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EDITORIAL

There are some people who feel that the value of organizations such as the Scouts, the Guides and the C.C.F. is limited. Certainly, one of the main aims of the Scout Movement — to give all boys, from whatever parentage and background, experience of outdoor life — seems to have largely lost its point, this function of Scouting having been assumed by the Outward Bound Schools and, in many cases, by a normal school life. The Scout Movement, born in an imperialist age, was partly designed to offset the social under-privilege of that time. But today, with the decline of Empire, the advent of the Welfare State, and the development of an education, the trend of which is towards a training for everyone in character as well as intellect, the death-knell of the Movement as it used to be has been sounded. It is a similar story with the C.C.F. Modern military techniques are so complex and advanced that the value of the Corps (and the A.C.F. and A.T.C.) as an organization likely to encourage young men to become Service officers is virtually nil. In any case, the expense of new weapons and the consequent unwillingness of the Armed Forces to release them to the C.C.F. means that cadets are receiving a military training which is out of date. Even the uniforms worn by most of the C.C.F. are some decades old — a small but systematic point. The Scouts at least make an attempt to modernize themselves with their new uniforms and new radio networks.

Thus it seems that both C.C.F. and Scouts are anachronisms. Why not, therefore, remove them and save time and money? However, to feel this is to mistake the whole purpose of these movements as they now operate. For, although the practical value may be low, the 'spiritual' value of Scouts and even C.C.F. can be enormous. In a recent statement made on TV, the Chief Scout of the Commonwealth

said that Scouting still gives a boy a challenge — in the Promise, and that, in Scouting, a boy may find friendship and the chance to help others. He pointed out that this friendship is not confined by National boundaries but is virtually world-wide. In this, Scouting carries on the tradition, as laid down by 'B-P', that the movement must promote peace and goodwill in the world. Surely, in this sort of thing lies the basic value not only of Scouting but of all Youth Movements?

The opportunity of developing qualities of leadership — so vital in the modern world — the chance to make friends and help others and, above all, the chance to forge links with other countries through a most potent section of the world's population — these are the real services which the Scouts, and most other Youth Organizations perform for us. Admittedly, the C.C.F. has a basic military aim, but even in the C.C.F. the new approach with its emphasis on arduous training and its embracing of Civil Defence^{*} and First Aid, as against the older virtues of drill and section or platoon training, has much to offer the future citizen. The value of all these movements is certainly not in the main material — but is perhaps all the better for not being so. The adult world is frighteningly material. There is therefore a place in school for movements which emphasize the less tangible values; and this function is still, we feel, carried out by Scouts and C.C.F.

SCHOOL NOTES

We were saddened to hear of the death, on May 16th, of Dr. Mary Watson, O.B.E., after a long and painful illness gallantly borne. The funeral took place privately, in her native county of Lancashire. Subsequently a service of thanksgiving for her life of outstanding public service was held in the School Chapel at 12.15 p.m. on Sunday, June 4th. The service was conducted by the Chaplain and the School Choir sang, as an anthem, the Gelineau setting of the twenty-third psalm. The lesson was read by the Chairman of the Berkshire County Council, Air-Commodore Dickens, and the Headmaster gave a short address. Among those present, apart from members of the family, were the Chairman of the Governors and many other of Dr. Watson's colleagues on the Governing Body, together with representatives of staff and boys. The remainder of the large congregation was broadly representative of the many interests to which Dr. Watson devoted her life.

We record too with regret the death on June 9th of Mr. N. L. Kimbrey, who for the past eleven years had acted as part-time boatman to the School Boat Club. He was a man of gentle and kindly nature, and a true craftsman, and he will be greatly missed by all who came into contact with him and had learned to appreciate his sterling quality. To Mrs. Kimbrey and to his son Ian (O.A.) we offer our profound and grateful sympathy.

As we go to press we hear with profound regret of the death of one of our first-formers, Alistair Charles Bracken Barter, which occurred on 29th July, as the result of a brain haemorrhage, while he was on holiday in Ireland. The funeral took place at Tullamore on 1st August.

Alistair Barter, who was born on 21st June, 1955, entered the School from Our Lady's Convent in September, 1966. He had settled down happily and was a boy of considerable promise. To his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. M. Barter, of Radley Road, Abingdon, we offer our deep sympathy.

The election of Alderman Rogers as Mayor of Abingdon, forecast in our last issue, gave new status in Town and in School to one who was already one of the Borough's representative Governors. His promotion, and the retirement of Councillor Aubrey Smart (on leaving the town), created two representative vacancies on the Governing Body, which have been filled by the appointment of Alderman John Jones and of Councillor John Beasley. Alderman Jones, as the retiring Mayor and as near neighbour and friend, is already well-known to the School. Councillor Beasley, O.A., has the distinction of being the first of the Headmaster's own pupils to become one of his lords and masters.

We were very glad to hear that the Berkshire County Council had re-appointed as Governors Alderman Freeman and Alderman Francis. Then in the place of the late Dr. Watson, and of Mr. Robert de la Mare, who has retired from the Council, they have appointed Mr. A. E. D. Penn, of Boar's Hill, and Mr. W. W. Woodall, of North Moreton.

In welcoming our new Governors, we would also offer the thanks of the School to Mr. de la Mare and to Mr. Smart, as they sever this particular connection with us. We are grateful to them not only for devoted service but also for unexpected but no less welcome 'leaving presents', respectively a generous cheque for the School Library and the Smart Cup for the Road Relay Race, now duly engraved.

We congratulate the Master of Pembroke College on his appointment as Principal of St. Catherine's, Cumberland Lodge, Windsor. But we hope that this will not preclude him from continuing to take an active interest in the affairs of the School.

The Headmaster and his sister had the honour of attending the Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on Tuesday, 18th July.

Changes of staff are again dealt with in a special article. But it would be ungracious of us not to offer our own thanks and good wishes to Messrs. Billington, Cullen, Davies, Holloway and Tammadge, as they leave us for other spheres — well, hemispheres for two of them. The presentation made on behalf of the School to Mr. Holloway, the doyen of the five, was a token of very genuine affection. Various sections of the School organised appropriate farewell gifts for his colleagues.

Our good wishes too go with Mr. Morelle as he embarks on the great adventure of an American Exchange year. We welcome his opposite number, with whom he is doing a straight swop, Mr. K. E. Howard (how confusing!), instructor in Chemistry at the Diablo Valley College, Concord, California. Mr. Howard, who graduated at the Wisconsin State College and subsequently took his M.S. in Chemistry at Marquette University, has previously lectured on the Space Programme for the N.A.S.A. But he is crossing the Atlantic in a perfectly ordinary liner.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Morelle and Mr. and Mrs. Cullen on the safe arrival of sons and heirs (Jonathan Paul Morelle, 17th May; Christopher Gavin Cullen, 24th May).

And our good wishes to Dr. Pryce and to Mr. Varley, both of whom are getting married during the holidays; as also to Mr. Geoffrey Leake, whom so many will remember, as he undertakes the same enterprise.

This term we very soon took to our hearts Mr. Baptiste and Mr. Gillespie — respectively our West Indian and our South African *attachés*. We are grateful too to Fraülein Lorenze, who somehow found time in between her stints at John Mason to come and act as our part-time German assistant.

To our own French assistant, Mons. Briand, a very affectionate farewell. We hope he will visit us again some day.

We shall welcome two graduate students from Westminster College for the month of October — Mr. Keith Scott (Geography) and Mr. James Sadworth (German and French).

We have followed with interest the athletic achievements of Mr. Murray, culminating in his success in achieving fourth place in the 6000 metres in the International Student Games in Japan; and we are grateful to him for making time to continue his extra Chemistry class throughout the Summer Term — an unusual extrapolation of student practice.

And those who remember Mr. Tony Emery's meteoric spell of duty here some sixteen years ago will hear with pleasure of his appointment as Director of the Vancouver Art Gallery, which earned him an extended interview in the *Vancouver Sun*.

On 3rd July Mr. W. A. Rudd (who had only recently been the guest of honour at his college feast) entered upon his ninetieth year — an event which elicited fond greetings from School and Common Room alike.

Our Mr. Hammond's name occurs in curious places. On the morning of 17th June he was one of the two named speakers at the opening session of the annual conference of the Conservative National Advisory Committee on Education (the other was a man called Heath); and more recently he has produced an attractive booklet, 'Golden Berkshire', containing six short studies of local history (Abbey Press, 2/6).

We are grateful to Mr. W. R. T. Skinner (O.A.) who in his will bequeathed to the School the barometer presented to him on his retirement.

Thanks too to Mr. B. R. Riley for the gift of a Mark VIII Jaguar (in good working order!); to Mr. and Mrs. Spearing for an upright piano; to Mr. and Mrs. Goldsworthy for a dozen more roses; to two former parents who each accepted responsibility for the Chapel flowers for one week of the term: to Mr. E. J. S. Parsons, Mrs. G. H. G. Shepherd, and Dr. Gilbert Walton for generous gifts of books for the library; to Mr. and Mrs. Tyson for a liberal donation to Chapel Funds; to Wing-Commander and Mrs. Leonard for a handsome cheque for the Music Fund; to Mr. and Mrs. Cockerill and Mr. and Mrs. Hey for similar gifts to Chapel Funds; and to Mr. Hawtin for a couple of very useful javelins.

We were pleased to welcome the Oxfordshire Branch of the Assistant Masters' Association, which held its terminal meeting at the School on 16th June. Other visitors included Squadron Leader H. Gray, R.A.F. (27th April); Mr. W. A. Gibson-Martin (who spoke to Sixth Form geographers on 'New Development in Steel on 5th May'); Mr. F. A. Arrowsmith, H.M.I. (9th May); Mr. Garth Davidson, Headmaster of Abuja Secondary School, Nigeria (10th May); Dr. Barry Sugarman, of the Farmington Trust Research Unit (11th May); members of the Oxford University Education Society (2nd June); Miss Bather, of C.R.A.C. (20th June); a party of local primary school head-masters (27th June); half-a-dozen members of the Oxford Institute's International Summer Course on Contemporary Britain (7th July); and a rather larger contingent from a later course organised by the American National Council of Teachers of English.

And of course the boys from Bielefeld and Béziers, whom we were so glad to entertain — but more of them on another page.

The number of boys on the School Roll at the beginning of the Summer Term was 607, of whom 192 were boarders and 181 in the Sixth Form.

We congratulate S. R. Shield on the award of a Royal Naval Scholarship; I. P. G. Stevens and A. N. R. Wharton on being recommended for admission to R.M.A., Sandhurst and R.A.F. College, Cranwell, respectively; and R. L. Matthews, T. R. Paxton and A. N. R. Wharton on the award of R.A.F. Flying Scholarships (bringing our total bag for the last year up to five).

The School Photograph was this year taken on 25th April, the first day of the term.

On the following morning, 26th April, the whole School was subjected to the Heaf Test, in order to discover any latent cases of T.B. Inspection and, where necessary, injection came a week later. Then on 4th May everybody was X-rayed to make assurance doubly sure.

Two Parents' Evenings were held in the Court Room this term, one for the Upper Sixth Forms on 18th May, the other for the Fourth Forms on 1st June.

We were represented at the Mayor-Making Ceremony in the Abbey Hall on 24th May — where we were titillated by the rare sight of H.M. in his war-paint.

A formal dance for prefects and house-prefects was held in the Court Room on 25th May, to which were invited parties from the Abbey School, Reading; Didcot Girls' Grammar School; Oakdene School, Beaconsfield; and St. Helen's School. Later our seniors danced less formally as the guests of the young ladies of John Mason (7th July) and St. Helen's (18th July).

The Corps Inspection, fully reported elsewhere, took place on 16th June. It was particularly pleasant to welcome as Inspecting Officer the father of a former member of the School, Air-Vice-Marshal Arthur Foden, C.B., C.B.E.

The Supplementary School Entrance Examination was held on 29th June.

I. J. W. Herbertson and M. F. Kirby attended a two-day Oxfam Conference, 'Food for Tomorrow', at Oxford on 20th/21st May; and later I. C. Bowden, I. J. W. Herbertson and A. L. Watts left early (24th July) for a five-day Conference, 'The Hunger Game', also under Oxfam auspices at Keale University.

M. G. Lewis represented us at a Sixth Form Conference at Leeds University (6th July).

We are extremely grateful to Professor and Mrs. Allen for offering the use of their garden for the Scouts' Garden Party on 8th July.

Outside entertainments at which we have 'assisted' (other than those reported in 'Society Notes') include a visit by the Sixth Form Economists to the House of Commons (by courtesy of Mr. Airey Neave, M.P.) on 2nd May; a visit by our artists to the Tate Gallery (21st May); the Caldecott House Fête (27th May); the film version of 'Othello' in Oxford (22nd May); the O.U.D.S. production of 'Agamemnon' (14th June); a lecture by Dr. Nikolaus Pevsner on 'English Baroque', held under the auspices of the Friends of Abingdon (15th June); the Choir outing to Bibury (18th June); the Friends of Abingdon Fête (23rd June); the School's production at the Unicorn Theatre, 'Hodgepodge' (12th July); two lectures given under the auspices of the Oxford Historical Association, on, respectively, 'Roman Life' (14th July) and 'Churchill' (21st July).

Our Blood-Donors' Group contributed liberally in the Church Hall on 11th May; and over the half-term the Society of Change-Ringers completed two full peals and five quarter-peals in seven different local churches. Other more or less out-of-the-way activities during the term included highly successful matches against the Old Boys at croquet and

badminton; a croquet doubles competition (won by B. E. Goldsworthy and J. G. Millard); a one-hundred-mile road relay (18th July), successfully completed in just over the ten hours: the School's first cycle-race, an eight-mile timed trial, won by C. M. Howlett in 19 minutes 43 seconds (19th July); and (the same day) the traditional cricket match between Common Room and Prefects.

The Monday lunch-hour recitals organised by Mr. Cullen deserve a special word of appreciation. So too does the series of Sunday evening organ recitals at St. Helen's Church, the last of which rounded off very fittingly one-half of Mr. Billington's Jekyll-and-Hyde appointment.

It was on Saturday, 20th May, that the School flag-pole, flying the flag half-mast, in a strong wind, on the day of Dr. Watson's funeral, broke off near the base. It was decided to site the new mast on the roof of the Science Block. The flag is not quite so conspicuous, but it does mean that it can be flown with the halliards vertical.

We welcome the process of integration of the senior schools of Abingdon in social and cultural activities. The Inter-Schools Co-ordinating Committee continues to meet each term.

We congratulate the winners of the following awards, which together with the House Cups were distributed at a 'Supplementary Prize-Giving' at the final assembly of the term —

Cricket —

The Fletcher Cup, for the highest batting average in the First Eleven: A. J. Varley.

The Morris Cup, for (in this instance) the best all-rounder: M. J. Heading.

The Cup for the Junior Colts Single Wicket Competition: D. H. Parry.

Tennis —

The Buckley Cup, for the winner of the Open Singles: R. E. N. Bradfield.

Shooting —

The West Cup, for the best individual shot: M. C. C. Hunter.

The Darbshire Cup, for the best shot under 16: M. M. Clift.

Athletics —

The Decathlon Cup: J. W. Hassett.

Fives —

The Cup for the winner of the Open Singles: N. J. Booker.

Golf —

The Mather-Jackson Cup, for the winner of the Knock-out Competition: N. G. W. Seaver.

Badminton —

The Cup for the winner of the Open Singles: James Y. McLaughlan.

Music —

The Strings Cup: R. Samsworth.

This year the Fives competition attracted a very healthy total of 24 entries. Booker won the Cup, defeating A. Ahuwan in the final. The other semi-finalists were D. N. Hunt and G. I. Ruck.

On 17th July Mrs. Sandford presented the awards at the Boat Club Regatta. Mrs. Cullen followed suit at the Swimming Sports on 20th July.

Once again we went to some trouble to ensure that every boy had at any rate the opportunity of being gainfully occupied during a last week of term which must have appeared more than somewhat chaotic to our many foreign visitors. Our warm thanks to the mind behind it all, Mr. Randolph, who adds a brief note on a later page.

The Founder's Day Celebrations (New Series, Mark II) passed off very happily. The rain came on the Saturday in time to apply a premature closure to the cricket matches and to the evening concourse in the grounds, but not soon enough to spoil the 'At Home'.

After the Leavers' Service on the Sunday (23rd July) came the Prefects' Party at Lacies Court; and on the Monday the boarders enjoyed their customary end-of-the-year suppers and games. And to show that they were not entirely worn out, a contingent of prefects walked with H.M. to Sunningwell Church and back as soon as School had dispersed on the Tuesday. Clearly this has become a part of the Abingdon ritual. Aspirants to power have been warned!

We have done our best to obtain news of all holiday activity, collective and individual, but we have not been too successful. We do know that the Alligators had a very successful cricket week (24th-28th July); and that a strong contingent of the C.C.F. camped at Wyke Regis (25th July — 2nd August). Smaller parties went respectively on a Dartmouth Training Cruise (26th July — 1st August); to naval camp at Loch Ewe (29th July — 5th August); and to two gliding courses at R.A.F. Swanton Morley (beginning 30th July and 14th August). The Scout Camp was held in the grounds of Springhill House, near Moreton-in-the-Marsh (26th July — 4th August). Members of the Angling Club are spending a fortnight at Brixham (10th — 25th August). A small contingent under Mr. Hammond is joining forces with a party from Worksop College in an overland expedition to Istanbul, Athens and Rome (6th August — 2nd September).

Of individuals, W. D. Chislett is attending a vocation course at the University of Strasbourg; A. Rose and D. J. Whipple are off on careers courses (with C.A.V. and the Royal School of Mines, respectively); and R. A. Balbernie, restless as ever, is taking part in the Summer Expedition of the Schools Exploring Society.

To none of our leavers do we wish a more affectionate farewell than Abasiyn Ahuwan, of the Government Secondary School at Abuja in Nigeria, who has spent the last two terms with us, our first visitor under the African Schools Linking Scheme. He will be continuing his studies in this country at the College of Art in Farnham. We bid good-

bye too to four 'transatlantic temporaries' — K. E. and T. S. Neilson from Alberta, R. M. Braid and D. Tetenbaum from Illinois. And during the past term we have had our normal crop of European visitors. A. R. Mjovik came from Nesbru, Norway, to board for a short time at School House. Four French boys joined us as dayboys for short periods — our old friend Gerard Leder from Grenobles, Michel Picard (d'Orsay), Jean Saingery (Lorient) and Gilles du Retail (Versailles). Looking forward to September, we shall welcome another pair of American brothers, M. A. and M. S. Dukler, from Houston (Texas).

The reconstruction of the centre of the town continues. We reserve judgment until we see what it is like when it is finished. But we very much approve of the new restaurant (we refuse to use the word *hotel*) which is arising on the site of the old carpet factory down by the river.

The current prospectus of the University of Warwick includes a photograph of a student in his study-bedroom. R. B. Davis, of course . . .

Greetings to two contemporaries on sale on Founder's Day — *Etc*, a well-filled literary magazine edited by M. J. T. Theophilus, J. G. Millard, A. L. Vernède, and Mr. C. J. W. Owen; and *Super-Zebra*, the second number of Form 1Z's own magazine, edited by P. Rutishauser.

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NOTES FROM THE HEADMASTER

I write these words in a vast, rambling wooden chalet, perched fifteen hundred feet above the city of Oslo, where I have been attending an international conference organised under the auspices of the Council of Europe. The odd thirty of us come from a dozen countries in all and it has been a pretty stimulating conference. Although we are so near the city we look out on range after range of wooded hills, so we are peaceful enough. But I have not been entirely cut off from Abingdon. Last night I dined with a parent in his delightful house at the edge of the Fjord, where I met also our Norwegian visitor, Alse Mjovik, and another Norwegian boy whom I hope we shall be welcoming next year. And down in Oslo I picked up a Daily Telegraph containing the latest contribution of Hugh Parry, our own Young Critic. It was fun too to play truant one morning and seize the opportunity of joining in a sixth form English lesson in a co-educational Gymnasium. I wish our people could speak a foreign language as well as these young Norwegians.

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The end of term passed off very smoothly, but it was overshadowed by the death of Vincent Marsh after a long and painful illness. There are many of us who will remember his friendly sincerity, his prowess on the athletic field, the cheerful fortitude with which he endured his spell in hospital three years ago. We had hoped for a complete recovery, but it was not to be. Those of us who were privileged to know some-

thing of the gallantry with which he and his family (always so closely united) faced the prolonged ordeal of the final struggle will cherish much deeper memories — the kind of memory that reinforces one's confidence in the ultimate triumph of good over evil. Later came the news of the death of young Alistair Barter on holiday in Ireland, another event which reminded us that the School itself is in a very real sense a family and that what affects one of us affects us all.

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I was delighted that at their recent meeting the Governors approved the plans for an extension to the Science Block, and I hope that the Department will shortly give us the green light to go ahead. The new wing will run northwards and is designed so as ultimately to form the western side of a new court to which the colonnade will provide access, so it will fit in very well with the long-term planning of the School. On the ground floor will be two class-rooms (earmarked for adaptation at a later date as language laboratories), and above, a second biology laboratory and preparation room. Meanwhile we are giving ourselves a little more elbow-room by making more use, for teaching purposes, of Whitefield. By concentrating as much of the first form teaching there as possible we should make life rather less bewildering for our younger new boys. There are other changes too about which I have already written to parents. I am most grateful to the Trustees and the Minister of the Trinity Methodist Church for offering us hospitality for five mornings in the week. The fact that we can all pray at the same time — if not quite in the same place — has very big administrative, as well as spiritual, advantages. And I think the extension of the 'no-cap' privilege to all members of the sixth form is in line with the modern trend. When anyone urges me to be even more radical than I am, I am beginning to say that I must leave something for my successor to do.

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Some of you may have seen 'The Wit of the Church' which Michael Bateman has recently produced, in collaboration, for Leslie Frewin. I cannot resist giving an extract from the publisher's blurb on the paper cover; *Michael Bateman quotes 'My only qualification to do this book is having a Headmaster who told me most of the jokes. Sometimes seventeen or eighteen times'. Born in 1932, educated at Abingdon School and Pembroke College, Oxford, Michael Bateman is . . .*

J.M.C.

CHANGES OF STAFF

Nobody likes saying good-bye. But with a common-room of our size it is inevitable that each year there should be a certain amount of movement. Indeed something would be wrong if we were too static; and we can only do our best to rejoice with our colleagues when they secure appointments which will present them with wider opportunities

and more exciting challenges. It is in that spirit that we said farewell to no less than five of our masters at the end of the term.

Mr. Holloway came to us as long ago as 1950, after completing his student-practice at Clifton, and he became first Head of English when the Department became a separate entity. Our results at both levels of the G.C.E. in recent years are in themselves a tribute to his work in school. Out of school he has been a tower of strength in the games fields and in the C.C.F. Now he is going off to take over a new appointment as *Administrative Assistant with the Dorset County Council, in which he will find full scope for that flair for organisation which he has shown here in the conduct of the School Photograph and of our complicated Founder's Day Programme. But I shall remember him most as a colleague whose frankness failed to conceal a complete and devoted loyalty to the best interests of the School. Of him, if anyone, it may be said that we shall not realise quite how much he did for the School until after he has left us.

Mr. Tammadge has played such a prominent rôle on the Abingdon scene that it is hard to realise that he joined us, from Dulwich, as recently as 1958. As Head of Mathematics he not only rejuvenated the Department but rapidly made this School one of the leaders in the New Movement. Yet somehow he found time to act as Upper Sixth Form Master, to take out a commission in the Naval Section, to help with the hockey (and with old-gentlemen's-cricket), to keep an eye, and an ear, on the recorders. It says much for his quality that he was generally agreed to be the obvious choice to succeed me two years ago as Housemaster of School House, where he and Mrs. Tammadge very soon made their own individual imprint. Clearly he was destined for an independent command somewhere, and we can congratulate Magdalen College School on its new Master. Little did I think, when I taught the young Alan Tammadge English some thirty years ago, that the day would come when we should be travelling together to Headmasters' Conference.

Mr. Billington joined us as Assistant Director of Music (with which he coupled the appointment of Organist and Choirmaster of the Parish Church of St. Helen) in September, 1963. Mr. Cullen followed him as Director the next term. Now they leave together, Mr. Cullen to be Director of Music at Tonbridge, Mr. Billington to establish a department of music at Harrison College, Barbados. Between them they have made a first-rate team, which building on the work of its predecessors has raised the standard of the school music to new heights. And if I may put it very simply, they have been such thoroughly nice people that they exercised a tremendous influence for good on all who have worked with them. I am very glad that they had the pleasure of seeing the Ingham Music School translated into solid fact before they left us. But their real monument is to be found in the kind of music produced at the Summer Concert this year. I know, too, how much Mr. Billington has done for the parish church; yet he has never allowed either Church or School to suffer from a conflict of loyalties.

Curiously, it is to Harrison College too that Mr. Davies' *Wanderlust* is taking him. In his short two years here, as assistant master in English and Classics, he has made his own contribution to the School, not only as a thoroughly good schoolmaster, always willing to help out with the odd job, but also as a man of deep principle and unusual human sympathy. We cannot question his vocation to do a spell of service overseas, but we shall miss him much.

We said good-bye also to three birds of passage, if I may use the term for such devoted schoolmasters at Monsieur Briand, who has been with us for a year as our first French *assistant*, Mr. Gillespie, on attachment for a term from Michaelhouse, South Africa, and Mr. Baptiste, Headmaster of the Grenada Secondary School in the West Indies, who has also been attached to us for the summer. All three of them have made their mark in the class-room and done much to broaden the horizons of the Common Room.

To Mr. Morelle, happily, our farewell took the form of *au revoir*, for we can look forward to his return after a year on exchange in the United States. It is a striking fact that when he reached New York he was still not yet half-way to his destination at the Diablo Valley College in California. I know the Americans will like him: I hope he enjoys his sojourn amongst the orange-groves.

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If I record replacements more briefly, I hope that our new colleagues will read between the lines a very warm welcome and the assurance that we shall all do what we can to make their stay with us pleasant and profitable.

Mr. D. R. Skinner, M.A., who obtained a First in Mathematics at S. John's College, Cambridge, and is already well-versed in the mysteries of S.M.P., comes to us from S. Lawrence School, Ramsgate, to take over the Mathematics Department. He will also be in charge of the Scouts. Mr. A. R. Le Fleming, M.A., our new Director of Music, is a former Organ Scholar of Queens' College, Cambridge, and has more recently been teaching at Bedford School. He comes to us with a solid and varied musical experience behind him, and with an impressive reputation. His Assistant, who will, like Mr. Billington, double up at S. Helen's, is Mr. B. D. Hall-Mancey, G.R.S.M., A.R.C.M., A.R.C.O., who joins us from Fitzharry's School. To succeed Mr. Hólloway and Mr. Davies I have made two temporary appointments, so as to give rather more time to look round for the right men. Mr. K. R. Clayton, B.A. (Adelaide), comes to us from the Ivanhoe Grammar School in Victoria with a very good games record. Mr. A. Dean, B.A. (Manchester) and Dip. Ed. (King's College, London) is an experienced oarsman who will be of great help to the Boat Club. And in place of Mr. Morelle we shall welcome his opposite number from the States, Mr. K. E. Howard, B.S. (Wisconsin), M.S. (Marquette).

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There has been much internal movement too, and the removal vans of Abingdon have had a busy time. Mr. Hillary has taken over School House from Mr. Tammadge, and Mr. Hasnip has moved into Waste Court to succeed Mr. Sewry who has looked after our young entry with such admirable devotion for the past nine years. Then in January Mr. Potter will be succeeding Mr. Talbot at Crescent House. Meanwhile Mr. Sewry, Mr. Varley, and Mr. le Fleming have moved into the three staff houses made vacant in the Faringdon Road.

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There is one glaring omission in this stark summary. Throughout I have made no mention of the ladies of the staff. I don't suppose any of them realised, when she was marrying a schoolmaster, just what she was letting herself in for. Only their husbands know, though I can guess better than most, how much they owe, professionally, to their wives, and I hope that the ladies concerned will share respectively in the words of gratitude, good wishes and welcome which appear above. If I name only Mrs. Sewry and Mrs. Tammadge it is because a house-master's wife has a very special responsibility; and it is largely due to their hard work behind the scenes that Waste Court and School House have been such happy ships.

J.M.C.

CHAPEL NOTES

The Bloxham Conference on Public School Religion, which the Headmaster and I attended in the Easter holidays, was very stimulating. It produced no blueprint for the future but nobody expected that it would do. With much of what was said one disagreed, and there was much more which commended general support. But it was the meeting together of people who were concerned, the interchange of ideas and experience, the varied approaches to problems of common interest and, above all, the whole thing undertaken in an atmosphere of waiting upon God that was its real value. I want to mention two experiments of changes undertaken, or about to be undertaken here, which show that in the affairs of the School Chapel we are not stick-in-the-mud.

Throughout Christian Aid Week which began on 15th May we put the weekday Chapel Services entirely into the hands of the boys. The theme of World Christian Aid was the unifying factor, but each of the three morning chapels provided a committee to plan, rehearse and execute the Service that they wanted. The result was some very off-beat Services, involving a large number of different boys in a considerable amount of work and, in the main, with very telling effect. The result of the collections for Christian Aid at the close of the week showed this. But its real value was its two-fold emphasis on the relevance of what is said and done in Chapel to the life of the world at large, and on the far greater lay involvement at the ordinary level in the act of

worship. The Services met with very favourable comment from the School as a whole, though none would have seen them as the norm of daily worship. On the Saturday before this week started we were asked by the local Council of Churches to stage some form of demonstration in the town to draw attention to Christian Aid and what it was. And the Indian shanty town in the Market Square with its dusky occupants was erected and peopled by boys from the School.

The other major change about to be undertaken is that, from the beginning of the Michaelmas Term, from Monday to Friday the whole School will worship at 9.0 a.m. The first and second forms will be in the Chapel and the rest of the School will be together, weather permitting, in Holy Trinity Methodist Church, so long our neighbour. We are most grateful to the Minister, The Reverend A. J. Davies, and the trustees of the Church for their friendly and welcoming consent. Apart from certain obvious practical advantages, there will undoubtedly be real spiritual advantage to be derived from this togetherness at the start of the School day. On Saturday mornings we will revert to the customary practice of three Services in Chapel so that dayboys need not feel themselves altogether strangers in their own School Chapel.

The constitution of the Chapel Committee has now been amended to include Middle School representation on it, and we look forward to the contribution that they will make.

Two Confirmation Preparation Classes are leading up to the Confirmation which will be administered by the Bishop of Reading on Sunday, 3rd December. Mr. Eden continues to run Bible classes for boys in his own home on Wednesday evenings. The Staff Bible Study Group has decided that, beginning next term, at 7.30 a.m. on Tuesdays there should be a conducted time of devotion in Chapel for any staff and boys who would like to come, and we look forward to this development.

On Sunday, 9th July, Christopher Gavin Cullen was baptised in Chapel by his grandfather, the Archdeacon of Hereford. This was a very happy family occasion. We shall all very greatly miss John Cullen and his assistant, Peter Billington. Both have enriched the life of the School and Chapel musically and in many other ways. We wish them both God speed. We shall also miss Andrew Vernede and all that he has done as a Chapel Sacristan. But Lester Halling will still be with us and he will have Martin Geary and Simon Shield to help him.

Nor, in remembering those who have served the Chapel so well and are now leaving, do we forget the many others who in their own ways do so much for us. Those who conduct daily services, serve at the altar or in the choir, provide or arrange the flowers and keep the Chapel clean are numerous and we thank them all.

The collection at the Beginning of Term Service, which amounted to £7 17s. 3d., was given to St. Helen's Church. The collection at the Founder's Day Service, which amounted to £55 4s. 0d. was shared

equally between St. Helen's Church and Dr. Barnardo's Homes. And St. Nicolas' Church received £14 Os. 10d., being the collection at the Leavers' Service. An additional collection was held for the Christian Aid Emergency Appeal to Succour the Middle East War Victims and this amounted to £13 Os. 0d.

In addition to our own Chapel Funds our collections have been given as follows:

Royal National Lifeboat Institution	...	£8	9	6
Save the Children Fund	...	£8	8	0
Christian Aid	...	£16	18	2
Westminster Abbey Appeal	...	£6	8	5
Ashbury Church Restoration Appeal	...	£8	11	11
Toc H	...	£6	2	11
British Council of Churches	...	£6	12	10
New Guinea Mission	...	£5	2	0

The Chapel flowers, which Mrs. Potter has continued to arrange so carefully each week, have been provided by the following: Forms 6L, 6H, The First and Second Cricket Eleven, The Scouts, The R.N. Section, The Athenaeum, The Literary Society, The Modern Languages' Society, The Scientific Society, Miss Cobban, and two former parents.

There will be Celebrations in the Michaelmas Term at 6.30 p.m., instead of 8.15 a.m., on 24th September and 22nd October; and on 15th October Evensong at 6.30 p.m. will replace Mattins. On Remembrance Sunday, 12th November, all boarders who are not on parade will attend the Service at the War Memorial and subsequently at St. Helen's Church. Confirmation will be at 3.0 p.m. on 3rd December. There will be short Christmas readings in the Chapel at 6.30 p.m. on 3rd and 10th December. Otherwise Sunday Services will be confined to a Celebration at 8.15 a.m. and Mattins at 10 a.m.

We look forward to welcoming the following visiting Preachers in the Michaelmas Term:

1st October — Mr. A. T. Davies, M.A., Headmaster of Reading School.

8th October — Mr. H. Eden, M.A.

15th October (evening) — Rev. J. D. Strong, R.N., Chaplain of Malvern College.

5th November — Mr. G. Talbot Griffith, M.A., formerly Headmaster of Oakham School.

19th November — Mr. Richard Sale, M.A., Headmaster of Brentwood School.

10th December — Rev. Leslie Smith, B.Sc., Chaplain of St. Nicolas' Church.

D.G.S.

VOLUNTARY SERVICE

The number of old people on our list is now 44. Of these, 28 have needed regular visits this term, while the rest know to contact the School if they need assistance. We have been promised the names of some more people requiring help, so our 25 visitors will need reinforcing next term.

This year the Auxiliary Fire Service group has suffered from being too small, so many new recruits will be needed in September from those aged 17 who are not in the C.C.F.

During "Projects Week" a group of Fifth-formers again tidied the Jarn Mound Garden on Boars Hill for the Oxford Preservation Trust. We have also undertaken to look after the Trust's 'bus shelter opposite Ripon Hall.

H.T.R.

VALETE ET SALVETE

Valete — left April 1967

VIL: T. J. Rawlins, C. W. Denny, M. N. Vaughan.

VIH: P. K. Booker, A. R. Gibbs.

VIB: I. Campbell, D. W. Roblin, D. D. Allen.

VIM: D. I. Saunders.

Salvete — came May 1967

6H: S. P. Dorman.

2Y: D. P. King.

1Y: S. J. Percival.

EXAMINATION RESULTS

The 'Advanced' level results showed a modest over-all improvement on last year. Of course there were individual disappointments — some of them unexpected — but the total number of subject-passes, 205, represented a percentage of success of 73% (against 70%). Of these, 33% of the total entry (against 27%) were in grades A and B. The increase in the number of marks of distinction and merit gained on the Special Papers (from 22 to 32) was even more striking. Of individual subjects, mention may be made of Biology, with fifteen passes out of sixteen candidates, and Latin, where for the first time we submitted nine candidates from the Lower Sixth Form, of whom six gained grade 'A' passes, three grade 'B'. At the other end of the scale the small number of candidates from the Upper Sixth who failed to achieve a single pass was mercifully lower than last year; but everyone of these is a reproach to us as well as to himself.

The results at 'Ordinary' level (665 passes in all) were as usual true to form, with many dreary repetitions of failure in the odd subjects

taken from the sixth form, an encouraging number of straight flushes of success in the Remove (and to balance them, some sad records in 5.C.), and a run of uncommonly good performances in the subjects taken a year early from the fourth forms. If I say that here Latin notched up 28 passes out of 30 candidates, French 49 out of 67, Mathematics 61 out of 68, statisticians can work out the percentages for themselves. At fifth-form level, mention may be made of English Language (88 passes out of 93 candidates), Additional Mathematics (54 out of 57), Chemistry (46 out of 53) and Biology (34 out of 38); and of the more esoteric subjects, Greek and Russian, with four and six candidates respectively from the fifth form, achieved 100% success.

The only general moral that can be drawn, I think, is the obvious one that by and large if a boy works hard and intelligently during the preceding two years he stands a very good chance of success. It is equally fatal to be so self-confident as to think that last-minute revision will pull it off and to resign yourself from the fourth form onwards to the fact that you 'can't do' mathematics or what you will.

The results of the Advanced Level Examinations are appended in alphabetical order. The usual abbreviations are employed. In addition, the asterisk (*) and the obelisk (†) indicate respectively the marks of distinction and of merit in the 'Special' papers.

P. K. Ablewhite (K); C. J. Allen (B*, K, P); S. P. B. Allen (AH, L, G); D. A. Baker (B*, K); R. A. Balbernie (B†); M. A. E. J. Ballinger (B†, K, P); A. J. Barnett (K); J. H. Batey (K); M. F. K. Baumann (L); T. C. C. Beckett (A, E, H*); J. C. Beyer (L); P. H. Blackburn (E†); J. P. H. Bosley (B); J. C. Bourlet (D); R. E. N. Bradfield (B*, K*, P); N. G. Burns (K, P); J. R. Burton (L); P. L. Butcher, E, Ec); D. Button (Ec); I. L. M. Carr (K); M. T. D. Carr (K, P); J. D. Clark (E, Ec, H); M. A. Cockerill (M, M); S. S. Coe (Ec, H); G. G. V. Collings (E, Ec); N. K. Cook (E, H); M. J. H. Cook (B); R. J. M. Conibear (M/s, P); R. G. Coulbeck (P); E. A. C. Crouch (M, M, P*); M. S. A. Davies (M, M, P); D. M. Dickson (K, M/s, P); C. M. Dobson (K*, M/s); J. H. Earl (E); G. B. Edwards (M/s, Mus, P); J. D. Evans (E*, F, H†); D. J. Faires (B, K); B. J. Fellows (L); H. J. Flint (K); P. A. Foulkes (E†, H†, L); P. E. Gibbs (Bot, K, Zoo*); B. E. Goldsworthy (E); C. B. Grierson (K†, M/s, P); E. J. Hadley (L); L. P. Halling (K*, M/s, P†); N. G. Hands-Clarke (K); D. J. Hardwick (B†, K, P); J. W. Hassett (M/s); M. J. Heading (H); I. J. W. Herbertson (H); A. W. Hills (AH, Ec, H*); G. A. Holloway (K*, M/s, P); P. J. Hopkins (K); R. J. Howell (K, M/s, P); A. Hubbard (K); M. C. C. Hunter (K, P, Zoo); A. S. Jackson (Ec, H); D. S. Jackson (B†, K, P); P. D. Johnson (K, P); B. M. Johnston (B*, K); N. Jotcham (F, L, R); A. M. King (A, F, H); J. J. A. King (L); M. F. Kirby (E, Ec, H); J. B. Lister (M, M); A. W. Luff (L); R. A. Lyons (K, M/s); A. F. Martin (K); C. J. A. Maude (L); T. C. C. May (L); J. G. Millard (A, E†, H); P. A. C. Minns (E, F, N); N. V. Moore (B†, K, P); R. T. T. Morgan (E*, Ec, H); P. J.

Munnoch (K); R. J. Nancarrow (B, Ec); M. O'Neill (K, M/s, P); J. C. Paddison (E, Ec, H); R. E. Parkes (H, J); R. G. Pickavance (L); A. C. Putman (M, M); V. A. Ramsey (K); A. W. Rendell (F, N); R. H. Roper (B, K); C. I. Rowson (AH, Mus†); J. L. Sayce (H, J); C. D. Simmonds (J); P. J. Sparrow (P); I. P. G. Stevens (Ec, H, J); R. C. Stevens (K); M. J. Stilwell (M, M); M. J. Tajfel (M, M, P†); M. J. T. Theophilus (A, E†); D. J. Ventham (F, H†, J†); A. L. Vernède (E†); G. Walkinshaw (B, K); B. S. Wallan (E, H, J); G. P. Webb (P); M. G. Wells (Ec, M/s, P); A. N. R. Wharton (Ec); C. M. B. Wharton (Ec); R. C. Wilde (E, Ec, J); J. H. Wilson (E); T. J. Wood (Ec).

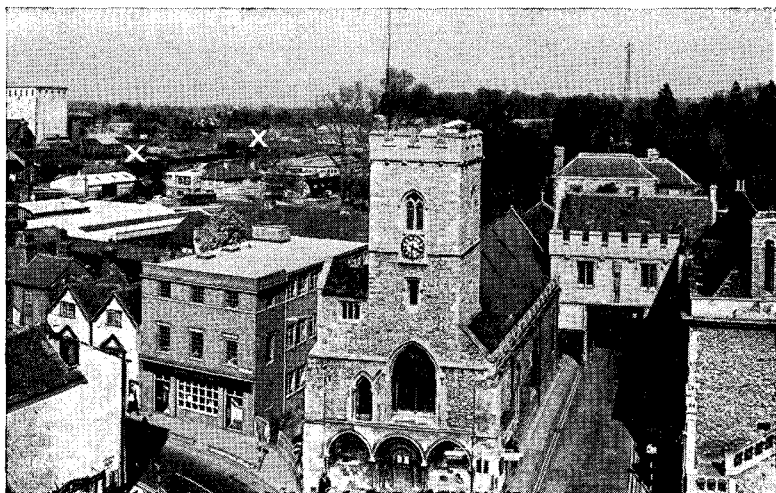
FOUNDER'S DAY

The annual Founder's Day Service seems to put the greatest strain on St. Helen's Church, which is always full of parents, governors, staff, friends and members of the School. Furthermore, the numbers of people accommodated in the Church increase yearly. One begins to think in terms of closed-circuit television relays to St. Nicolas' and the School Chapel, to accommodate any 'overflow'. However, the colourful sight of St. Helen's, literally 'packed to overflowing' is a memorable one, and this huge congregation is a vital part of the service, a part which makes the Morning Service on Founder's Day one of the most enjoyable events of the day's programme.

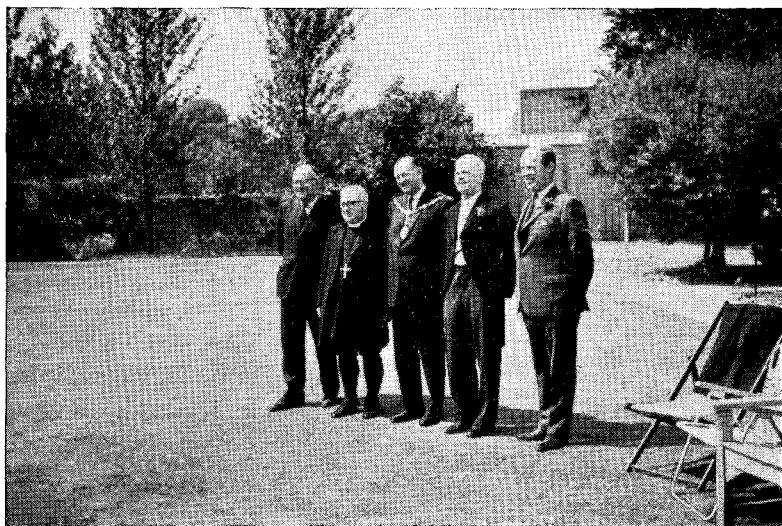
The preacher for this year was Doctor Ian Ramsey, Lord Bishop of Durham. As a parent, both past and present, the Bishop has a lively interest in the School. This was apparent in his sermon, which was based on a text from Ecclesiasticus 44 — 'Let us now praise famous men', a passage which also formed the First Lesson. In an address notable for its relevance and skilful construction, the preacher discussed many aspects of modern life, embracing both mathematics, and the example of former masters of the School.

It is a source of continual amazement, that the Choir is able, each year, not only to live up to the performance of earlier years, but even to improve upon them. Once again, their singing of Parry's 'I was glad when they said unto me', was exquisite. Such a joyful anthem is well suited to a Founder's Day Service!

The afternoon was, at first, sunny and warm. For the sportsman, there were the two cricket matches against the Old Boys on War Memorial Field and on Upper Field. The latter game proved most entertaining. It seemed as though the second eleven batsmen had decided to put on an exhibition of high-powered batsmanship (either this, or they had decided to kill or maim as many visitors as possible). For those who were contented with a less dangerous game, the Tennis on Waste Court Field was an attractive alternative to the hazards of Cricket! Whether one watched Cricket or Tennis, however, one could



THE GASOMETER THAT NEVER WAS



FOUNDER'S DAY — LUNCH BREAK

buy the various Literary Magazines which were on sale. Both 'Etc.' and 'Super Zebra' proved to be extremely well-produced efforts, with a high standard of contribution. For an hour, from 4.00 p.m., one could hear the Band, which played a pleasant selection of music — 'The Dambusters' March', the Overture 'Light Cavalry', and a suite from that ever-popular (and eternal?) musical 'The Sound of Music'. The C.C.F. had laid on an assault course in the dell. This was most popular, as was the demonstration by the Scouts of Rock-Climbing, on the Science Block.

The Exhibitions reached their usual high standard. Unfortunately, only the most outstanding can be mentioned here, but all were most impressive, and of the highest quality. The Projects on Display in the Pembroke Room proved of interest. Those drawing the most attention were — C. P. Allen's survey of 'The Fashion of the Younger Generation', Hounam's and Teall's work on 'The Russian Revolution' and Andrews's excellently-illustrated essay on 'The Great Exhibition'.

For those who were disinclined to read, there was a multiplicity of art, both in the Art Room, and in the Layng Room. Particularly noteworthy were Osborne's superb mural, Berry's sensitive portraiture, and the first-class pottery of Ahuwan. In the library, a painstakingly laid-out exhibition of old and new books was of absorbing interest.

The Science Laboratories drew their usual crowds. There seems to be something about test tubes and microscopes which draws the non-scientist like a magnet. The fact that it is difficult to understand precisely what is going on serves only to increase this attraction. Some of the exhibits were quite spectacular — notably the model of Atomic Structure and the project on Rocket Thrust, and the value of many of them was enhanced by the fact that one could operate them by oneself, with some gentle assistance from the attendants. Others were of practical value — such as the attempt to find the Ph value of cigarettes, and the exhibition of fishing. A particularly interesting exhibition was that showing the work done on the habits of two rats (called, apparently, Rastus and Mary Lou), by Alford and Blair. This, together with a couple of salamanders, were notable as the only 'living' exhibitions.

The exhibitions of the various Societies in the New Teaching Block were, it must be admitted, rather mundane. Surely some new formula is possible in these exhibitions? The only one showing marked originality was the C.C.F. Exhibition, organized by Banes, Paxton and Ruck. Much care had been taken here, and it was a very popular exhibition, allowing many parents to relive their war experiences.

When the exhibitions palled, there was always the chance of visiting the school grounds, and of seeing the Ingham Music School, and Whitefield, our latest acquisitions.

The rain, which began to threaten late in the afternoon, held off until the exhibitions were almost over. Thus everyone kept dry, and was able to enjoy the Summer Concert, a report of which follows, in comfort.

J.D.E.

SUMMER CONCERT, 1967

(We are grateful to a parent — three times over! — for the following appreciation)

We knew that it was to be John Cullen's — and Peter Billington's — last concert; and it was no great surprise to find the Minuet and Finale of Haydn's 'Farewell' symphony as the first item after the interval. We enjoyed the reproduction of the candle-light setting. Here as elsewhere the playing of the strings reached a high standard; and the wistfulness of the *adagio* at the end expressed part of what we felt. But only part . . .

Much more the occasion was one of rejoicing, which reached its climax in the closing item, Borodin's Polovtsian Dances from 'Prince Igor'. During the actual performance we were caught up in the exciting atmosphere re-created by the orchestra and chorus. We appreciated the zest with which the woodwind flung in their phrases, the powerful contribution of the percussion department, the colour and life and also the precision of it all — qualities shown not least by the chorus with its large numbers of young trebles and altos. Now it is over we recall the difficulty of the music, and we realize the hard work which must have been put in by performers and conductor. One of the notable features of John Cullen's régime has been the way in which he has brought so many boys to take a vocal part in choral works, and it was most fitting to hear the chorus taking its full share in this rousing end to the programme.

But there was life and colour — and control too — earlier on. The concert began with Rossini's Overture to 'The Barber of Seville'. The immediate confidence of the strings was impressive here; and your critic, who was sitting near the cellos, was particularly appreciative of their contribution. Here and there throughout the concert there was notable playing by one or another group of instruments (clarinets and trumpets come to mind) — a tribute to careful training by the Music Department.

And so to the Concerto, this time Mozart's Concerto in E flat for two pianos and orchestra — with G. B. Edwards and D. C. L. Murphy as soloists and Peter Billington as conductor. It is gratifying that the School was able to provide two such soloists for this ambitious work. They acquitted themselves well, as did the oboist in his vital part. The interaction and balance of soloists and orchestra was on the whole very good, and the Concerto reached a vigorous conclusion in the Rondo-Allegro.

We may be excused this year for concentrating largely on the music; but the Five Poems in the programme reminded us again of the possibilities of Choral Verse. The ballad-form of "The Curfew must not ring to-night"; the oddity of "When Serpents bargain"; the dialect and humour of "Mickey Thumps"; the fleeting word-pictures of "Fern Hill"; the social comment of "Timothy Winters" (and his "Amen") —

all these gave us a wonderful variety of spoken verse. Well spoken too on the whole — not least by the young man the contortions of whose face so well accompanied the utterances of his voice. Our thanks to Mr. Griffin.

Other tributes are being paid to all that John Cullen, and his Assistant Director, have done for the School. May we add here that the very appropriate choice of programme was one more sign of the careful forethought and planning we have seen so often over the last four years. This, and the accompanying spark of genius, have brought to life unsuspected powers of musicianship in many boys. For the moment, our thanks for a glorious concert. We might have said to ourselves as we went in —

Si monumentum requiris — audi.

J.F.

CRICKET

FIRST ELEVEN

It is a mistake — but none the less very easy — to judge a season by its last week. This one ended on a sad note of anticlimax, yet has been overall amazingly successful. Against Southampton, on the last Tuesday, the second half of the order showed its paces and we rocketed from 54 for 5 to 239 for 9 with numbers six and nine making 71 and 50 not out respectively. Then came disaster; for Southampton were allowed to hang on for an hour and a quarter from 66 for 7 to 86 for 8. Admittedly this reflects no credit upon them, for in any conditions twenty runs in an hour and a quarter is a negation of cricket, but all the same our inability to get them out reflects the rather weary end of term feeling of the team. The Old Boys match underlined this and a richly deserved defeat, from the strongest O.A. side I can remember, was reluctantly avoided when torrential rain drove the players from the field.

However my chief memories of this season will be very happy ones. I don't think we have ever had a better skipper, in terms of man management and whipping up a good team spirit, than Peter Blackburn. His lack of experience in 1st XI Cricket meant that he had much to learn of the technicalities of captaincy and he often made mistakes in field placing and in handling his bowlers. But as a leader of his side and an organiser of a very keen XI he deserves the highest praise. In fact a great deal of this year's success is due to his quiet example and steadying influence. For this was a very young side with seven 'new boys'; and of the four stalwarts Varley was only sixteen and Cook had missed practically the whole of last season through a cartilage injury. Our one unexpected bonus was the return of Michael Heading, but the unpredictability of this game was underlined by his success as an opening batsman and his almost complete failure as the match winning slow left arm bowler we so desperately needed. Andrew Varley, whose

batting average is a true reflection of his talent and his weaknesses — too impetuous as yet to score a hundred but with several quick fifties to his credit — is an all-rounder with a great future. Nicholas Cook, erratic at times but on his day a very penetrative fast left arm bowler, made great strides as a batsman, too. Blackburn himself, solid, imperturbable, knowing his limitation, often provided the vital backbone to the innings.

Of the newcomers Nancarrow, an opening bowler of great potential if only he would pitch it up another yard, and Hill, the Colts' Wicket Keeper whom we snapped up early in June, were the outstanding successes. Unfortunately Nancarrow will not be here next season, but Hill has several more years and is a bright prospect, especially now that he is learning to contain a somewhat flamboyant personality and to wrestle with his batting problems. Michael Varley played some useful innings and fielded very well indeed for a fifteen year old. Matthews is developing into a most useful leg spinner and I have rarely seen one who bowls less bad balls. McLaughlan, too, has really got down to overcoming weaknesses in technique and defence and will, I predict, make full use of his great natural talent next season. Sayce is possibly the most improved player in the side and his two big scores of the season were well played innings. He has overcome the worst of his faults and has now only to master finally the tendency to drop his wrists in defence to become a most prolific opening bat. Parry, too, came on tremendously during the season and is a fine natural stroke player. Next year with experience behind him he will undoubtedly learn to build an innings and make the most of his abilities. His off-spin bowling was never fully exploited but when he did bowl he showed an unusual ability to turn the ball on unresponsive wickets.

As one would expect of a young side the fielding improved during the season until at the end it was very respectable, at times excellent. Here again Blackburn, himself no natural fielder, showed the power of example and the value of perseverance. The great weakness lay in having no slip fielders and throughout the season nobody ever did catch an orthodox slip catch off the fast bowlers. Heading was a splendid left handed cover point and Andrew Varley caught some fantastic and match winning catches in the gully. Michael Varley developed a very powerful and accurate throw from the deep and Cook proved to be safe and run-detering at extra cover. Matthews made several good catches at backward short leg. The general demeanour of the side was cheerful, brisk and eager and in every way a pleasure to be associated with. One disappointment was that Rose, among the best of the fielders and a tireless pursuer of the ball, lost batting form and could not remain in the side. However, he and various others live to fight again another day.

The highlights of the season were threefold. First, that splendid game against Pangbourne when Blackburn's declaration set a challenge which the opposition accepted and both sides played well. In the end all

depended on the last over with Pangbourne needing seven runs and Abingdon one wicket. This was the kind of draw which enhances the reputation of cricket and provides tremendous excitement to players and onlookers alike. Secondly, our defeat of Magdalen College School, those tough old rivals, whom it is always a pleasure to bowl out cheaply. This was a real team effort. Thirdly, that amazing M.C.C. match, when Heading and Blackburn put on two hundred and six for the second wicket yet saw the match lost in the last over. In spite of a most tremendous onslaught by a very powerful batting side the School's fielding stood up to the strain very well and never wilted. There were many disappointments but overall this was a successful and enjoyable season. For a side which came from nowhere, expecting a lean season, Peter Blackburn's XI did very well and with seven of them returning for at least another year future prospects look bright.

The final Eleven were: P. H. Blackburn (Capt.), M. J. Heading, N. K. Cook, A. J. Varley, R. J. Nancarrow, D. R. Sayce, M. W. Parry, R. L. Matthews, J. Y. McLaughlan, M. C. Varley, M. J. Hill (w/k).

The following also played: P. C. McPhail (w/k), A. Rose.

Full Colours were awarded during the season to: P. H. Blackburn, A. J. Varley, N. K. Cook, R. J. Nancarrow.

Half Colours were awarded to: R. J. Nancarrow, D. L. Sayce, M. W. Parry, R. L. Matthews, M. Varley, M. J. Hill, J. Y. McLaughlan.

A. J. Varley won the Fletcher Cup with an average of 34.5 and was also top of the bowling averages.

The Morris Cup was again awarded to M. J. Heading, this year as an outstanding all-rounder and a vastly improved batsman. It should be recorded that N. K. Cook ran him pretty close.

The Henderson Cricket Prizes have been won by P. H. Blackburn and M. C. Varley.

A. J. Varley is to be congratulated on playing again for the Berkshire Bantams this summer and also for the Berkshire Schools' Cricket Association. J. P. Cox and J. G. Shellard have played in the Berkshire Schools' Under 15 XI.

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The Senior House Knock-out was won this year by Reeves, who were too strong for Bennett, and the Junior House Knock-out by Blacknall.

The Senior House League Cup was shared by Bennett and Blacknall: in some ways this was a very unsatisfactory result but at least it reflects considerable enthusiasm in this peculiar form of cricket. The Junior League Cup went to Blacknall. The Colts' Single Wicket Competition was won by D. H. Parry.

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The Alligators had their most successful season to date and the cricket week at the end of term was blessed with lovely weather,

entertaining cricket and sociable evenings. Thanks to the hospitality of the Abingdon Cricket Club and to a Dinner at the Crown & Thistle on the Tuesday we were able to get together rather more this year. Highlights of the week were the resurrection of Robin Ogg and David Jones, who were both very successful in their single appearances, and spectacular hundreds by David Bent and Pat Hobson — an honorary member, whom many will recall as master in charge of cricket in bygone years at the Oratory. Peter Henderson was in great form behind the stumps, too, with seven victims in three games, and it was good to see G.A.S. giving us a lesson in technique and young Andrew Varley playing one of his best innings of the season against experienced bowlers. On no occasion during the week were the Alligators bowled out and in every match they totalled over 200. This has set a very high standard — so I suspect that there will be some mighty strong opposition teams about next year! And Tony Hillary will welcome application from any O.A.s in regular cricketing practice who want to join in the fun.

Results

Monday, 24th July.

T. G. Evans' XI 260 for 8 dec. (P. Neate 72, J. M. Bunce 41, M. Ruffle 39, T. G. Evans 36).

Alligators 213 for 8 (G. A. Smithson 40, D. S. Partridge 34).

Tuesday, 25th July.

Alligators 217 for 9 dec. (P. J. Hobson 43, A. J. Varley 28, F. Longshaw 4 for 46).

J. M. Bunce's XI 55 (A. T. Barrett 5 for 20, N. K. Cook 4 for 28).

Wednesday, 26th July.

Berkshire Gentlemen 227 for 7 dec. (J. Schofield 42, P. Blackburn 51, J. Turner 50).

Alligators 228 for 3 (P. J. Hobson 117 n.o., R. S. Ogg 63 n.o.).

Thursday, 27th July.

Alligators 216 for 6 dec. (J. M. Bunce 43, N. H. Payne 41, P. G. Henderson 36).

B. G. Bowden's XI 97 (D. A. Jones, 6 for 36).

Friday, 28th July.

Alligators 235 for 3 dec. (D. A. M. Bent, 100 n.o., G. A. Smithson 73).

Clayesmore Cormorants 81 (A. T. Barrett 4 for 32, D. W. Penney 4 for 34).

A.A.H.

1st ELEVEN RESULTS

Played 17: Won 6: Lost 2: Drawn 7: Abandoned 2.

v. St. Bartholomew's G.S., Newbury (h). 6th May. Drawn.

Abingdon 126 for 7 dec. (M. J. Heading 40, M. W. Parry 23, N. K. Cook 24 n.o.).

Newbury 96 for 6 (R. J. Nancarrow 4 for 21).

v. Brentwood School (a). 20th May. Drawn.

Abingdon 159 for 9 dec. (M. J. Heading 54, A. J. Varley 50, G. Ellis 6 for 55).

Brentwood 91 for 6.

v. Berkshire Gentlemen (h). 24th May. Rain stopped play.

Abingdon 123 for 6 (P. H. Blackburn 38, N. K. Cook 17 n.o.).

v. Pembroke College, Oxford (a). 31st May. Won.

Abingdon 123 for 7 dec. (A. J. Varley 49 n.o., P. H. Blackburn 27).

Pembroke College 91 (N. K. Cook 6 for 27).

v. Oratory School (a). 3rd June. Lost.

Abingdon 59 (A. J. Varley 29).

Oratory 61 for 1.

v. Pangbourne Nautical College (h). 10th June. Drawn.

Abingdon 156 for 4 dec. (D. R. Sayce 50, M. J. Heading 36, A. J. Varley 30 n.o.).

Pangbourne 151 for 9 (R. L. Matthews 3 for 48, M. W. Parry 3 for 18).

v. Magdalen College School (h). 14th June. Won.

M.C.S. 64 (A. J. Varley 4 for 5, R. J. Nancarrow 3 for 21).

Abingdon 67 for 4 (A. J. Varley 27 n.o.).

v. A. A. Hillary's XI (h). 21st June. Won.

A. A. Hillary's XI 202 for 3 dec. (T. G. Evans 48, N. H. Payne 54, G. A. Smithson 53 n.o.).

Abingdon 203 for 4 (D. R. Sayce 104, M. J. Heading 39).

v. Incogniti C.C. (h). 24th June. Rain stopped play.

Incogniti 73 for 2.

v. The Common Room (h). 28th June. Won.

Abingdon 180 for 5 dec. (P. H. Blackburn 70 n.o., A. J. Varley 61).

Common Room 98 (N. H. Payne 37, M. J. Heading 4 for 41).

v. M.C.C. (h). 1st July. Lost.

Abingdon 255 for 2 (M. J. Heading 128, P. H. Blackburn 100 n.o.).

M.C.C. 257 for 4 (J. A. Stillman 72, W. T. Selley 65, M. C. G. Thomas 65).

v. R.G.S. High Wycombe (h). 8th July. Won.

Abingdon 109 (N. K. Cook 27, P. Colley 5 for 28).

R.G.S. 107 (J. North 54, R. J. Nancarrow 3 for 33, M. J. Heading 3 for 13).

v. Bloxham School (h). 15th July. Won.

Abingdon 112 for 7 dec. (P. H. Blackburn 44).

Bloxham 32 (N. K. Cook 5 for 10, R. L. Matthews 3 for 1).

v. King Edward VI School, Southampton (h). 18th July. Drawn.

Abingdon 239 for 9 dec. (N. K. Cook 71, J. Y. McLaughlan 35, M. C. Varley 20, M. J. Hill 50 n.o.).

K.E. VI School 86 for 8 (A. J. Varley 4 for 22).

v. Old Abingdonians (h). 21st & 22nd July. Rain stopped play.

Abingdon 1st Innings: 143 (A. J. Varley 27, J. Y. McLaughlan 28).

2nd Innings: 130 (D. R. Sayce 35, P. H. Blackburn 20, M. W. Parry 20, D. W. Penney 4 for 18).

O.A.s 1st Innings: 170 for 3 (J. M. Bunce 80, P. N. Shellard 29).

2nd Innings: 92 for 2 (P. N. Shellard 54 n.o.). Rain.

BATTING AVERAGES

	Innings	Not Out	Runs	Highest Score	Average
A. J. Varley	15	5	345	61	34.5
P. H. Blackburn	15	1	379	100 (n.o.)	27.07
M. J. Heading	15	0	370	128	24.66
N. K. Cook	14	4	216	71	21.6
M. J. Hill	5	2	64	50	21.33
D. R. Sayce	15	0	302	104	20.13
J. Y. McLaughlan	7	1	81	35	13.5
M. W. Parry	13	2	134	23	12.18
R. L. Matthews	8	3	53	13 (n.o.)	10.6
R. J. Nancarrow	5	2	29	15	9.67
M. C. Varley	10	1	62	20	6.89

BOWLING AVERAGES

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
A. J. Varley	83.2	27	186	16	11.62
M. W. Parry	19	6	60	5	12.0
R. J. Nancarrow	163	48	393	25	15.72
R. L. Matthews	80	31	229	13	17.62
N. K. Cook	124.3	24	325	17	19.12
M. J. Heading	109.1	34	319	15	21.27
P. H. Blackburn	11.5	4	42	1	42.0

SECOND ELEVEN

At its best the team showed a reasonable competence in all departments, the batting being steady rather than persuasive of victory, the bowling tidy rather than penetrating. Only rarely, notably at High Wycombe, did the fielding show the aggression which can so often convert moderate, individual talent with bat or ball into a winning combination.

With the availability of first McLaughlan and later McPhail, Paddison was relieved of the necessity to keep wicket and enjoyed captaining from this new-found position of freedom. He set a captain's standard in the field where, forward and close to the bat, he took several good catches. For the most part, however, the forces available to him meant that he had to be content to try to contain the opposition rather than dictate the pattern of play — never an easy situation in which to retain inspiration. As a result many games lacked a sense of urgency; time alone became the master of the day.

In a Summer Term remarkable for its sunshine, or so it seemed, it is characteristic of an English Game that rain should nevertheless have found a way to ruin a quarter of the Term's fixtures. So it was that those with the Royal Masonic School (our only all-day game), and Abingdon C.C. never started while those with King Alfred's, Wantage, and the O.A.'s were prevented from reaching their usually exciting finishes.

Results

v. St. Bartholomew's, Newbury (a). 6th May. Drawn.
Abingdon 118 for 8 dec.; Newbury 52 for 4.

v. Radley College (h). 13th May. Lost by 4 wickets.
Abingdon 115; Radley 116 for 6.

v. M.C.S. (h). 17th June. Drawn.
Abingdon 117 for 9 dec.; M.C.S. 75 for 7.

v. Wallingford G.S. 1st XI (a). 21st June. Lost by 2 runs.
Wallingford 158 for 6 dec.; Abingdon 156.

v. King Alfred's, Wantage 1st XI (h). 24th June.
Match abandoned, rain.
Wantage 6 for no wicket; rain stopped play.

v. R.G.S. High Wycombe (a). 8th July. Won by 48 runs.
Abingdon 133 for 5 dec. (Venthams 50 n.o.).
R.G.S. 85 (Parfitt 6 for 23).

v. Shiplake 1st XI (h). 12th July. Won by 7 wickets.
Shiplake 33 (Vowles 9 for 7); Abingdon 35 for 3.

v. Bloxham (a). 15th July. Drawn.
Bloxham 152 for 8 dec.; Abingdon 81 for 7.

v. Old Abingdonians (h). 22nd July. Match abandoned as a Draw.
Abingdon 153 (Venthams 55); O.A.'s 74 for 2; rain stopped play.

The following played for the side: J. C. Paddison (Captain: 8 times); T. A. Parfitt (Vice-Captain: 9 times); N. G. Burns, F. J. Dobbs, S.

Gibbs, M. J. Vowles, D. J. Ventham (9 times); A. J. Cowley, B. J. Fellows, P. C. McPhail, A. Rose (7 times); B. H. Ford, J. Y. McLaughlan, L. Morgan (twice); J. Sayce and G. R. Evans (once).

C.D.B.M.

THIRD ELEVEN

It was clear at the start of the season that, after three years without a defeat, we were unlikely to find a team capable of maintaining this record. For only two members of last year's side were available, four others having decided to give up cricket. Happily several boys who had not previously played cricket for a School team rallied round to reinforce those up from the Colts and four of them (S. P. B. Allen, J. C. Bourlet, P. A. Foulkes and D. R. Langmead) got into the side.

In the event we won only one match, but such meagre success conceals the tremendous enthusiasm and enjoyment which were always apparent — even when we were being soundly beaten. Two heavy defeats to start with were followed by a welcome (and convincing) victory over Oratory. Then, after nearly losing to Magdalen, we unaccountably got out cheaply in our first encounter with Reading. Finally, an all-day match against Southampton gave J. L. Sayce (62) and P. E. Gibbs (41) a chance to make big scores.

G. R. Evans was a capable captain, his task made easier by the excellent spirit of the team. Sayce and Gibbs did quite well with the bat, but not a single bowler managed to take 10 wickets in the season, although most bowled well at times. The fielding and throwing were enthusiastic and Bourlet deserves the highest praise for the way in which he made himself into a wicket-keeper.

Results

v. St. Edwards School, Oxford (h). 20th May. Lost by 6 wickets.
Abingdon 75 (Broadbent 6 for 6).
St. Edward's 76—4.

v. Westminster College (h). 31st May. Lost by 82 runs.
Westminster College 149—6 dec. (Caddy 72 not out).
Abingdon 67 (Dunkly 5 for 15).

v. Oratory School (h). 3rd June. Won by 59 runs.
Abingdon 128—8 dec.
Oratory 69.

v. Magdalen College School (a). 14th June. Drawn.
Magdalen 118—9 dec.
Abingdon 94—9.

v. Reading School (a). 1st July. Lost by 6 wickets.
Abingdon 111.
Reading 112—4.

v. King Edward VI School, Southampton (h). 18th July. Drawn.
Abingdon 182—6 dec. (Sayce 62).
Southampton 156—6 (Terry 74 not out).

The team was as follows: G. R. Evans (Captain), S. P. B. Allen, J. C. Bourlet, W. D. Chislett, H. J. Flint, B. H. Ford, P. A. Foulkes, P. E. Gibbs, D. R. Langmead, M. F. Rothwell, J. L. Sayce.

The following also played: F. J. Dobbs, B. J. Fellows, M. J. T. Theophilus.

H.T.R.

COLTS ELEVEN

The bare facts of our playing record — two won, one drawn, four lost — are marginally better than they were last year but it must be agreed that we have not had such a successful season. It was, of course, with mixed feelings that we lost first M. C. Varley and then M. J. Hill, last season's chief run-scorers, to the First Eleven. Our most notable performances were recorded when these two were available to strengthen the side. Hill's 71 against Oratory and Varley's near "double", 49 and 5 for 17 against Cokethorpe, were obviously very significant contributions to these two victories. Similarly Varley's runs and wickets against St. Edward's helped us to our best performance against this side for the last three seasons.

Meanwhile D. M. Marshall, who became Captain of the Eleven upon Hill's promotion, worked hard to mould the most likely side from those who remained. The extent of his difficulties can be seen by the facts that we did not field the same eleven in any two matches, that we needed twenty-one players and five different wicket keepers in seven fixtures and employed six different opening pairs for the seven innings. Nevertheless the cricket was always enjoyable and in spite of the notoriously wet May we did not lose a minute's playing time all season.

Marshall was a good and popular captain. He set an excellent example with his own fielding and, together with D. H. Parry, was the most consistent of our regular batsmen. Others to catch the eye were our spin bowlers, S. E. W. Boyers and M. J. Harfield. Both got among the wickets on occasions but too often had few runs to bowl at. J. R. Rowson's slip-catching must not pass unmentioned, nor the vastly improved standard of fielding that was shown by the whole side.

The Single Wicket Tournament was held in fine weather on 20th July. In its new, shorter form it was most successful and the fielders, as always, reserved many of their more spectacular feats for the occasion. D. H. Parry's victory was particularly pleasing since he was the defeated finalist last year, and D. N. Baumann was a worthy runner-up.

The following played in the side: D. M. Marshall, M. J. Harfield, D. H. Parry, J. R. Rowson (seven times); M. R. Ward, D. N. Baumann

(six times); S. E. W. Boyers, H. I. Kilgour, R. A. Deane (five times); J. P. Cox (four times); M. J. Hill, J. J. Shellard (three times); M. C. Varley, R. S. Barrett, R. W. Speight (twice); J. H. Walker, R. W. Hamilton, S. P. Loosemore, J. C. Bourlet, D. R. Langmead, H. J. Flint (once).

Results

v. Radley College (a). 6th May. Lost by 132 runs.

Radley 188—3 dec. Abingdon 56.

v. St. Edward's School (a). 13th May. Lost by 46 runs.

St. Edward's 102 (Varley 6—17, Harfield 3—32).

Abingdon 56 (Varley 20).

v. Oratory School (a). 3rd June. Won by 74 runs.

Abingdon 148—6 dec. (Hill 71, Marshall 30, Parry 23).

Oratory 74 (Boyers 5—28).

v. Pangbourne Nautical College 2nd XI (h). 10th June. Lost by 109 runs.

Pangbourne 177—2 dec. Abingdon 68 (Boyers 27).

v. Douai School (a). 21st June. Lost by 7 wickets.

Abingdon 63. Douai 66—3.

v. Cokethorpe School 1st XI (h). 17th July. Won by 51 runs.

Abingdon 152 (Varley 49, Cox 31, Parry 22).

Cokethorpe 101 (Varley 5—17, Cox 4—24).

v. Bloxham School (h). 15th July. Drawn.

Bloxham 131 (Harfield 5—52, Deane 3—10). Abingdon 52—7.

C.J.W.O.

JUNIOR COLTS ELEVEN

A promising side containing a number of young cricketers who will undoubtedly do well at the game in future years — on paper a well-balanced side, with several batsmen capable of scoring runs, a couple of useful spin bowlers and a clutch of quickies — and yet a disappointing season. Too much was left to too few, and when they failed, either the side was out cheaply or the other side was not. The batting lacked confidence, and wickets were lost as much through tentative shots as through the skill of the opposition. The bowling often lacked penetration and accuracy. The fielding, on the other hand, was nearly always good, keen and efficient.

Nevertheless, there were some good individual performances. Shellard, potentially a batsman of real class (who, apart from one good innings of 32 against Oratory, never really got going) and no mean bowler, was a good captain, a first class fielder, and an example to his side; He was, perhaps, a little reluctant to use his spinners, but otherwise handled the side with quiet efficiency.

Rarely, if ever, can a batsman of his age have scored two centuries in consecutive matches, yet that is what Cox (J.P.) did — 109 not out against M.C.S., and 102 against St. Edwards, and there was another good innings of 55 against Newbury, and he had some very good bowling figures as well. Cole, coming late into the side, gathered eight St. Edward's wickets for six runs, while Wallace (3 for 7) and Cash (3 for 8) bowled well against M.C.S.

Loosemore kept wicket steadily, but has a tendency to reach for the wider ball, rather than trying to get behind it.

The final arrangement of the side was: J. J. Shellard (Capt.), J. P. Cox, J. L. Cox, S. P. Loosemore, G. B. Milton, D. G. Murphy, A. G. Muff, R. C. Cash, R. A. Cole, D. I. Smith, M. T. Bennett.

Also played: C. A. Wallace (5 times), G. R. Smith (twice) and R. S. Kirby (once).

Results

v. Newbury Grammar School (a). 6th May. Drawn.
Abingdon 103 for 6 dec. Newbury 87 for 9.

v. Salesian College (h). 31st May. Lost.
Salesian 98 for 4 dec. Abingdon 67.

v. Oratory School (h). 3rd June. Won.
Oratory 49; Abingdon 50 for 2.

v. Magdalen College School (h). 14th June. Won.
Abingdon 180 for 7 dec. M.C.S. 81.

v. St. Edward's School (h). 1st July. Won.
Abingdon 134 for 6 dec. St. Edward's 70.

v. R.G.S., High Wycombe (a). 8th July. Lost
Abingdon 39. R.G.S. 43 for 4.

v. Bloxham School (a). 15th July. Lost.
Bloxham 127. Abingdon 103.

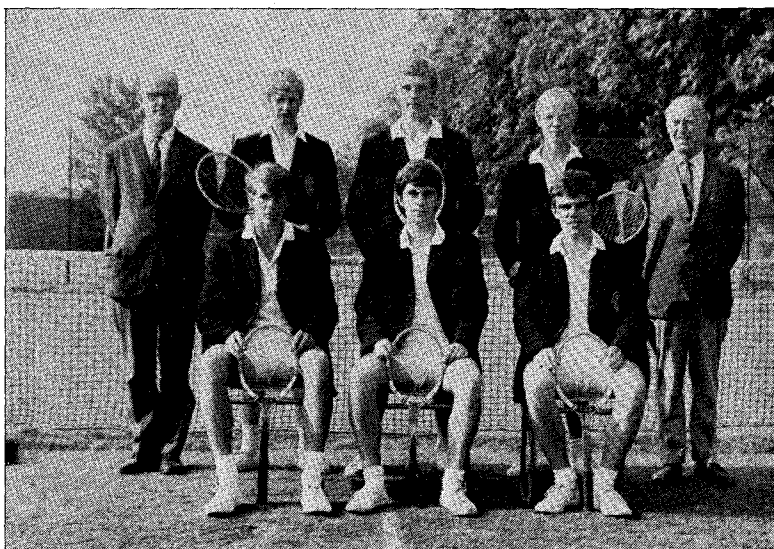
L.C.J.G.

JUNIOR ELEVEN

The rain and wet wickets of May made an irritatingly slow beginning to the season. But June and July produced those batting wickets, and with the sun the Junior XI increased in confidence and venturesomeness. One noteworthy feature of this season's side was the emergence of all-rounders. By the close we were batting down to number ten and we had no shortage of bowlers. Pike and Dunkerley both played useful innings with Pike learning to curb his impatience at the start which was causing him to hit across the straight ball before he was really seeing it. These two, together with Price, showed no hesitation



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in punishing the loose ball. Deane, R. E., was probably the most improved batsman in the side. He has the temperament of an opening bat and is beginning to off drive beautifully. He has also made himself into a very competent wicket keeper.

Dunkerley and Longman both opened the attack and succeeded in bowling some really good balls. Longman has worked at his action to give himself a much freer arm movement, and this produced dividends in the final match. Pike, Price and Nicholl have shown themselves adequate change bowlers and Savory, who was given much more of the ball this season, has continued to fulfil the promise he showed last year.

Harding made an admirable Captain always thinking and attacking, using his ample bowling strength intelligently and setting his field tactically. The greatest weakness of the side as a whole was its fielding. In spite of some excellent individual fielding by Pike, Price and Smith, there was a general lack of crispness which cost both runs and wickets.

We are once again indebted to the Rev. H. Pickles, Vicar of Blewbury, for his enthusiasm and coaching throughout the term.

The single-wicket competition was won by Dunkerley.

The team was as follows: M. C. Harding (Capt.), M. D. Bricknell, R. E. Deane, J. C. Dunkerley, D. J. Longman, F. A. A. Maude, J. P. Nicholl, G. F. Pike, R. H. L. Savory, P. D. Price, D. P. C. Smith.

Also played: G. Homewood, J. Semmence, C. N. Leonard, T. Wright.

Results

v. Newbury Grammar School (h). 6th May. Lost.

Newbury 64 (Pike 4 for 10). Abingdon 52.

v. Millbrook House (a). 24th May. Abandoned.

Abingdon 104 for 4 dec. (Pike 49, Maude 20 n.o.).

Millbrook House 11 for 5 (Savory 3 for 2) — rain stopped play.

v. New College (a). 31st May. Won.

New College 38 (Savory 4 for 16). Abingdon 41 for 5.

v. Cokethorpe Under 15 (a). 14th June. Drawn.

Cokethorpe 124 for 9 dec. Abingdon 88 for 7 (Price 36).

v. Moreton C.C. (h). 17th June. Won.

Abingdon 167 for 7 dec. (Price 69, Pike 24, Savory 23 n.o.).

Moreton 70 (Savory 5 for 21).

v. Reading School (a). 1st July. Lost.

Reading 83 (Pike 4 for 30). Abingdon 62.

v. R.G.S., High Wycombe (h). 8th July. Won.

Abingdon 105 (Dunkerley 37, Deane 24). High Wycombe 87.

v. Magdalen College School (a). 15th July. Won.

Magdalen 69. Abingdon 72 for 3 (Pike 29 n.o., Deane 20).

D.G.S., N.H.P.

FIRST FORM ELEVEN

This year a side was formed from the First Forms. Although only four matches were played — these restricted to 20 or 25 overs for an innings — they were thoroughly enjoyed, and all felt that the season was far too short.

The first match against Dunmore was lost by one run, rather surprisingly as the school were playing a younger team, but the experience of that game probably proved most valuable as the next three games resulted in clear victories for the school. Two equal sides were fielded on the same afternoon against John Mason.

The following boys played in the side: P. M. Abraham, A. W. Baumann, A. C. Clift, A. S. Q. Clift, A. W. Davies, D. I. Lewington, N. E. Matthews, J. D. Peirson, P. A. W. Rogers, H. C. Russell, P. F. Stimpson, J. A. Urban-Smith, C. F. Vernon, A. J. Walters.

Results

v. Dunmore Primary School (a). 12th June. Lost by 1 run.
Dunmore 40—6 dec. (A. S. Q. Clift 5—11). Abingdon 39.

1X/1Z Team v. John Mason H.S. (h). 4th July. Won by 21 runs.
Abingdon 63—5 (Abraham 28 n.o.). John Mason 42.

1Y/1Z Team v. John Mason H.S. (a). 4th July. Won by 44 runs.
Abingdon 63—6 (A. C. Clift 36 n.o.). John Mason 29 (A. C. Clift 6 wickets).

v. Fitzharry's School. 7th July. Won by 48 runs.
Abingdon 65—4 (Abraham 35 n.o.). Fitzharry's 17 (Baumann 4—2).

J.M.T.

ROWING

Overshadowing all our endeavours this term, our hopes and fears, our successes and failures, has been our great sense of loss through the death of Mr. Kimbrey. But he was always so deeply involved in our aspirations, and so much a part of the Club, that our best memorial to him is to continue to do our best and to strive for perfection.

The 1st VIII, our lightest for several years and indeed of our top three crews this year, came up to peak form only at the end of the season at the National Schools Regatta. It always rowed with courage and it was a pity that we had to decide not to enter at Henley, but facts must be faced and the crew was just not fast enough. With a couple of heavyweights in the crew it would have been a different matter. The 2nd VIII rowed very well throughout the term, winning Novice Eights at Hereford and the West Cup at the National Schools Regatta, all of which promises well for next season. The Colts VIII also raced extremely hard and were unfortunate in not bringing home at least one 'pot'.

The Junior Colts and other even more junior crews rowed nobly in various guises in a number of races. A successful innovation was our own Regatta for Junior and 'Mini' Colts in which we scooped the pool. It is to be hoped that in future we shall be given more support for this from other schools.

The Boat Club Regatta provided some good racing, but it may be necessary in future to consider a change of date for this since some House crews had to withdraw at the last moment as some boys were apparently unable to row on the evening chosen.

Sculling has proved extremely popular this season and our five boats have been in regular use. The more sculling boats we can get the better. 'Umbrage' has finally broken down, due to suspected sabotage during the Easter holidays, and has been disposed of. We now have a new coaching launch, 'Remex', a glass-fibre trimaran-type hull with an outboard engine, which suits our purposes admirably.

Finally, our thanks to all our supporters, parents and Old Boys, for all their encouragement, and last but not least to the Captain and Secretary of Boats whose efforts made this a particularly happy and pleasant season.

R.G.M.

CREWS

1st VIII

Bow	J. B. Lister
2	M. J. Stilwell
3	A. McL. King
4	M. C. C. Hunter
5	R. J. M. Conibear
6	I. L. M. Carr
7	R. E. Parkes
Stroke	J. P. H. Bosley
Cox	C. M. Dobson
	(T. J. Wood coxed at the National Schools Regatta)

Colts VIII

Bow	D. G. Nasmyth
2	N. Pilling
3	C. Rock
4	A. E. Lewis
5	M. A. Fletcher
6	J. A. F. Ridge
7	J. E. North
Stroke	C. McL. King
Cox	J. L. Hounam

2nd VIII

Bow	M. C. G. Stevens
2	P. J. Munnoch
3	C. E. J. Lilley
4	R. G. Whittington
5	P. K. Ablewhite
6	P. R. M. Sherwood
7	J. R. Burton
Stroke	P. J. A. Hopkins
Cox	P. E. Scott
	(B. E. Goldsworthy coxed at Saltford Regatta)

Junior Colts VIII

Bow	N. P. Winton
2	M. P. Stevens
3	R. J. Crane
4	A. M. E. Brown
5	J. D. P. Mitchell
6	M. I. Johnstone
7	J. C. Griffiths
Stroke	C. R. Gibaud
Cox	R. W. Leary

Results

FIRST EIGHT

May 20th: Wallingford Regatta — Junior Eights.

1st Round: Beat Sir William Borlase's School B.C. easily.

2nd Round: Beat St. Peter's College B.C. easily.

3rd Round: Lost to Reading University B.C. by $\frac{1}{2}$ length.

May 27th: Reading Amateur Junior Regatta — Junior Eights.

1st Round: Lost to Wallingford R.C. by 1 length.

May 29th: Windsor and Eton Regatta — Junior Eights.

1st Round: Lost to Emanuel School B.C. by a canvas.

June 10th: Reading Amateur Regatta — Junior Eights.

1st Round: Beat Magdalen College School B.C. by 2 lengths.

Beat Barclays Bank B.C. easily.

2nd Round: Lost to Radley College B.C. by $\frac{3}{4}$ length.

June 21st: National Schools Regatta (Pangbourne) — Elsenham Cup.

1st Round: Beat Bryanston School B.C. by a canvas.

Beat Wycliffe College B.C. by 1 length.

Beat St. Edward's School B.C. easily.

2nd Round: Beat Emanuel School B.C. by a canvas.

Lost to Royal Shrewsbury School B.C. by $\frac{1}{2}$ length.

Final: Lost to Eton College B.C. by 1 length.

Lost to Royal Shrewsbury School B.C. by $\frac{1}{2}$ length.

Bryanston School B.C. was disqualified.

SECOND EIGHT

May 20th: Cambridge Regatta — Novice Eights.

1st Round: Beat The Leys School B.C. by $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths.

2nd Round: Beat Southampton University B.C. by $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths.

3rd Round: Lost to Queen's College, Cambs. by $\frac{1}{2}$ length.

May 27th: Reading Amateur Junior Regatta — Novice Eights.

1st Round: Beat Cheltenham College B.C. by 1 length.

Beat Sir William Borlase's School B.C. by 2 lengths.

2nd Round: Beat Beaumont College B.C. by $1\frac{1}{2}$ length.

Beat Emanuel School B.C. by $2\frac{1}{2}$ lengths.

Final: Beat Reading University B.C. by $\frac{1}{2}$ length.

Lost to Nautical College, Pangbourne, B.C. by $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths.

May 29th: Hereford City Regatta — Novice Eights.

1st Round: Beat St. Catherine's College (Ox) B.C. by $\frac{1}{2}$ length.

2nd Round: Beat Hereford Cathedral School B.C. by $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths.

3rd Round: Beat Sutton School B.C. by 1 length.

Final: Beat Kingston R.C. by $\frac{1}{2}$ length

to win the Painter Trophy.

*June 17th: Marlow Regatta — Junior Eights.*1st Round: Beat Winchester College by $\frac{1}{2}$ length.

2nd Round: Drew with Canford School B.C.

Lost to St. Catharine's College (Cantab) by $\frac{1}{2}$ length.*June 24th: National Schools Regatta — West Cup.*

1st Round: Beat Choate School, U.S.A., by 1 length.

Beat Hereford Cathedral School B.C. by $1\frac{1}{2}$ length.

Beat Bedford School B.C. by 3 lengths.

Final: Beat Eton College B.C. by $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths.Beat Royal Shrewsbury School B.C. by $\frac{1}{2}$ length.Beat Hereford Cathedral School B.C. by $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths.*July 15th: Saltford Regatta — School Eights.*1st Round: Lost to Bryanston School B.C. by $2\frac{1}{2}$ lengths.

COLTS EIGHT

*May 20th: Cambridge Regatta — School Eights.*1st Round: Beat Deacon's School B.C. by $2\frac{1}{2}$ lengths.2nd Round: Beat Westminster College B.C. by $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths.

3rd Round: Beat St. George's College B.C. by 1 length in a re-row.

Final: Lost to Bedford Modern School B.C. by $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths.*May 27th Reading Amateur Junior Regatta — Colts eights.*

1st Round: Lost to Radley College B.C. and to

St. George's College B.C. after an accident.

May 29th: Windsor and Eton Regatta — Colts Eights.

1st Round: Rowed over.

2nd Round: Lost to Eton College B.C. by $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths.*June 21st: National Schools Regatta — Colts Cup.*

1st Round: Beat Bedford Modern School B.C. by 1 length.

Beat St. Edward's School B.C. "B" by $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths.2nd Round: Lost to Staveley School B.C. by $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths.Lost to Monkton Combe School B.C. by $\frac{1}{2}$ length.

Lost to Bedford School B.C. by 2 feet.

JUNIOR COLTS EIGHT

June 21st: National Schools Regatta — Junior Colts Cup.

1st Round: Lost to Staveley School B.C.

Lost to St. Paul's School B.C.

Lost to St. Edward's School B.C.

SCHOOL FOUR

June 17th: Marlow Regatta — School Fours.

1st Round: Lost to Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe.

Crew: R. E. Parkes, I. L. M. Carr, R. J. M. Conibear, J. P. H. Bosley,
T. J. Wood.

FIRST FOUR

July 15th: Saltford Regatta — Novice Fours.

1st Round: Beat Llandaff R.C. by 2 feet in re-row.

2nd Round: Beat Bristol and Severn R.C. by 1 length.

3rd Round: Lost to Neptune R.C. by 2 feet.

Crew: J. B. Lister, I. L. M. Carr, R. E. Parkes, M. J. Stilwell, C. M. Dobson.

ABINGDON JUNIOR REGATTA
JUNIOR COLTS EVENT

1st Round: Abingdon 'A' beat Sutton 'B'.

2nd Round: Abingdon 'A' beat Magdalen College School.

Sutton 'A' beat Abingdon 'B'.

Final: Abingdon 'A' beat Sutton 'A'.

MINI-COLTS EVENT

1st Round: Sutton 'A' beat Magdalen College School.

2nd Round: Abingdon 'A' beat Sutton 'A'.

Abingdon 'B' beat Sutton 'B'.

Final: Abingdon 'A' beat Abingdon 'B'.

THE SCHOOL REGATTA — JULY 17th

Bennett Cup for First Fours — Tesdale beat Blacknall.

Pixell Cup for Second Fours — Tesdale beat Blacknall.

Pixell Bowl for Intermediate Fours — Blacknall beat Tesdale.

Morrell Cup for Junior Fours — Reeves beat Tesdale.

Pierpoint Cup for Dayboys v. Boarders Eights — Boarders beat Dayboys.

Haarhoff Cup and Mayor's Waterman Trophy — M. C. C. Hunter beat J. B. Lister.

Eason Goblet for the House with most points: Tesdale.

We are very grateful to Mrs. Sandford for presenting the prizes.

R.E.P. & J.P.L.

TENNIS

On the whole, the season was a good one, only two school matches being lost by the 1st VI, their overall record being 7 won, 5 lost, 2 unfinished because of rain.

The 1st pair partnership of R. E. N. Bradfield (Captain) and D. S. Jackson (Secretary) had great potential, but seemed to lack the pertinacity and powers of concentration needed to bring a close match to a successful conclusion. Both partners had excellent service, but both could double fault at critical moments. Jackson had an attacking flair and plenty of power of penetration, but lacked steadiness. Bradfield was strong on the backhand and usually very sound and efficient, but somehow rarely rose to a big occasion and could have strange lapses against stiff opposition.

It is pleasing to report that G. Walkinshaw, who had so often dashed

our hopes by his wildness in the past, settled down to a much more reliable game mixing his old phenomenal recovery shots with some sound ground strokes and punishing volleys. He partnered D. N. Hunt in the 2nd pair for most of the season; but being unavailable for the Youll Cup, he graciously interchanged with M. F. K. Baumann to partner P. R. Carmichael for the last few matches.

With a view to next season, the progress made by Hunt, Baumann, and Carmichael, was particularly gratifying. Hunt began to produce a really good first service and to be less tentative with his second, while his volleying showed much more bite and accuracy than the previous season. Baumann's service also improved, together with his ground strokes and volleys; but his real virtue lay in his unflagging determination and power to hold his grip on a match right to the end. He was never afraid to attack, but mixed his strokes with sound judgement. Carmichael was a welcome new recruit to the VI. He started the term with good stylish ground strokes, but rather weak volleys, a mediocre service, and little sense of doubles court craft. In the end, he made an excellent partner for Baumann in the 3rd pair — one of the strongest 3rd pairs we have had — became much more penetrating on the volley, covered the court well, remained steady under pressure, and only lacked a rather stronger service.

As usual the 2nd VI included both seniors and juniors, and its composition was to some extent varied to suit the opposition expected and also to provide opportunities for trying out new junior talent. For the greater part of the season, it was ably captained by A. W. Luff, who developed a very fruitful partnership with our most promising junior player N. S. Coulbeck, until very unfortunately, Coulbeck became incapacitated by a serious illness from which we all hope he will make a good recovery and soon regain his full strength. Other losses were G. A. Macdonald, who was not passed fit until the end of the season; while C. J. Woods was largely out of action for the last month, so breaking a promising partnership with A. R. Cantwell. C. G. Day and K. P. Brown played well together in both the 2nd and U/16 VIs, though their vigorous, hard hitting, combination tended to fall down on lack of accuracy, and sometimes suffered lapses of confidence.

Of the new junior recruits, J. M. Whittington, R. O. Plail, and I. F. Gardner, were the most promising. Whittington showed the greatest keenness, but his partnership with J. R. Comerford was not quite strong enough to be sure of a regular place in the U/16 side. For his age, 14.6, Gardner showed the greatest promise, turning out for the U/15 and U/16 teams, and once for the 2nd VI. He has still to develop power, but has a good attacking drive, has improved in his volleying; and more important he has a good sense of anticipation, makes excellent recovery shots and is usually very steady. Plail, older and stronger, made a very good partner to Gardner, contributing powerful services and ground strokes, but was less accurate in his touch and rather uncertain with his volleys.

In the U/15 matches, last year's young players J. A. Clargo, P. R. Clarke, R. N. Macdonald, A. J. Winnington, all showed up well and should come into their own next year. Of this season's youngest recruits, R. A. Joseph and P. J. Todd, showed considerable promise and will clearly be a force to be reckoned with in the future. Todd developed the aptitude to run in and volley on his service, which many more senior players are still unable to do with much success.

In the Buckley Cup singles championship, the semi-finalists were R. E. N. Bradfield, M. F. K. Baumann, P. R. Carmichael, and D. S. Jackson; while Bradfield defeated Jackson in the final 6—4, 6—1. We thank Jackson for all his hard and efficient work as Secretary, and regret that he will not be with us next season. It is also possible that Bradfield may leave at Christmas: he has had the remarkable record of playing in the 1st VI for four seasons and being Captain for the last 3 seasons. He did not quite fulfil his early promise, but he has maintained his position as the best player in the team, and has greatly contributed to its successes.

We must again thank Mr. Lay for his weekly visit and sterling work with the junior coaching. Equally we are again very much in debt to Mr. C. M. Ruck for his voluntary help giving match coaching sessions to some of our team members, for which they have been extremely grateful. In conclusion we congratulate G. Walkinshaw, D. N. Hunt and M. F. K. Baumann on the receipt of their full colours and P. R. Carmichael on his half colours.

As a postscript some mention must be made of the new hard courts. The contract has been placed with Grassphalte for two of their quick drainage (soon playable after rain), non-attention hard courts, to be constructed this September in the kitchen garden area of Crescent House, with access from Heathcot garden and our North Court. This is a very exciting prospect and should be a great fillip for both our regular players and the many spare time adherents of the game.

FIRST VI MATCHES

- May 3rd v. The Common Room (h). Won 5—4.
- May 13th v. Radley College (h). Lost 3—6.
- May 24th v. Leighton Park School (a). Won 5—4.
- May 31st v. Magdalen College School (h). Lost 3—6.
- June 3rd v. Reading School (a). Won 8—1.
- June 7th v. Oratory School (a). Won 7—2.
- June 10th v. Pembroke College (a). Lost 2—7.
- July 1st v. Pangbourne Nautical College (a). Won 5½—3½.
- July 8th v. R.G.S. High Wycombe (h). Won 5½—2½.
- July 12th v. The Bohemian Club, Oxford (h). Lost 1—8.
- July 15th v. Bloxham School (h). Won 8½—½.
- July 17th v. Abingdon L.T.C. Lost 2—7.

The matches against Berkhamsted School and the Old Abingdonians were unfinished (rain); while Culham College could only field a 2nd VI.

SECOND VI MATCHES

(From: A. W. Luff, N. S. Coulbeck, A. R. Cantwell, C. J. Woods, C. G. Day, R. K. Blackburn, K. P. Brown. Also: J. A. Clargo (1), I. F. Gardner (1), R. O. Plaid (1)).

- May 10th v. Salesian College (h). Lost 1—8.
- May 13th v. Radley College (a). Lost $\frac{1}{2}$ —8 $\frac{1}{2}$.
- May 20th v. Culham College (a). Drawn 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ —4 $\frac{1}{2}$.
- May 31st v. Magdalen College School (a). Lost 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ —6 $\frac{1}{2}$.
- June 14th v. Douai School (a). Won 6—3.
- June 21st v. Wallingford G.S. (h). Won 7—2.
- July 5th v. Staff and Ladies (h). Won 8—1.

The matches against Oratory School and Leighton Park School were rained off.

JUNIOR VI MATCHES

(U/16 from: C. G. Day, K. P. Brown, J. A. Clargo, N. S. Coulbeck, R. O. Plaid, I. F. Gardner, J. M. Whittington, J. R. Comerford.

U/15: J. A. Clargo, I. F. Gardner, R. N. Macdonald, P. R. Clarke, A. J. Winnington, R. A. Joseph.

U/14: R. N. Macdonald, P. R. Clarke, P. J. Todd, D. W. Mayall, W. J. Pollard, C. D. Chafer).

- May 10th v. Salesian College U/15 (a). Won 5—3.
- May 31st v. The Dragon School U/14 (a). Lost 1—8.
- June 3rd v. Shiplake Court U/16 (a). Lost 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ —6 $\frac{1}{2}$.
- June 7th v. Oratory School U/16 (h). Won 9—0.
- June 14th v. Douai School U/16 (h). Won 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ —1 $\frac{1}{2}$.
- June 21st v. Leighton Park School U/15 (a). Won 8—1.
- July 8th v. Magdalen College School U/16 (a). Lost 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ —5 $\frac{1}{2}$.
- July 15th v. Bloxham School U/16 (a). Won 7—2.

YOULL CUP AND THOMAS BOWL: PUBLIC SCHOOLS' TENNIS COMPETITION AT WIMBLEDON

Youll Cup:

- 1st pair: R. E. N. Bradfield, D. S. Jackson.
- 2nd pair: D. N. Hunt, M. F. K. Baumann.

Thomas Bowl (under 16 years):

- I: C. G. Day, K. P. Brown.
- II: J. A. Clargo, I. F. Gardner.

Putting it briefly, in the Youll Cup our pairs lost to Sherborne, 1—6, 4—6; 4—6, 2—6, respectively; while the juniors were defeated in their turn by Felsted and Highgate.

These disappointing results may perhaps be partly attributed to the demands and distractions of Founder's week, which is difficult to equate with the single-mindedness and constant practice required for success in

competitions. Rather large demands were made upon Jackson at various hours of day and night by the school film group; while Hunt wrenched his knee in some House game and would have withdrawn, if he had realised how much he was going to be immobilized. It must however, be recorded that Baumann played very well indeed, and by good tactics and anticipation often succeeded in closing the gap left by Hunt's retarded movements.

H.M.G.

ATHLETICS

For the first time we have been able to hold some home fixtures — on Waste Court Field — during the summer term. This has been a great encouragement to the club, and the spectators have enjoyed watching athletics at a time of year more suited to the sport than March!

In our three home matches we had one heavy defeat at the hands of Culham College; one easy victory over Cokethorpe School, and one close contest with King Alfred's School, Wantage. For a triangular match at Wallingford G.S., we tried to strengthen the Senior team by including some outstanding juniors but though they performed creditably we still only came a rather disappointing second. However our seven remaining juniors did extremely well and scored more points from the nine events they contested than either of the other teams.

There were many shocks in the 3-per-event U/17 match with John Mason School. We scored few points from the throwing events but evened things up with good performances in the longer races. The deciding factor proved to be the versatility of our high jumpers, Whipple and Ellis, who not only came 1st and 2nd in their speciality but also notched up two victories and a second place in events in which they had been included as third strings!

In the North Berks. Championships at Didcot, the School took nine 1st places (including record triple jumps by Snodgrass (39:5) and Jordan (35:6) in the U/20 and U/15 age groups respectively. Later in the County Sports where we had ten boys representing the District, Hassett broke N. P. J. Bell's County Quarter Mile record by 0.1 secs.; Smart took 2 secs. off the U/17 mile record and Wilde equalled the old records in finishing second in both the 100 and 220 yards. Once again examinations clashed with the date of the All England Championships — otherwise Akinbiyi, Smart and Wilde would have been invited to represent the County.

One of the highlights of the season was the Invitation Paarlanf Meeting organised by Stamford School. A paarlanf is a relay race in which the runners may exchange the baton as often as they like, anywhere they like and in any order they like, and is usually held for teams of four round a standard 440 yards track. Unfortunately our Senior team, which had put up good times in practice, was hit by illness at the last minute and had to withdraw so we only had a team in the U/17

section. There was a fast start but our team of Allington, Crawford, Gough and Smart showed admirable pace judgement and refused to be worried by being nearly half a lap behind the leaders and in 10th place early in the race. Gradually we closed the gap as the leaders began to pay the penalty for their early exertions and we finally took the lead with half a mile to go, finishing the 4 miles strongly in 15 mins. 42.5 secs., knocking 14½ secs. off the previous record. Second was Corby Athletic Club 15:48 and third Spalding G.S. 15:52.8. 14 teams took part.

The Decathlon Championship which attracted 15 competitors was spread over two afternoons at the end of term. The leading scores were Hassett 805, Blackburn RK 760, Akinbiyi 759, and Wilde 746. All these four beat the previous best total but perhaps the outstanding single performance was in the high jump when Whipple scissored over 5ft. 6ins. — and this from the grass run up on Waste Court Field too!

Shades of the 63-mile road relay of four years ago spurred Halling into persuading seven other enthusiasts into attempting a 100 mile relay — 32 laps of an extended Stone Wall Run — which they successfully completed in 10¼ hours. Not particularly fast but then examinations are not perhaps the best sort of training for such events.

During the term full colours were awarded to L. P. Halling, D. N. Hunt and N. K. A. Smart. Half colours were awarded to R. K. Blackburn, R. G. Coulbeck and M. G. Crawford.

The following competed for the Senior team fairly regularly:

Sprints: R. C. Wilde, J. W. Hassett, D. N. Hunt, R. G. Coulbeck.

Distance: L. P. Halling, N. K. A. Smart, M. G. Crawford, V. A. Ramsey, D. M. Dickson.

Jumps: A. O. Akinbiyi, A. C. Ellis, D. J. Faires, D. J. Whipple, N. R. Snodgrass.

Throws: J. W. Hassett, D. N. Hunt, R. K. Blackburn, P. J. Hill.

The following competed for the Junior team fairly regularly:

Sprints: T. J. Allington, J. L. Cox, J. P. Cox, C. J. Jordan.

Distance: N. K. A. Smart, M. G. Crawford, J. R. Gough, D. H. Marshall.

Jumps: A. C. Ellis, J. L. Cox, C. J. Jordan.

Throws: T. J. Allington, J. P. Cox, D. H. Marshall.

Results

11th May (home): 1—Culham College 78 pts.; 2—Abingdon 54 pts.

22nd May (home): 1—Abingdon 86½ pts.; 2—Cokethorpe 34½ pts.

Juniors: 1—Abingdon 76 pts.; 2—Cokethorpe 45 pts.

31st May (home): 1—Abingdon 69 pts.; 2—K.A.S. Wantage 51 pts.

Juniors: 1—Abingdon 61 pts.; 2—K.A.S. Wantage 60 pts.

2nd June (Wallingford): 1—Wallingford G.S. 93 pts.; 2—Abingdon 77 pts.; 3—K.A.S. Wantage 57 pts.

9th June (away): Juniors: 1—Abingdon 139 pts.; 2—John Mason H.S. 121 pts.

17th June (Bracknell): Berkshire Schools' Championships.

The following finished in the first 3 in their events:

U/17	880	3rd	Crawford	2:7.2	
	Mile	1st	Smart	4:43.2	(record)
	High Jump	3rd	Ellis	5:3	
U/20	100	2nd	Wilde	10.5	(equals old record)
	220	2nd	Wilde	23.5	(equals old record)
	440	1st	Hassett	53.0	(record)
	Triple Jump	2nd	Akinbiyi	42:3	

R.H.B.

SWIMMING

Almost continuous fine weather throughout the term has encouraged the majority of the School to use the pool. In addition, life-savers, non-swimmers and the more serious members of the School team have all done their stint although the absence of some of our best swimmers during the few matches that have been held this term has hindered any success we might have had. Nonetheless, the Team did have two most enjoyable fixtures, against Leighton Park School and Bradfield College. The latter was part of the Berkshire Schools' Swimming Competition organized by the County Association.

Better success came when V. Lacey-Johnson and A. N. R. Wharton were selected to represent North Berkshire in the County Championships. Lacey-Johnson did well by coming third against very strong opposition in his Free-style race. Wharton managed to gain second place in a very close Butterfly Race. Both swimmers took part in Free-style Relays and maintained their places in these races.

Excellent weather encouraged fast swimming and a large audience for the School Swimming Sports which were held on the afternoon of Thursday, 20th July. Mrs. Cullen kindly presented the Cups and Certificates at the end of a most enjoyable afternoon's racing during which a number of records were broken. Results were as follows:-

Open Freestyle 50 yards:

1—Blackburn PH, 27.3 secs. (new record); 2—Egelstaff RD; 3—Lacey- Johnson.

Under 16 Breast Stroke 100 yards:

1—Snodgrass AR, 1 min. 38 secs.; 2—Nichol C; 3—Hallum.

Under 14 Back Stroke 50 yards:

1—Hallum, 40.9 secs.; 2—Webster; 3—Bowkett R.

Open Butterfly 50 yards:

1—Blackburn PH, 31.2 secs. (new record); 2—Wharton ANR; 3—Blackburn RK.

Junior Diving:

1—Parker; 2—Hughes; 3—Hallum.

Open Plunge:

1—Lacey-Johnson, 52 feet (new record); 2—Spearing; 3—Luker.

Under 16 Back Stroke 50 yards:

1—Paddison MS, 43.5 secs.; 2—Jordan; 2—Smith G.

Open Back Stroke 100 yards:

1—Wharton ANR, 1 min. 22 secs. (new record); 2—Blackburn RK;
3—Blair.

Under 16 Freestyle 100 yards:

1—Lacey-Johnson, 1 min. 13.3 secs.; 2—Short; 3—Johnstone.

Under 14 Breast Stroke 50 yards:

1—Sykes, 45.2 secs.; 2—Bowett SE; 3—Vernon.

Open Freestyle 100 yards:

1—Blackburn PH, 1 min. 6.9 secs. (new record); 2—Lacey-Johnson;
3—Blackburn RK.

Open Breast Stroke 100 yards:

1—Parfitt, 1 min. 25.9 secs.; 2—Wharton ANR; 3—Walkinshaw.

Senior Diving:

1—Blackburn PH; 2—Kirby RS; 3—Wharton ANR.

Under 14 Freestyle 50 yards:

1—Hallum, 35.4 secs.; 2—Ashcroft-Jones; 3—Barnard S.

Open Breast Stroke 250 yards:

1—Parfitt, 4 min. 8.7 secs.; 2—Wharton ANR; 3—Blair.

Open Freestyle 250 yards:

1—Blackburn PH, 3 min. 36.4 secs.; 2—Blackburn RK; 3—Parfitt.

Open Medley Relay (3 x 1 lengths):

1—Tesdale House, 45.7 secs.; 2—Bennett; 3—Reeves.

Junior Freestyle Relay (4 x 1 lengths):

1—Blacknall House, 62.9 secs.; 2—Tesdale; 3—Reeves.

Senior Freestyle Relay (4 x 1 lengths):

1—Tesdale House, 52.7 secs. (new record); 2—Bennett; 3—Reeves.

P. H. Blackburn scored a hat trick by winning the Elliot Cup for the most individual points, for the third year in succession. He also won the Becker Cup for Freestyle Swimming. Blacknall House took the lead in House points in the second to last race and beat Tesdale House with 69 points to 64 to gain the Green Cup.

The Royal Life Saving Society examinations were held on Monday, 17th July and the following were successful:-

Instructor's Certificate: C. P. Allen; R. D. Egelstaff.

Award of Merit: R. D. Egelstaff.

Scholar-Instructor's Certificate: J. C. Griffith.

Bronze Cross: J. C. Griffith; M. I. Johnstone.

Bronze Medallion: P. B. Clubley; Y. Doganoglu; T. J. G. Healy; P. G. Henry; R. S. Kirby; G. B. Milton; M. G. Osborn; S. V. Radnor; K. C. Richardson; J. J. Shellard; C. H. Short; A. R. Snodgrass; C. M. Stake; P. J. Tromans, R. G. Willis.

Pierre Teillac, a French visitor, also passed this examination.

Intermediate Certificate: C. L. Barnard; M. D. Bricknall; A. J. M. Crocker; D. B. King; C. C. J. Lilley; M. A. Neville; T. C. Parker; C. F. Vernon.

At the end of the season when the Pool has really been used to the full, our thanks must go to Mr. Coleman for the marvellous work he has done in instruction and for the supervision of the Pool. Note should here be taken of the success Mr. Coleman has had with non-swimmers. A group of 50 non-swimmers at the beginning of term has been cut down to 12, of whom 8 did not attend classes. Thanks also go to Mr. Willis, Mr. Gray and Mr. Baker for their help with the Sports. Finally, I should like to thank Terence Partfitt and Christopher Allen for help given in the organization and administration of the Club.

A.N.R.W.

BADMINTON

Badminton, with Vowles as captain and McGowan-Docherty as Secretary, has this term continued to develop rapidly. The knock-out Singles Cup, won this time by J. Y. McLaughlan, had the largest entry ever and a badminton ladder introduced recently proved fairly successful. An inter-house knock-out held near the end of term was also extremely successful and was won by Tesdale who defeated Blacknall in an extremely close game in the final.

However the greatest innovation this term has been, of course the formation of the team. This has shaped up fairly well obtaining some mixed results. The climax of the season came in the match against the Old Boys who fielded an extremely strong team including three County players. The result? The team's first real thrashing.

The first two pairs, Vowles and Cantwell and McLaughlan and McGowan-Docherty, remained constant throughout the term playing well and consistently except when up against top-class opposition when both tended to crack completely. The composition of the third pair however proved the major problem. Although gaining the odd valuable point, they nearly always tended to be too erratic.

We will of course miss next term the presence of Vowles who has captained the team so ably in this its first season.

Final team: M. J. Vowles (Capt.), A. R. Cantwell, J. Y. McLaughlan, W. N. McGowan-Docherty, P. S. Edwardson, P. D. Johnson. Also played: P. G. Randall (4), J. M. Elliot (once).

Played 7, Won 4, Lost 3.

v. Fitzharry's School (a). 8th May.	Won 8—1
v. Reading School (h). 15th May.	Won 6—3
v. Windsor G.S. (a). 18th May.	Lost 4—5
v. East Berks College (h). 12th June.	Won 9—0
v. Harwell Badminton Club (h). 19th June.	Lost 3—6
v. The Common Room (h). 17th July.	Won 8—1
v. Old Abingdonians (h). 18th July.	Lost 0—9

In a Dayboys v. Boarders match, the Dayboys won 7—2.

Inter-House Knock-out results were:

First Round:	Blacknall 4 : 0 Bennett
	Reeves 1 : 3 Tesdale
Final:	Blacknall 2 : 2 Tesdale
	Tesdale won play off.

W.N.McG.-D.

COMBINED CADET FORCE

The Summer Term is always a patchy one and, once the Inspection is over and G.C.E. is upon us, Corps parades seem to lack purpose. We hope, next year, to remedy this.

The Inspection, carried out on a pleasant, not too hot afternoon, by an old friend of the School, Air Vice Marshal A. Foden, C.B., C.B.E., went off very well. As it was an unofficial Inspection there will be no report but the Air Vice Marshal expressed himself very pleased with all that he saw.

This term also for the first time a team from the C.C.F. journeyed down to Dartmoor to take part in the Ten Tors Expedition. They were unfortunately unsuccessful but useful lessons were learnt and all those participating felt the effort had been well worth while.

Examination results have generally been good this year but the quite outstanding results of the R.A.F. Proficiency Exam. must have special commendation.

I do not feel however that a sufficient number of boys are making full use of all the opportunities that the C.C.F. affords. Not much more than 25% of the total strength of the army section attended camp while only four members of the Naval section did so (one other was unavoidably prevented) and only a handful went on courses. There is much pleasure and profit to be gained from such things and I shall hope for a big increase in numbers attending them.

July is the season for farewells but this July there are too many. We are losing not only a large number of boys who have served the Corps well but also no less than four officers — Flt.Lt. Morelle fortunately will be back with us in a year's time and we look forward to seeing him again then but the other three, S/Lt. Tammadge who has done a

great deal for the Naval Section, P/O Cullen whose work with the Band has been heard to good effect on so many occasions, and Capt. Holloway, will not be returning. Capt. Holloway has done the Corps outstanding service over 17 years. For many of them, he has been Second in Command and has run the Civil Service Section and the Proficiency Platoon, and latterly the whole Army Section with great efficiency. They will be much missed.

L.C.J.G.

ARMY SECTION

The training in this section has been largely conducted with the Annual Inspection in view. However, other activities have continued, notably the work of 'B' Company towards a retest of the Proficiency Certificate. This was extremely successful; all candidates passed, and are able next term to embark upon a more specialised training programme.

The various Field Days of the Section were equally satisfactory. Now that 'B' Company has been reorganized into two sections, Field Days are more varied. The Advanced Training Platoon, the larger part of the Company, spent the day in the Benson area, accompanied by the Signals and Artillery Sections of 'A' Company, in an elaborate map reading exercise. One group was particularly successful. The N.C.O.s Cadre, the smaller part, had a two-fold Field Day. The Monday evening was spent in a Lantern Exercise in the River Meadow, and on Tuesday, virtually everyone in the Cadre managed to qualify for a .303 shooting badge at Churn Ranges. 'C' Company carried out a stalking exercise on the Downs and the Rescue Section visited Kidlington.

Annual Camp: Wyke Regis

After an absence of a year, the contingent was able to attend once again the C.C.F. camp organized by the Royal Engineers at the Southern Command Bridging Camp. The training laid on by the Engineers, which was known from previous experience to be first class, was this year supplemented by that arranged by the 18th Parachute Brigade, Royal Armoured Corps. Thus the bridging and ferrying work of the R.E.s and the demonstrations in weapons of the R.A.C. provided a fascinating and well balanced week. The weather, although good for the earlier part of the camp, did let us down towards the end and we seemed to have an exceptionally large amount of sea mist most days.

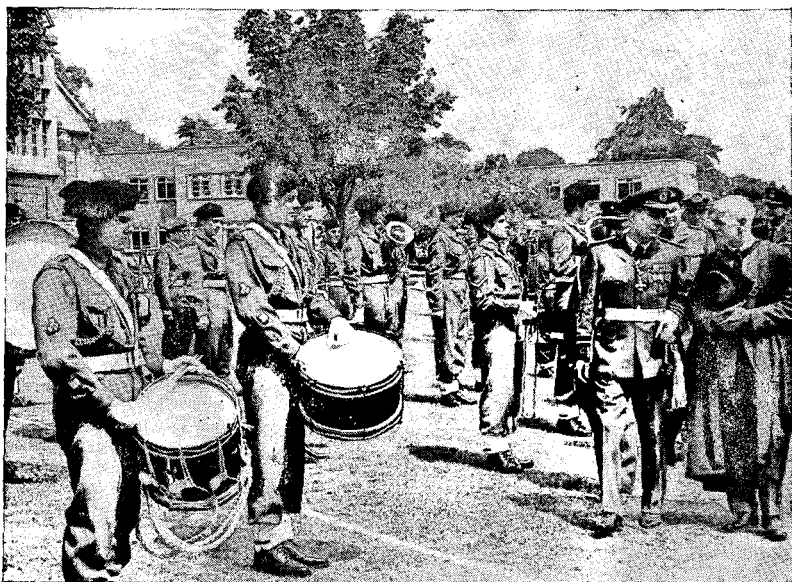
To a few of us, the R.E. work was familiar. However, there was still a thrill to be gained from handling and controlling the equipment used by the Engineers in the front line, while the periods spent on Assault Boats and Recce Boats, if not particularly military were nevertheless entertaining — and exhausting.

However, the instruction given to us by the Armoured Corps was new to all of us. We were shown the use and maintenance of the

Self-loading Rifle, the General Purpose Machine Gun and the Sub Machine Gun, the useful thing about this being that we all felt that we were using weapons which the modern Army actually uses today rather than those which were obsolete decades ago. The films and demonstrations which were arranged at the camp were also interesting and there were plenty of regular soldiers in attendance to answer our questions. On one afternoon, we visited the R.A.C. Firing Demonstration at Lulworth — this was a very interesting experience and well laid on.

Some useful training was also done within the contingent. A map-reading exercise, arranged by Lt. Fairhead, was smoothly completed in spite of mist and threatening weather and gave us an opportunity of seeing some unfamiliar and pleasant countryside. The contingent's turn at Guard Duty of 28th July was interesting — for many it was a first attempt at keeping awake at night — and eventful and also one hopes efficient. The camp was an undoubted success and enjoyed by all in spite of the repeated attempts by Gordon Boys' School to drive us all mad with their dreaded bagpipes.

It is perhaps appropriate to add some words of gratitude to the officers at the camp but above all to Capt. Holloway who has managed to keep the morale of the contingent at an unfailingly high level both on the various camps and at School. It is with regret that we say goodbye to him and we wish him well in his new appointment. J.D.E.



ROYAL NAVAL SECTION

The section has had a most enjoyable term, the highlight being of course Inspection Day. Everyone took this most seriously and the result was the best parade from the Navy for many years. Some of the members built and exhibited an 'assault course' for the inspecting officer; this proved so popular that it was left up until Founder's Day.

Field Day was spent on the Downs, the Section being split into groups for a map-reading exercise which was generally reckoned to be a success.

However, perhaps the most enjoyable part of being in the Corps is to be found in spending a night at a weekend camp. The Section held one this term which tested both the initiative and the stamina of the seven campers. The night was spent at Wantage the only covering being lightweight blankets. We walked about 32 miles over the two days, yet on our return to Abingdon, although tired, our spirits were high and we were only sorry that there was not time to organize another camp before the end of term. T.J.W.

Camp

There were two camps really, the usual one at Loch Ewe and an off-shoot camp with the Dartmouth Training Squadron. Of the latter, I cannot speak but the camp at Loch Ewe was even more successful than usual. Partly this was due to the weather which was kinder than on previous occasions, but largely to the expertise of those responsible for organizing the camp and to them we are very grateful.

Activities were much as before, sailing — I wonder if the cadets appreciate that they are instructed in sailing by real experts — canoeing — navigation and helmsmanship in an MFV — and a two-day expedition involving climbing a 3,000 foot mountain with pack and a long walk. This required grit and determination, qualities well worth developing, but was well within the capacity of a 15 year old. A very good camp — a pity so few were there from Abingdon. L.C.J.G.

ROYAL AIR FORCE SECTION

The R.A.F. Section has had a good term. After an exceptionally active Easter holiday in which cadets went to Germany (R.A.F. Geilenkirchen), Suffolk (R.A.F. Watton), Norfolk (R.A.F. Coltishall), and Cranfield (W.O. Tooze learning to fly), we had a fairly quiet start to the term. Then came field day on which some 20 members of the section spent the night out in Gloucestershire either in home-made bivouacs or handy pigsties and the remainder of the section joined them the next day for a field exercise.

Good news came soon after that when we learnt that Sgt. Paxton and Cadet Matthews had been awarded Flying Scholarships, thus giving us 5 serving flying scholars in the section.

It has been obvious this year that C Flight are exceptionally keen recruits and it was decided that experimentally we should allow them to take Proficiency this term rather than in two terms time as has been usual. As it proved this was a wise decision. Out of 22 entrants, 20 passed, 11 with Distinction. This is quite exceptional and the flight as a whole is to be congratulated. However I am sure they realise that they owe this success largely to the hard work and enthusiasm of their N.C.O.'s, in particular Flt. Sgt. Cockerill and Sgt. Morgan. All other N.C.O.'s who helped also deserve praise.

This latter achievement brings a problem however — what are we to do with them for the next two years? I am sure that with such keen cadets and enthusiastic instructors the section will continue to prosper.

M.R.M.

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SENIOR TROOP

After the successful Easter expedition, the term has been one of ups and downs with enthusiasm sometimes at a very low ebb. Loyalty to the troop has not always been put before personal preference and some have yet to show by their actions that they realise that the troop exists to do scouting and not merely to provide an alternative to the Corps.

Term began with a very successful overnight hike by about half the troop to the village of Horspath. On Field Day the troop split into groups for various activities including caving in the Mendips — in some very different ones this time, boating at Marlow, and several hikes connected with badge work.

The experiment of holding a Camp Fire in the summer was not a success. In spite of being well organised and compèred there was a very poor attendance. Maybe a Camp Fire on a warm, light evening hasn't the same mystique as one on a cold, wet, dark one!

The now customary visit was to the Abingdon Carpet Factory and proved very interesting. This was followed by the Athletics Badge which showed some of us how unfit we were.

Joint activities included an evening hike, a tennis tournament, and a swimming meeting in our own pool, all of which were much enjoyed. Term finished on a high note with a Founder's Day climbing exhibition on the face of the Science Block, and an aerial runway on Lower Field.

We are sorry to lose this term R. A. Egelstaff, and R. A. Lyons who have put so much into the troop over the years. Particular thanks go to Egelstaff for the use of his climbing rope and other equipment on numerous occasions.

P.M.O.

JUNIOR TROOP

On the surface the Troop has had a successful term. The two patrols which were allowed to enter for the District Flag Competition came first and second respectively, about thirty marks ahead of the next patrol. The Otters, under Philip Bosworth, then went on to represent the Abingdon District in the County Competition, where they did very well, finishing third. Our swimmers also carried off the shield at the District Swimming Gala.

And yet, in several other aspects, less spectacular but perhaps more important, the Troop cannot feel happy. In a term of fine weather and plenty of activities there has been a tendency to treat Scouts as just another society. Loyalty has been lacking and this perhaps was seen at its worst in the poor turn-out of the Troop at the Camp Fire in June. Too many people still forget that to gain one also needs to give; they have expected everything to be organised for them, without any effort on their part. Test work and service to others have been virtually ignored. It would do no harm for every Scout to think again about the promise he made when he was invested.

Outdoor activity has naturally been the focus of the term. Some very successful patrol camps were organised at Oakley House and the standard in our own camping competition rose considerably. We were able to camp out the night before Field Day at Marlow and thus enjoy the boating facilities for a longer time. Perhaps we should not read too much significance into the fact that the only person to fall out of his scapha was a member of staff.

Once again we are most grateful to Professor and Mrs. Allen for giving us a very enjoyable garden party at 'Ridgeway', and to the committee of ladies who did so much to make the afternoon a success. The fact that we raised £34 for Scout funds was almost incidental to the pleasure of the social occasion.

Scouting as it has been for the last sixty years is soon to be no more. The new look is almost upon us; the old is dying quietly. On the last meeting of the term therefore the troop met to pay its last respects to the old by attempting to perform the time-honoured ritual of making fire by friction. Alas! a puff of smoke was all that we achieved.

P.G.D.

SUMMER CAMP

This year for the first time we decided to return to a former site for Summer Camp and ten days were spent at Springhill House in Gloucestershire, by kind permission of Captain Lennox Hannay. R. P. Welch with 6 seniors and 26 Scouts enjoyed a very fine camp with good weather and good food. We were glad to be joined for the first part of the camp by Mr. Davies and later by Mr. Baker and his family.

A feature of the camp was the overnight hikes to surrounding villages which did much to improve knowledge of local geography (although

one report began "We set off in the wrong direction"). A long length of rope was bought for an aerial runway and the final arrangement of this ran 150 yards across a valley and was, at some points, 40 feet above the ground. Several boys slept in bivouacs made of natural materials and in an excellent hut built some 25 feet up a large beech tree. The Seniors enjoyed many games of badminton and nearly all of us made full use of the large swimming pool put at our disposal. And we were glad to be able to thank our host both by moving the remains of an old wall and by entertaining him to dinner one evening.

Finally mention must be made of the excellent work put in by all the Senior Scouts at camp, without which there would have been no camp, and of the fine spirit displayed by everyone throughout the camp which made it the best for some time.

R.P.W.

MUSIC NOTES

The climax of the musical activities of the summer term is, of course, the week of Founder's Day. Of the Concert itself, a critique appears elsewhere, but I should like here to say that I have never known an occasion of this sort in which the response from the boys has been so far-reaching, tackling music of extraordinary difficulty, and rising so magnificently to the occasion. In thanking each member of the Orchestra, Chorus, Chapel Choir and the Band for the tremendous work and enthusiasm he put into the week's music-making, and the preparations behind the scenes, I sincerely hope that he will have found the effort justified by the musical experience he has gained.

Perhaps the most interesting development this term has been the inauguration of a series of Lunchtime Concerts held in the Music School on Mondays. Seven were given and all attracted large and enthusiastic audiences.

8th May — Keyboard Cavalcade — a symposium of piano music.

15th May — The Fifth Form Entertains — Fifth Form orchestra, solos, etc.

22nd May — St. Helen's School Entertains — choir, solos, etc.

5th June — Benjamin Britten — 'Abraham and Isaac' and Folk Song Arrangements sung by Mr. Eden and Alistair Cuninghame.

12th June — School Recorder Society — programme devised by Mr. Tammadge.

19th June — House Music Competition Winners.

26th June — The Staff Entertains — Haydn's 'Toy' Symphony, etc.

With the success of last season's Subscription Concerts, we have been able to arrange an even more promising forthcoming season — Leon Goossens (15th October); The Hungarian String Quartet (5th November); The Linden Singers (21st January); and The Dennis Brain Wind Ensemble (18th February). A few tickets remain and anyone wishing



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to become subscribing members should contact Mr. le Fleming immediately.

The Music Department is much indebted to Mr. F. W. Parry and Mr. J. H. Spearing for the generous gifts of their pianos; and to C. I. Rowson who is putting in a considerable time and effort to the making of a harpsichord for the Music School. We also are immensely grateful to a parent who wishes to remain anonymous, for a cheque of ten guineas which has enabled us to enlarge our much-needed library of chamber music.

Mr. Billington's appointment to Harrison College, Barbados, will leave a great gap in the School's musical life, and indeed in that of the town for, as organist at St. Helen's Church he has given devoted service. We are also very sorry to bid farewell to Mrs. Topham from our string-teaching staff after years of most valuable service to the music of the School. Both these musicians have been sympathetic and inspired teachers here, always ready to give that extra help to their individual pupils who needed it, and their unstinting services to the music department. The genuine affection we feel for them makes us all the more sorry to lose them.

We welcome to the music staff this term Mr. Anthony Gladstone who succeeds Mr. Parker in the brass department. We hope he will thoroughly enjoy his teaching here.

Finally, a more personal note. It is not without sincere regret that I leave Abingdon. When I came here three years ago, I knew I was coming to a School with a very fine tradition in music. If this tradition has been maintained during these three years, it is thanks to the immense support I have received from my music staff and from the boys, whose loyalty and enthusiasm I have never ceased to admire and for which I shall always be most grateful. I hand over to my successor with the utmost confidence that, under Mr. le Fleming and his new assistant, the music at Abingdon will go from strength to strength. Thank you all. J.G.C.

HANDS ACROSS THE CHANNEL - AND THE NORTH SEA

This term has been possibly the busiest that we have had in the way of international relations. Quite apart from a succession of adult visitors from overseas, we have had the pleasure of welcoming in successive weeks strong contingents from our two linked schools in Europe, the Lycée at Béziers and the Ratsgymnasium at Bielefeld.

First for the return visit from our friends at Béziers. Their visit had been timed so that they could see the School 'in action' as it were, particularly on Founder's Day which they greatly enjoyed. While those who were 'paired' with dayboys spent the whole of their stay at the home of their hosts, those whose hosts were boarders spent the week before the end of term living in the boarding houses of their hosts and the week after School had ended at their hosts' homes. Thus, they were

able to experience both the life of a large school and that of an English family.

The Headmaster welcomed our guests in their own language with an expertise which was alleged to owe much to Mr. Taylor's coaching. The Mayor and Mayoress, with characteristic hospitality, laid on a Guildhall reception for them and showed the Roysse Room and the Municipal treasures. A coach trip to London was also arranged. Now that the exchange is completed, we can say that both parties, English and French, had learned much about the customs and language of their opposite numbers at first hand. We hope that next year we shall be able to organize another exchange with Béziers and that it will be on an even larger scale.

The second visit was equally successful although of a different character. Whereas the Béziers exchange had been a return visit, the visit of two masters, 22 boys and one girl from the Ratsgymnasium zu Bielefeld marked the practical opening of a new friendship between the two schools. The visit, which lasted for three days, began on Thursday, July 13th. It was in fact an interlude in the annual excursion to England undertaken by the Unterprima — the senior class of language specialists at the Gymnasium. Our connection is the more appropriate in that both schools are similar in many ways — in size (Bielefeld is 750 strong), in situation, in tradition and notably in age (Bielefeld celebrated its Quatercentenary in 1958).

A varied programme of activities filled the three days. There were visits to Blenheim Palace, to the Clarendon Laboratory, to some of the Oxford colleges and to the Downs and White Horse Hill apart from a more local pilgrimage to the Guildhall. The fact that the School was still in the throes of G.C.E. examinations at the time of the visit enhanced our guests' experience. A particularly memorable occasion was the formal exchange of gifts at the end of the stay. A picture of the Ratsgymnasium was presented to the School and a similar one to the Headmaster, as well as a medallion, struck to commemorate the Bielefeld Quatercentenary.

In retrospect, the visit was a huge success. As well as the 'official' friendship of the two schools, several lasting personal friendships were made during the visit. The gratitude of our guests was as great as was our pleasure at their visit. Their genuine interest and the excellent impression that they made on the whole School can only have strengthened our new connection with Bielefeld. We hope, in conclusion, that this link will be a lasting one for it can only be beneficial both to Bielefeld and to Abingdon.

AFTER THE EXAMINATIONS

With the 'O' Levels running on into the last week of term for more than half the Fifth Form, many boys had less time than usual available for Projects this year. But, helped by good weather, those who pre-

ferred to be out of doors did very good work. M. G. Baker took a party to Boars Hill, where for the third successive year we removed dead trees and bushes from the Jarn Mound Garden. Some members of the Angling Club successfully combined work with pleasure by catching fish for an exhibition, while many boys went out to explore and sketch old churches, investigate the local flora and fauna, or study the architecture of the area. Of those happy to stay indoors, rehearsals for the concert employed many, while there was a welcome increase in the number of those willing to put much hard work into preparing exhibitions in various parts of the School. An exciting activity this year was the making of a film, a task which took those involved to interesting places at all hours of the day and night.

The film, produced by Mr. Fairhead and directed by Robin Balbernie, will, it is hoped, be ready in October. Neither a documentary nor an historical romance, it makes use of contemporary and historical clothes and follows the adventures of a fashion photographer and his model on a day's shooting in the Abingdon area. The script is largely the creation of Balbernie although members of the Upper Sixth Liberal Studies Group contributed towards it. A review of this film will appear in the next issue of the magazine: meantime mention is made of the three young ladies, Miss Mareanne Richards, Miss Angela Jamieson and Miss Sally Simmonds without whom the film would not have been possible; and our thanks are due to all the many friends and others who have helped in the making.

Meanwhile members of the Lower Sixth were doing academic projects instead of normal periods and the remaining forms worked to a special timetable which gave scope for activities a little out of the ordinary. Excursions were few this year, but were much enjoyed — even by members of the Junior Eleven, for whom the chance to collect the autographs of the famous was adequate compensation for a short day's play at Worcester.

H.T.R.

ACROSS EUROPE

Twelve sixthformers from Abingdon School and Worksop College have just returned from a six thousand mile journey through Eastern Europe visiting Austria, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, Turkey, Greece and Italy.

One day in Vienna, after travelling through Germany and along the Danube valley, left an impression of magnificent Imperial architecture which contrasted starkly in so many ways with Yugoslavia and Bulgaria. In the latter the enormous State Farms, posters, and Communist slogans were all a new experience, but the friendliness of all the people we met in Sofia and elsewhere was very re-assuring.

We entered Turkey on a military border bristling with machine gun posts and water splashes, truly in the James Bond style. A land of Islam was summed up in a skyline of domes and minarets, sharp against the

intense purple haze of sunset which just hinted at the mysteries of the east.

The heat and wonders of Istanbul behind us, we travelled south along the Greek coast swinging inland through dusty, barren Macedonia to see Kozani, Grevena, Kalabaka and the Meteora. 'Yes to the King', and other slogans of support to the new government were to be seen all over the countryside. Memories return of Greek Orthodox churches, kilted 'Papás', white-washed walls and dusty roads. A clear blue sky, the deep blue sea, the palms and white beaches seemed like a paradise; surely we were dreaming? All this encompassed the wonders of Athens and Corinth and the dramatic beauty of the Pindus Mountains.

The lack of variation in the Italian countryside made it less attractive than Greece. The party visited Naples and Pompeii, then Rome where the magnificence of St. Peter's impressed us greatly but we were very surprised by the raucous loudspeakers in St. Peter's Square inciting, with cheers and clapping, the people to pray. Rome is a wonderful treasury of art, and architecture, as is Florence, where signs of the great flood were still very apparent. The Ponte Vecchio was masked in scaffolding and flood marks were very evident high on walls throughout the city.

We left Florence for Milan, crossed the impressive St. Gotthard and very quickly motored north along cramped German Autobahns to Aachen, Ostend and Dover . . . to face the first persistent rain we had seen in over four weeks!

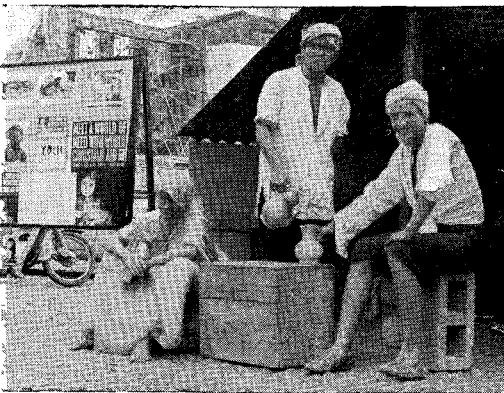
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This term the Library has been very fortunate in the generous gifts it has received — a large number of French books from Mr. Ashcroft-Jones and Mrs. Wharton, and books on various subjects from Miss M. Cobban, Mr. Parsons, Dr. Walton, Lt. Marsh, O.A., Capt. Leach, O.A., Mr. Prickett, Mr. Stevens, O.A., and Shell Chemicals. In addition, we are grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Greenaway, parents of John Greenaway (1952) for the gift of several bound volumes of *The Illustrated London News* of the first decade of the century. These, together with purchases, have meant the accession of some 250 books by the Library staff.

The librarians have also established a catalogue of magazine back-numbers and produced a series of posters to help users of the Library. A group of volunteers under A. D. Chafer have completed a much needed check of the Shelf Catalogue card-index. Mr. Hammond has been taking a keen interest in our Archives and helped with the Founder's Day exhibition in the Library of new and old books.

K.G.H.



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SCHOOL SOCIETIES

ROYSSSE SOCIETY

For the term's first meeting, held on May 3rd, the Society heard an unusually interesting and entertaining paper, entitled "Conquistadors of the Useless", read by P. H. Blackburn. This provoked an enjoyable discussion which, however, inclined to gloss over the paper's more profound aspects.

The next paper was heard at the year's final meeting on July 12th. John Millard read us a paper accompanied by illustrations on "Art in Violence — and Violence in Art" and unexpectedly, perhaps, proved comprehensible to even the least artistic of us, and was the source of a discussion itself verging on the violent.

At the second meeting of the term, the Headmaster very kindly invited the Society as his guests to an excellent Sadler's Wells production in Oxford of Stravinsky's "Oedipus Rex" and Ravel's "L'Heure Espagnole". We would like to thank both the Headmaster and Miss Cobban for their hospitality on this occasion and throughout the year.
N.J.

LITERARY SOCIETY

The Society has had two good meetings this term. At the first, on May 4th, we were lucky to hear Mr. Francis Warner, Tutor in English at St. Peter's College, Oxford, talking on "Yeats and Eliot — a Reciprocal Friendship". He examined these two thoroughly, indicating that although Eliot was the younger of the two poets, Yeats was much influenced by him 'at table' and we were given considerable and important insight into the deep poetry they explored together. The speaker's research had already taken him to America so we were extremely grateful to him for sparing us his precious time.

On June 22nd, Jeffrey Evans read a detailed paper on Donne. "If it were Donne when 'tis done then 'twere well it were Donne quickly" remarked someone before the meeting. But J.D.E. can talk long after we exhaust our clichés and he brought to our attention the whole concept of metaphysical poetry.

In addition, those of us who were free on July 18th saw a spectacular and far from 'ferociously boring' production of "Coriolanus" at Stratford.
A.L.V.

THE ATHENAEUM

It is regrettable that, once again, we have only been able to manage one outing this term, for in the Summer "the business is all", and late exams prevented us from going anywhere in the second half of the term. However, the outing on April 27th was a good one, to see the National Theatre (at Oxford) in Peter Shaffer's "The Royal Hunt of the Sun" — very colourful, very rich, most exciting. A spectacular presentation of religious wars, it is yet a condemnation of those wars, and ultimately rests in interpretation on the words of Genet: "To see the soul of a man is to be blinded by the sun".
A.L.V.

ST. EDMUND SOCIETY

The first meeting of the Summer Term took the form of a visit to the Church of the Holy Family, Blackbird Leys, Oxford. This church is an example of Modern Church Design.

For the second meeting of term the Rev. Dr. J. Barnes came and gave a talk on the Coptic Church and this proved to be very enlightening. This meeting was the last meeting of the Society in its present

form because next term the St. Edmund Society becomes a joint society with St. Helen's School and John Mason School. Already a joint committee has been meeting and has decided on the programme for the Michaelmas term. It is hoped that the new Society will be as successful as the old one.

R.A.E.

MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY

For the only meeting of this term we were pleased to welcome back Mr. Tyson of Bradfield College, who gave a very interesting talk on 'Games'. His talk, which was lavishly illustrated with models, dealt with four simple games including 'Nim' and 'Nine Man's Morris'.

The Society also staged a display for Founder's Day. The exhibits varied from a 'Noughts and Crosses' computer and an ambitious 'Sand Harmonograph' to a display illustrating the School Mathematics Project.

M.A.C.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

Only two meetings have been held this term as many Sixth-form scientists had exam commitments in July.

At the first meeting, Mr. H. Cole spoke to the Society on the research being done at Culham Laboratories. This highly technical lecture dealt with the feasibility of obtaining power from fusion reactors and other aspects of experimental plasma physics.

Mr. Stephen Thornton, O.A., lectured to the Society in June on "Biochemistry To-day" and showed how modern biochemistry is shedding new light on old concepts such as Mendelian genetics. It is a pity that neither of these lectures received the audiences that they merited.

The secretaries would like to thank the sponsors, Mr. Gray and Mr. Talbot, for their support this term.

P.C.McP.

THE SYMPOSIUM

For our first meeting — on April 19th — we held an election for the purpose of getting in new members but the second was a full meeting in the Sixth Form Club on May 23rd. At this, Charles Maude gave a paper entitled "Man's Environment". He spoke with special reference to Britain and embraced a wide field dealing in the main with man's control of his environment and mentioning among other things river pollution, council flats and food problems.

P.K.A.

ONSLOW SOCIETY

Examination commitments in July meant that the Society enjoyed only two meetings this term, the second of these being in the form of an outing. On June 15th, we all spent a most rewarding evening in Oxford watching the Robert Bott film "A Man for ALL Seasons" with Paul Scholfield playing the part of Sir Thomas More. This was indeed a fitting climax to the year.

For our first meeting — on April 1th — we heard an excellent paper from Jason King who spoke on "The Easter Rising". Many of us were unacquainted with the facts and background of this unfortunate incident although well aware of its important results. The paper was very comprehensive and provoked a most lively and heated discussion afterwards.

T.C.C.M.

PLAY READING SOCIETY

I am glad to report that the term's meetings have gone very well. Betti's 'The Queen and the Rebels', Aristophanes' 'The Birds' and 'The Infernal Machine' by Cocteau were all well supported. 'A Man for All Seasons' by Robert Bolt proved the most popular, though all were well read. I should like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Griffin for their continued support, and Andrew Vernède for all he has done as Secretary.

C.M.

JAZZ CLUB

The Jazz Club Dance tradition was revived very successfully for the first meeting. With the keen help of Mr. Gillespie we formed another jazz band which was able to perform fervently to G5 before he left. For the third meeting of term we welcomed a visiting speaker, Mr. David Illingworth of 'Jazz Journal' who gave an extremely good talk on 'The History of the Blues'. After exams, an experimental meeting of Poetry and Modern Jazz was held, and proved a good climax to a successful year.

F.J.D.

THE ECONOMISTS

At the end of the Lent Term, a few members had the privilege of going to London to visit the Houses of Parliament and more especially to listen to Mr. Aubrey Jones on the 'Prices and Incomes Board'.

The first meeting of the Summer Term took the form of a much larger visit to the Houses of Parliament. This was on May 2nd. After a conducted tour, there was a seminar with Sir George Sinclair. Later the party divided, some remaining behind to listen to the speeches in the House of Lords, while others paid a visit to the Stock Exchange.

A more orthodox meeting was held on May 12th when Mr. J. R. C. Beale delivered a very interesting lecture on "World Trouble Spots". The discussion which followed was lively and profitable. It is hoped to restore the Society still further next term until it plays an appropriate part in the extra-curriculum activities of the School.

A.W.H.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

For the first meeting of the term Mr. Ian Ball, A.R.P.S., gave a talk both instructive and amusing on Exhibition Print Quality. It was an evening meeting and held in the Lecture Room.

The second meeting was a members' print-criticism; and for the last meeting of the term a Kodak film-strip on portraiture was screened.

For the last week in term senior members of the Society were involved in making a film in conjunction with the tape-Recording Society and members of the Convent School.

Finally, I would like to thank Mr. Cadwell for the presentation of a copier to the Society.

R.A.B.

FILM SOCIETY

This term's films were all about French Urban life. "New Babylon", a strong Russian propaganda film about the Paris commune of 1871, was sometimes touching in a Rousseauesque manner. The social satire of Jean Renoir's "La Règle du Jeu" was lost on the school audience. "Le Jour se Lève", Marcel Camé's magnificent pre-war film, prepared the way for his post-war masterpiece, "Les Enfants du Paradis", which everybody agreed is beautiful.

J.G.M.

AERONAUTICAL SECTION

Senior Section:

The first of the Summer Term was the visit to B.A.C., Weybridge. There we saw the various stages of construction of the V.C. 10 as well as some of Dr. Barnes Wallis' research work. On June 9th, Dr. G. Bennett came to give a lecture on the problems of supersonic flight. The main business after half-term was the construction of the rounder's Day exhibition on the History of the Airliner.

A.J.I.

Junior Section:

This has been a very successful term and our membership has grown considerably. In the first half of term, we borrowed some films from B.O.A.C., of which we gave two showings. Our model display on rounder's Day proved to be very popular and the models were of a high standard.

R.K.G.

ANGLING CLUB

There were only three main activities this term because of pressing examination commitments.

The first was a talk and combined demonstration of Fly Casting given by Jonathan Webb. After a short time all those present were able to cast a reasonable line. The demonstration was followed by a general discussion on Coarse Fishing.

On Sunday, July 16th, a team consisting of the following members, Button, Grierson, Wilson, Butcher, Broughton, Alford, Egelstaff, Tam-madge and Dorman, fished a return match against St. Birinus School. The match, which was fished at Sutton Courtenay, was won by Abingdon with a total weight of 12 lbs. 4 oz. against St. Birinus' 5 lbs. 4 oz. We also fished a match against Burford Grammar School which was not so successful.

The Club members wish to express their gratitude towards our Sponsor, Mr. Street, for his unfailing support.

J.H.W.

SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS

This term has become the end of an era for the Society. We say farewell to C. I. Rowson who has been responsible for the development of the Society to its present high standard.

The honours are many during the last few months. We had a successful quarter peal tour at half term and we rang our second peal in July in no less than eleven methods. The term ended with a quarter peal at the Leavers' Service (and one lost on Founder's Day!).

L.P.H.

FIELD CLUB

This term the ornithological section of the Club was mainly concerned with collecting data for an ornithological atlas which is to be published by the British Trust for Ornithology. Outings into the field which were enjoyable and informative took place on most week-ends. The Mammal section has been locating badger sets and keeping watch over the animals. Three interesting films were shown to an open meeting. Otherwise, the Club holds no meetings as such as much of the work is done in the field as it should be according to the Club's title.

From April 20th, three members — S. V. Radnor, M. Johnson and D. C. Henderson — accompanied Mr. Truran to the Portland Bill Observatory for three days to study the work of the institution and

observe sea birds and others not usually found around Abingdon. The object of the Observatory is to study bird migration and our party was able to help in this by sitting on the cliffs at the end of the Bill noting the birds seen and their direction of flight. By way of variation, a visit was paid to the mud flats behind Chesil Beach and to the bird sanctuary at Radipole. Some cliff climbing was also done in order to observe nesting colonies but only kittiwake nests were seen; other birds were found to be in inaccessible places.

The Club would like to thank our two sponsors, Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Truran, for their support, effort and knowledge in field matters.

M.J.

GOLF SOCIETY

The Society held three events this term. On May 19th the Society saw a film of the 1966 Piccadilly Match-play Tournament by kind permission of Carreras Ltd. On the evening of June 13th the School played a match against the Masters (Mr. Payne, Mr. Coleman, Mr. Smithson, Mr. Cullen and Captain Mason). The School team of J. Bourlet, C. Legouirs, B. S. Wallan, T. Wright and J. Sayce played well to hold our opponents to a draw. Throughout the term a knockout match-play competition was played for the Mather-Jackson Golf Cup which was kindly donated by a grand-parent. In a close final N. Leaver beat T. Wright one hole up.

The Society would like to thank Mr. Payne, our Sponsor, for his continued support throughout the year.

J.L.S.

THE FIFTH FORM SOCIETY

We have had only three meetings this term owing to examination pressure. At the first a very interesting talk was given by Mrs. Beryl Northcott on "Nazis, Nato and Economic Complications". At the second, W. D. Chislett spoke on "The history and importance to Modern Music of the Beatles". Lastly, we held an extremely popular debate on the motion "This House believes that the moral attitude of the younger generation is a symptom of this country's decline". The proposers were R. Tammadge and M. J. Harfield and the opposers J. C. Wise and R. S. Barrett. The motion was lost by eight votes although there were quite a number of abstentions.

This has been a good year for the first twelve months of our existence and we are grateful to all those who have helped us.

M.G.B.

GARDENING CLUB

It is not very often that a School Society is wound up officially but as the present officers are leaving and no-one has so far been found to carry on the good work, activities are indefinitely curtailed as from the end of the Summer Term. It is to be hoped that interest will revive and that the Club will re-appear at some future date. Meanwhile, let us record an extremely successful term with many good things grown, eaten and sold.

R.H.R.

JUNIOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY

This term, unfortunately, has been a very quiet one and only one meeting was held. This took place on June 23rd when a film of the English Civil War was shown, and very pleasingly, attendance was up. I hope very much that this continues and I would like to thank Mr. Payne for his support this term.

S.P.L.

TAPE RECORDING SOCIETY

During the term our Society modernization proceeded on two fronts. Firstly in the field of equipment we procured, at a very low price, an E.M.I. 50B tape recorder, which we plan to mount in the control room, and an accompanying microphone. This will be added to the Vortexion W.V.B. Tape Recorder which, although ordered for some time, has not yet arrived. In the Studio itself we have done considerable rewiring, shelving and repainting (the latter being completed during projects week by P. G. Henry and M. C. Geary, a truly magnificent job). Our tape competition of last term was jointly won by a very clever piece entitled "Sleep" (D. E. Lightfoot and D. Parry) and "Trashman" (N. A. R. Wood and P. N. Bennett), an extremely funny pastiche on a well known television series. Last but not least we have lost yet another admirable sponsor, Mr. Cullen, whose successor has yet to be chosen.

O.A. NOTES

BIRTHS

- EMMETT. On 4th November, 1966, to Anne, wife of Capt. David C. T. Emmett (1956), Royal Ulster Rifles, a daughter, Charlotte Louise.
- JAMES. On 14th July, 1967, to Daphne (née Calcutt), wife of Bernard James (1953), a daughter, Julie, sister to Diane.
- LANGTON. On 4th May, 1967, to Lesley, wife of David J. Langton (1956), a son, Stephen Richard David.
- ROWLES. On 13th July, 1967, to Valerie, wife of Andrew Rowles (1959), a daughter, Sarah Helen.
- STEVENS. On 5th May, 1967, to Wendy, wife of Major H. Beville Stevens (1951), R.C.T., a son, Andrew.
- WALKER. On 26th May, 1967, to Wendy, wife of Trevor A. W. Walker (1955), a son, Alexander.

MARRIAGES

- BAILEY-CONNOLLY. On 12th August, 1967, at St. Mary's, East Hendred, Geoffrey J. Bailey (1964) to Marie Connolly.
- BRAGG-COULTHARD. On 5th August, 1967, at St. James', Southport, David H. Bragg (1959), to Valerie Patricia Coulthard.
- CANDY-ANDERSON. On 10th June, 1967, at St. Nicolas', Abingdon, David Y. Candy (1953) to Mhorag Anderson of Perth.
- HALSTEAD-LERNER. In July 1967, David G. Halstead (1964), to Susan Jane Lerner of Boston, Mass., U.S.A.
- HENSON-KEER. On 25th March, 1967, at Kexborough Methodist Church, Trevor P. Henson (1960) to Sandra Elisabeth Keer.
- HOWLETT-BLAKE. On 2nd September, 1967, at Charterhouse, Graham Howlett (1960) to Ann Blake.
- JOHNSON-SUMMERS. On 22nd July, 1967, at the Chapel, Magdalen College, Oxford, Anthony E. Johnson (1966) to Sally Ann Summers.

LANSDOWN-ROBERTS. On 15th July, 1967, at St. Leonard's, Turners Hill, Sussex, Alan J. C. Lansdown (1960) to Janet Roberts.

MOLL-BATES. On 22nd April, 1967, at York, by His Grace the Archbishop, the Rev. Randall T. Moll (1960) to Elisabeth Bates.

SHEPARD-ING. On 12th August, 1967, at S. Giles' Church, Ickenham, Robert S. B. Shepard (1960) to Auril Ing.

THOMPSON-MULLIS. On 19th August, 1967, at St. Michael's, Oxford, Robin P. Thompson (1961) to Jacqueline Mullis.

VENN-HUMPHRIES. On 5th August, 1967, at St. Nicolas', Abingdon, Dale C. S. Venn (1962) to Susan Patricia Humphries.

DEATHS

CROSSLAND. On May 5th, 1967, Leonard Ford Crossland (1913-1918), aged 65, an employee of the Milk Marketing Board. His brother, Francis Crossland (1911-1917), who was a Prefect and member of both Cricket 2nd XI and the Rowing 2nd IV, died in 1957 aged 59.

HEAD. On July 30th, 1967, William John Head (1927-1934), the well known dentist of Ock Street, Abingdon. After preparatory education in Belgium, John Head finished his schooling in England and was at Abingdon from 1927 till 1934. Then he studied at Guy's Hospital through which he received the degree of Bachelor of Dental Surgery at London University. In his earlier days he was a noted ice hockey player, and later a well known golfer at Frilford Heath. Those whom he treated professionally, and there were many in Abingdon, will long remember his skill and patience. Children responded at once to his quietly reassuring manner, and looked forward with eagerness to their next visit. Such men are not easily replaced. Our sympathy to his wife and family.

LUKER. On May 31st, 1967, Lawrence Edward John Luker (1929-1935), an employee of the M.G. Car Company. An outstanding games player, Captain of Rugby and with both Cricket and Athletics Colours, John Luker was a Prefect and a Sergeant in the School O.T.C. He served in the Infantry in the Second World War. His is a particularly sad loss, for Mr. Luker had close connections with us and his son is at present a third former in the School.

MARSH. On July 24th, 1967, Vincent Alastair Marsh (1957-1965), after a long illness most courageously borne. 'Vin' will be remembered long for his athletic achievements — he was one of the best quarter-milers produced by the School. Captain of Athletics, and a Prefect he was studying Scandanavian languages at Newcastle University. Our sympathy to his parents and to his brothers, Tym and Stephen.

READ. On May 3rd, 1967, W. J. Read (1906-1908) at his home near Dartford, Kent.

SKINNER. On June 25th, 1967, W. R. T. Skinner. In his will he left a treasured Barometer, a present on his retirement, to the School. It is pleasant to think of the link which this provides between the generations and we shall look after his gift carefully.

SHEPHERD. Early this year, A. L. Shepherd (1933-1935) at his home in Brightwell cum Sotwell, Berkshire.

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In the place of honour, congratulations to Michael Wells (1964) of St. Catharine's College, Oxford, and to Richard Ormerod (1964) of R.M.C.S., Shrivenham, both of whom achieved First Class Honours in their finals — Michael in Mathematics, Richard in Mechanical Engineering.

A. H. Cox (1920), who retired as Manager of the Windsor Branch of the Westminster Bank in 1964, still feels the urge to do some useful work. He has settled in Cornwall and has a part-time job as Rent Officer for Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly. His son Neil (1952) is now a Work Study Engineer at Penryn with Merritts, the fishing tackle makers.

C. S. Morland (1921) has just retired after 31 years of service with the same gold mining group. He, too, is taking on another job — as manager of the Stutterheim Country Club in Cape Province — and will welcome any O.A. who calls upon him, especially if he is a golfer.

Capt. D. C. Woolf, R.N. (1934) is O.C. Barrack and Schools at Chatham and his ship — H.M.S. Pembroke!

D.F.W. Newman (1935), after twenty-one years with Air Ministry and M.P.B.W., has now joined British Airports Authority as senior mechanical and electrical engineer.

It was very pleasant to see Dudley Richardson (1942) watching the Old Boys' Cricket match. He is now lecturing in Botany at Goldsmiths' College.

John Cowling (1944) has left his firm in Southampton and joined Stewart Green, Solicitors, in Winchester.

Congratulations to Michael Penn (1949) on his new post as a Director of a London Advertising Agency which handles, among much else, advertising for B.M.C. and Rolls Royce.

And to Robyn Grant (1950), who has rejoined Jenson and Nicholson Ltd. as Marketing Director.

Roger Hamer (1950), now Major R.A., is at H.Q. Aden Brigade.

Major Beville Stevens (1951) has returned from a long spell in the Middle East and B.A.O.R. and is expecting to stay in England for at least fifteen months. He finds his work with Transport very interesting.

Bryan Boddington (1952) moved to the Isle of Man last September and is teaching English at King William's College. He is enjoying his work but finds social life on the island somewhat restricted.

We commiserate with David Free (1952) who was knocked down in July by a motor-cycle on the wrong side of the road while he was taking part in a twenty-four hour cycle race. He suffered compound fractures of both leg and arm from which he is recovering.

John Greenaway (1952) now works for the Oregon Bulb Farm cultivating lilies. He and his wife — sister of Peter Anderson (1958) — have three sons and they are all settling down to an American way of life.

We congratulate very warmly and with pride Captain Tim Downs (1953) on his mention in despatches for distinguished services in Borneo.

It is good to hear of Pat Sale (1953) established in New Zealand with two young daughters under two. He is specialising in marathon running and finished second in the New Zealand Championship in February. Pat reckons to run about a hundred miles a week in training!

David Lewis (1954) has really found his feet now and it was wonderful to have such a cheerful letter from him. He married in 1957 and has three children. His general store in Plymouth is flourishing but his one regret is that he has had to give up playing cricket.

John Thistlewood (1954) is yet another emigrant doctor. He has taken a post as anaesthetist in a Toronto Hospital, where career prospects are apparently so much better than here. His brother, Tony (1958), is now married and lives in Richmond, where he keeps wicket for the Richmond side in some fairly distinguished company.

John Pridham (1955) has left the motor trade and is now sales representative in Berkshire and Oxfordshire for Sellotape Ltd. Last year he did very well to come second in their Salesman of the Year Competition.

Keith Viney (1955) is on the staff at A.E.R.E. Harwell dealing with personnel recruitment and finds the work most interesting.

Peter Davies (1956), now married, has been on leave from a teaching post at an Army School in Hong Kong; he is due to return for another 3 year engagement.

Capt. David Emmett (1956) of the Royal Ulster Rifles has just left for a spell of duty in Gibraltar. The birth of his daughter is announced elsewhere.

David Howard (1956) has what sounds a most agreeable life. He manages a club in Barbados but spends the summer months in the Channel Islands, where he is connected with a catering business.

It was particularly pleasant to hear from Peter Chadwick (1958), who left in the second form to go on to Amersham. He is Captain of Cricket at Pembroke College, Cambridge, where he is reading Engineering and bowled very well for the Incogniti C.C. against Abingdon C.C. in their Cricket Week. Those who entered the School in 1957 will remember him in 1X as a very fast bowler for his age.

To keep the record straight it should be noted that the statement on page 120 of the April magazine that Nigel Hammond (1957) is the first O.A. appointed to the staff needs a little modification. J. H. E. Morland was a master in about 1898-1902 and Hilary Donkin (1914) taught here for a term in 1919.

Trevor Davies (1959) has done very well to be appointed Registrar at the North Berkshire College of Further Education in Abingdon.

Peter Fry (1959), who is qualifying as an Estate Agent, brought news of his family. David (1955), managing a ministry canteen at Plymouth, is married and has a five month old son, Ian. John (1959), engaged to Glenda Long, is working at A.W.E., Portland, as a Metallurgist.

Clark Hamilton (1960) whose marriage was recorded in our last issue, has now qualified as an associate of the Chartered Insurance Institute and is assistant manager of one of Oxford's largest insurance brokers and mortgage consultants.

Trevor Henson (1960) is still working as a computer programmer but is now employed by a Newcastle firm.

James Milne (1960), who visited the School with his wife and two children in the holidays, is a Lieutenant aboard H.M.S. Albion and hopes to be off to sea later in the year. He has met Paul Cross (1960) and gave us news of David Camplin (1959) who has been doing well as goalkeeper in the Navy Hockey side.

The Rev. Randall Moll (1960) was ordained Deacon by the Archbishop of York in December and is now serving in the parish of Drypool, East Hull. His marriage is recorded elsewhere.

Congratulations to Richard Lucas (1961) on joining the Medical Register and on winning the surgery prize in the Royal College of Surgeons' examination.

Anthony Cook (1961) is progressing well in his training at the Westminster Hospital and expects to qualify as a medical laboratory technician next year.

Simon Richardson (1961) is now a qualified Hydrographic Surveyor and is serving in H.M.S. Hecla, the first of a new class of oceanographic vessels.

Lt. David Riddick (1961) has moved about a lot in the last year with the Royal Northumberland Fusiliers. From Westmoreland he went via Wiltshire to Aden and back to Lincolnshire. Some of his experiences in Aden were pretty scarifying and brought a breath of the barbaric horror of Middle East warfare into our quiet backwater.

G. A. Hall (1962) writes from somewhere in B.A.O.R. where he is serving with a NATO unit. He will be leaving the Forces next year; meantime he is training hard for the 21st Airborne March in Holland in which he will represent the B.A.O.R. His brother John (1965),

still working in Paris, recently returned from a trip to U.S.A. and Canada.

John Bunce (1962) is working hard selling computers in South Wales. His weekends are spent in Abingdon playing cricket. We congratulate him on his election as Captain of the Abingdon Cricket Club, a post which he fills as admirably as he did that of Captain of School Cricket.

Peter Hutchinson (1962) got his B.Sc. in Zoology at Cardiff and after a spell as research assistant at King's College, London, is now working as research assistant in palaeontology at Harvard under Professor Alfred Romer.

Especial congratulations to Andrew J. Oxley (1962) who was elected in May to Sheffield City Council, one of the first three twenty-two-year-olds to be elected to the Council. He is working as a management accounting assistant with the largest manufacturers of alloy and stainless steel in Britain.

John Talbot (1962) left in June for Ethiopia, where he and a fellow medical student have spent two months giving voluntary help in a hospital.

Congratulations to Richard Ellaway (1963) on his engagement to Jill Norfolk. They hope to marry in two years' time. Richard has left the University of Kent and is seeking a career in the Civil Service or Local Government.

Michael Faires (1963) is now with the Avana Group in Cardiff as a quality control chemist.

It was good to see Jonny Morgan (1963) on a flying visit from Australia. He is now back in Sidney but hopes to visit Abingdon again soon.

Paul Ramsey (1963) hopes to start work as an engineer with British Railways in mid September.

Christopher Winfield (1963) is starting the chemical part of his medical course at the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, and hopes eventually to get a commission in the R.A.M.C.

James Urwick (1963) is hoping to benefit from a new scheme which enables graduates, who intend to teach, to spend twelve months teaching overseas under the auspices of V.S.O. They then return to their University to complete their course for a diploma in education.

Tom Barrett (1964), who is reading Agriculture at Reading University, is captain of cricket there and seems to have had a pretty successful season. He certainly played very well for the Alligators. Other university cricketers of whom we have heard or who were around during the week were P. N. Shellard and R. B. Davis (Warwick) and T. R. Morris (Birmingham).

Andrew Exon (1964) has graduated well in English at Bristol and is going to work for a year in the new Library of Hull University before

going on to a graduate library school. Brother Robert (1953) is now the Accountant to New College, Oxford, and is to be congratulated on the birth of another child, Charles Edward Robert. Other brother, David (1958), is finishing his work in the Congo in November but does not yet know which part of Africa he will move to next.

Congratulations to David Jessett (1954) who has passed out from Mons Officer Cadet School and is now commissioned in the Royal Corps of Signals.

Michael Kitto (1964) has joined the band of worthy men who are trying to use their education to help less fortunate people in other parts of the world. V.S.O. have posted him to the Boys' Secondary School, Kosti, in the Sudan, where he will teach English and help with games. We wish him good fortune and God speed as he travels to his outpost some 150 miles south of Khartoum on the White Nile.

Dennis Laybourne (1964) has been offered a management training course by the Savoy Hotel, but is enjoying six weeks' holiday in Canada first. He aims to stay at a friend's ranch near Vancouver, having visited Expo 67 in Montreal.

Richard Leathem (1964) has achieved a good degree in Law at Birmingham and is taking articles in Reading on his way to becoming a solicitor. Roger Burrige (1963) and Richard Crumley (1964) have both got Birmingham degrees this year, too, while Anthony Leathem (1962) is still ploughing through his medical course and has won a prize in experimental pathology.

David Smith (1964) has done very well to win first prize, which includes £100, in the examination of the Associated British Pharmaceutical Industries Examination Board.

Stephen Thornton (1964) spent the long vacation in California working in the laboratory of a professor who was in Oxford last year. It was very hot but he had a most enjoyable time.

Congratulations to David Clubley (1965) on passing out of Sandhurst in July. He now goes on to the Army's own University at Shrivenham to read a Science Degree course.

Peter Godfrey (1965) has successfully completed his course at Hamble College of Air Training and is joining B.E.A. as a qualified pilot. Hearty congratulations.

Fred Light (1965) wrote a most cheerful letter from Malaysia where he is teaching a variety of subjects to Chinese and Malays ranging from twelve to twenty-two. School runs from 7.25 a.m. to 1.00 p.m., because the afternoons are too hot for anything except siesta, and at no time does the temperature fall below 75° F.

Congratulations to Alan Williams (1965) on passing all his first year exams. and on his election as Secretary of the University of Bradford Union for the forthcoming academic year.

Nigel Brice (1966) has been working as a computer programmer at Harwell before going off to King's College, London, in October.

Richard Chaplin (1966) has taken up an appointment with the Commonwealth Trading Board of Australia and is now living out there.

P. J. Davis (1966) has gone out to Australia where he is working as a trainee for Shell Oil in Sydney.

Richard Forsythe (1966) is hoping to get into the R.A.F. College at Cranwell and has been filling in time as a life guard at a swimming pool. At the moment he is holidaying in the U.S.A. and Canada, where he stayed with Julian Kenney (1966).

Richard Jackson (1966) has completed his first year at Cambridge, where he finds the History and the Cricket equally attractive. He has done well to get into the St. John's 1st XI.

David Ray (1966) has thoroughly enjoyed his year of teaching in a Prep. School in Kenya. In May he played rugger for West Kenya against Uganda and scored twice; he has obviously not lost his old skill.

Tim Simmonds (1966) appears as genial and unruffled as ever and enjoys his work in the Treasurer's Department of Oxford City.

Michael Spencer (1966) has been promoted Midshipman into H.M.S. Shavington and has joined her in the Mediterranean.

Richard Conibear (1967) has gained entry to the Britannia Naval College, Dartmouth as a cadet on the general list of the Royal Navy. Well done!

Tim Wood (1967) has got himself a job for a year, teaching soccer and rugger in a prep. school near Guildford.

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*Cash Account for the year ended 31st March, 1967.**Receipts*

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Contribution to Headmaster's Portrait	...	...	150	0	0
Contribution to Tennis Courts Appeal	...	...	200	0	0
Stationery and Stamps	...	...	4	7	3
Bank Charges	...	...	1	5	6
Balances in hand 31.4.67	...	...	311	19	10
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O.A. CLUB NOTES

Last term Old Boys' Day and Founder's Day were held on Friday, 21st July and Saturday, 22nd July. The Cricket and Tennis matches were enjoyed by those taking part, but the number of O.A.'s who visited the School on O.A. Day, was rather disappointing.

The Annual General Meeting was held after tea with Acting-President S. A. Fabes, in the Chair.

The Annual Dinner which followed was held once more in the Court Room, by the invitation of the Headmaster. The Dinner was well attended, with 120 members and guests present, and younger O.A.'s were very well represented.

The Acting-President was supported by the Chairman of the Governors, Mr. Bredin, the Mayor of Abingdon (Alderman R. A. Rogers) and the Headmaster. A record number of Governors were among the guests. S. A. Fabes proposed the health of the School. In his reply, the Headmaster welcomed the guests, and reported that the School was in good heart. He expressed his confidence in the future of the School, to develop upon evolutionary lines without loss of standards and integrity. The speeches were fittingly rounded off by Brian Goldsworthy, Head of School, and the formal proceedings ended with the installation of Norman Holmes as President. Norman Holmes thanked S. A. Fabes for deputising for Pat Mosdell at the London Dinner and on O.A. Day; congratulated him upon his recent wedding, and presented him with a tankard on behalf of the Club. Special thanks are due to Mrs. Bevir for the flower arrangements, and to Bruce Guimaraens for providing two bottles of port, which were passed round and drunk by his contemporaries.

On Wednesday, October 11th a 'pub supper' will be held at 'The Flask' in Highgate, when it is hoped that a good number of O.A.'s from the London area will attend. Tickets are available at 5/- per head from Dr. Peter Willis, at the Central Middlesex Hospital, Park Royal, London, N.W.10.

We give advance notice that the O.A. Rugger Match will be played on Saturday, 25th November. This will be followed by the Annual Dance which will be held in The Abbey Hall, Abingdon. Tickets for the Dance will shortly be available from the Secretary.

SUMMARY OF RUGGER FIXTURES

September

- Thur. 21 v. Harlequins Football Club (h). 5.15 p.m.
 Sat. 30 v. Radley College (h).

October

- Sat. 7 v. Oxford School (h).
 Sat. 14 v. Solihull School (h).
 Wed. 18 v. Leighton Park School (h).
 Sat. 21 v. Pembroke College (h).
 Wed. 25 v. Magdalen College School (h).

November

- Sat. 4 v. Newbury Grammar School (a).
 Wed. 8 v. Pangbourne Nautical College (a).
 Sat. 11 v. R.G.S., High Wycombe (h).
 Tues. 14 v. Berkhamsted School (a).
 Sat. 25 v. Old Abingdonians (h).
 Wed. 29 v. Bloxham School (h).

December

- Sat. 2 v. Dauntsey's School (a).
 Sat. 9 v. Reading School (h).
 Fri. 15 v. Hardy's School, Dorset (h)—on tour.

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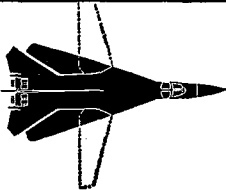
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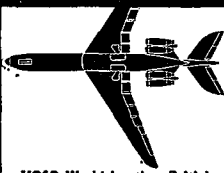
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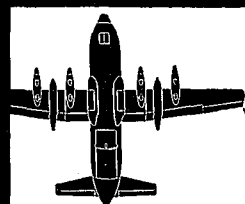
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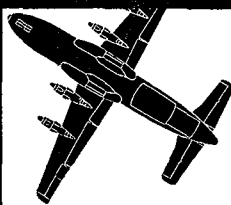
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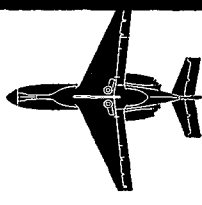
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