff. The Lodge will meet four times a year, in Lacies Court. The Headmaster has been installed as the first Master of the Lodge, and the Secretary is J. A. D. Cox, of 51 Northcourt Road, Abingdon.

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SUMMARY OF GAMES FIXTURES

CRICKET — FIRST ELEVEN

May

- Sat. 9 v. Newbury G.S. (a).
 Sat. 16 v. Royal Masonic School, Bushey (h), 11.30 a.m.
 Wed. 20 v. Pangbourne Nautical College (a).
 Thur. 21 v. King Edward's, Southampton (h), 1.45 p.m.
 Wed. 27 v. Berkshire Gentlemen (h), 11.30 a.m.
 Sat. 30 v. Bloxham School (a).

June

- Wed. 3 v. Pembroke College (h).
 Sat. 6 v. Abingdon C.C. (a).
 Wed. 10 v. Common Room.
 Sat. 13 v. Old Abingdonians (h), 11.00 a.m.
 Wed. 17 v. Magdalen College School (a).
 Sat. 20 v. Incogniti (h), 11.30 a.m.
 Sat. 27 v. Solihull School (h), 11.30 a.m.

July

- Wed. 1 v. Brentwood School (h), 11.30 a.m.
 Sat. 4 v. Oratory School (h).
 Sat. 11 v. R.G.S., High Wycombe (a).

ROWING

May

- Sat. 16 Thames Ditton Regatta.
 Sat. 23 Wallingford Regatta.
 Sat. 30 Reading Clinker Regatta.

June

- Wed. 3 Private Regatta.
 Sat. 6 Oxford City Regatta. Walton Regatta.
 Sat. 13 Reading Amateur Regatta.
 Sat. 20 Marlow Regatta.
 Wed. 24 Pangbourne Schools' Regatta.
 Sat. 27 Pangbourne and Whitchurch Regatta.

July

- Wed. 1 Henley Royal Regatta — first day.
 Sat. 4 Henley Royal Regatta — final day.
 Sat. 11 Reading Working Men's Regatta.
 Sat. 18 Boat Club Regatta.

ATHLETICS

May

- Tues. 19 Match v. Stamford School and Pocklington School
(at Iffley Road).
Fri. 22 Match v. Wallingford Grammar School (a), 5 p.m.

June

- Wed. 17 Match v. Westminster College (a).
Thur. 25 Match v. Radley College and Malvern College (at
Radley).

TENNIS — 1st VI

May

- Wed. 6 v. The Common Room (h).
Sat. 9 v. Radley College (a).
Wed. 20 v. Magdalen College School (a).
Sat. 23 v. Leighton Park School (h).
Wed. 27 v. Culham College (a).
Sat. 30 v. Bloxham School (h).

June

- Wed. 10 v. Reading School (a).
Sat. 13 v. Old Abingdonians (h).
Sat. 20 v. Abingdon L.T.C. (h).
Sat. 27 v. Berkhamsted School (h).

July

- Sat. 11 v. R.G.S., High Wycombe (a)
Wed. 18 v. Pangbourne Nautical College (h).

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