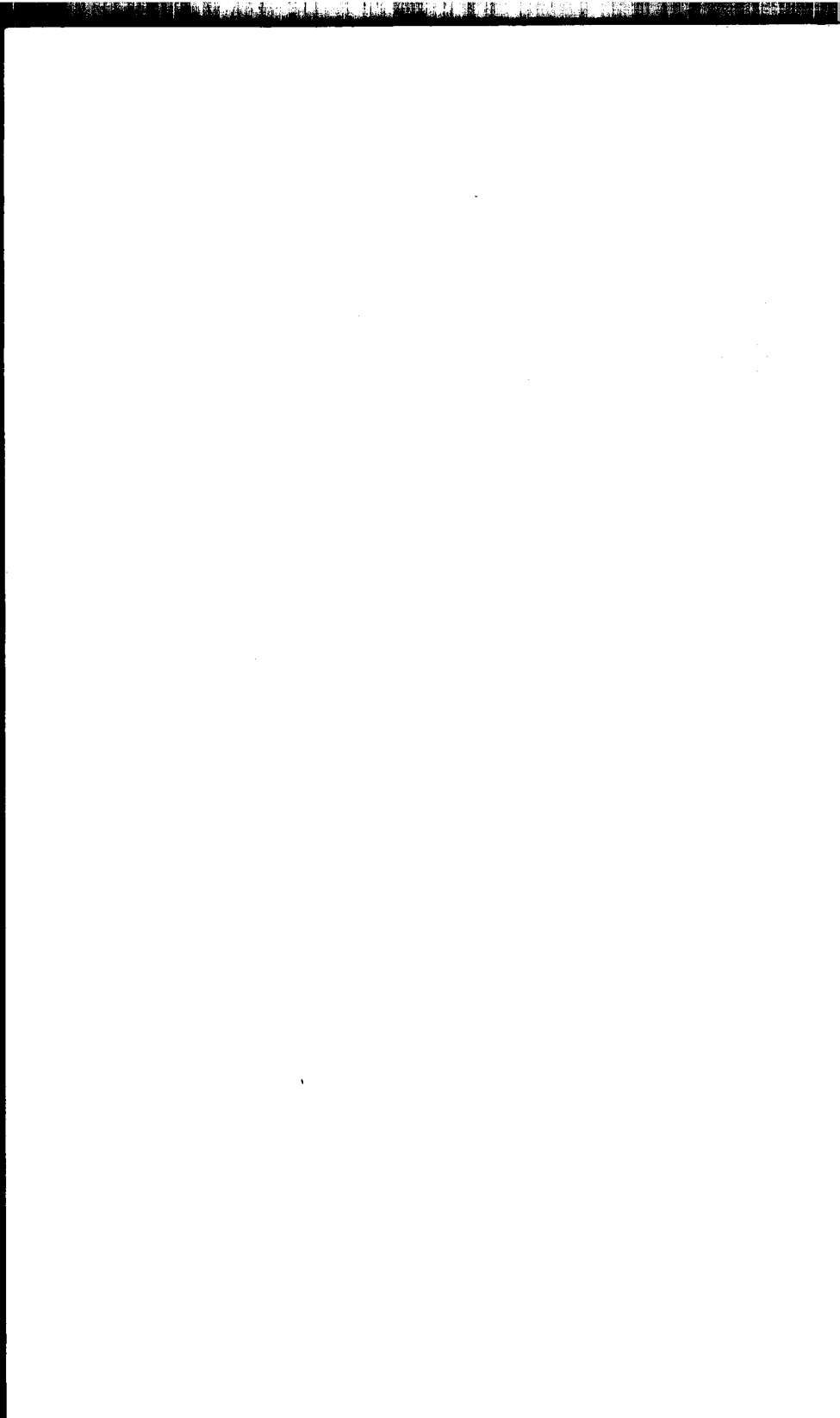


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Editorial

If there has been one single root cause of the tumults through which education has passed in the last few years, and is still passing, it is the reorientation of pupil status at all levels. This is true of the demands from the pupils for more representation (or more involvement in their areas of life). It is true of the great debate about the relationship between the teacher and the taught. It is true of the new way of approaching education, the way of enlarging the perception of the child by appreciating his own understanding, entering upon his own experience and accepting it as valuable. As a direct result of the changes in the outside community—the vast increase in knowledge, and its application—there has to be a corresponding change within the systems of education in order to equip individuals to cope with external conditions. Friction occurs at a time when the teachers refuse to allow for the altered conditions—and not only friction is produced, but a people who cannot relate themselves with their surroundings. Meaningful education must therefore be that which enables each person to come to terms with himself and his relations with others.

Last term a movement came into being in this School for the formation of a School Council. A steering committee was appointed and eventually a suggested constitution was drawn up. The idea has been backed by the Headmaster and once the constitution has been finally affirmed the first elections are to be by secret ballot at the beginning of this and each term. Thus Abingdon School can be said to have responded to the call for further student involvement in affairs and, with the establishment of such a body, can be said to have opened up new channels of awareness and responsibility for all members of the School.

It is not my concern here to criticise the theoretical failings of the Council, but I should like to indicate some of its inherent advantages

and disadvantages. The potentials of a School Council are many and exciting. As it stands the Council will, as indeed the suggested constitution claims, 'be primarily advisory and serve as a channel of communication'. As such it will fulfill a significant role (as a representative body) in the development of a person's capacity to understand his position and to act upon it. It will become a means whereby the Headmaster will be informed of the thoughts and ideas of each member of the School (in theory)—something which would be impossible due to lack of time and accessibility without the Council. It will also act as a filter where most of the unreasonable requests will be eliminated through discussion and thus without ill feeling. This brings me to one of the dangers implied in the suggested constitution—namely that although meetings will be open to the 'public' non representatives will have no right to speak. This presents a difficulty in that if an individual wishes to raise a specific point, although he can inform his representative and can attend he will not be able to pursue his argument to a satisfactory conclusion. There can be no harm in allowing 'visitors' to speak even if it is considered essential to withhold the vote from them.

A School Council, then, is to be formed. If its introduction is to be regarded as an end in itself and if the School is going to cease to be responsive to a desire for more involvement, then it will ultimately fail. There are many new doors open now which are waiting to be entered. For example, what about allocating the punishment system to the pupils themselves in a court-like procedure? This could be run on a rota principle so that each member of the School could sit on it in order to increase his understanding of value judgements and responsibility to the community. There are schools where it has been tried and, I hasten to add, has worked successfully. How about teacher and pupil seminars on the reorganisation of the curriculum in order to reap the maximum benefit—and thus alleviate the distinction between two groups and also induce an atmosphere of constructive thought and planning where the present lack of interest in such affairs would have no place?

The School Council is then, provided the initial difficulties can be overcome, only a first, although significant, step. Its importance does not lie merely in itself, but also in the real possibilities that it has created. If this can be borne in mind, then the School will become a 'Good School' in more ways than simply the academic. JT

School Notes

Salutations and Congratulations

We are very pleased to record the marriage between Mr RCB Coleman and Miss R Thompson, the Headmaster's secretary, which took place on 8 April during the holidays. On behalf of the School we wish them every happiness.

Our good wishes go to Mr MW Vallance, who was on the staff from 1957 to 1962 and who has this term taken up the headmastership of Durham School.

Last term three flying scholarships were won, by AW Smart, MWJ Carr and N Allington—all members of the RAF section. During the holidays the scholarships were taken up at various airfields around the country. The winners are entitled to thirty hours flying in light aircraft and are guaranteed at least ten hours solo flying. The training usually lasts four weeks. One of the cadets, MWJ Carr, got a TASS initiative award to pay for a few extra hours flying to get his private pilot's licence.

Other TASS awards were won by S Whipple, enough for his boat fare to Norway to continue his journeys of exploration (he went with the British Schools Exploration Society to Iceland) and AF Jackson (Fourth Form) who will use his to build a telescope. A commercial scheme was also submitted to the committee for an award. The scheme showed considerable initiative but it was decided that TASS awards were not really to subsidize profit-making ventures.

The Third Forms are at it again! They were congratulated in our last issue for their fund raising activities and last term 3V organised a raffle to raise money for Guide Dogs for the Blind. There were four prizes, the top one being a one pound voucher for the tuck shop. The Headmaster drew the winning tickets and surprisingly enough the Third Forms carried off three of the four prizes, with one lucky investor winning two prizes. The total money raised was not large but it was a very creditable effort.

CL Corner of the Sixth Form received his Duke of Edinburgh's Silver Award by passing various tests, enduring a thirty mile hike and, perhaps more important, doing some community service over a period of time.

Visitors

As usual the Sixth Form had a very distinguished array of speakers for their Friday morning lectures. Mr M Brock, Vice-President of Wolfson College, gave a very polished and informative lecture on the 'Parliamentary Reform Bills'. This was of great interest to Sixth Form Historians as his treatment of the subject was refreshing and original. The Scientists were particularly attracted by Professor IM Khabazza's lecture on 'Computer Organisation'. The Professor is Director of London University Computer Centre and explained the uses his computer is put to by the students there. Last term's most entertaining lecture was given by Mr R Meiggs, former Senior Tutor of Balliol College. He came to talk about 'Parallels between Ancient Rome and Modern Day America' but this did not prevent him from ranging over such diverse subjects as dendrochronology and accidents in history. His lecture was a lesson to us all that we cannot confine our studies to our own particular fields alone. Sixth Form Economists heard a lecture from the Rt Rev Kenneth Riches, Bishop of Lincoln, on 'The Work of the House of Lords'.

The First Form were all presented with copies of the New Testament by members of the Gideons Bible Society. This admirable society is responsible for the distribution of forty million Bibles throughout the world.

Sixth Form Divinity periods have been led by students from Ripon Hall during the term. The lessons consisted of discussion of subjects brought up by the boys themselves; most of the discussions were concerned with the role of the individual in society. The last meeting of the term took place in a very friendly atmosphere promoted by coffee and folk music. More students from Ripon Hall will be with us this term, one

of them especially distinguished as he is the only student to serve a second term.

We had two visits from the Forces this term. One by an Army liaison officer and the second by officers from the Royal Navy and the Marines. We were shown some colourful slides, 'Good recruiting stuff', we were told, and given some alarming facts about the capability of polaris missiles. We were then comforted by the disclosure that the Navy's role is to prevent these missiles being fired!

Outside Visits

As usual there was a good number of theatre visits to plays of different periods demonstrating the variety of School interests. A number of people went to see 'Romeo and Juliet' at Oxford and, in contrast, a coach took A-level English students to see a fine production of Pinter's 'The Caretaker' at the Mermaid Theatre. A small party of dedicated Russian students went to see a production of Bulgakov's 'Ivan Vasilevich' put on by the Oxford University Russian Club. This mildly satirical comedy was wildly funny, though I confess I understood the jokes rather slowly, and it dispels the popular misconception that Russian literature is always heavy and morbidly psychological. The two Sixth Form French sets went to Maison Française in Oxford to see a film of Molière's comedy 'Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme'; the film was of a theatre production by La Comédie Française. This film was shown together with the charming 'Le Ballon Rouge', written and produced by A Lamorrisse. This film was preferred by many to the Molière. Those studying French are well served at the moment since the St Helen's Film Society are running a season of French films.

Writers' Workshop, a minor option set, have been particularly active as far as visits are concerned. Besides visiting an exhibition of photographs and Islamic art they went to see an exhibition of concrete poetry at the Museum of Modern Art in Oxford. The exhibition came from Amsterdam and was the biggest staged outside London. Concrete poetry deals with letters and words as forms, or so they tell me, and can consist of words scattered at random or words and letters viewed in mirrors. Those who went were most impressed. Besides this, some members of the set partook of a dawn experience on the Downs.

Aspects of Society, another minor option set, spent a day at Parliament seeing both Commons and Lords at work.

One blustery Sunday a large group of ornithologists spent some time at Peter Scott's Wildfowl Trust at Slimbridge. Flocks of various ducks and geese were seen with waders on the estuary and the famous Bewick swans were glimpsed. It was a most worthwhile trip.

Miscellany

The greatest success story of the term was undoubtedly that of VOX, the much maligned school newsheet, which used to be given out at one old penny an issue. It was resurrected under the guiding hand of our photographic editor, Christopher Stockwell, under whose management it has mushroomed into an eight page tabloid. The rebirth of VOX has not been without difficulty. One parent withdrew his son's subscription claiming it was too political. When the local press slammed VOX, accusing it of bad spelling, the editors replied in true Fleet-street fashion. In a memorable issue it hit back using sensational headlines and a

provoking line drawing of a dustbin. Despite these teething troubles the future of VOX seems secure, whether we like it or not, and it admittedly does serve a useful function as a source of information and an outlet for feelings. With a circulation of over two hundred and a secure income, VOX seems set to last as long as there are people to write it. While on the subject of magazines, an issue of ARK, a literary magazine, is expected shortly. Julian Turner, another Abingdonian editor, is involved.

The Abingdon School Junior Dramatic Society gave two performances of RC Sheriff's well-known play 'Badger's Green'. The play, staged in St Nicholas' Church Hall, was very well received, one of the audience saying it was the best Junior Dramatic production yet.

Towards the end of last term the Modern Languages Reading Competition was held. The competitors in each section read their poems to a captive audience of Second Formers. It is doubtful that they understood all the works but their enthusiastic applause was most encouraging to the competitors. In the Russian section Milanovich won reading 'A Winter's Evening' by Pasternak, and in the French J Wojciechowski won with his rendering of 'Le Sepent qui Danse' by Baudelaire.

When the term drags slowly to its end and thoughts turn to holidays, strange things are apt to happen. Or maybe it was because the month was March—but anyway, towards the end of term we were treated to a strange festival. A race was held between the 'Gentlemen', a team from the prefects' common room, and the Runners, some members of the Cross Country Club. The arena was Upper Field and just to make things absolutely fair, the Gentlemen's team had twice as many members as that of the Runners. The result cannot really be ascertained since the course got progressively shorter as some competitors climbed over the walls to take short cuts.

The Drama Festival, which was designed to end the term with a bang, did not quite work out. Seven plays were originally submitted and two fell by the wayside before very long. One play, 'Pinter's Peanuts' was banned. In true revolutionary spirit it did in fact take place. It was staged one night at the top of Boars Hill. The plot is difficult to discover but it had something to do with a kilted Scots God and his guitar playing son JC. The climax of the play was the scene where Big G removes a packet of peanuts from under his kilt and scatters them among the audience. This is meant to symbolise the rejection of traditional values. Some of the characters were intended to resemble persons living or dead and it is unfortunate that this prank injected some bad feeling into the Festival. Two plays withdrew and a bout of German measles claimed another, but for 2F the show still went on. It was just end of term high spirits but unfortunate all the same. Still, a new term to look forward to and the promise of more interesting and amusing events.

Development Plan

The Governors of the School would like to express publicly their thanks to the two hundred families who have contributed to the Development Fund, which now stands at £47,000.

The Development Plan Committee has decided not, after all, to publish the names of subscribers individually lest that should be thought invidious, and hopes that this form of thank-you will be equally acceptable.

School play: 'Royal Hunt of the Sun'

Andrew Wood, whose critique follows, is an Old Abingdonian. He was, in his time here, a leading actor in the Abingdon School Dramatic Society. Few school plays can have been faced with as many setbacks and unfortunate coincidences as was this year's production of Peter Shaffer's 'Royal Hunt of the Sun' by the ASDS. Despite its postponement until February to avoid a direct clash with Culham College for the props and costumes, the show finally took place, at the height of the power crisis, within a week of Radley College's production of the same play. As it was, by an adjustment of timing, all three performances avoided the blackouts to reach a relieved, if rather cold, audience.

The play is set against a background of the Spanish conquest of Peru in the sixteenth century and chiefly involves the personal struggle between Pizarro, the tough Spanish Commander and Atahualpa, the self-made sun-god of the Incas. It is an intensely dramatic play and relies a great deal upon the effective use of mime and spectacle. It therefore presents a considerable challenge to all involved, both on and off stage. The dialogue, although in modern idiom, demands much from the actors, particularly Atahualpa, who is faced with combining the impersonal tone of the self-assured sun-god with the more human tone of the confused prisoner faced with the death of himself and his empire. These difficulties were met with assurance and the result was an extremely moving and thought-provoking performance.

The strength of the cast lay in their diction which was at all times clear and audible. Cues were promptly taken and the performance rarely lagged. Some of the reactions seemed almost forced but were never lacking. Positioning was always excellent and the cast all made intelligent use of movement. Their interpretations must have been greatly helped by the excellent properties and costumes, which were well worth waiting two months for! De Candia's magnificent arquebus was used to good effect. The lighting was imaginative, especially the use of the strobe in the scene of the massacre, and the set both versatile and impressive. Special note should be made of Mr Fairhead's colourful programme design, which was well above the standard of previous editions. The make-up, especially since it was often applied by candle-light, was also very good.

Much of the success of this play depends upon the lead actors and both Adrian Rayson and Roderic Godfrey as Pizarro and Atahualpa respectively portrayed their individual characters extremely well. Mr Rayson could have perhaps shown a little more of the Commander's brutal, harsh side, particularly in the earlier scenes, but in the latter part of the play he put over some extremely difficult speeches with great feeling and assurance. He commendably emphasised the sardonic side of Pizarro's character and he portrayed most vividly the mental confusion over the dilemma facing him. Mr Godfrey found an admirable tonal compromise and his sustained rejection of Valverde and the Christian Church and his faith in the Sun, his 'father', were unnervingly convincing. But he also gave a distinct personality to the Inca ruler and brought him far above the level of merely a vain, all-powerful figurehead for the Indians.

They were supported by a consistently good cast of whom I can only mention the more outstanding. Julian Spooner gave a pleasing portrayal of Hernando de Soto, the noble Spanish second-in-command. His voice was clear and his graceful movement contrasted well with Pizarro's limp.

He made a sympathetic representation of the element of honour in warfare. Andrew Clift as Old Martin, a veteran of the campaign who acts as narrator, provided an excellent commentary upon the action. He not only has an excellent voice but his phrasing was always very imaginative and precise. Richard Kenyon as the ever-confident Fray Marcos de Nizza also had commendably good diction and was well suited to the part of the imperturbable priest who is never short of answers. John Hills as the daunting peasant-priest Valverde was less clear but was magnificently arrogant, as was Simon Whipple as Estete, the Royal overseer with illusions of his own importance. Stephen Cromie who played the part of Martin as a boy of fifteen was convincingly impressionable and one could not but sympathise with him. The soldiers were all suitably coarse, particularly Peter Price as the cowardly Rodas. Their fight was well rehearsed and painfully realistic.

Many of the difficult miming scenes were well done, the massacre scene that I have already mentioned in particular; the sword fight was also very proficient. Less well done were the scenes showing the collection of the Inca gold at Cajamarca. One never felt that the 'golden' panels were made of anything more solid than polystyrene judging by the way they were whisked on and off stage by the Indians. Another scene which didn't quite succeed was that of the 'resurrection' towards the end of the play, when the Indians gather round their murdered sun-god to see him come to life again at sunrise. Not only did it drag rather through insufficient action but without knowing the play the significance in the incantations may have been lost. Otherwise the production was always sound, fast-moving and well presented.

After a succession of light-hearted period plays over recent years the decision to put on a very different kind of play has been admirably justified. The credit is due mostly to Mr Griffin; it is a tribute to his dedication that despite the manifest problems he has been faced with this year that he not only put the play on but made such a success of it. Few schools can be lucky enough to have such a versatile and determined producer and we can look forward to further productions knowing that however ambitious they may be that he will make them as successful and memorable as this. AW

Badger's Green

The Junior Dramatic Society's production of *Badger's Green* was quite the most entertaining School activity for some time. The efforts that must have gone into the set impressed from the start and the play soon developed into an enthralling comedy situation.

The three main parts of Dr Wetherby, Mr Twigg and Major Forrester were excellently played by Simon Clift, Nicholas Houghton and Charles Hobson respectively. The quality was never lacking but these young actors are more to be complimented on the quantity of their performance. For a small group to maintain a dialogue for two hours was a marathon in itself.

The play revolves around the petty jealousies of a small rural community being resolved against a common oppressor—a land speculator who plans to develop the village.

Although the doctor's son, played by David Thomas, was the only one

to remain permanently against the idea, the problem was eventually settled as a result of the predictable outcome of a local cricket match.

A review of this production would not be complete without reference to Robin Kermode's impersonation of the land speculator which was an excellent interpretation of a smooth-talking spiv.

I am looking forward to the Junior Dramatic Society's next production. They have a high standard to maintain. DAB

Music Notes

Musical Opinion

One of the problems arising from the self sufficiency of our music school unit is the degree to which we relate to other fields of creativity within the sphere of School activities, and to the larger environmental framework of music making in the Abingdon area. The second is the more fundamental problem. During the past few years, the increasingly independent nature of the music department has drawn us away from broad contact with the other schools. Our independence is of course an enormous blessing. From one aspect, however, it is a blessing in disguise if the in-bred quality of our activities strikes a note of 'I'm all right Jack' to the detriment of breathing in the fresher air of wider fields of opportunity.

Schools which are geographically isolated, say Gordonstoun or Uppingham, can no doubt fly their musical colours from purely self-constructed flag poles. We on the other hand, are constantly faced with decisions affecting the extent to which we can participate in music making just outside our doors. Two organisations to which we have long been affiliated to mutual benefit are now showing signs of decline through lack of support. The Abingdon Schools Music Association is virtually hibernating. Regular exchanges between schools took the form of sponsored professional concerts, group activities, including a highly successful Christmas festival, and occasional large scale integrated performances of well-known works.

To a lesser extent, the schools' side of the annual North Berkshire Festival is in need of nourishment. Its original competitive emphasis in the long run only served to accentuate the inequality of musical opportunity in local schools. It is now searching for a new identity, meanwhile serving a constructive menu of one-day festivals for instrumentalists and singers. Our senior choral society's tenors and basses, though outnumbered 10-1 by the fair sex, provided stolid support in the singing of Carmina Burana at Didcot in March.

Perhaps the most successful common meeting ground for local instrumentalists is the North Berkshire Youth Orchestra. Supported by students from Faringdon to Oxford, including a nucleus of our own players, the orchestra meets weekly on Friday evenings to tackle symphonic music beyond the scope of the average school orchestra. Like its younger companion, the Abingdon Junior Music School, it provides an excellent opportunity for making contact with others with similar interests. Unfortunately, the latter is inaccessible to junior boys so long as they are committed to the anachronism of Saturday morning school. The recent intensive four day holiday course indicated the potential of the NBYO which culminated in a concert at the Further Education College on 8 April, taking in on its way Bernstein's 'Homage to Stravinsky' Concert at the Albert Hall and a jazz-rock festival, not to mention a number of purely social events.

Attempts have been made to tackle Problem I—the tie-up of fields of creative activity within the School itself; for example at Founders' Day and Music Society Concerts and in the performance of opera. But such attempts have only scratched the surface of a world which needs exploring not only extra-murally but from within the curriculum. At present, little or no attempt is made to link up English, Art or Music, and there is scope for this, especially in the junior forms. Yet, paradoxically, within subject-boundaries a more flexible and creative teaching process is making itself felt, for instance, the use of improvised drama in English, and extemporary methods in music. Why this drastic pigeon-holing of subjects which by their very nature must be correlated? One day, perhaps, we shall have open-plan teaching when different subjects may be taught simultaneously. For the moment, two details to look forward to: the moving of the art block this (the music school) way and the probability of at last having a hall where everyone can meet—a social and cultural centre. ARleF

Music concerts: 'Subscription concerts'

Bryson Gerrard, widely travelled critic, continues his reviews of the Abingdon School Subscription Concerts

The concert on the 3rd February provided our nostrils with quite a different fragrance; the Christ Church Cathedral Choir, under the direction of Simon Preston, has blossomed into a flower of Western civilisation (all the more impressive for the fact that most of the singers are small—some of them astonishingly small—boys.) It was a remarkable demonstration of what the human young can be brought to achieve when skilfully handled, though this is by no means to underrate the musicianly support they had from the grown-ups in the back row. With 'going into Europe' so much in the news it was appropriate (and moving) to hear them singing not only in English but in Latin, French and Italian, a reminder that culturally we have always belonged to Europe and have both inherited from it and contributed to it. Choirs of this sort are something of an English speciality, an Anglican excellence, and one of the highlights was Vaughan Williams' compact little Mass in G minor (composed in 1922 but setting a Latin text more than a thousand years older). Latin is still, in some respects, the lingua franca of Christendom and if by now it sometimes has the air of a sacred abracadabra it is none the worse for that. Dogma is, in any case, much more safely uttered in musical terms than in verbal. While the music lasts one can believe every word of it. Another reminder of Christendom was Verdi's setting of the Paternoster in Italian instead of Latin. Verdi's style spells 'opera', an Italian excellence, but his musicianship demonstrates that an opera house, in its different way, can be as much a house of God as a church.

Other items were French and English madrigals, deliciously fresh and sung with delightful precision. (A French listener might well have been charmed by the slight English patina on words like 'l'amoureuse, belle saison'.) Two tours de force were Walton's 'Where does the uttered music go?' and Britten's 'Hymn to St Cecilia' both difficult works yet brought off with every appearance of ease and pleasure.

To give the choir a rest we had trios by Vivaldi and CPE Bach played by George Caird (oboe), Felix Warnock (bassoon) and Nicholas Kraemer (harpsichord) and very nicely played too, even if less exciting than the choral items.

The last of these concerts, on 5 March, was a fitting finale to a most successful season, as triumphant on its way out as its way in: one of the finest string quartets in the country—the Aeolian—and a full and enthusiastic house to appreciate it. The Haydn Quartet in G minor (Op 74, No 3) which opened the programme at once revealed the perfection of execution and ensemble which only such dedicated players can achieve. It was followed by Rawsthorne's 1st Quartet (Theme and Variations), a deeply thought and carefully wrought work which deserves to be better known.

The high-light of the programme was Schubert's Quintet in C major (Op 163), a work of the most astonishing genius, not least in the way it exploits the instruments. Who would have thought a quintet could have so much blood in it?—and all for the addition of one extra cello, admirably played by Terence Weil. The words 'heavenly length' are usually associated with JS Bach but Schubert is surely no less deserving of them; the music streams on in a kind of timeless eternity, all the more poignant for the knowledge that he wrote it almost on his deathbed at the age of thirty one. Without playing to match the music, one might be less conscious of the heaven and more so of the length but with the Aeolian the reverse was the case. The applause at the end might justly have been called an 'ovation'.

This seems an appropriate moment for bouquets and votes of thanks to the past organisers whose efforts have made these excellent concerts possible and for welcoming their successors from whom we look forward to an equally successful season next winter. The concerts will then be known simply as the Abingdon Subscription Concerts but it is hoped that the School will support them at least as well as hitherto.

TASS

Over sixty members attended the Annual General Meeting held on 27 January. The retiring President, Mr Rudd was present in spite of a rather nasty accident during the day.

Mr John Hooke, OA, was elected President for 1972 and the following officers were re-elected:

Chairman, Mr GMD Howat; Vice-Chairman, Prof. WD Allen;

Secretary, Mrs Muriel Willis; Treasurer, Mr RE Eason.

Mrs Minshall was re-elected for a further term of three years.

Mr Nigel Hammond, Mr Pegram and Dr Ford have resigned after serving on the Committee since the formation of TASS and we are grateful to them for all they have done. Mr David Brodie now represents the Master's Common Room and Mrs Tattersfield and Mr Slingsby have been elected to the Committee, and Mr John Rayson, President-elect of the Old Abingdonian Club, has been co-opted. Peter Barton and Nigel Morgan represent the School.

Initiative awards to the value of £100 have been made to the following, to whom we offer congratulations:

MW Carr, an award to help towards expenses incurred in working for his private pilot's licence.

S Whipple, towards the cost of exploration to Norway.

AF Jackson, towards building a telescope.

Further awards will be made in June.

A lively Brains Trust was held on 8 March. On the panel were:

Mrs Mary Warnock, Headmistress of Oxford High School for Girls;

Mr J Garne, Chief Education Officer for the City of Oxford;

Professor MA Screech, Professor of French at University College, London;

Professor WD Allen, Scientist, who took the place of Sir George Pickering, who was indisposed.

Mrs Margaret Deane and her helpers are once again providing teas during the Summer Term for the 1st XI cricketers.

On 5 July members of the Society will be entertained to sherry at Nuneham Manor. Mr Howat will give a short talk about the history of this beautiful house and it is hoped that Mr le Fleming will provide light music during the evening.

On 3 June TASS will set up a Candy Floss stall at the June Fair in the Oxpens at Oxford. 20% of the proceeds will be given to charity and 80% will be given to the Abingdon School Appeal. Do come along and support our effort.

Members are reminded to keep October 13th free for the Society's Autumn dance. Details will be given later.

We are very sorry indeed to lose our newly appointed Membership Secretary, Miss Broad, but we wish her well in her new job. Mr Eason has taken over the task of Membership Secretary in addition to the Treasurership, and anyone wishing to join the Society should apply to him at 3 St James Road, Radley, Abingdon. The subscription is £1 per annum which covers husband and wife, although larger subscriptions will not be refused! Those subscribing to the Appeal Fund become members of TASS without further payment.

MW

Chapel Notes

Once again the Lent term should be a season for self-examination and questioning. It is hoped that all who read the *Abingdonian* seriously will ponder the following figures for the past ten years. Line A shows the number of boys confirmed each year. Line B shows the number of communicants on Ash Wednesday. Line C shows the average number of communicants on the Sundays throughout the Lent term.

Year:	1963	'64	'65	'66	'67	'68	'69	'70	'71	'72
A	36	43	31	27	23	29	21	21	23	
B	64	85	68	50	39	26	17	20	39	18
C	52	52	33	35	66	35	15	18	9	13

It is perhaps only fair to observe that since 1969 the introduction of quarter term weekends has meant that there are very few boarders left at School for two Sundays of the term. But it is impossible to ignore the fact that the number of those who are prepared to observe the beginning of Lent sacramentally has declined sadly.

Our Lenten observance has been greatly helped by the Wednesday evening addresses by three Ripon Hall students, Leonard Pepper, Derek Carravick and John Fagan. At each Derek sang us one of the Sydney

Carter songs and either Len or John talked briefly about its underlying significance. Then we all sang the song and the service closed with a prayer. A further effort was that of a Christian discussion group, run by fourth formers, which met during the lunch break either at 25 Park Road or in the Lacies Court common room. It is hoped that this may continue next term. The Bible-reading classes have continued to flourish at 23 Park Road on Wednesday evenings and once more we are grateful to Mr and Mrs Eden and to Mr McGowan for all their help. It was a great joy to have Alan Brown (OA) back with us at the end of term and to hear at first hand something about the faculty of theology at Durham University.

The beginning of term service was held in the parish church of St Helen and shortly after that the week of prayer for Christian Unity was upon us once again. A number of boys helped at the traditional 'Eat-in' at the Abbey Hall where the speaker was the Reverend Dr George Caird, the Principal of Mansfield College, who also preached at the combined evening service at St Helen's, which boarders attended instead of a morning service in Chapel on Sunday, 23 January. Our preachers this term have all been local incumbents or ministers and an innovation has been to ask the ministers of other denominations to take the Sunday service exactly as though it were in their own church. The preachers have been the Reverend Ronald Berry, minister of All Saints Methodist Church, Northcourt; the Reverend FE Rusby, vicar of Fyfield with Tubney and Kingston Bagpuize; and the Reverend Colin Thompson, minister of the Abingdon Congregational Church. The last-named involved us in an informal question and answer session after his sermon which was lively and interesting. On the last Sunday of term we sang for the first time a new 'Abingdon' setting of A Hymn of Creation, which is the shortened version of the Benedicite in the new Alternative Services version of Morning Prayer. This had been specially composed for us by our Director of Music, Anthony le Fleming, and like his previous settings of the Te Deum and the Jubilate includes a colourful use of guitars and percussion. Two extracts from the Passion narratives were read in dramatic form from the Authorised version. There was some point in the lonely figure of the Christos, well read by Andrew Clift, surrounded by the myrmidons of Middle School. Those who value the former glories of the English language also derived benefit from one sung Eucharist during the term which was conducted in accordance with the 1662 rite, rather than that of Series II which is in general use.

Collections during the term have been as follows: Chapel funds, £6.73; Abingdon District Council of Churches, £4.17; Chapel funds, £3.03; USPG, £3.37; Abingdon Old Age Pensioners' Association, £7.72; Oxford Samaritans, £8.07; New Guinea Mission, £6.17; Royal School of Church Music, £4.31; and Kariti Secondary School in Kenya, £10.81. In addition a number of boys have kept Lent boxes to assist the Feed the Minds campaign, the total contributed will be reported next term. Until Ash Wednesday the flowers in the chapel were arranged by Miss Farr, Mrs Anderson, Mrs Sewry, Mrs Potter and Mrs Moore.

The chapel notice board has been greatly enlivened this term by the epistles of John Rowley (OA) who is at present teaching at Kariti Secondary School, Thika, Kenya, under the auspices of the Church Missionary Society. The following three extracts give some picture of how he is getting on. '15 Jan 1972 . . . Travelling by vicar (one vicar

taking me to the house of the next) I arrived at Kariti where the headmaster was quite surprised to see me and of course unprepared. The house in which the teacher was to live was being 'modified', a process which takes an unspecified length of time and looks remarkably like evicting the squatters that moved in after the Peace Corps volunteer moved out! The houses at this school are relatively civilised for the area being built of stone with corrugated iron roof and having glass in some of the windows. I can only compare living conditions to those at Dolgoed made somewhat more pleasant by the climate . . . The school is rather pathetic (that may sound harsh but it is the only word that fits). Books are pitifully short. For teaching English I have an inadequate number of three different publications. Twenty copies of one publication would be all right but I have five or six of each. For reading we have copies of 'Animal Farm' and 'Treasure Island'. Science equipment is surprisingly good with vast amounts of naphthalene balls and deflagrating spoons and some useful apparatus too. Unfortunately I have not yet been able to discover the full wealth of the store as it is inhabited by hordes of black long-legged insects that resent being disturbed . . .'

'12 Feb 1972 . . . We have two forms in eight form rooms and a very large hall. We have five boys living in accommodation for about 50 and the laboratory is left as a concrete floor with weeds higher than the walls. Form I contains about 25 children of varying ages and the standard is about 2nd Form at Abingdon. Form II is about 30 children, many older than I am. I teach 30 periods a week of general science, maths, English and R.K. I also take PE and games. At first it was difficult to actually make the pupils understand what I was saying. They complained that I was 'talking through my nose' and I don't think they have heard English spoken by an Englishman before. Communication has improved and I have come to know them better, especially Form II whom I teach most. I have been invited by many to 'come at ows' which translated from the Kikuyu means visit my home. I wander round 3 or 4 acres of shambu or farm ankle-deep in mud admiring the maize and beans and bananas and prostrating myself in praise of the cattle or chickens if there are any. When the boy is satisfied that I have seen every leaf visible we go inside to meet the family. The houses are mud or wooden walls with grass, banana leaves, or in affluent families, corrugated iron roofs. I shake innumerable hands and smile (in Kikuyu) at uncles, aunts, mothers, brothers and all. I am the *Mwarimu* (teacher) and am given a good seat. The conversation races away at a high volume and I sit and drink *chai* which is tolerable if you close your mind to the fact that it is made with tea leaves.

On Tuesday afternoons we have time for 'clubs', one of which is the Christian Union which usually takes the form of a Bible reading. I think I am right not to try to lead such a meeting . . . I was a little surprised to discover just how little knowledge they have of the Bible until I realised that apart from my NEB there was one Knox and one RSV and a few New Testaments (Good News for Modern Man) among the 25 of us. These are the drawbacks of not having the Christian tradition of an English school but the advantages are tremendous. The Bible stories are like real adventure stories and no one knows the ending before we start. . . . My regards to all those civilised and professional educationalists (on both sides) at Abingdon with thanks and hopes for their continued thought

and prayer for this amateur and (can I say it) primitive part of the world'.

'18 March 1972 . . . The school has greatly enlarged itself by the addition of Form III (all five boys) and another teacher, a CMS volunteer like myself—Stephen Molton, from Hull. Form III is supposed to be prepared for Cambridge 'O' level at the end of the fourth year but we have no books or even a syllabus from which to work so we are reading 'Animal Farm' and browsing among my memories of 3rd Form chemistry in our attempts to learn. The headmaster is convinced that some books are coming but when and where from he is less sure about. However, it did not take me long to discover that three forms and four teachers means more work than two forms and three teachers. Every evening I seem to be sat under a hissing lamp marking a pile of English books or biology tests.

The officials of the school Christian Union were greatly disheartened when they tried out my plan of making the meetings voluntary after everyone was allowed to go home—only two people stayed behind. The meeting was very worthwhile and I think they may agree to do the same in future as a matter of course. It is interesting that here in completely different surroundings exactly the same questions are being asked as in Abingdon. I cannot believe that there is such a thing as race when I listen to these people talking—we are all looking for the same things! Last weekend the Christian Union from a school close to ours came to visit and we had a large meeting of bible-reading, discussion and singing. I was invited to sing a song and caused great laughter with my version of 'Oh sinnerman'. The meeting insisted that I write the words on the board and was not satisfied until we had sung it through non-stop five or six times. Next week there is a rally for all the CUs in the area a few miles from here and that again should be a great boost for the boys and girls here. It becomes just too easy to think that you are the only person in the only bible group in the world if this kind of rally does not go on.

Missionaries in this area are somewhat concerned about the pentecostal movement which appears to have some momentum and apparently claims that people should experience the speaking in tongues before they can be admitted to the church. I think that this is an unreasonable demand. Some people may speak in tongues but some can't and indeed one of our Form I boys was sent home two weeks ago in a state of hysteria with, so some others said, the spirit. Unfortunately the boy has not returned. I find it easy to be sceptical about the Pentecostals but no one can limit the Spirit either to certain acts or certain denominations. . . . Thank you again for your prayers'.

We shall continue to await further 'epistles' from John Rowley with great interest and are glad to learn that he has met Bruce Sharpe (OA) who is working in Molo primary school and living with his uncle the vicar (Rev Ken Sharpe). Bruce's address is PO Box 171, Molo, Kenya, should anyone wish to write.

Once again four boys were able to go to the Sixth Form Challenge weekend at the Royal Foundation of Saint Katherine, run by the Community of the Resurrection and the Deaconess Community of Saint Andrew, and found this an interesting and valuable experience. During the Easter holidays four more boys are to go to the special Sixth Form course at Lee Abbey.

Confirmation classes will begin once more next term and the service will be held in the School Chapel on Advent Sunday and will be taken by the new Bishop of Reading, who at present is the Archdeacon of Berkshire, the Venerable Eric Wild, and is no stranger to the School. It is hoped that those who are preparing themselves for this decision will be supported by the prayers of all who are concerned for the life of Chapel within the School.

PGO

Sixth Form Divinity

Three students from Ripon Hall, a theological college at Boars Hill which trains men for the ministry of the Church of England, have been coming to Abingdon School this term to work with the Sixth Form in their divinity periods. What have we been doing here? We have tried to avoid any mention of the word **teaching**, because we do not see ourselves as **teachers**. For one thing, we are not qualified as divinity teachers, and more significantly, we feel that we come here to **learn**. The Headmaster, the Chaplain and other members of staff involved have very kindly given us a free hand with the Sixth Form as part of our training.

Many of you will probably be aware of the problems involved in communicating the Christian faith today. The question of the **authority** with which the Christian preacher presents his message is coming increasingly to the fore. It is no longer possible to say 'You must believe this because it is the word of God', or 'because the Church says so', expecting people to accept this. 'Divine authority' or 'the authority of the Church' have very little 'cash value' in the modern world. The Christian apologist now has to demonstrate that the faith for which he speaks is capable of standing up as an equal, indeed as more than an equal, of the various alternative ideologies open to a modern man. Christian faith is, therefore, bound up in a dialectic with the whole of modern thought, and it cannot withdraw from this dialogue if it wants to go on claiming that it is a universal faith.

Our programme this term, therefore, may have appeared somewhat inconclusive to some of those with whom we have been working. We have not been providing many 'hard' facts, but rather we have been trying to generate an attitude—an attitude of critical, responsive openness to the possibilities and implications of the reality we see around us. We have been examining 'man'—his biological context, his moral dilemmas, his future prospects. This has often been hard work, and we have all felt at times that we were running down a blind alley. On the other hand, a number of creative insights have come up, and these have made the whole process worthwhile for us.

LEP/DRC/JF

Beziers Exchange '72

Over Easter, the first part of the now almost traditional exchange with the Lycée Henri IV in Béziers took place. For the first time, the boys from our School were joined, in roughly equal numbers, by girls from St Helen's.

On arrival at Béziers, after a 24-hour journey and an almost sleepless night, we were distributed to our French hosts and taken to their homes

for a much needed breakfast. For most of the fortnight we remained with our hosts. Some of us were taken on trips round the neighbourhood (and beyond) while others, particularly those staying on farms, spent nearly all the time at the homes of their hosts. At first, most of the party were very unfamiliar with French customs and the general way of life, but gradually we got used to them and, in most cases, ended up by feeling very much 'one of the family'. Early inhibitions were soon overcome and we all began, if very hesitantly at first, to speak in the native tongue of our hosts. It was very encouraging when the French showed signs of understanding what one had said.

Towards the end of the fortnight the whole party and French counterparts went on a coach trip to Nîmes, the famous Pont du Gard, Aigues Mortes and the very modern port, La Grande Motte. On the following day we, and a party of Germans also visiting the city, were given an official reception at the town hall.

Everyone who went on the trip greatly appreciated the hospitality and generosity extended to us by our French hosts, and the hard work put in by the French organiser, M. Ferrandi, who did so much to give us all an extremely enjoyable and memorable holiday. The value of such a trip is immense; it gives the student, whatever the level of his spoken French, a view of French life and customs that cannot be gained from formal classroom teaching here in England.

A final word of thanks is due to Mr and Mrs Taylor who did so much organising before the trip and kept a tolerant, yet watchful, eye on us during the trip. CPH

Business Game

Having won their game in the first heat in the Michaelmas Term, the Business Game Board successfully went through the second, third and fourth heats and so gained a place in the Finals which were held at International Computers Limited in London on 25 March. At this stage we were one of the three remaining schools out of the original 243 which had started last October. The other two schools were King's School, Canterbury, and Cheadle Hulme School.

The Finals consisted of five periods which were played over a six hour period. After the first two periods we were in the lead but in the third period we made the mistake of having our prices too low which resulted in under production and an insufficient transport allocation, our profits were £500000 less than the other two companies and so we dropped to third place. However we fought back in the two remaining periods and eventually overtook Cheadle Hulme to come second to King's School, Canterbury. Our profits throughout the game were as follows:

HEAT 1	Abingdon School	—	£6,880,750
	Dukeries Comprehensive	—	£6,155,930
	Dulwich College	—	£6,023,740
HEAT 2	Abingdon School	—	£4,659,130
	John Fisher School	—	£4,565,020
	Lady Hawkins School	—	£4,221,830
HEAT 3	Abingdon School	—	£3,617,560
	Solihull School	—	£3,276,470
	Portsmouth Grammar	—	£2,939,010

HEAT 4	Abingdon School	—	£5,641,460
	Corby Grammar	—	£3,050,080
	St Benedict's School	—	£2,511,550
FINALS	King's School, Canterbury	—	£3,831,860
	Abingdon School	—	£3,366,200
	Cheadle Hulme School	—	£3,342,670

CEVS

Lee Abbey

Lee Abbey is a religious community set at the edge of the Exmoor National Park in North Devon. The community was founded after the Second World War and the members live in a rambling, Victorian mansion with various annexes, overlooking the sea. Numbers of community members vary between forty and sixty, depending upon the time of year. It is not a religious community in the usual sense but is made up of single men and women, married couples, and families, which means that at any time there is a considerable age range present. Members take part in communal worship and prayer and meet together daily, the avowed purpose being to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The way in which this is done is through a most remarkable example of the Christian Faith.

Last holidays four Lower Sixth Formers, Andrew Clift, John Evans, Chris Williams and myself spent a week at Lee Abbey at a Sixth Form Conference. Without any of us knowing anything about the week ahead of us, we arrived and were at once aware of the atmosphere which was, in the now apparently inadequate words of a newcomer, 'conducive to sincere feeling and thought'. As time went on we became conscious of the great love between members of the community which was shown towards us and so enabled us to be open towards each other and to communicate on a level otherwise impossible. But how can you describe what passes between people? How can you put down on paper one week that means more than a year's experience?

The day would start with Communion in the peaceful chapel way up in the rafters of the house. Then there was an invariably welcome, well-prepared breakfast eaten by those who were able to get up in time. At ten o'clock the only compulsory event of the day began, in most cases a lecture by Professor Dunstan, an Oxford lecturer of Moral Theology and Ethics. The Professor gave us the benefit of his considerable intellect and skill in speaking, impressing upon us two major points: firstly, his love of the language and secondly the importance of precision in thought and speech. These lectures were followed by informal discussion in groups around the Professor's theme of Moral Responsibility which tended to be lacking in vigour, perhaps owing to the Professor's comprehensive treatment of the subject. (The real talking took place in spontaneously formed groups which gathered about the house and grounds and it often lasted well past midnight.) Following lunch the afternoon was free, with organised walks among the surrounding hills, along cliffs over the sea, or inland, up wooded valleys, for those who wished. Supper was preceded by a quiet time together in the chapel when thoughts could again be brought back to recollect the day. The evening was another group activity concerned with a particular question or theme, or we were entertained by the Community, or we even entertained the Community ourselves.

From ten o'clock onwards there were people singing and talking together until the early hours. This routine cannot express what lay behind each action—that all things had meaning. I feel I can merely say what was said by others on the last night. These two people's words say what the week meant to us all.

'What really struck me was the way people can communicate here. At the moment, communication is what I am living for. I don't think I am a Christian, but I'm on my way there.'

'I came here feeling all bound up and cut off from God, but on Tuesday the Lord set me free and I believe I can go back home healed.'

JT

Societies



Studying the list of societies at present functioning within the School, one would have imagined there was little to complain about. The varied choice presented to members of the School would appear to fulfill the requirements of any individual. However more detailed examination of the situation shows that large sections of the community are not catered for. Here I would point to one main area, the Middle School, meaning by this definition the Third, Fourth and Fifth Forms. For despite the fact that most societies do not define a minimum age limit for membership, many have become regarded as purely Sixth-Form societies. This means that once an individual has matured from the junior societies those now open to him tend to be limited to a few of a more practical nature. Thus members of the Middle School have little or no chance to become involved in extra-curricular cultural activities at a stage in their career when exam and other commitments are less severe.

Thus it would be very pleasing if, in the near future, we were to witness the formation of a number of Middle School societies following cultural pursuits. Play-reading, theatre-going and debating societies would probably draw as large a following as their counterparts amongst the 'Sixth-Form' societies. Perhaps in the long run we could see inter-School activities beginning to take place at a lower level, with the resulting profitability to all concerned. Or could this prove too large a step for the permissive society?

Having picked out and slaughtered the customary scapegoat, let us turn to the events of the last term. Theoretically the Lent term should be the most active society term. The societies by this time should be fully organised and running themselves smoothly after the turmoil of the previous term. Also the amoebic examination season has not as yet started engulfing vast chunks of the societies' membership.

The only society starting virtually from scratch at the beginning of term was the **Royse Society** whose membership had been depleted to

two after many of its old membership left after Oxbridge. However it swiftly regained its full complement and held two meetings. At the first Peter Davis read a paper on 'Mathematics' which proved beneficial even to non-mathematicians. At the second meeting Jeffrey Mushens generously stepped in at short notice to deliver a stimulating paper on 'Free Will'.

The **Portfolio Society** informs us that it held a triumphant inaugural term despite comments made in the last issue of the **Abingdonian**. John Hills read a paper on the avant-garde poet and playwright Dennis Barlowe, whilst at a later meeting Mark Evans read a paper on a musical theme, exploring the work of the humourist and musician Gerard Hoffnung.

Two more talks were given to the **Literary Society**. The first was given by DRW Silk, the Warden of Radley College, on the poet Siegfried Sassoon. Mr Silk, a personal friend of Sassoon's, was able to provide some interesting sidelights on this great man's life and works. At the second meeting Jeffrey Mushens' talk on Ezra Pound promoted a heated and unresolved debate.

The **Critics** passed a quiet term. Although many members promised to see the film 'Gumshoe', and attend a subsequent discussion on it, only Mr Owen and the secretary turned up. Thus after a promising start to the term when Robin Wait read a very learned paper entitled 'Fantasy and JRR Tolkein' interest died and no other meetings were held.

The **Athenaeum** secretary reports that instead of apathy within the society to complain about it was inefficiency on the part of London theatres that proved to be his main hindrance. After much furore tickets for the rock musical 'Godspell' were obtained. The effort entailed however proved rewarding; many of those who went enjoyed the show even in preference to 'Hair'.

The **Historians** meetings were given over to the reading of 'short' and well prepared papers by members of the Lower Sixth form. At the first of the two meetings held Jeremy Bosworth spoke on 'The Murder of Lord Darnley', Anthony Baumann on 'The Discipline of Lutherans and Calvinists' and Keith Leedham on 'The Gold Diggers of St George's Hall'. At the second meeting papers were read on 'The Rise of the Spanish Inquisition' and 'The Growth of Privileges in Tudor Parliament' by Tim Parker and Richard Griffiths respectively.

The **Debating Society** held only one, yet well attended, meeting. At this a hot debate took place allowing fourteen people to speak on a wide and often humorous selection of topics.

The **Sixth Form Society** held three cultural meetings this term, receiving two talks and holding one debate. Unfortunately the social side of the society never really got off the ground after a dance at which the band 'Supertramp' was to play was cancelled due to power-cuts.

The **Joint Club** organised only one outing this term which was to go and see the musical production of 'The Canterbury Tales'. The value of this production to those studying Chaucer was debatable but it did at least provide an enjoyable evening's entertainment for a group of Sixth-Formers and a similar party of young ladies from St Helen's School.

One of the more active societies this term was the **Modern Languages Society**. Two meetings were held at which 'Phèdre' by Racine and 'Emilia Galotti' by Lessing were read. An outing to the 'Maison Française' in Oxford was also made to see the French films 'Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme' and 'Le Ballon Rouge'.

The School's four music societies as usual provided a wide spectrum of entertainment to accommodate all musical tastes. The **Music Society** held two of its Sunday concerts organised by Angus McPhail and Tim Parker; unfortunately these did not draw as large an audience as similar concerts have done previously. The **Jazz Club** had another active and successful term and managed to arrange two concerts. The first of these held at the North Berks College gave many people the chance to hear one of Britain's top Jazz bands, 'Nucleus'. This concert was followed by a smaller one later in the term held in the music school when the 'Peter Sykes Band' came to play for the club. Again however the secretaries of the club complain that they see little activity coming from within, a point underlined by the lack of response shown towards an arranged record review. The **Cullen Society** was, in the words of one secretary, 'rather slow in getting off the ground'. However, two meetings were held at Mr le Fleming's house. At the first Mr le Fleming did an adaption of 'Desert Island Discs' whilst at the second Tim Parker and Richard Griffiths gave an 'off the cuff' illumination of contemporary music.

Once again this term the **Folk Club** produced two very invigorating meetings at John Mason High School. Power cuts unfortunately put paid to one meeting and also caused the cancellation of a trip to see the 'Straws' in Oxford.

The **Film Society**, seemingly undaunted by power cuts, held four meetings. The films shown were, 'Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?', 'The Pumpkin Eater', 'Culloden' and 'Alice's Restaurant'. The last of these was particularly well received.

The single meeting of the **Scientific Society** took the form of a discussion on the merits of the Rothschild report. Three speakers read their essay entries for the Ball Science Prize and a vote taken amongst the audience confirmed the judge's decision to award the prizes to RGA Godfrey and JM Evans.

What are often branded the 'practical' societies seem to plod on regardless suffering less from cyclical fluctuations than the other societies. The **Building Club** however stayed in hibernation and did not offer us a report. The **Photographic Society** held no actual meetings though many members made full use of the school darkroom facilities. The **Tape and Electronics Society** spent the term testing lighting ideas, some of which were put into practice in the school play, with varying degrees of success. The **Philatelic Society** spent an active term, swopping approvals and buying first day covers. The highlight was however a visit to 'Stamp Ex' of a party of 51 members of the society.

Finally we would like to record the revival of two school societies which have undergone periods of dormancy. The **Aeronautical Society** restarted in the first half of the term but was somewhat hindered by poor weather conditions which allowed no outdoor activities. However a magazine lending service was embarked upon. The **Bridge Club** also returned from obscurity to receive support from without the School. Five matches were arranged but only two of these were actually played due to other commitments of members. These were a Fifth Form match against St Helen's, won by the male team; and a match against Magdalen College which was lost by a narrow margin.

Sports Section

Hockey

Hockey appears to be a popular game, and it is all the more sad, therefore, to have to record one of the wettest seasons ever, with the result that many matches and even more practice games had to be cancelled. Great use was made of the hard surface, and this is an amenity which cannot fail to raise the overall standard of hockey.

Even sadder than the weather is the fact that the Oxford University Occasionals had to cancel their match with us because they could not raise a side.

The inclusion of games for the Junior forms in the timetable has meant that more boys have been able to start playing hockey at a younger age—a most welcome development.

Team results are recorded below. PD Price was invited to take part in the Welsh Under 22 Squad coaching session at Lilleshall at half-term, WD Peck played in the Berkshire Under 19 team at the end of term, A Baumann, ND Francis and J Seaver played in the Berkshire Under 16 team in all its matches and Gale and Lowe in the Berkshire Under 15 team.

The House match final was won by Blacknall, who won a keenly fought match to beat Tesdale 1-0. LCJG

First Eleven

An encouraging feature of the First Eleven was the improved standard of stickwork of the team as a whole. Mastery of the basic skills is essential if anything beyond a modest standard of hockey is to be achieved. Perhaps this year there were a greater number of natural ball-players and we were fortunate also to have the assistance of student-master John Roberts who won his Blue for Oxford University at Lord's in February.

There were, therefore, real possibilities in this side and on their day they would have been a match for most schoolboy teams; at times they played hockey of an exciting nature but unfortunately not usually for 70 minutes. The weakness of the XI was their inconsistency, their failure on at least two occasions to win matches they should have won and an unhappy tendency of a few to criticise each other on the field when things were not going their way. Character and control, as well as natural ability, are essential to a successful team.

The season got off to an excellent start with two away wins. An early victory over Pangbourne was followed by a first-ever win against St Edward's by a convincing margin of 3-0. Nothing went right against the HA XI, although Oxford School would be the first to agree that they were fortunate to win a game we had monopolised. However, goals are what matter and the 3-0 win over Pembroke College could well have gone the other way. King Alfred's did well to recover from a 2-0 deficit to force a draw and Bradfield also equalised in a hectic finale. At last Abingdon's suspect ability to come from behind was demonstrated in the last match against Bloxham when, inspired by a remarkable goal by Peter Price, we recovered from 0-2 to win 4-2.

In these days of well organised defences a $2\frac{1}{2}$ goal average per match

was a tribute to perhaps the most effective forward line of recent years. Peter Price (7 goals) and Anthony Baumann (6) were the major goal scorers. Both have a real feel for the game, possess good stickwork and provided unusual penetration for schoolboy inside-forwards. Martin Lawless was a great trier at centre-forward and developed very well the art of running off the ball. On the wings Peter Harris, fast and direct, and Jonathan Seaver, the best striker of the ball in the team, were competent and unselfish. As a forward line they at times played fluent and attractive hockey and they also did their fair share of tackling back to help the defence.

Russell Ward was a consistently efficient centre-half with a remarkable eye for stopping a ball. As captain he showed a good example, which his team usually followed, for using the ball tellingly. 'Ossie' Wood did very little wrong and a great deal right as a mobile right-half. Paul Abraham also became a real force at left-half, unflappable and never one to give up, probably with Douglas Smith the player who improved most during the season. Like last year, then, a half back line of real merit.

William Peck and Douglas Smith were not often under great pressure but, apart from the HA game when no one distinguished themselves, they were steady in nerve, strong in the tackle and often, particularly against the strong Pembroke attack, outstanding. Douglas Smith, if not the most elegant performer in the team, was almost certainly the most efficient. Carl Atkinson, likewise, was not tested as severely as some of his predecessors in goal but proved that his soccer talent in this position has not been wasted on the hockey field.

In conclusion 1972 will be remembered as a successful season with a talented XI who nearly but not quite did themselves justice. At their best, with everyone giving of their best, they were very good. They were a pleasure to help coach and I would like to thank Russell Ward, William Peck and Mr Bagshaw for the parts they played so willingly and ably in their respective capacities as captain, secretary and groundsman.

Congratulations to Russell Ward, William Peck, Peter Price, Douglas Smith, Wood, Anthony Baumann, Paul Abraham, Martin Lawless and Peter Harris on the award of their full colours. NHP

Half colours were won by Jonathan Seaver and Carl Atkinson.

The team was: AC Atkinson; WDeF Peck, DPC Smith; AW Wood, RA Ward (capt.), PM Abraham; PJS Harris, AW Baumann, M Lawless, PD Price, JP Seaver.

Results:

Pangbourne College	Sat. 22 Jan.	(a)	Won	4-0
St Edward's School	Sat. 29 Jan.	(a)	Won	3-0
Hockey Association	Wed. 9 Feb.	(h)	Lost	0-5
Oxford School	Wed. 16 Feb.	(a)	Lost	1-2
Pembroke College	Sat. 26 Feb.	(a)	Won	3-0
KAS, Wantage	Wed. 1 Mar.	(h)	Drew	2-2
Bradfield College	Sat. 18 Mar.	(h)	Drew	2-2
Bloxham School	Wed. 22 Mar.	(h)	Won	4-2

Matches against Solihull, Newbury, Wallingford, RGS High Wycombe, Oxford University Occasionals and Old Abingdonians were cancelled.

Second Eleven

I often wonder who first suggested that the Lent term was a suitable term in which to play hockey. Whoever it was, I would beg to disagree. Once more the weather was the dominant feature of the term, making the pitches unplayable, and causing both matches and practises to be cancelled. This was not only frustrating but also prevented any significant improvement being made either in basic skills or in team work. The weather, largely rain this time, caused the cancellation of just half of our matches, and of the remaining six only two were played in conditions that could be described as pleasant. Nevertheless some enjoyable hockey was played, even if the standard was not very high.

The team was rather a mixed bag, not being able to play together sufficiently to develop any real tactics: it was more a case of eleven individuals doing their best. Two were outstanding, Terry and Carrington, and they were unlucky not to have the opportunity of playing in the 1st XI. Both had excellent stickwork and a very good eye for the ball, and both were prepared to work hard for the full 70 minutes of the game. Terry added some much needed punch to the forward line when he moved up from centre half to inside forward, and was also a very good captain of the side—leading well, by precept and example. There were then 6 or 7 adequate players who each had their moments of glory and some they would rather forget! The remainder of the team was selected from about 5 or 6, most of whom, given the time and opportunity to practise together, could have improved considerably.

There were moments when the team showed glimpses of what might have been, particularly in the games against Shiplake and Bloxham. But alas, by that time, it was too late!

BEW

The final team was: AN Rayson, AM Bainton, PF Stimpson, RI Macdonald, JE Carrington, TJ Cresswell, J Wojciechowski, RJ Frost, DC Hares, CB Terry, JH Bosworth. Also played: N Jefferson, GB Butcher, DC Gourlay, RA Woods, CP Hey, KG Sykes and PH Evans.

Results:

v Solihull School	Wed. 26 Jan.	(a)	Lost 0-4
v St Edward's School	Sat. 29 Jan.	(a)	Lost 0-5
v Oxford School	Wed. 16 Feb.	(a)	Won 1-0
v KAS, Wantage	Wed. 1 March	(h)	Lost 1-2
v Shiplake 1sts	Sat. 4 March	(a)	Lost 1-2
v Bloxham School	Wed. 22 March	(a)	Won 1-0

The games v. Pangbourne College, Newbury GS, Wallingford GS, RGS High Wycombe, Bearwood College and Radley College were all cancelled.

Third Eleven

Two enthusiastic games were played, both against Magdalen College School and both, as it happened, took place on our ground. On 9 February we drew 3-3 and on 15 March MCS had the better of us perhaps owing to their better blessed training programme.



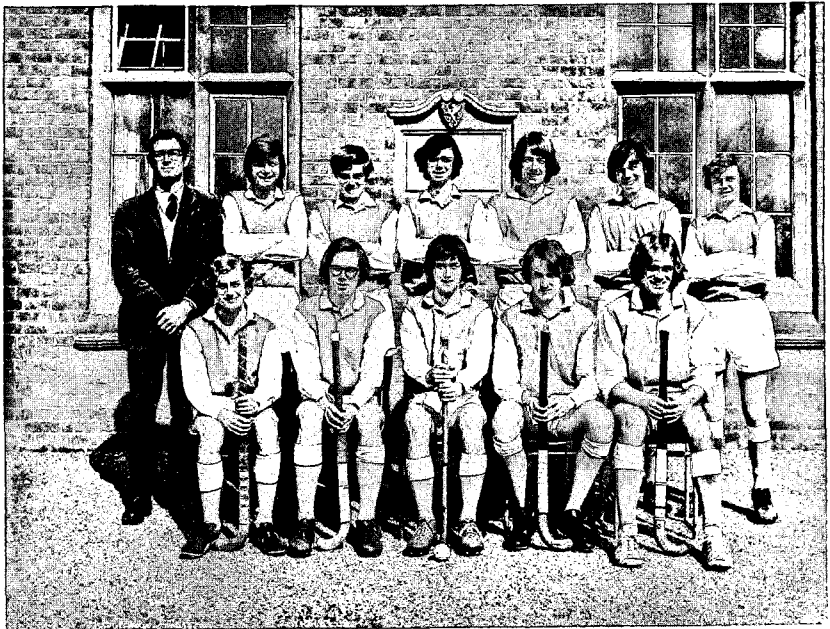
Gentlemen (?) and Runner '72



A Business Game Board Meeting — picture by courtesy *The Oxford Mail and Times*



The Colts VIII



The 1st XI

Colts Eleven

A lively, swift and enthusiastic group, including several skilful players, whose playing record might well have looked better had not four matches been cancelled. Throughout the team played with considerable spirit and dash, and did well to hold a superior MCS side to a draw. The two matches lost were lost because of the superior tactical skill of our opponents and it was the comparative inability of the team to work as a unit which was its chief fault. Nonetheless—a useful and promising side.

The team was selected from: N Jefferson, J Taylor, KPM Taylor, Gale, R Woods (capt.), TG Roberts, ND Francis, G Woolley, J Oakley, A McPhail, P. Evans, IL Manning.

Results:

v Pangbourne	Sat. 22 Jan.	(a)	Lost	2-3
v Solihull	Wed. 26 Jan.	(a)	Won	4-1
v Radley	Sat. 29 Jan.	(a)	Won	3-0
v Magdalen College School	Wed. 9 Feb.	(a)	Draw	0-0
v St Edward's	Wed. 23 Feb.	(a)	Lost	1-3

A Colts 'B' team played Radley on 29 January on this ground and had an enjoyable game (lost 1-3).

Junior Colts Eleven

As was the case last year, almost half the matches were cancelled but a good amount of hockey was played nevertheless; the bad weather often seemed to reserve itself for the middle or end of the week. Also, considering few of the side had played much hockey before, the standard eventually achieved was quite promising. The team probably played its best game against Shiplake and their performance against Bloxham with a depleted side on a sweltering afternoon was also commendable.

Wartke captained the side for most of the season, playing a strong and often commanding game at centre half. He moved up to inside left in the second half of the final match and this was just one example of a number of positional changes which are bound to occur in the first full season with the game. Plant faded from left half early on in the term to appear not long afterwards playing a good game on the right wing. Stimpson began to look dangerous at inside left; Davis and Peck, when the latter was off the injured list, provided quite a sound defence, and Arm played a daring, occasionally erratic, often flamboyant, but gradually improving game in goal.

Much enjoyable hockey was played in these last three weeks when there was little but sun but only, as luck would have it, two matches.

RCBC

The following played: AP Arm, PS Ashby, WM Davis, JGH Peck, SC Comerford, CJ Baumann, MG Wartke, NJA Shephard, RA Balkwill, RD Woolley, SJ Lawson, NP Gale, MV Stimpson, RJ Price, PA Noble, AN Plant, JP Gotelee.

Results:

v Radley Collere "B" team	Sat. 29 Jan.	(a)	Drew	1-1
v Magdalen College School	Wed. 9 Feb.	(a)	Lost	1-5
v St Edward's School	Wed. 23 Feb.	(a)	Lost	1-3
v Oxford School	Sat. 26 Feb.	(h)	Won	3-1
v Shiplake College	Sat. 4 Mar.	(a)	Drew	2-2
v Bloxham School	Wed. 22 Mar.	(a)	Lost	0-1

Rowing

A very satisfactory start was made to the new season during the Lent term, in spite of generally unpleasant conditions on the river. The survivors of last year's Eight in varying combinations formed a Four, and the remaining boys over Colts age formed the 1st VIII. A good Colts Squad consisting of an Eight and a Four, and a Junior Colts Eight were also in training.

The 1st IV soon settled down and showed their potential in the early fixtures in February. Rowing in our restricted boat, the James Cobban, they defeated all-comers, even those in best boats, and the culmination of the season was their excellent performance at the Schools Head where they finished 3rd in the Fours Division, only succumbing to two crews in shell boats. In the last part of the term they began practice in the coxless four we bought from Abingdon Rowing Club. Their speed in this boat is undeniable, but the steering is presenting difficulties at present. Once this has been overcome it is felt that the way lies open to great things in the summer—possibly at the end of June! Our guests the Army IV from Shrivenham with David Jessett OA at '2' have proved most helpful in practice, and with their experience have offered much sound advice.

The 1st VIII has turned out to be a most enthusiastic crew, who realised their limitations and showed great determination in training. As a result they began to improve very considerably towards the end of term and they put up a very good performance in the Head of the River race. They should give a good account of themselves as the season progresses.

The Colts VIII is a most promising crew and we hope for great things from them this year and in the future.

The Junior Colts also appear to have much potential and may well be the best we have produced so far.

Some indication of the general enthusiasm can be gained from the fact that we entered five crews for the Abingdon Head in the holidays. The 1st IV retained the Jones Cup by winning the Schools section convincingly. This is the third year we have won this event in succession, and the second time that the 'hat-trick' has been achieved.

About twenty recruits have signed up for rowing next term. The lists are still open and we hope for a few more juniors, and possibly seniors as well—sculling can be an admirable form of relaxation for those who want to indulge in gentle exercise.

Finally, our thanks as usual to our staunch band of supporters amongst the parents, not only for their encouragement at fixtures but also for hospitality. It's a hard life for 'rowing parents'! But very much worth-while.

RGM

Crews:

	1st IV	J. Colts IV 'A'	J. Colts IV 'B'
Bow	ECJ Lilley	P Moore	AJ Thresher
2	DB King	SA Martin	AG Capel
3	NRH Pollard	D Lynn	NJ Tresidder
Str.	PE Scott	PR Clark	GAN Pott
Cox	JRA Spooner	JM Tauwhare	DC Eccles

The above 1st IV crew rowed in the Schools Head and the Henley Head. CM Clayton rowed at bow in the Hampton Head and at Radley. ECJ Lilley rowed at bow in the Henley Head and at '3' at Radley.

Senior VIII		Colts VIII	
Bow	RM Bowkett	Bow	SK Fabes
2	JG Walker	2	JP Jordan
3	RGA Godfrey	3	CM Jones
4	MI Kendall	4	S Walker
5	TC Parker	5	JD Griffin
6	G Homewood	6	PAW Rogers
7	DM Binks	7	M Ormerod
Str.	G Habgood	Str.	PR Forsythe
Cox	IM Sealy	Cox	PC Jones

In the Head of the River race CM Clayton rowed vice TC Parker in the 1st VIII, and PE Scott vice PAW Rogers in the Colts VIII.

Races:

- Feb. 19 Hampton HOR. The 1st IV won the Fours pennant. (CM Clayton rowed at bow; cox was RJ Short.)
- Feb. 26 Henley HOR. The 1st IV won the Schools pennant and finished 4th overall.
- March 4 ARA Training Weekend at Radley. The 1st IV, with Clayton at bow and Lilley at '3', was invited to represent the Area in the Youth Trials at Nottingham on 21 May.
- March 9 Schools HOR at Putney. The 1st VIII and the Colts VIII—results not yet available. The 1st IV finished 3rd, 5 seconds behind the winners.
- March 11 Reading HOR. The 1st VIII finished 87th. The Colts VIII finished 91st.
- March 18 Saltford HOR. The Junior Colts 'A' IV won the Junior Colts pennant. The Junior Colts 'B' IV were 2nd in the Colts division.
- March 25 The Head of the River Race. The 1st VIII finished 147th. The Colts VIII finished 249th.

Rugby

The integration of First and Second Form games into the teaching timetable, as reported in last term's magazine, meant that with only Third Formers to call on it was no longer possible to hold a Junior House Knock-out contest, as in previous Lent terms. Instead, two leagues were organised: League 'A', which was restricted to Third Forms, and League 'B', in which teams were drawn from those Third Formers not in League 'A' and from Second Formers. Of the two leagues, League 'B' provided the better ruggar, a fact which promises well for the future as it became clear that there were many fairly talented youngsters in the Second Forms—a clear tribute, perhaps to the more regular coaching of the timetabled games.

Bennett House won the 'A' League competition for which the Bayley Cup was awarded with good victories over Reeves (22-6) and Tesdale (30-0) and a tight one over Blacknall (6-3); Reeves took second place by beating Blacknall (20-3) and Tesdale (36-0). In League 'B', the Candy Cup had to be shared between Reeves and Tesdale Houses, with two victories each.

DOW

The Minors had a depressing start to the season: hardly any practices were possible because of the state of the pitches and the team put up a very lacklustre performance against Summerfields.

The next match, however, against John Mason, proved to be the turning point of the season. A reshuffled scrum at last showed the hunger for the ball that had been so badly lacking, and Andrew Young added punch and defensive strength to the three-quarters. David Rimmer took over the captaincy for this match, and at once became the focal point of the team's new-found drive and confidence.

Once they had found themselves in this match, the Minors went on to score two more convincing wins, against teams that would undoubtedly have beaten them earlier in the season, the last one in spite of Rimmer's absence—Paul Thomas made an excellent stand-in.

The scrum, in which Simon Williams and Anthony Cook stood out, never dominated the opposition, but improved their rucking enough to give the threequarters some good possession; this enabled the latter to display their clear superiority over their opposite numbers. Perhaps the best illustration of their transformation is the fact that they scored one try in the first six matches and eight in the last three; much of the credit for this must go to the fly-half Rex Harmer, a natural ball-player, who had to learn the position from scratch and made tremendous strides in a few months. But there were many promising threequarters around (one or two could not even find a place in the Second XV), and by the end of the season they had almost all learned the basics of threequarter play.

Looking back over the season, one can see a remarkable improvement, justifying my (apparently) ludicrously optimistic remarks in the last *Abingdonian*, and giving us hope that the new system of Form-games will improve the overall standard. After this year's experience, there is no reason why next year's team (many of whom have already played for the Second or Third XV) should not start winning earlier in the season. MW

The final team was: RJ Perkins; MA Kelly, TC Semmence, AMJ Young, GM Uttley; RJ Harmer, DC Rimmer (captain); DM Lewis, GA McGreery, DF Home; CP Sowden, AH Cook; PV Thomas, DG Light, SF Williams.

2nd XV: MS King; DM Byfield, KMR Forsyth, MR Hyman, GA Light; PJ Newby, NJ Holder; PJ Boon, NJ Mitchell, JM Hamberger, M Herring, MD Andrews; AP Crooks, PG Spittles, AJW Furley (captain).

Results:

Summerfields	Sat. 29 Jan.	(a)	Lost 0-10
John Mason	Mon. 28 Feb.	(h)	Won 18-6
Newbury Grammar School	Sat. 4 Mar.	(h)	Won 16-3
Bearwood	Wed. 15 Mar.	(a)	Won 16-10

The Second XV beat Cothill School 22-6 (a).

The Third XV lost to Bearwood First Year 0-4 (a).

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Two Colts Sevens trained with great enthusiasm in their spare time from hockey and entered the Reading Schools Sevens Competition on March 26th.

The first team beat Bedford Modern, Bearwood and Forest School before losing to St Benedict's, Ealing, in the semi-final. The second team played below their best and lost in their first game.

The teams were: 1st VII: AH Courtenay, PAH Mohtadi, ND Francis, IL Manning, PD Cook (capt.), N Jefferson, ARP Mushens.

2nd VII: A Murdoch, JN Oakley (capt.), GW Woolley, CDB Driver, KP Taylor, RA Woods, PAW Rogers. PVM

Cross Country

A very busy term contained many successes with the first team winning all their matches, except the Wellington match and two of the road runs. As last year we relied on the consistent performances of Mushens and Vernon, with the latter having a remarkable season winning 7 of his races. We were pleased to welcome Urban-Smith and Halliday, who proved invaluable members of the team, and both fully deserved their half-colours. Emphasis this term was laid on competing in the big championship events so that boys could gain experience against top-class opposition, and some of the younger boys showed much promise here, particularly Courtenay, Green (GN), Hingley (RC) and Martin (RP). The best win of the season was definitely the one at Lockinge against 7 other schools in North Berkshire, and apart from the results below, we had two individual winners—Vernon and Martin, two seconds—Urban-Smith and Rogers, and two thirds—Waters and Gale. This was a real team effort as 23 of our runners took part, and it was in fact only the second time ever that we had won the Milton trophy. The prospects look very good for next year, especially in the hockey term, as only two of the team are leaving.

Full colours were awarded to Vernon and half colours to Urban-Smith, Halliday, Evans and Waters. The following were selected to run for Berkshire in a match against Hampshire, London, Dorset and Sussex—JSP Mushens, CP Taylor, PAW Rogers, JA Urban-Smith and JD Halliday—in which they won the Under 20 section. CF Vernon was selected to run for Berkshire in the All-England Championships and he did well to finish halfway down in a field of 300.

The following ran in the first-team matches: CF Vernon (8 times); CP Taylor (7 times); JSP Mushens, JDC Turner, JA Urban-Smith, JM Evans, BC Waters (6 times); JD Halliday (3 times); GN Green, PAW Rogers, CM Clayton, MS Whipple, DC Hares, S. Wilson (once). Fifteen other boys ran in the Championship events including AH Courtenay, P Hingley and SR Martin who each ran three times.

Results:

v Culham (h)	: Won 26-62
Inter-House Road Relay	: Tesdale won
Berks Schools Champs. (Reading)	: 4th in U/20; 3rd in U/17
v St Edward's (h)	: Won 30-52
North Berks Champs. (Lockinge)	: Won Milton trophy; 1st in U/20; 1st in U/17; 4th in U/15; 1st in U/13
Oxford Univ. Tortoises Relay	: 13th out of 36; and 28th (2nd team)
v Radley and Wellington (Radley)	: 1st W. 41; 2nd A. 45; 3rd R. 101
Culham College Road Relay	: 12th out of 15; best youth team
Kingswood School Road Race	: 5th out of 8
v Magdalen & St Edward's (Magdalen)	: 1st A. 43 (better 6th runner); 2nd S.E. 43; 3rd M. 95
v Old Abingdonians (h)	: Won 38-40
Inter-House Paarlauf	: Reeves won

After many years of organising the Athletics and Crosscountry at the School Mr Baker has retired to concentrate on Orienteering, not just in the School, but also in the Thames Valley Club. I would like to thank him on behalf of everybody for the painstaking and reliable service to which he always committed himself. It has been due to his interest and enthusiasm that many boys have taken up running as a sport and have gained tremendous satisfaction in testing themselves against opponents and against the clock. It has been his aim to provide a wide range of activities apart from the traditional Sports Day and Inter-House Cross-country and Inter-School matches. During the year he would organise internally the Paarlauf, the Road Relay, Standards, 5-Star Awards, and externally trips to Area and National Championships, and to the highly enjoyable multi-team road relays. Here lies true variety indeed that the plain word, running, would surely conceal. He will naturally still take an interest in the affairs of the club, and I will, no doubt, turn to him for advice during the coming year.

NAFF

Golf

This term saw the continuing saga of the School v the Masters at Frilford Heath Golf Course. The result was a win for the Masters. The School's captain was thrashed by Mr Pritchard and the Headmaster, both of whom played well. Mr Payne and Mr Dunn just pipped John Seaver and Robert Price on the last hole, but Peter Price and Roland Klepzig managed to overcome the unnatural mood of the day and beat a steady combination of Mr Coleman and the Bursar. All concerned enjoyed the game and the result was 3-1 in the Masters' favour.

TW

Orienteering

Orienteering last term showed some hopeful signs, but it also produced matter for regret. The most unfortunate thing was, perhaps, the scarcity of events. Although the School was represented at six events during the period covered by this report, only four were accessible to all members of the School. Mr Baker's other engagements (largely mapping for the British Orienteering Championships) combined with the discouraging distances which it is necessary to travel even to local events have meant that we were not able to realise the ideal of an event each Sunday. Thanks are due to Mr Pritchard for transporting orienteers to two events and our congratulations to him for the way he has applied his crosscountry club methods to orienteering. A pity more members of that club do not follow his example! It is pleasant to record that a new variety of orienteering has found its way to this area with the Cowley Street Score Event, held on an evening in February. The few who attended this found it all the more unusual owing to a power cut at the time, but I think all participants enjoyed it and we can look forward to seeing other competitions of this nature taking place locally. It would also be nice to have a local relay. The Jan Kjellström and Farnham events were both of this category and with the excitement of the massed-start proved an interesting variation on the usual 'crosscountry' event. This term a number of local events, including a 'come-and-try-it' event in Bagley Wood should provide opportunities for new members to participate.

SW

The following competed for the School last term: Mr RH Baker, W Baker, Mr D Brodie, A Brown OA, Chapman, GR Fowler, Furley, R Godfrey, Hamberger, Hyman, Jacques, Light, Lintott, McGreery, AC McMillan OA, Makin, Poxon, Mr NA Pritchard, J Taylor, H Tressider, J Wheatcroft OA, Whipple, G Woollen.

Results:

- 11 February Cowley Street Event. Mr RH Baker, W Baker, 1st in their classes.
- 13 February Skinnett Badge Event. 14 members of the School competed, but results are not available.
- 27 February Hambledon Badge Event. W Baker came first on his course, consequently achieving a gold time. Malein and Woolen, coming third and fourth respectively on their course, achieved gold times. Adams and Millar, competing together, achieved a gold time. Whipple, Godfrey and Chapman achieved silver times. Tressider and Hyman achieved bronze times. Abingdon School team had the fastest aggregate time on courses C and D.
- 26 March Aylesbury Badge Event. Mr RH Baker, Whipple and J Wheatcroft OA achieved gold times. Jacques, J Taylor, GR Fowler and W Baker achieved bronze times.
- Jan Kjellström International Trophy Weekend (Cannock Chase, Staffs):
Results are not yet known, but provisionally:
- 31 March Individual Trophy. Mr RH Baker, J Wheatcroft OA, AC McMillan OA, S Whipple ran, but results not known.
- 1 April Mass Start Relay Event. Abingdonians team about tenth in its class.
- 19 April Royal Corps of Transport (Buller) OC Relays. Farnham Park, Surrey. Abingdonians Crosscountry Club team (Mr RH Baker, Mr NA Pritchard, A Brown OA) fifth overall. Abingdonians CCF team (AC McMillan OA, Fowler, Whipple) sixth overall and first in its class.

Badminton

This term's activities were mainly confined to internal competition; however, the First VI did play three matches, winning one and losing two, and the Second VI played two, winning one and losing one. The results were disappointing, but not discouraging, and we hope that the younger players may fulfil their promise next year.

One player who is setting a very high standard is Adrian Luto, who has now played several times for the Berkshire Schools Under-16 team. He also won the Under-16 Junior Restricted Berkshire Championship at Bracknell. He is to be congratulated for the considerable progress he is making, and the keenness which he brings to the club.

Of the internal competitions, the House Doubles Knockout was won by Tesdale, who beat Reeves in the Final. The Singles Knockout was won by A. Luto.

For next year, Anthony Baumann has been appointed Captain of Badminton; Adrian Luto has been appointed Secretary.

Results :

1st VI:

16 Feb	v. R.G.S. High Wycombe	(a)	Lost	4—5
3 Mar	v. Reading School	(h)	Lost	1½—7½
8 Mar	v. Henley G.S.	(a)	Won	7—2

2nd VI:

3 Mar	v. Reading School	(a)	Lost	1—8
9 Mar	v. Henley G.S.	(a)	Won	5—4

DCT

Fives

We again had just six matches this season. Although the opposition before Christmas was too formidable to give us much chance of winning, we did better against the School sides in the Lent Term. During the Easter holidays the team took part in the Schools' Championships at Whitgift School and, although quickly defeated, enjoyed the experience of meeting and playing the best schoolboy players in the country.

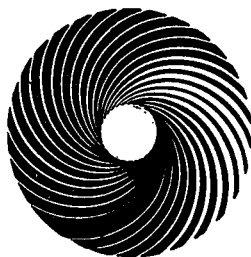
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The team was: NK Darroch, RP Klepzig, M Milanovich (Captain) and JR Rawlinson (Secretary). AM Bainton and MP Taylor also played.

Results :

Univ. College School Old Boys	Sat. 9 Oct.	(h)	Lost	50-120
Jesters	Sat. 13 Nov.	(h)	Lost	61-120
Oxford University Beavers	Wed. 17 Nov.	(h)	Lost	50-120
Bloxham School	Wed. 2 Feb.	(h)	Won	109-91
Radley College	Sat. 12 Feb.	(a)	Lost	71-121
Radley College	Sat. 18 Mar.	(h)	Won	104-81

Reports



CCF

I can add little to the following individual section reports, but I should like to mention two things in passing. Something between sixty and seventy boys went on courses, RAF camps and Arduous Training—one boy was so enthusiastic that he arrived for his course one day early! These courses are very worth-while, and I should like to see even more boys taking advantage of them.

Congratulations to the Junior Flight on their very good results in the proficiency drill and weapon training, and also in the purely RAF subjects for which they had to do pretty well all the work themselves. LCJG

The **Naval Section** had, as usual, to overcome the basic incongruity of having a Naval Section in a School so far from the sea. There were only two quasi-naval activities in the section last term, the first involving practical ropework in the moving of a large piece of furniture out of an upstairs window, the second being a visit on one Tuesday by the RN School's Liaison Team, who gave a lecture and showed a film.

Otherwise the term has been used for AB and proficiency training, the intention being to remove this obstacle and thus leave the summer free for outdoor activities, which promise well this year.

For the **Army Section** the Lent Term was fairly uneventful as usual. For field day the section was divided into two. Half the section went to two museums in London, the National Army Museum and the Rotunda. The National Army Museum is situated on a new site which has only been open since November. The other half of the section visited Churn Rifle Range, where a cold but enjoyable day was spent firing .303 and .22 rifles. Those who qualified under these difficult conditions are to be congratulated.

During the holiday a large number of cadets went on to the annual Arduous Training expedition. We sincerely hope they did not find this experience too arduous.

The **RAF Section** had a good term, illustrated by the achievement of another four flying scholarships by Nick Allington, Ashley Smart, Mike Carr and David Spong, and also shown by the Junior Flight all passing part I of the new proficiency syllabus, if at the second attempt. Field Day was not the success it could have been. 'C' Flight went to RAF Abingdon to acquaint itself with the layout and functioning of an RAF Station. 'A' and 'B' Flights were divided into two and went to RAF Brize Norton and the Downs. The latter was not very successful as an exercise due to dismal weather and the other flopped due to bad organisation on the part of the RAF. Also no flying was possible due to the unavailability of aircraft, so the day was really over by 2.00pm.

But to offset this there were some successful air experience trips to White Waltham which enabled 30 cadets to get air-borne.

RAF Hereford

A party of twenty-four cadets and one officer attended camp at RAF Hereford. For the first time in many years we visited a non-flying station, but we nevertheless found a week's life with the RAF Regiment interesting if more arduous. The emphasis was on a practical programme incorporating .303 range firing, bridge-building, practical firefighting, swimming, gas-training and hill-walking in addition to the usual amount of square-bashing and sport.

Once again we were in competition with three other schools for the award of a station-plaque, and as such points were awarded for many activities including the tidiness of the billets. We came third overall—not so bad if you consider that less than two points separated the bottom three schools.

Despite the unfamiliar routine, surroundings and discipline, all who attended left for home tired but impressed with the camp and the RAF Regiment. DIL

Arduous Training

Once again the annual Arduous Training expedition was held in Kircudbrightshire, although a new camp-site had been obtained a few miles to the south of the village of Carsphairn. The party arrived there after a tedious journey by road and rail and set up the camp.

The following day the party was split into three groups and these were sent on a short circular walk to accustom their members to the surrounding countryside. The next morning the groups embarked upon the first of the two day expeditions. The poor weather conditions combined with the heavier packs we were carrying made this an exhausting day's walk and we spent a depressingly cold night at the Lorg bivvy site, during which it was decided to evacuate two members of the party who were suffering the most. This melodrama did at least provide Cadet Wilson with a chance to display his prowess at emergency coffee making. Thankfully the weather began to improve during the following morning and Benniner was climbed in sunny weather. After a night spent in relative luxury at base camp we once more set out on a two day walk. Alwhat was climbed in an intermittent blizzard and a camp pitched in the Afton Valley. A short road walk was completed the next day before returning to base camp in the Land-Rovers. In the afternoon most of the party went into Ayr, where they took great trouble to entertain themselves to the limit. The last day's walking was spent circumnavigating the 'horse shoe' of mountains near the old camp site. The party then returned to camp to begin packing. This was completed early the following day before returning home by the same route we had come. PR

34th Abingdon Scout Group

Junior Troop: At the beginning of the term two new patrols were formed under the leadership of Nicholas Tresidder and Mark Weston; and most of the new recruits spent the first weekend at Youlbury.

Troop meetings have been held fortnightly under the organisation of Mr Maunder and Mr le Page. Naturally enough the first meeting was another highly-detailed Wide Game; and at subsequent meetings we welcomed Dr Brownawell (who spoke and showed slides of camping in

America), and Mrs M Cox and Alderman J Jones, who spoke on Abingdon past and present as part of a course for the Civics Badge.

The Third and Fourth-formers spent Field Day following a set of clues across the Downs to Chilton, either on foot or on bicycle. It wasn't a race—but the hikers won. Mr CF Jones is again kindly running a First Aid course; and Mr Fletcher finally tracked us down to pass a few Collectors Badges. One patrol camp was held towards the end of the term under the leadership of Martin Doble.

The Patrol Leaders' Council and the Group Council have both held several meetings, and besides discussing Troop activities have combined to effect further repairs to the Hut. We are grateful to Mrs Maunder, Mrs Wait and Mrs Courtenay for providing hospitality for one or other of these bodies. Finally, we have been pleased to have Mr R Beeby, an Australian Scouter, with us this term; and we hope to see some more of him next term before he moves on to different parts. DRS

Venture Unit

This was not a very active term for us. We were mainly concerned with work around the hut. With the aid of parents and members of the Junior Troop the roof was successfully waterproofed. On Field Day Mr Baker led a party to map an area which is to be used for orienteering. Work was also done on the troop canoes. Other members of the Unit went on a practice hike to help with their training for Ten Tors. ADR

Chess

Our new-look first team made a most encouraging start to the term. Undismayed by the loss of Gareth Pearce and Chris Marley, they won their first two matches, against Windsor Grammar School and St Bartholomew's, both strong teams, contrary to expectation, and they put up an excellent fight against Maidenhead Grammar School in the Zone Final of the 'Sunday Times' Tournament, before going down by half a point.

Then came the Berkshire League Finals, and disaster. Against Bearwood, a comfortable victory turned into a narrow loss (our first ever in the Berkshire League) when the two top boards threw away won positions through over-confidence, ten minutes before adjudication. Subsequently we were comfortably defeated by Maidenhead in the second leg of the Final, although even then we seemed likely to win on the three lower boards at one time, only for our opponents' greater experience to prevail in the end. There is no reason to be down-cast at these defeats; at the time of writing only the Captain, Jeffrey Mushens, is over 16, and it was a considerable achievement for such a young team to win the Western section of the Berkshire League. Furthermore the team put up an excellent performance in winning outright the Berkshire Schools Jamboree at the end of the season.

The Juniors came second to Reading School, the subsequent winners of the County title, in their League, while our teams won both sections of the 'Abingdon League'. In the Schools Jamboree, one of our three teams came second out of 15, while a weakened First Form team managed to come fourth in the same event, with the help of a good draw!

The Chess Club now meets four times a week, the lunch-time sessions on Tuesday and Thursday proving a successful innovation. The numbers attending have remained surprisingly high all through this term, and the Knock-

out competitions have gone more efficiently than usual. Jeffrey Mushens won the Open event fairly easily, defeating in the Final his brother Anthony (who had a remarkable undefeated record in his first season of first-team Chess). The First Form Tournament was won by Robert Harries, as expected, but the Hoyle Cup, for Third Forms and below, produced some surprising results: Simon de Lusignan, who won all his eight School games this season, lost to Graham Alcock of the First Form, for example, and Martin Spoor failed to reach the Final, which will be between John Stephen and Paul Thomas or Iain Holding; these four second-formers are making excellent progress. MW

Senior Team: JSP Mushens, TB Niblett, M Ormerod, PH Evans, PD Marley, ARP Mushens

Results:

Berkshire League

Senior 'A' Team beat St Bartholomew's, Newbury	3½-1½
Senior 'B' Team beat Stoneham School	5-0
Junior Team beat Park House School	4-1
beat St Bartholomew's, Newbury	4-1

Berkshire League Finals

Senior 'A' Team lost to Bearwood College	2-3
lost to Maidenhead Grammar School	1-4

'Sunday Times'

Zone semi-final: beat Windsor Grammar School	3½-2½
Zone Final: lost to Maidenhead Grammar School	2½-3½

'Abingdon League'

Under-16s drew with John Mason High School Under-16s	2½-2½
Under-15s beat Larkmead School Under-16s	4-1
Under-14s beat John Mason High School Under-14s	5-0
Under-13s beat Larkmead School Under-14s	3-2
beat Segsbury School Under-14s	5-0

Various Friendlies

Under-14s beat Park House School	3-2
Under-13s lost to Summerfields	1½-2½
Under-12s beat John Mason High School	5-0

Grundy Library

The term saw some changes among the library staff, as some of our most experienced helpers were finding the approach of examinations meant they could not devote as much time as they would like to library work: we have some promising new recruits but more are still required, as the volume of library activities grows steadily.

The plans for the Summer term include a book check and another library exhibition, in addition to our usual Founders' Day activities.

We are most grateful to the following for gifts to the library: Mr Woodgett, CJ Marley, C and F Maude, OA, and Mr Hutchins. KGH

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OA Notes

Marriages

Avery: on 25 March 1972, Brian Avery (1965): no details available.

Booker-Flint: on 27 November 1971, Peter K Booker (1967) to Janet Flint, of Glasgow.

Bosley-Cooper: on 11 March 1972, at All Saints Church, Didcot, John Bosley (1970) to Sheila Cooper.

Fletcher-Berry: on 4 September 1971, at Sunningdale Parish Church, Peter Fletcher (1965) to Sue Berry.

Nurton-Mason: on 8 April 1972, at St Albans Cathedral and Abbey Church, Michael D Nurton (1961) to Katherine M Mason.

Sinclair-Sawday: in April 1972, quietly at St Bartholomew the Great, Smithfield, Sir George Sinclair, M.P. (1931) to Mrs Mary Violet Sawday, widow of Mr George Sawday, of Saxmundham, Suffolk.

Deaths

It is a great and unusual pleasure to announce that the notice in the previous *Abingdonian* recording the death of WJ Mayhead (1924-28) was quite inaccurate. I have it on the authority of his brother-in-law, EG Ballard (1911-17), that he is very much alive and kicking. Sadly though we have to record the death at a very early age of RJ (Bob) Peckham (1958-63).

I am indebted to George Duxbury, who still pays us fleeting visits in the Common Room at School, for most of the information about pre-1950 OAs. It is a joy to see him, however briefly, as it is to welcome more regularly WA Rudd and JB Alston.

Bertie Lunghi (1939) has left the Czechoslovak Service of the BBC to take over, as Deputy Editor Current Affairs, the whole of their external services. As a result he has recently done a tremendous, if rapid, tour of Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia and Ceylon. He also records having recently visited Gordon Bayley (1938).

Laurie Taylor (1943) says: 'At M & B, I am now in charge of UK agricultural pesticide sales; a staff of 50, commercial problems, EEC, etc. keep me travelling, busy and no longer surprised by anything!' At home in Wrotham he is in the thick of the fight to prevent the Ministry of the Environment from encircling the village with two motorways.

Clive Burborough (1944) has moved to Dunstable, which he likes very

much, and is enjoying his new work at his Bank's Head Office, even though this means commuting to and from London.

We congratulate Alan Garner (1948) on his appointment as Headmaster of the City School, Lincoln. It sounds a formidable task but he is accepting the challenge with his usual philosophical determination. Alan has a ten-year-old daughter, Caroline, and a six-year-old son, Andrew.

Congratulations also to DM Aldworth (1949) on his recent promotion to be Lt. Col. R.A.P.C. He is currently at the Ministry of Defence dealing with computers.

Roger Hamer (1950), retired from the Army, has joined some friends in setting up a company called Trail Finders Limited, whose job it is to advise and help would-be travellers into the more or less unknown. They aim to provide an economical, individual, tailor-made trek to almost anywhere in the world. Roger himself has recently been in West Africa setting up an expedition from Dakar to Timbuctoo and back with a trip up the Nile thrown in. He also edits the company's own newspaper, which is full of travel opportunities.

Barry Gibbs (1960) has changed jobs and is now Production Manager for a Maidenhead Subsidiary of the British Printing Corporation, whither he commutes from Stanford in the Vale. He is hoping to be at some of the Regattas at which the School will be rowing this term.

Peter Bretscher (1961) now married to Elin Hansen, is doing post-Doctoral research at the Salk Institute for Biological Studies in La Jolla, California.

From David Riddick (1961), now back in Gibraltar for the next two years and itching to ply passing OAs with drinks, came news that he has passed his Staff Promotion exam (along with Chris Rickup (1960)) and has also become engaged. His wedding, on 6 May, will be graced by Terence Libby (1961) as best man and Randall Moll (1960) as officiating minister. With such a send off, conventional good wishes seem unnecessary!

Andrew Oxley (1962) has a new job with the British Steel Corporation as Cost Development Accountant at the Dorman Teesside branch of their Constructional Engineering Division with a particular interest in computerised systems. He continues to play hockey whenever opportunity offers:

Michael Giddings (1964) is having a fantastic spell in India. He travelled over most of the globe—Poland, Russia, Siberia, Japan, Hong Kong, Thailand, etc. to get there and he then settled in Madras for a year where he was attached to the University. When he wrote last November he was planning to spend some of the winter months in the Punjab, returning to England for Christmas 1972.

Nigel Bosley (1965) is now living and working in Germany as a qualified Architect. Brother Peter (1966), also qualified, is doing a hospital job at Ealing.

Heartiest congratulations to Sam Marsh (1965) on his appearance in the British Olympic Bobsleigh team.

Anthony Bretscher (1966) having got his degree at Cambridge, is now at Leeds University Department of Genetics.

It was interesting to have news of David Hall (1966), who is training for the Teaching profession at the College of St Mark and St John, Chelsea, and is doing his second year teaching practice in Plymouth.

From Singapore came a breezy postcard from Peter Booker (1967) announcing his marriage and also a little historical research in a former outpost of Empire.

Richard Bradfield (1968) is in his last year at Pembroke, Oxford, and plans to marry in July this year.

Stephen Bodimeade (1970) writes to say how much he is enjoying his architecture course at the University of Wales and also to express his appreciation of the latest edition of the *Abingdonian*. He also reported seeing Rupert Crane and Michael Baker, both at Cardiff, and a whole crop of other OAs at Bristol.

Adrian Chalker (1970) seems to have enjoyed his stay on a large and famous Essex dairy farm and to have done very well in his exams at the Berkshire College of Agriculture. Brother John (1970), who dropped in recently, was his usual cheerful self and is thoroughly enjoying his life at Art College.

I append an offering from an Oxford Undergraduate entitled 'Some Oxford OAs':

Douglas Henderson, Mansfield. Time passes incredibly quickly, probably because the days are filled with a gay round of essays, snooker, tutorials, hockey, coffee, reading and so on. The problem is choosing what not to do. The college is small and consequently friendly, which is useful during power cuts when cards by candlelight become the main occupation. OAs can be seen around the town in more or less scholastic occupations—John Dowling has been spotted in the Turf Tavern, and the geographer Ian Browne (St Catherine's) and John Dyke (appropriately at St John's) often appear in Mansfield Road travelling to the Geography faculty. Other OAs have to be stalked to their rooms. Jock Weir at Pembroke still cycles great distances, and plays football for his college—his main complaint is about the food (Mansfield, naturally, provides some of the best college food in Oxford). Nick Beeching can be run to ground in Balliol; his room has one of the largest number of posters per wall (and ceiling) I have seen. In the intervals of learning the workings of the human body, he trains hard with a yo-yo for squash. At my first meeting with Pete Todd (Oriol) a friend of his from Eton remarked that OAs have an even more amazing capacity for conglomerating than OEs, which I can vouch for. While in the Bristol Union cafe before Christmas last year, I met nearly all of the 15 or so OAs at the University; with associated female friends, we occupied three tables. Back in Oxford, Scott Gray (Queen's) decorates his room not with posters but with cereal packets, the contents nourishing his (still) large frame. As for the remaining OAs, they must all remain hidden in libraries and rooms, studying hard; they are never seen at large, at all events. The general verdict on Oxford from those I have met is that, despite plenty of work, College life is at least tolerable.

Herewith, as promised, information about last year's leavers, normally published in the January issue.

The following went up to University in October 1971:

- Oxford:** NJ Beeching (Balliol: Exhibition, Medicine), IC Browne (St Catherine's: Geography), JM Dyke (St John's: Geography), SB Gray (Queen's: Maths), DC Henderson (Mansfield: English), AC McMillan (Christchurch: Biochemistry), JK Ridge (Jesus: Chemistry), PJ Todd (Oriol: Medicine).
- Cambridge:** SP Loosemore (Jesus: History), HJ Manning (Clare: Natural Sciences), NJ Minns (Jesus: Architecture), RC Newall (Emanuel: Natural Sciences).

- Aberdeen:** SR Soffe.
- Birmingham:** JC Griffith (Medicine), IS Jackson, NG Seaver (Medicine), DM Steele (Law).
- Bristol:** JSB Frere (Russian), DM Longdon (Medicine), JP Nicholl (Mech. Engineering), JRD Oswald (Geography), WJ Pollard (Econ./Accountancy), RG Willis (Zoology/Geology).
- Durham:** AME Brown (Theology), AM Higgs.
- Edinburgh:** DB Howat (Ecology, Scholar).
- Keele:** CM Stake (Physics/Psychology).
- Leeds:** WJ Cuthbert (Medicine).
- Liverpool:** RJ Searle (Oceanography).
- London:** University College—AR Cunninghame (Chemistry). Slavonic Studies School—DGW Murphy (Russian).
- Natal, S.A.:** RA Cole.
- Newcastle:** RC Cash (Agriculture).
- Reading:** AR Snodgrass (Agriculture/Economics).
- Southampton:** RJ Pike (Maths/Physics).
- Surrey:** CA Wallace (Physics).
- York:** TR Baker (English/Philosophy), JC Dunkerley (History).

The only reasonably reliable information that we have about the others is as follows: I should be very glad to hear from or about those whose names do not appear here.

PT Alder is in the County Planning Office at Didcot.

RJN Barwood has entered the Estate Agency business and is working for Adkin & Co.

MT Bennett is working on a farm and is going up to Cirencester Agricultural College to study Estate Management in October 1972.

CD Chafer is teaching for a year at St Piran's, Maidenhead, before going up to University.

S Chislett is now with Barclays Bank, working at an Oxford Branch.

PR Clarke is reported to be embarked on a career in Estate Agency.

GR Halstead is destined for University in October 1972, we think Bedford College, London.

DJ Longman is thought to have joined a firm of Boatbuilders.

CJ Marley is working for Euratom, part of the German equivalent of AERA and living near Karlsruhe.

CJ Murray is working with a firm of chemists prior to going up to Imperial College in 1972 to read Chemical Engineering.

MS Neville has won a place on the new RAF pre University officer cadetship scheme, which finishes in June.

MG Osborn has joined the administrative side of BOAC.

MS Paddison is articulated to a firm of solicitors.

SC Pegram hopes to obtain a University place to read Law in October 1972.

CJL Pfeil has found the niche he sought in the office of the Oxford Town Clerk.

GF Pike is thoroughly enjoying his work with an Estate Agent in Wiltshire.

RHL Savory is in Germany for a year and will be going up to Leeds in October to read Modern Languages.

GR Simpson is at Trent Polytechnic studying for his HND in Electrical Engineering.

GR Smith is studying Architecture at the Oxford College of Technology.

PGK Staniland has applied to join the regular Army.

AT Winnington is articled to a firm of Accountants in Oxford.

SJ Wood having tried and rejected Tattersall's Bloodstock Agency is now farming at home and planning to go to Harper Adams Agricultural College in Staffordshire.

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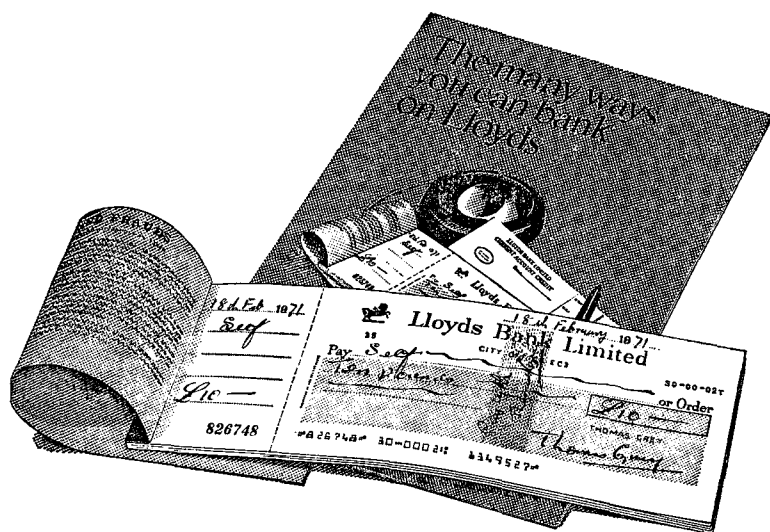
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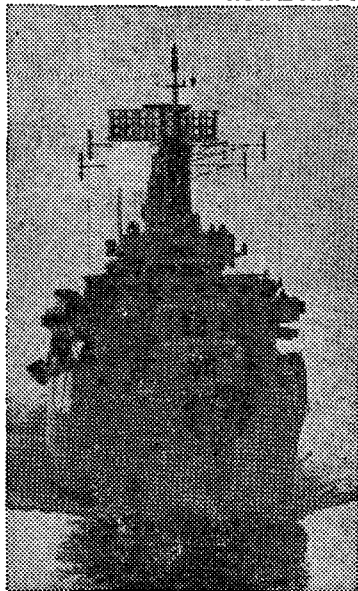
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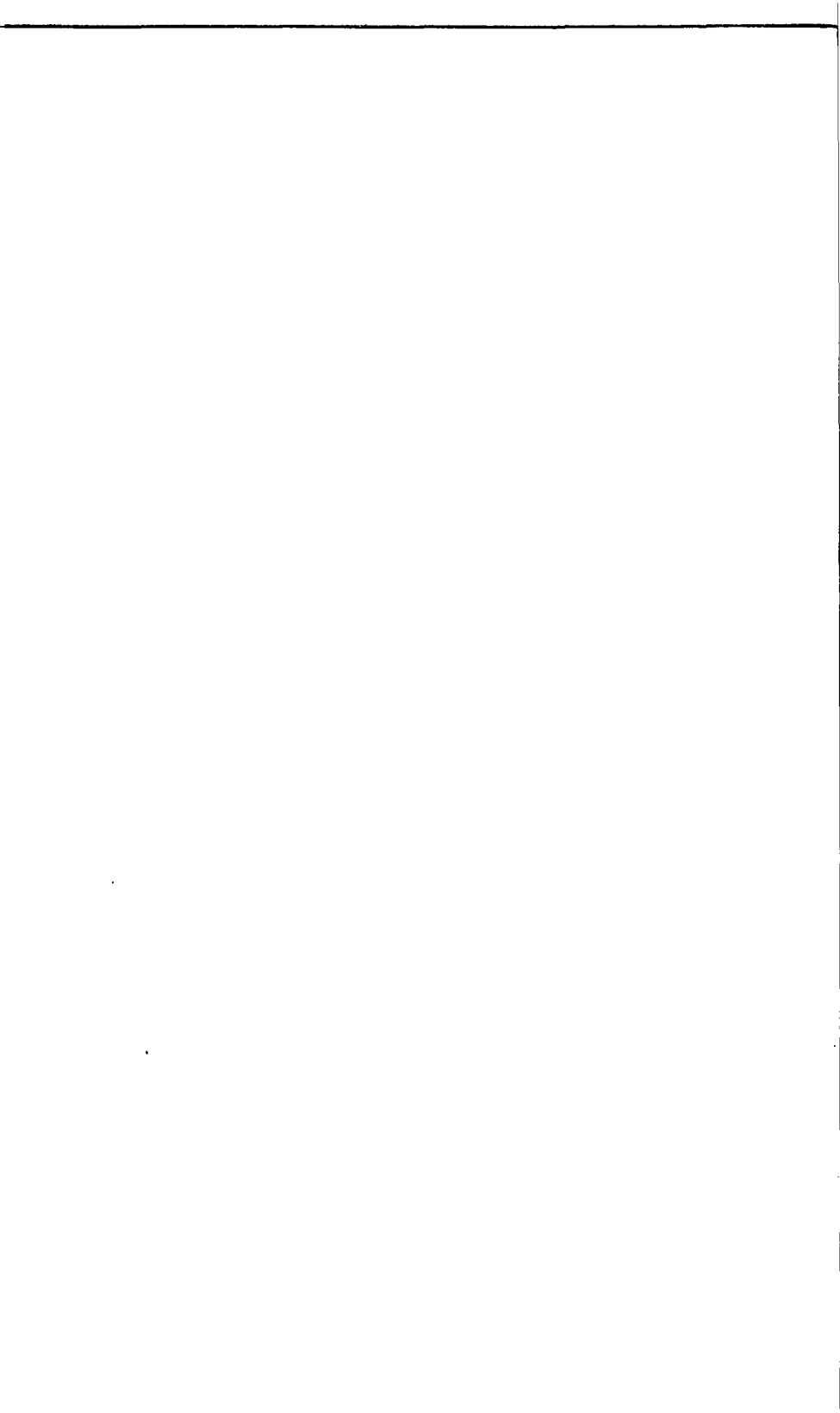
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