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In recognition of the money raised to improve the School's facilities at the time of the Quatercentenary, the Governors have erected a handsome marble plaque on the stair leading from the Entrance Hall to the Grundy Library. It reads as follows:

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AS A RESULT OF AN APPEAL
MADE TO PARENTS, OLD BOYS
AND FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL
TO COMMEMORATE THE
QUATERCENTENARY
OF ITS REFOUNDATION THE
FOLLOWING BUILDINGS WERE
PRESENTED TO THE SCHOOL

The Grundy Library
The School Shop
The Swimming Pool
The Music School
and Whitefield

C G STOW

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JAMES COBBAN,
Headmaster

JOHN HOOKE,
Chairman,
Appeal Committee

Lenten Calendar

Salutations and Congratulations

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Harmsworth on the birth of their first child, a daughter, Zoë Jane.

PWS Cox, N Franklin, M Rice, AW Smart and CV Stockwell are the winners of the latest TASS Initiative Awards. Well done! We wish KL Rigby luck in his second attempt for financial aid in the Summer.

AW Smart also deserves recognition in winning one of the sought-after RAF University Cadetships.

Unfortunately we must say goodbye to Miss Bellamy-Law, who came in 1969 as housekeeper. In this age of inflation such a job is not to be envied, especially when coupled with Victorian working conditions. However, Miss Law fared admirably well and doubtless her presence will be missed in School House.

Janus-like we turn to greet the new 'boys'. Mr Dangerfield has come to the School in charge of catering. We extend a warm welcome to him and sincerely hope he enjoys his new job. We wonder what difference a man about the house will make.

We greet one new face in the Music School (and one old one). Mr MD Procter replaces Mr Bernard Hall-Mancey. A graduate at the Royal College of Music, Mr Procter taught at Thurrock Technical College before coming here. He also assumes the post of organist at St Helen's Church. Mr Stephen Fairlie (OA) has taken the place of Mrs Harmsworth in the department until July.

Mr C Esprey from Hilton College, Natal, joins us for one term in the English Department. We hope to see him in action on the Cricket Field and in the Squash Courts as well as in the classroom. I am sure he will find plenty of things to occupy himself with.

At the end of the Michaelmas Term, we also said good-bye to Mr VA Harfield (OA), who had kindly helped out with PE and games following the departure of Mr Brodie. 'Vic', who came to us between jobs after retiring from the RAF, proved a very willing and competent coach on the rugby field.

Finally, congratulations to Simon West (1P), who has been selected to play the part of John in the film of 'Swallows and Amazons', which is being shot on location in the Lake District this summer.

Visitors

Hectic preparations were made in biological circles for the opening of the new Biology Block by Sir George Pickering, FRS, Master of Pembroke College, Oxford. After the opening Sir George was able to see many projects which boys had been working on throughout the term. With this building complete the old Nissen huts are now just a memory—a change for the better!

Mr Clifford Barclay came to give a talk to the Lower Sixth on 'Management'. He talked on business methods and on how to succeed, then he answered questions from the floor. Everyone was clearly very impressed and some were at this stage wondering what to do with their first million!

Dr MC Pike from the Radcliffe Infirmary gave a highly amusing and enlightening lecture on 'Smoking and Health'. Far from dictating the personal habits of the Fifth Form, Dr Pike merely told of the various dangers caused by smoking and gave information about the latest cancer research, on which he is presently engaged.

The Gideons came in February to present Bibles to all the new boys. Another visitor was Mr Beadle (OA), who came regularly to teach First Aid to the (ex) Police Cadets.

Mr Brodie returned with reinforcements to do follow-up tests with those strange machines: the lung function testers.

The Economists had a very full term. Mr RJ Tagg came to give a very interesting talk on the Confederation of British Industry, and in March a large open meeting was held for Sixth Formers with two visiting speakers. The subject was 'American Government and Politics' and, as well as our own contingent, the ranks were swelled by parties from St Edward's, St Helen's, John Mason and Radley. The meeting commenced with a film—'The Story of the Election Campaign'—which was informative though 'corny'. Professor AE Campbell (Professor of American History at Birmingham University) talked on the federal system of government, which caused lively discussion afterwards. The second speaker was Professor Glen Johnson (Associate Professor of Political Science, Vassar College, New York) talking on the involvement of the President, Executive and Congress in American Foreign Relations. After the great success of this venture a similar meeting is being planned to discuss the long term impact of Britain's entry into Europe.

The boarders were entertained last term by both film and lecture. The films were 'Custer', 'Whatever Happened to Aunt Alice?', 'Paradise Hotel' and 'Topkapi'. A set of interesting lectures also helped to liven up the weekend for the junior section of the School. Mr Tony Smythe talked on 'The Moose's Tooth', Mr D Johnson on 'The Bayeux Tapestry' and Mr John Wilcocks on 'Simple Heraldry'.

Outside Visits

Abingdon Coaches were kept busy again during the term owing to many excursions by sets, societies and other groups. Biologists spent an absorbing day at the Natural History Museum. Here they were able to stare to their heart's content at specimens not normally found in the laboratory's confines.

Not to be outdone, the 'A' level English and French sets 'did' their usual quota of plays. The English students saw a production of 'The Winter's Tale'. Reaction varied but opinion was unanimous: 'It was great!' 'The Country Wife' by Wycherley was also attended. Again this bawdy Restoration comedy appealed to all, but simultaneously the serious message behind the action was received.

Meanwhile the Francophiles went to see 'Tartuffe'. Reports that have percolated through show this production in a most favourable light and the cast met the audience after the performance, a sure sign of confidence if nothing else.

Two coachloads of members from St Helen's, John Mason and (of course) Abingdon School, went to London to see the controversial rock musical, 'Jesus Christ Superstar'. All were amazed at the sets, props and accompanying music. One scene that particularly pleased was the spectacular entrance of Herod.

A party of ornithologists progressed to Slimbridge one Sunday. The day was spent touring the bird pools and separate enclosures. Two watch towers provided an interesting diversion enabling visitors to watch wading birds in their natural environment.

Members of the Computer Appreciation Set made a pilgrimage to the

Oxford Polytechnical College, where they were able to see newly captured specimens. Apparently even the most well-informed had programming problems!

Sixth and Fourth Form Economists visited Didcot Power Station. They were welcomed and shown a film explaining why that particular site was chosen. Then they were taken on a conducted tour, swimming with facts and figures (specially for Economists). How this helped Economics is uncertain, but at least they know the reason for this eyesore's existence. The Fourth Formers were also taken to Early and Marriot Witney Blanket Co. later on in the term.

Miscellany

First of all we should like to thank Mr DD Searle (a parent) for the large part he played in the Biology Department's three new controlled environment chambers. Having purchased one through Mr Searle's company at a nominal price, he proceeded to give two more. Equipment such as this costs around £100 per item (excluding the development costs) and we are most grateful for such a welcome gift.

On April 24th and 25th a French Symposium was held in Whitefield for 'A' level French candidates. Several Sixth Formers took turns to speak on a variety of topics covering the main books of the syllabus. A wide variety of authors was discussed. The symposium was quite well attended and such things seem to have become quite popular. It is hoped that this trend will continue.

The mysterious 'Esso service game' has set foot in the School. It appears to be a cross between 'Monopoly' and an IBM computer feedout. Basically six 'Managements' work their hardest over a period of ten plays (one play equals one year) to become the richest. The odd illogical spanner is deliberately thrown into the well-planned operations by Mr Milton, who as adjudicator tries to ensure fair play. Industrial espionage is rife as teams move into dark corners and plan strategy. Anyway it kept the non-business men amused and the Barclayites occupied.

'Plant a tree in '73' has become something of a catch phrase around the School. However, action is always better than words, and thanks to 1H the corner of Upper Field by the Lodge is now occupied by a young evergreen. Mr Talbot and a group of merry men have also been 'doing their bit'.

The Dining Hall plans have been approved after a minor hitch. Building is expected to start some time in the immediate future.

During the term another group learnt how to read rapidly at St Helen's School, doing the same course as their predecessors. Everyone improved their reading speed without doing their comprehension any untoward mischief. This is a very worthwhile course and is especially recommended for anyone on the Arts side.

The football lobby in the School, having made its request for a permanent football pitch, moves from strength to strength. During the football season younger members of the School have been organising coach trips to some of the away matches of Oxford United. How's that for private enterprise?

We say thank-you to the Ripon Hall students for the large part they played in School activities last year. They succeeded in injecting new blood into Divinity periods by their modern approach and varied subject matter.

At a service held in Westminster Abbey, on Anzac Day, the Chaplain preached to very distinguished company including the Prime Minister of

Australia, the High Commissioner for New Zealand and a certain Edward Heath. Yet another feather in his cap!

Over now to the teleprinter, where reports on that needle match (Prefects' Common Room Gentlemen's Team versus Cross-Country Club Runners' Team) are just coming in. Our Course Correspondent writes . . .

'Those dastardly swine the Runners have again attempted to blemish the sparkling reputation of our prefects. Unwilling to risk defeat by our Gentlemen's team they resorted to every method available to such cads in order to achieve their ends. The standard handicap of fancy dress being imposed on our unscrupulous Gentlemen, the race began together with the Runners' cheating. The miserable specimens were, however, thwarted by the crowd's sense of fair play.' Needless to say, the Gentlemen chalked up yet another victory.

School Council

The School Council held four meetings last term and discussed many topics including the security of the Day Boys' Changing Rooms, the Private Study system and the School's fire precautions. A sub-committee was formed for this last point to prepare a workable fire drill to present to the Headmaster this term. This is something that seems to have been neglected over the past few years, and no one knows the proper procedure to follow in the case of a fire.

By far the most interesting meeting of the term was the last, to which the Headmaster was invited to discuss various propositions made to him by the Council. This provided a healthy opportunity for a cross-section of the School to speak with the Headmaster and the meeting was a great success. It was decided that this should become a termly arrangement.

The School Council has been functioning now for two terms, but it seems to have gathered dissent throughout the School as to its effectiveness. I should like to clear the air on this point. The Council was originally intended primarily as an advisory body and an extra channel of communication. It is representative of the whole School, however: no one should be impatient or expect major decisions from it.

P. D. Cook and A. Davies were re-elected last term as the Chairman and Secretary respectively. AD

From the Head of School

I should like to reply, through your pages, to the views expressed on the prefectorial system in the Lent Term Editorial.

The prefect's role is twofold. His first task and the more obvious one is the carrying out of regular routine duties such as supervision of the Day Boy Changing Room or the ringing of bells on time, all of them essential for the smooth running of the School. The second task is less easy to explain. A prefect, when he accepts appointment, admits that he is concerned for the School as a whole and would like to play his part in seeing that members of the School learn to live together in harmony. He would also hope to have the opportunity to show, by his example, what society expects and what it does not permit.

On occasion, the prefect may be called upon to give punishment. It may be that on his duty patrol he comes across some act of vandalism or bullying, and it is absolutely necessary that those concerned should be made to realize that such behaviour is not acceptable. No punishment is pleasant to hand out and, of course, a successful system of discipline is one in which

mutual respect works and punishments are few. But ideal conditions rarely apply and certainly not among schoolboys.

The suggestion put forward by the School Council that the power of the prefects should be suspended for an experimental period would, I believe, not work. Respect for the law is something that has to be taught and some punishment is an inevitable part of this training. Too often, experience has shown that weak prefects always result in lots of punishments. The suspension of the prefectorial system could, I am sure, seriously damage the understanding between boys and prefects that is now growing up—an understanding which has led to considerably less punishment in recent months.

At the beginning of last term, I said that the question of prefectorial reform had been sufficiently aired. I also said that I thought that the prefects for the remainder of their time in office should stop discussing whether they should be prefects and get on with their job or resign: no one resigned. I said, too, that any fool can do a job badly but that it takes sense and dedication to do it well. Our year may not be remembered as the year which abolished prefects but it could be remembered as a year when a set of prefects, who had a job to do, got on with it and did it well.

Chapel Notes

The Lent Term began with the customary beginning of term service in St Helen's Church, a privilege for which we are as always grateful to the Vicar and churchwardens. The Chaplain caused some surprise in his sermon by stating that this was the third and most probably the last occasion that he would preach to the whole school assembled together. In general the Lent Term has seen few innovations, but it has mainly been a question of trying to do the same things a little better. The Friday evening Eucharist has generally been well supported and we have used the new Series III liturgy on a number of occasions. The Abingdon Deanery Synod met in the Court Room on 26th January, preceded by Compline in the Chapel. A series of Lent addresses were given by the Chaplain on Wednesday evenings.

The Christian fellowship meetings have continued to be held on Mondays in the lunch break in Chapel and the weekly Bible Reading groups have met regularly on Wednesday evenings at 23 Park Road, thanks to the kindness of Mr and Mrs Eden. Four boys, Hey, Cook, Todd and S Walker, attended the ever-popular Challenge Weekend for Sixth Formers at the Royal Foundation of St Katharine; while three others, Boatright, Terry and Waterfall, spent an enjoyable week of their Easter holidays on the course for Sixth Formers at Lee Abbey.

We were fortunate to welcome the following as visiting preachers: Rev. Ronald Ackerman, Area Secretary of the Church Missionary Society, and it was a great pleasure that he was joined on this occasion by Mr John Rowley (OA), now at Keble, who was able to tell us at first hand something of his experiences in Kenya with CMS; Rev FE Rusby, Vicar of Fyfield, Tubney and Kingston Bagpuize; Mr Robin Richardson, formerly director of the Bloxham Project; Rev Ronald Gordon, Vicar of the University Church of St Mary the Virgin; and a very welcome return visit by the Rev John Backus of Oriol College. The Headmaster and the Chaplain preached on various other occasions.

Collections during the term were for the following: the Nicaraguan Earthquake Disaster Fund, £13·46; Church Missionary Society, £3·39; Oxford Samaritans £5·51; New Guinea Mission, £7·69; Royal School of Church Music, £5·19; British Red Cross Society, £5·75; United Society for the Pro-

pagation of the Gospel, £3·03; Feed the Minds Campaign, £6·21; Chapel Funds, £4·46; and a final Lenten effort to assist the 'Countdown to Disaster' Fund to help the victims of the impending drought in India, £19·94. Some boys have also kept Lent boxes as well, but the total of their contents is not yet known.

Finally a word of thanks to the ladies who brighten up the Chapel with their flower arrangements: Mesdames Anderson, Reenan, Sewry and Woolnough, and Misses Farr and Myatt. We miss their good work in the austerity of Lent when the Chapel is kept bare. Once again we are most grateful to Miss Farr for her scrupulous care of the fine linen.

PGO

Music Notes

Bach was the central figure in last term's music. And why not? He is the one composer who grows younger rather than older with the passing of time. The modernism of his style increases as even that of the Stockhausen brigade diminishes. And to think that his contemporaries dismissed his music as being old fashioned!

The Christmas Oratorio was presented by the Choral Society on the second day of term (Abbey Hall). We finished up on the last night with the fourth Cantata and second Suite in Trinity Methodist Church. This finale ably demonstrated one of the outstanding features of the term's concert-planning; an equal sharing of ideas and musical direction by the music staff's four full-timers.

Jonathan Katz, taking a term off from Sanskrit-reading at Pembroke, Oxford, stepped into Bernard Hall-Mancey's foot-prints. In giving myself a 'sabbatical' away from the chapel choir, he produced a magnificent performance of 'Christ lag in Todesbanden', substituting an exciting and rhythmically articulated continental sound for the traditional Abingdon one (you know, soft strains, reminiscent of the fluted Cambridge noise). He brought to the choir experience gained as organist and choirmaster at the Lutheran Cathedral in Munich, where he was for a time. Then there was his passion for Oriental music which he demonstrated to Sixth Form option sets and practised with First Form improvisatory groups. The desk at which he worked bears the inscription, 'Jonathan Katz was here'. We won't forget—any more than we shall forget his prefacing a Sunday evening music society concert by sitting cross-legged on the better Bechstein whilst intoning an ancient Arabic song. The vigour and stimulus which he brought to the music department in so short a space of time will be felt and warmly appreciated for a long time to come.

Stephen Fairlie knows little Arabic, but can recite the dour English ballad—'The Outlandish Knight'—to the accompaniment of all the School's fiddlers (playing Di-tonally, too; beat that!). That was only about a week after half-term, when he took over the string teaching. It was he who directed from the violin (Neville Marriner style) the Bach Suite in B minor. Tim Parker (flute) was the soloist, and the same admirable combination produced part of a Mozart flute concerto earlier in the term. 'The Outlandish Knight' took place in an experimentally-biased concert which included stereophonic brass noises, and the 'hit' sound of 2R form band under David Robbins. He directed, also, the best concerted brass music yet heard in Abingdon in performances of Purcell's Queen Mary Funeral Music and a Gabruli double brass choir motet. The Improvisers kept going—and actually gained an objective (not the point at all!)—the recording of the sound track

for the Abingdon Dramatic Society's production of McNiece's 'Christopher Columbus'.

The junior choral society learnt Britten's 'Missa Brevis' for boys' voices in two weeks and sang it twice in performance, each time with moving conviction. On the orchestral front, there were two occasions of special importance. Members of the senior orchestra entered for the North Berks Music Festival which was held in Faringdon during March. In this supposedly non-competitive jamboree, they found themselves rising competitively to the demands of Rossini's 'Thieving Magpie' amidst two hundred others. If you haven't heard Jeremy Pike's Piano Concerto, given by the North Berks Youth Orchestra at Reading University on April 18th, then you ought to try to make the repeat performance at Blackstone School, Wallingford, on June 9th (in fact, the whole School ought to be there!).

Yet in all this, the most creative pre-Spring event was the arrival of Zoë to Clare and David Harmsworth. It is an enormous loss to us to lose Clare as string teacher. She came to the music school in 1969 after an interim year following the death of Frances Kitching, to step into those formidable shoes. As the first-ever full-time violin/viola teacher, Clare has built this side of the School's music into a situation where the painstaking care of the individual pupil is matched only by her knowledge of the need to develop ensemble playing. Quartets, quintets, octets and carols for junior strings ('Death and the Maiden' for Halliday's lot), all these began to establish themselves as the main feature of lunch-time and after-School activities. Moreover, her work in the Abingdon Junior Music School has created an investment of talent which is making itself felt right through the Abingdon community and up into the NBYO, where I am happy to say she will continue to coach the violinists.

Many congratulations, and our warmest thanks, Clare.

ARLeF

The Recruiting Officer

'... Then Julian Turner's pistol fell to pieces ...'

'... It got to the point that a copy of the play was brought on to the stage ...'

'... And when it came to the swordfight one of the swords was still in the Green-room ...'

If a play is to be remembered by those little mistakes that make every producer's dream a nightmare then the memory of 'The Recruiting Officer' will remain for ever. During the three-night stand at the Unicorn Theatre Mr Owen's 'A' level English played to packed houses, eagerly expecting George Farquhar's comedy. Whether intentionally or not, the play took the back seat while those little mistakes snowballed into bigger ones. Missed cues and muffed lines caused not embarrassing silences but moments of hysterical wildness, providing the best entertainment for a long time. The cast injected a lot more humour and comedy into a play where such things were otherwise lacking.

The 'women' deserve congratulations both on their ability and courage. (Don't worry, lads, the negatives have been destroyed.) Alistair Johnstone, looking attractively hideous, managed to maintain his falsetto throughout the proceedings and David Hurley as Rose, the country wench, had the house in stitches with his coy looks and unabashed forwardness. Jan Wojciehowski had the most difficult female rôle to play, yet for the most part he managed well, despite impromptu imprecations.

The peasants' rôles were borne excellently by Steven 'say no more' Maunder, Nigel Morgan (Costair Pearmain) and Chris Williams (Bullock). Their reactions were most natural and relaxed, whilst their ability to act drunk astounded all. Moreover, it must be stated here that David Binks' rôle as the policeman was caused through no fault of his own! Paul Stimpson worked well in his portrayal of the stolid paternalistic Balance, although the occasional memory failure did not pass unnoticed.

Mr Worthy, the lovesick Salopian gentleman, was played with great conviction and feeling by Mr 'Get 'em out Jack' Owen, yet Ian Greaves (Kite) came up from behind, after a slow start, almost to steal the show in the guise of an astrologer. Finally we come to the two recruiting officers, Andrew Clift (Plume) and Julian Turner (Brazen). Both showed that they not only had a head for making mistakes but one for turning these errors to their advantage when they did come. Andrew Clift gave an excellent performance as the dashing soldier, who was not the coxcomb he appeared to be, and Julian Turner, 'my dear', fared equally well as the flamboyant name-dropping, pouff celebre.

The cuts made were sensible and added to the rapid action of this hectic play. On stage the cast moved surprisingly well and diction was most clear. The make-up was very effective, but many found it rather heavy for the rather delicate lighting system installed in the Unicorn. Perhaps now is the time to congratulate the invisible prompter without whom this show would not have been possible!

No review would be complete without mentioning the great enthusiasm and spirit displayed by all the cast throughout the production. The whole play was solid entertainment, though much of it was not provided by Farquhar's pen—and we express our gratitude to Farquhar for so thoughtfully inventing the biro to be used as a stage property! Meanwhile we impatiently await the next extravaganza by the same players—Farquhar's 'Beaux Stratagem'.

The Ghost Train

3V are a force to be reckoned with, and it reflects great credit on any form that it can supply not only enough talent for a cast but a complete backstage and administrative team too. Their thoroughness and enthusiasm managed to pack the Unicorn Theatre with an appreciative audience for two nights and offer adequate restoration to jaded spirits.

Their efficiency and imagination transformed the Unicorn stage from its normal 'period' appearance into a railway station building complete with waiting-room furniture. However, there was still a lot of stage left and it is a pity that more use was not made of these open spaces with characters tending to crowd, to stand in a long line across the stage, or to sit round in a semi-circle as if watching some invisible television set. This perhaps betrayed lack of confidence among the actors at times. The only performer who really did seem unafraid to use the stage was David Poole, playing Teddie Deakin. He livened up all the scenes he appeared in, adding considerable verve to the affair.

But he did not have the show to himself. I enjoyed Martin Hingley's performance as Richard Winthrop, the harassed husband. He was well supported by Kate Perring, who brought a welcome hauteur to the part of Elsie, his wife. Alistair Halliday gave a bright-eyed and attractive performance of the bright-eyed Charles Murdock, although rather prone to develop fits of the giggles. A befuzzed Martin Spoor gave us a convincing interpretation of

the stationmaster. Good make-up and movement adequately made up for rapid diction.

I enjoyed Cathy Leach as Miss Bawne, who slept very convincingly on an excruciatingly uncomfortable-looking table. Marion Cole made the most of a diminutive stature and rather shrill voice. Her intensely piercing gaze conveyed most convincingly the half-crazed nature of the woman she was portraying. Simon Williams was a superbly smooth Herbert Price and a most commanding figure on stage. Richard Perkins was suitably grave as Dr Sterling.

All in all, then, 'The Ghost Train' clearly showed sterling virtues, despite the reservations I have made. It had a consistent liveliness and was throughout visually most appealing. However, it was the second School performance within one term whose final achievement was vitiated by the fact that the actors simply did not know the lines. It is a pity this has to be tolerated at the expense of a little more attention to fundamentals. MB

Literary Society Creative Writing Competition

Despite publicity about the School, the entry was small, especially in view of the good writing which we know is done by boys of all ages. Of the work in the senior section, the judges' unanimous decision was to award first-prize to Julian Turner's 'Fire Song', an intellectually distinguished and technically eclectic piece of work, which gained first place over Andrew Urban-Smith's sensitive but more derivative prose sketch. In the junior section (First to Third Forms), Paul Bradford's 'Vindictive' again was put in first place by all the judges: in itself perhaps this is an even more remarkable piece of writing, which like 'Fire Song' is not obviously influenced by any one single author, but shows an appealing freshness of view. There was no obvious runner-up in this section.

Such work as was submitted was of a good standard, but it is a pity that more boys did not wish to make public some of the interesting work which finds its way into English exercise books occasionally.

The competition was judged by Mr Blocksidge, Mr McKinnon, Mr Owen and JR Hills.

'FIRE SONG' by JULIAN TURNER. First Prize in the Senior Section.

I believe myself to be the saviour—
Stitch up other people's imperfections,
Make a more complete creation,
Bequeath my soul to you, to graft my changes,
Make you whole.
I am proud in my approach.

See me on the shoreline,
One man among the breaker's band—
The mergence of sky and sea
Like an old boat song beyond,
Thinking I bring peace to people—I don't—
I just command simplicity.

Remember this—your childhood's dance.
Sea and sky of the same colour compounded;
The wind working at each.
What I built on is unstable, self,
Begins to shift and fly from centre, like
The man who built his house on the same sand of the same beach.

Learn a lesson from the night wind—
I heard its voice like an ocean in the trees,
It moved among them like Christ among us poor humans.
All insubstantial and holding on to nought,
The wind. Possessing no one
The wind owns all.

The sky, wild with fans of wind,
The gulls burning at head-height.
Half the world goes hungry.

Man unmakes this, bastard,
He denies his parents,
Prefers to think himself eternal.
Makes him God, his self, unmakes man,
Man's world, makes a mark over the wilderness,
Will not know himself.

I, a wanderer, an aching Saviour,
Cast up like drift wood on the sea shore,
Knowing I am wanted, feeling the fire inside.
Dried and gathered, for shore fire,
On the shingle I am burnt.
My smoke gives body to the wind—watch it whirl and pause.

But like all fires I burn down
And end in ash.
No saviour, I, to rise again,
Undone in burning, burnt out,
My being at an end.
I am unborn.

'VINDICTIVE' by PAUL G. BRADFORD, 3T. First Prize in the Junior Section.

'That was a goal!'

'No, it wasn't. It didn't quite cross the line.'

'It did!'

'No goal.'

Mrs Bingley watched her son protest that it was a goal, but she was witnessing his defeat. Already he was sulky. She didn't really like him to play football. It was all arguments. She had to protect him, keep him from bad influences. Not like James. James was sensible, but Adair—well.

Then she watched as the boy who had gruffly told Adair that it was not a goal, dribbled the ball towards the goalmouth. Her eyes had registered Adair coming up behind him, but it was not until the boy was rolling on the ground, squealing in pain and holding his leg, that she intervened.

'Adair!'

He looked up. Home. Back to the seven drab little rooms that constituted

their house. His mother chastised him all the way home. The child was sullen. Felt resentful.

'You mustn't be vindictive.' The words sank like knives into his brain, but it was always the same. He was a bad, vindictive little boy. He must not do things like that, blah, blah, blah.

The small black mouse ran along Adair's bedroom floor. It was looking for an escape. A way out. Some opening to free it from the miserable captivity of the damp, cramped cage that it would soon be put back into.

Quickly and deftly Adair stopped up a hole. The mouse looked up at him. Chastising him. Chastising him. The mouse was his mother. Those beady eyes his mother's. That long pink nose was his mother's. That black fur was his mother's hair.

Bells rang in his ears, and lights flashed in his head, lighting up the inner recesses of his mind. Illuminating dark corners.

A quick snatch. The mouse was in his hand. Another grab and he had a knife. Then slowly, very slowly, he pressed the point of the knife into those beady eyes. The mouse gave a terrified squeak then fell to a bloody trembling. Adair didn't like the mouse shaking and shivering like that.

'Stop it!' he hissed angrily. 'Stop it before I——.' The mouse's tail parted in his hand with a sound like a breaking rope slightly magnified. He stared at the segment of tail in his hand. It was like mashed potato coloured red. The half-strangled remains of the mouse fell from his hand. It struggled along the floor, uncomprehending. Not knowing why this hell had been wrought upon it.

'Goodbye, Mummy,' whispered Adair with a sneer, and felt bones crunch beneath his feet.

TASS

The 6th Annual General Meeting of The Abingdon School Society was held on February 8th in the Music School, when Professor WD Allen was elected President for the year 1973. Other officers elected were:

Chairman, Mr John Rayson; Vice-Chairman, Mr RG Mortimer; Secretary, Mrs Muriel Willis; Treasurer, Mr RE Eason.

Mrs J Ashby was co-opted to the Committee, and Christopher Driver, William Packer and Nicholas Jefferson will represent the School. We record with thanks for services rendered, the resignation of Colonel D Buller West, who has served on the Committee since the formation of the Society, and Mrs Deane, who organised so successfully teas for the cricketers and other social functions of the Society, also Peter Barton and Nigel Morgan, last year's representatives of the School. The thanks of the Society are also due to Mr Gerald Howat, who has completed his three-year term of office as Chairman. He remains on the Committee for one year.

Plans have been made for the next Christmas Bazaar to be held on November 24th. Mrs Tattersfield, 8 Thame Lane, Culham, will be glad to have offers of help again. The next Initiative Awards evening will be held on October 3rd. Please book these dates.

The social event for the Summer Term is to be a barbecue and musical evening to be held from 7.00pm onwards in the gardens of the Unicorn Theatre behind the Abbey Hall, Abingdon, and it is hoped that the occasion will be as enjoyable as the visit to Nuneham Mansion last summer. The date is to be Thursday, June 7th.

MW

Easter Holiday Excursions

Bielefeld

On Monday 26 March, eighteen boys from this School and two masters assembled at the School prepared for the voyage to Bielefeld, West Germany. We departed punctually and the journey to Dover by coach, then train was uneventful. The Channel crossing proved unusually calm and soon we were chugging away from Ostend with the rather daunting prospect of a near seven-hour train journey ahead of us. However, I for one was pleasantly surprised by the comfort of the continental trains. Time passed fairly quickly, and after changing trains at Cologne we drew into Bielefeld Hauptbahnhof a few minutes late at a quarter-past midnight. Our hosts were on the platform and we emerged from the train to a barrage of German welcomes. For all but two of us this was a new experience and, rather bemused, we were each allotted to a German family. After being whisked away in cars we were soon bedded down for the night in our new surroundings.

On the following days we experienced German school life and its oddities. School begins at ten to eight at the Bielefeld Ratsgymnasium and ends for the day at ten to one! The actual lessons are similar to those in England, although the scope of subjects for senior pupils is much larger. (I vividly recall sitting absolutely stupefied for forty minutes as an elderly German went rapidly through the merits of Socrates' work and philosophy!) The end of the period bell heralds the appearance of numerous multi-coloured polythene bags containing the inevitable brown bread sandwiches. Mid-morning break also produces a large crowd of pupils outside the school main doors where, and only where, they are allowed to smoke during school time!

Several excursions were organised, including a guided tour of Bielefeld—it is a large, thriving town with many historical sights to visit. The trip through the Ravensberger Land was unfortunately cancelled due to bad weather, but the visit to Paderborn and its cathedral went off successfully. There was also a day excursion to Göttingen, the highlight of which for me was the visit to the East German border. We were lucky to be joined there by a group of English soldiers, who pointed out to us the position of watch-towers, guard dogs, and amongst other things the number of land mines in the seemingly innocent field in front of us!

Other events included a joint concert in which our instrumentalists performed magnificently, much to the delight of the young German audience, who filled the hall with applause and later demanded an encore from our pianist, Chris Hey. The usual international (!) football match also took place and resulted in a defeat for our hosts. Full of confidence we entered a return match, but our tactics failed us and we sorrowfully lost.

The remainder of the stay was spent with our hosts, who did all they could to please us. The time passed all too quickly, however, and it was not long until we were bidding farewell to our German friends, somewhat reluctantly. The homeward journey was a little more uncomfortable than our outward voyage, mainly due, I think, to the onset of the holiday season. However, we all arrived back at Abingdon none the worse for wear and all the wiser from our experiences.

Finally, I would like to speak for all of us in thanking Mr Hasnip and Mr McGowan and their counterparts, Herr Schäpersmann and his German colleagues, who all helped to make the visit such a success.

BJP

Geographical Visit to Europe

Apart from a holiday of thirteen days on the Continent, the Fifth-form group studied aspects of French agriculture and industrial development on the Rhine, both topics in the ordinary level geography syllabus. We also familiarised ourselves with the geography of the Moselle valley, the Rhenish uplands and Holland.

Leaving Glyndwr at 4.30am on April Fool's Day and following a bumpy Hovercraft 'flight' to Calais, we were well into France for a Sunday lunch of bread, cheese and onions. We spent the night at Laon examining the site and situation of this attractive fortress town. In the morning we visited the old-fashioned Champagne cellars of Krug et Cie in Reims, were told how Champagne was made, and finally sampled their tasteful product. Driving on through Dry Champagne in continuous rain, we camped just outside the fortifications at Verdun.

On the third day we passed through Luxembourg and Trier to spend a frosty night beside the Mosel at its most picturesque at Bernkastel. Here we examined large barge traffic on the river, looked at the canalisation project resulting from the European Coal and Steel Community, and saw evidence of Viticulture around us. During the day we crossed the Hunsruck, descended the Rheingau and found ourselves at Bingen, at the head of the Rhine Gorge. Stopping quite frequently we drove downstream through Koblenz, the Middle Rhine Basin, Bonn, to Cologne, where we stayed for several days. From here we visited Leverkusen, Dusseldorf and completed two transects across the Ruhr in heavy rain and low visibility; consequently we abandoned our planned boat visit around the inland port of Duisburg-Ruhrort.

From Cologne we drove to Amsterdam and parties visited Anne Frank House, the Modern Art Museum and a diamond polishing works, while we all had a conducted tour round the Heineken Brewery. We spent part of a day in North Holland and examined a polder at Marken, saw something of reclamation in the IJsselmeer and noted industry and farming around Volendam. On the way back we passed alongside Amsterdam Docks.

On our last day in Amsterdam we saw the entire Dutch Royal Family greet the President of Roumania at the Palace at the start of a State Visit to Holland.

The eleventh day saw us in The Hague, camping at Rotterdam for the night. We took a two-hour boat trip around Rotterdam Docks—the largest port in the world—and in the afternoon drove downstream examining industrial activity at Pernis, Rozenburg and Europoort. Our remaining time was spent driving to Calais, stopping en route at Breda, Antwerp and St Nikolaas.

The party comprised Anthony Davies, Michael Howat, Mark Osborne, Mark Phillips, Michael Stimpson, Martin Wartke and Mr Hammond.

MWS

The Beziers Exchange 73

A slightly dazed group of students waited apprehensively for the familiar orange Tappins coach on the morning of the 2nd of April, 1973. Simultaneously both the coach and the rain arrived. A bad omen perhaps? At 7.00am on a wet April morning no one thought of omens.

Cases stowed, parents gone; we were now finally headed towards Béziers, France. Twelve or thirteen boys and an attractively liberal sprinkling of



The First Fifteen



The Hockey Eleven



The Cross Country Club



IH plant a tree

girls from St Helen's. The majority of us not quite knowing what to expect, the remainder nostalgically relating the fortunes of past visits.

After a sleepless night, for the majority, we finally arrived in Béziers and were whisked away in separate directions, whilst nervously trying to make ourselves understood, for the most part unsuccessfully.

It seemed unfortunate the schools were not yet on holiday, although it allowed us time to familiarise ourselves with the town and also to experience a little of the life in French schools.

During the stay there were two organised functions which we attended. The first being the trip to the Pont-du-Gard and Nîmes, very interesting for those whose previous experience had been restricted to photographs in history books. From the Pont-du-Gard we went to the very obviously planned holiday resort of 'Les Gardes Mottes', where a nameless member of the party ran on to the beach and shouted 'Whoopee! I'm at the seaside', but refused to take the plunge even after considerable incitement.

After recovering from the day's outing we assembled the following evening at the Marie for the official reception—an excuse to don our best clothes and manners! We were all delighted after the official address because we had understood it; we were obviously making progress.

Once more on behalf of the '73 exchange I would like to thank all the organisers, on both sides of the Channel; Messrs Ferrandi and Taylor and to Mr and Mrs Dunn for having the courage to accompany us, and of course to the town of Béziers for making us so welcome.

We will return.

SAM

Italy '73

It came as quite a surprise that the thirty-five assorted Abingdonians who were gracing the departure lounge at Gatwick on the afternoon of Sunday, April 8th, ever reached Italy at all—such an effective job did air-traffic control make of delaying our flight by what seemed several hours. But a speedy flight and efficient coach trip brought us into Rome at 11pm, and gave us our first glance of 'the eternal city' in darkness.

We awoke the next morning to the hubbub of Roman traffic, and it was not long before we were whisked away, under Mr Woodgett's enthusiastically expert guidance, to most of the major classical (and some non-classical) sights of Rome. This was an excellent introduction to the atmosphere and geography of the city, and (with visits to the Forum, the Coliseum and Nero's Golden Palace) provided an excellent basis from which members of the party could follow their own noses around Rome for the next two days, again taking in a wide selection (but only a small proportion) of places of interest. Our first real classical field-day, however, was a trip to Ostia, a large Roman site on the location of the old Port of Rome. This proved to be an interesting comparison with the more luxurious town of Pompeii which we visited later in the week. For transport, we used the Underground (Metropolitana), a means of public transport rather more reliable than some of the others attempted. One member of our party in particular made a notably late return one evening, after having found himself deserted during a bus strike.

As we moved south, after four days in the capital, the countryside and towns changed considerably. Despite the horrific experience of a Neapolitan rush-hour (with traffic on the pavements as well as on the roads), all was much quieter and more peaceful. We stayed in Seinno, near Sorrento, a naturally beautiful part of Italy, between mountain and Mediterranean,

much in favour as a holiday resort in the summer months, but pleasantly underpopulated in darkest April!

From here we struck out decisively at the classical sites round Vesuvius. The coach took us sixty miles to Paestum (in the rain!), a Greek and Roman colony to the south, with its impressive temples, and then the driver earned the plaudits of the whole party by taking us back along one of the most picturesque (and hair-raising!) drives in Europe: along the Amalfi coast, perched high above the sea, and negotiating snake-like bends for well over an hour.

This second part of the trip was truly a classical paradise, with Roman remains opening on all sides. After Paestum, we spent an afternoon amidst the ruins of Herculaneum (another Roman sea-port), and whilst enjoying the warmth of the afternoon, kept in mind that our energies would soon have to be devoted to, what to many was the climax of the week, a visit to Pompeii. The weaker spirits spent a suitably relaxing Sabbath in Capri, enjoying sunshine and rest, while the fanatics headed towards Pompeii for the first of two days there. The rest of the party spent most of the last day among the excavations which, when visited and experienced, really brought to life the scenes which figure more prosaically in the text of the Nuffield Classics course!

We had experiences, too, of a more volcanic nature, visiting the active crater of Solfatera near Pozzoli (and being nearly overcome by hydrogen sulphide fumes), as well as the larger but less offensive Vesuvius. But after eight active and educative days, coaches and 'planes had to be caught again, and we left Italy for Abingdon on Tuesday, April 17th.

Many thanks to Mr Woodgett and his fellow-organisers.

MES/MB

Societies

In general, the society scene was quite active last term, even though many societies have ceased functioning or lay dormant for various reasons. Several have started to flourish with new interest and better attendance, whilst others have continued with highly successful meetings. In this latter category lies the **Inter Schools Sixth Form Society**, which, although a joint society with St Helen's, Our Lady's Convent and John Mason, has one of the largest memberships from our School of all the School's societies. A visiting representative from the National Union of School Students gave a talk to an interested audience, provoking some heated discussion on many topics. At the end of the term there was a very well attended discotheque held at the Northcourt Centre. Two meetings for next term have already been arranged, including a barn dance.

Another society which has been particularly successful is the **Scientific Society**. This has received faithful support from many Upper Sixth Formers whilst the Lower Sixth audience is still growing. Dr Dunn of the Conservation Society gave a controversial but informative talk on 'The Energy Crisis' which was followed by a lively discussion. Dr Quigley from the Radio and Space Research Establishment at Slough spoke on the subject of Quasars to a combined **Scientific and Astronomical Society** audience. In the third meeting of the term, two papers were read, one on 'Genetics and Animal Breeding' by Andrew Clift and the other on 'The Origin of Life' by Robin Wait.

The **Law Group** convened for two meetings last term. The first of these was a visit to Oxford Crown Court arranged by invitation from His Honour Judge Mynett. The case conveniently chosen to last just the one day involved the law of assault. In the second meeting, Mr JR Christee, a practising London accountant, gave an excellent summarisation of company law together with some finer points of company administration.

The **Debating Society** sprang to life last term also with two meetings. The first, a rather tepid debate, was held at St Helen's, but unfortunately the floor failed to grasp the motion fully, so Keith Leedham and Caroline Molesworth rode home by a narrow margin. Towards the end of term a breath-taking spectacle was witnessed by those who turned up to see Andrew Clift and Tim Parker proclaim their Hedonist philosophy; however, this time the motion was won by the opposition.

Mr Perry Butler gave a very entertaining talk on 'Gladstone' to last term's single **Historians** meeting. The subject appealed to those taking 'O' level History and as a result the meeting was very well attended.

A variety of activities made up a good term for the **Cullen Society**. An excellent paper on 'The Modern Music Scene—a Personal View' was written and read by Richard Griffiths. (Thanks are due to Mr and Mrs Rayson for their kind hospitality.) The society also paid a highly successful visit to Oxford in order to see Procul Harum—a nice band'.

After many difficulties the **Royse Society** eventually met only once last term when Robin Wait gave a very interesting and stimulating talk on 'Mythology'.

The **Literary Society** also only held one meeting last term. At this Mr Jonathan Wordsworth (fellow of Exeter College, Oxford) spoke on his famous ancestor. From his talk, it was clear that Mr Wordsworth was in total sympathy with the poet, perhaps the result of a hereditary temperament and fifteen years of study. He gave the society the benefit of his abundant knowledge and understanding, involving those who knew little and those studying Wordsworth on an 'A' level text alike in the discussion.

A season of evocative films were seen by members of the **Film Society** which continues to flourish. These included 'Straw Dogs', 'Bofors Gun', and 'The Servant'.

The Lent Term saw little activity from the **Jazz Club**, who were labouring under the weight of considerable apathy. This was most unfortunate, for the initial response to the reincarnation of the club eighteen months ago revealed none of this.

The situation was not helped by the inability on the part of various members of staff to realise that the club's membership spans the whole School; their opinion being that the club should be open to the Sixth Form only. This meant that a large number of boarding members were unable to attend the concert put on by the club in the Music School. Those who were able to attend thoroughly enjoyed the polished performance given by the band, 'Snow Leopard'.

This term has been something of a period in which to take stock of the situation for the members of the **Model Railway Society**. The layout in the conservatory was repaired and renovated, much improving the general effect. AW Smart and N Newport both had layouts of theirs featured in 'The Railway Modeller', the crowning achievement of several years hard work. The society looks forward to the Summer Term and Founder's Day, when its exhibitions serve to keep the younger visitors occupied.

The **Bridge Club** is increasing in popularity again and prospects are good

for the Summer Term. A team from the School entered several contests, including the 'Daily Mail' championships, but had only moderate results. Meanwhile the relatively unknown **Scrabble Club** remained rather inert with only a few meetings. As the term drew to a close, preliminary games for the National Scrabble Championship were being played. The **Philatelic Society** also had an uneventful term with the cancellation of a proposed trip to London and the non arrival of a film. It is pleasing to see the many people from lower forms who help to make up the society's 70 members. The **Wargaming Society**, although receiving a lot of enthusiasm from members, had difficulty in finding free days and was relatively inactive.

The **Athenæum** and **Aeronautic Society** both lay dormant last term and the following are either just ticking over or have just ceased ticking. **Joint Club**, **Modern Languages Society**, **Music Society**, **Photographic Society**, **Tape Recording and Electronic Society**, **Building Club**, and the **Junior Knowledge Society**.

Sports Reports

Hockey

The 1973 hockey season will be remembered most for its glorious weather and dry pitches, something with which we are not normally familiar. All the teams as a result had enjoyable games and much very promising hockey was played.

First Eleven

The Eleven will recall the large number of very close games this season; the results of nine out of the thirteen matches played (and all the inter-school matches) were in doubt until the final whistle, and a glance at the results will show that three defeats suffered at the end of the term spoilt what had up till then been an excellent record. This did, however, probably put into perspective the merits of an Eleven who were of good average ability but no more.

Confidence in one's goalkeeper is, of course, an essential requirement for a defence; suffice to say that Carl Atkinson was worth a goal start. Over the years Abingdon have produced consistently able goalkeepers and Atkinson has been one of the best. Robin Woods and David Hares, although both new to the position, were an effective pair of full-backs, strong and fast in recovery. Woods, in particular, struck the ball very well, but both were prone on occasions to dangerous first-time clearances. Paul Abraham, once he had learnt not to be drawn out of position, became a dominant centre-half whose stopping and distribution of the ball was very good indeed. He never gave less than one hundred per cent and his determined defence at short corners saved a number of likely goals. Chris Driver, despite his inexperience, more than justified his selection and was the most improved player in the side, developing into an attacking right-half of considerable promise. Philip Evans's positional play in defence was excellent and he was usually in control of his winger. He never mastered the crossfield pass, however, and perhaps could have supported his forwards more.

The defence, which on average conceded only one goal a game, was consistently helped by the spirited tackling back of all the forwards, and in this respect Antony Baumann set a fine example. He and Jonathan Seaver were

competent insides who worked together particularly well in the first half of the season when the forward line often looked dangerous. This early promise was never quite fulfilled, though. The square pass was not used enough nor the speed of the improving Nicholas Francis on the right-wing. Ian Manning had his moments on the left-wing but suffered from a loss of confidence latterly. Angus McPhail had many of the qualities as a centre-forward but lacked speed. Nevertheless, he laid off the ball effectively and was on hand to score six goals. Other goals were scored by Baumann (6), Seaver (10, half of them from short corners), Manning (2) and Francis (1).

Some of the best hockey was played against a Hockey Association XI which included three ex-Internationals, and we were ahead 2—1 at one stage. After the match, Harry Lewis, who was managing the H.A. XI for the last time, was presented with a couple of prints of old Abingdon and John Cadman, the National Hockey Coach, gave an interesting talk to the team. The Oxford University Occasionals were defeated 2—0, another excellent result, but the OA match was a disappointment, the OAs fielding a very weak side.

Against schools there were a number of tense finishes. Newbury, Wantage and Solihull were defeated by the odd goal, High Wycombe scored the winner two minutes from time, and drawn games were almost snatched with Bradfield and Radley. One of the best games was the drawn match against Bloxham, who had lost only two of their previous 14 matches.

We shall miss Mr Brian Woolnough next year. The 2nd Eleven—and the Staff XI—will be the poorer without him, and I would like to add my particular thanks to him for his considerable help with Game 1 over the last seven years. My thanks, too, to David Bagshaw and the Captain and Secretary for help in the smooth running of the game throughout the term.

Congratulations to Atkinson and Seaver, who joined Baumann and Abraham as Full Colours and to the rest of the team for their Half Colours. The team was: AC Atkinson; RA Woods, DC Hares; CDG Driver, PM Abraham, PH Evans; ND Francis, AW Baumann (Capt), AW McPhail, JP Seaver, IL Manning. NHP

Results:

Pangbourne College	Wed 24 Jan	(h)	Drawn	0-0
St Edward's School	Sat 27 Jan	(h)	Drawn	0-0
Newbury Grammar School	Sat 3 Feb	(a)	Won	1-0
Hockey Association	Wed 7 Feb	(h)	Lost	2-5
OU Occasionals	Wed 21 Feb	(h)	Won	2-0
Old Abingdonians	Sat 3 Mar	(h)	Won	10-0
KAS, Wantage	Wed 7 Mar	(a)	Won	3-2
Solihull School	Sat 10 Mar	(a)	Won	1-0
RGS, High Wycombe	Wed 14 Mar	(h)	Lost	1-2
Bradfield College	Sat 17 Mar	(a)	Lost	1-2
Staff Common Room	Mon 19 Mar	(h)	Won	3-0
Bloxham School	Wed 21 Mar	(a)	Drawn	0-0
Radley College	Thur 22 Mar	(h)	Lost	1-2

Matches against Oxford School and Pembroke College were cancelled.

Second Eleven

The season opened with a good win against a rather inexperienced Pangbourne team. In this, the forwards showed a lot of pace and mobility which brought a spate of goals and a lot of optimism for the season. This was soon reduced to a more realistic level when we next met a very good St Edward's side. It was there brought home that dash and hope are no real substitute

for proficiency in the basic skills. The score 2—1 in no way reflected St Edward's superiority. The skills did improve over the season; probably the best hockey being played in the last match of the term against Radley—a match we were very unlucky to lose.

The standard throughout the team was good. The defence of Jefferson, Bainton and Stimpson gave little away, although on occasion there was lack of concentration. Gresswell was always sound and at times 'inspirational' when he made his spectacular 60-yard runs! Roberts showed considerable promise and will do well once he curbs his tendency to over-elaborate. Griffiths never really fulfilled his early promise. The shape of the forward line depended on the fitness of Woolley. He led the attacks in the early matches, with a right-wing pair of Rayson and Frost and a left-wing of Bosworth and Oakley. Both pairs worked increasingly well together. In Woolley's absence, Oakley took over as centre-forward and proved equally effective. Gourlay came in as inside-forward and showed himself a skilful player on the dry pitches. On Woolley's return, we found ourselves with six good forwards and so, making a virtue out of necessity, we devised a 1—3—6 formation which proceeded to win the next two matches. This formation certainly confused the opposition and with a little more practice—and fitness—could have been very effective.

Altogether, a very enjoyable and not unsuccessful season, the tone for which was set, and exemplified, by the captaincy of Adrian Rayson.

The team came from: N Jefferson; AM Bainton, PF Stimpson; RHD Griffiths, TJ Gresswell, TG Roberts; AN Rayson (Capt), RJ Frost, GW Woolley, JN Oakley, DC Gourlay, JH Bosworth. RA Balkwill also played on one occasion. BEW

Results:

Pangbourne College	Wed 24 Jan	(a)	Won	5—0
St Edward's School	Sat 27 Jan	(a)	Lost	1—2
Newbury Grammar School	Sat 3 Feb	(a)	Lost	0—1
Magdalen College School	Wed 21 Feb	(a)	Drawn	1—1
KAS, Wantage	Wed 7 Mar	(a)	Drawn	1—1
Solihull School	Sat 10 Mar	(h)	Won	1—0
RGS, High Wycombe	Wed 14 Mar	(h)	Won	2—0
Bloxham School	Wed 21 Mar	(h)	Won	2—1
Radley College 3rd XI	Thur 22 Mar	(h)	Lost	0—1

Colts Eleven

A promising team which started the season very well and played fast, attractive hockey, particularly in the game against St Edward's. The side was, however, always prone to become eleven individuals, and this lack of cohesion contributed in no small degree to the losing of the last two matches.

Arm was a courageous goalkeeper and made some fine saves—a little wild and inclined to commit himself too early at times but a promising player. Taylor and Peck were a useful pair of backs, the former very steady, the latter needing to place his clearances more carefully and to avoid first-time hitting. The half-backs, Gale (Captain), Baumann and Shephard, were a promising combination, good and persistent in the tackle and distributing the ball well. As with all the defence, however, they tended to become erratic under pressure and there was too much random hitting. The forward line developed some penetration and often looked dangerous in approach. Finishing, however, was often poor and many scoring chances went begging.

Plant was a fast, hard-working right-wing and Gotelee, very fast on the left, developed a powerful centre—both are very promising players. The insides, Wartke and Stimpson, also played well. Wartke has probably the hardest shot in the line and Stimpson exceeded at stick work. Noble as centre-forward has much promise but needs more penetration.

The team was: AP Arm; JMG Taylor, JGH Peck; NP Gale (Captain), CJ Baumann, NJ Shephard; AN Plant, MG Wartke, PA Noble, MW Stimpson, JP Gotelee. LCJG

Results:

Pangbourne College	Wed 24 Jan	(h)	Won	2-1
St Edward's School	Sat 27 Jan	(a)	Drawn	1-1
Newbury Grammar School	Sat 3 Feb	(h)	Won	9-1
Radley College	Sat 10 Feb	(a)	Won	3-2
Solihull School	Sat 10 Mar	(h)	Lost	0-1
Bloxham School	Wed 21 Mar	(a)	Lost	1-3

The match against Magdalen College School was cancelled.

Junior Colts Eleven

Almost all the players were new to the game this season, which accounts for the poor record on paper. Nevertheless, the term provided much enjoyable hockey and Fourth-Form games were often played in the lunch-hour and in other free-time. This kind of additional practice always improves the stick work and probably helped towards several good short corner goals with the captain, Lowe, as the striker.

There was a considerable improvement in standard as the term progressed, but even the result early on against St Edward's was commendable; the goal against was in the dying moments too. The best performance was against a good Solihull side, where two goals in the first ten minutes almost proved sufficient. It was unfortunate that the two matches prior to the Bloxham game were cancelled as the lack of match practice was evident on that occasion.

Those two cancelled games were to some extent compensated for on the last Wednesday of term when a 'mainly veteran' staff team gallantly accepted the challenge and guile overcame youthful energy.

Regular team members were: AJE Allen; KR Reid, IS Thackwray; SW Morden, WJ Homewood, CR Lowe (Captain), JC Barnes; CJ Madin, NP Kay, PD Hallum, EWP Hobson, DJ Lanham, MG Howat. Also played: MA Coomber, AG Noble, DA Thomas (once each). RCBC

Results:

Pangbourne College	Wed 24 Jan	(a)	Lost	1-6
St Edward's School	Sat 27 Jan	(h)	Lost	0-1
Newbury Grammar School	Sat 3 Feb	(h)	Lost	3-6
Radley College 'B' XI	Sat 10 Feb	(h)	Won	1-0
Solihull School	Sat 10 Mar	(a)	Drawn	2-2
Bloxham School	Wed 21 Mar	(h)	Lost	1-3

A 'B' team also played Radley College 'C' XI on Saturday, 10th February, and lost 1-2.

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A Colts 'B' team played one match against Radley College on Saturday, 10th February, and a 3rd XI played one match against Radley 4th XI on Thursday, 22nd March. Both matches were lost.

The Inter-House Knockout Final was won by Blacknall House, who defeated Tesdale House 2—0 in a match which produced some very good and entertaining hockey.

Rowing

The main feature of Boat Club activities during the Lent Term has been the large number of new recruits, a most welcome sign of revival, it is to be hoped. Since last season the number of sculling boats has increased, and even though they are very old 'cast-offs' from Eton they have already proved their value. It has been a joy to see as many as twenty scullers boating simultaneously, and the rapid improvement in technique amongst the juniors has been most noticeable. The recent emphasis generally has been on work in small boats, and we shall hope to acquire more of these as time goes on.

Once again it proved impossible to boat a First Eight, for the usual reasons, but a most promising First Four has been in training and we hope for great things from them during the Summer. Their best performance was in the Schools' Head when they finished 4th, dropping only one place from last year, and with a slightly unfit substitute stroke—Peter Scott, no less! Earlier in the term they retained the Fours Pennant at the Hampton Head, but disappointingly this was almost a walk-over owing to a shortage of opponents!

The Colts Eight has been making good progress. They finished 3rd out of 10 Colts entries at the Somerset Head for Schools and 60th out of 109 at the Schools Head. They are a determined and quite powerful crew, though on the small side, and should do well over shorter distances.

The Junior Colts squad has done a lot of useful work in all types of boats. The Eight rowed in Somerset Head, coming 4th out of 5, and a four was 2nd out of 3 entries. In the Schools Head the Eight was entered as two fours finishing 39th and 50th respectively out of 55. There is a great deal of potential amongst the members of the squad which augurs well for the future.

Old members of the ASBC will be sorry to hear that Nobby Essex lost his dog Crusoe as the result of an accident. Members of the Club contributed towards the purchase of a new Cairn Terrier puppy, known as Man Friday! Contributions can still be sent to me—any surplus will be given to Nobby in cash.

Finally, we extend congratulations to last year's Captain, Derwent King, who has been rowing in the Leander Junior Squad, and rowed in Leander II in the Tideway Head which finished 5th; also to Nigel Pollard whose business commitments prevented him from accepting an invitation to join the squad. RGM

Results:

1st IV: Bow, CM Jones; 2 J Walker; 3 J Griffin; Stroke PR Forsythe; cox D Eccles.

Hampton Head (Fours)—Feb 17—won Fours Pennant.

Schools' Head (Fours)—March 15—finished 4th.

Colts VIII: Bow MH Longdin; 2 RJ Price; 3 NJ Tressider; 4 GAN Pott; 5 PC Moore; 6 AJ Capel; 7 AJ Thresher; Stroke PR Clarke; cox JM Tauwhare.

Gloucester Head—March 10—finished 11th.

Schools Head—March 15—finished 60th.

Somerset Schools Head—March 24—finished 3rd in Colts. Div.

Junior Colts VIII: Bow JA Heard; 2 IR Burles; 3 DC Homewood; 4 M Holding; 5 T Walker; 6 MR Beers; 7 JV Parsons; Stroke NR Lemoine; cox RJ Short.

Gloucester Head—March 10—finished 23rd.

Schools Head—March 15—Stern IV finished 39th, Bow IV finished 50th.

Somerset Schools Head—March 24—finished 4th in J/Colts Div.

Junior Colts IV: Bow SJ Clift; 2 MR Twine; 3 J Clarke; Stroke IM Senby; cox AJ Faunch.

Gloucester Head—March 10.

Somerset Schools Head—March 24—finished 2nd in J/Colts IVs.

Cross Country

First Team: This has been a quite outstanding season, the reason for the success being that there was a very strong nucleus of runners, all of whom trained really hard throughout the term. The strength in depth was clearly illustrated on the day the team won the triangular against Bloxham and St Edward's filling all the first six places, *even* without Turner, Binks and Urban-Smith. Chris Vernon was again a dominant figure, winning 5 races and only being beaten by Jacob of Reading, the Berkshire Youth Champion. This match against Reading and Oxford was the highlight of the season with the most outstanding race ever held on the Sunningwell course: the first 15 runners home all beat 21 minutes, including all the Abingdon team of 8, six of whom set personal bests with Vernon on 18:50, Halliday on 19:24, and Turner on 19:30. It reminded me of Whitsaturday in 1965 at the White City when I saw 8 men run the mile in under 4 minutes including Peter Snell, then the Olympic champion. However, back to Sunningwell, it should be noted that Nick Smart's course record of 18:28 still stands.

As to the team, CF Vernon always showed by example what should be done; JD Halliday was usually second in the races, he was sorely missed in the Wellington match due to overnight sickness; JDC Turner hit top form once his acting commitments were over, and, with the previous two, won selection for Berkshire in the All-England Championships; BC Waters ran consistently and always placed high up, and, with Turner, fully deserved his full colours; PAW Rogers had two runs, including the important Radley match, but then suffered a serious injury to his lungs and ribs; he has now recovered; SK Fabes had many good runs and in fact always made the scoring six; DMA Binks showed tremendous character coping with incessant niggling injuries, and it is interesting to note that at the beginning of the Michaelmas Term he was running as second string ahead of Halliday; JA Urban-Smith had flu early on and then, like Binks, ran sadly well below his best; JM Evans and JMH Hutchings had some very useful runs earning points in the middle-order placings; DP Lynn and RC Hingley were promoted occasionally from the Colts and often beat some of their senior teammates.

Selection was as usual a problem with nobody available for all 7 matches, but luckily adequate replacements could always be found, apart from the Wellington match when Rogers and Halliday were forced to stand down. However, it did mean that as many as 17 runners had the chance to compete with the younger ones gaining valuable experience. The following ran: Vernon, Waters, Fabes (6 times); Halliday, Turner, Binks (5 times); Hingley (4); Evans, Hutchings, Urban-Smith (3); Rogers, Lynn (2); PE Scott; AR Mushens; S Wilson; MR Freeman; IS Cullen.

Results :

27/1/73	v Bloxham (a)	Won	21—93
	and St Edward's	Won	21—62
8/2/73	v Radley (h)	Won	25—60
17/2/73	v St Edward's (a)	Won	47—112
	and Wellington	Lost	47—37
27/2/73	Oxford University Road Relay—6th and 20th out of		30
10/3/73	v Cheltenham (a)	Won	34—47
14/3/73	v Oxford (h)	Won	38—74
	and Reading	Won	38—72
24/3/73	v Old Abingdonians (h)	Won	24—33

Colts Team: The team had many more fixtures this term—a case of supply and demand. Cross country has become a popular alternative for several of the younger boys, although all except the Fifth-Formers and one Fourth-Former partake on a part-time basis; for instance, boys like Cullen, Owen, and Morfey were committed to Rugger, and Gotelee to Hockey. However, there was one extraordinary occasion when snow fell the night before the crucial King Alfred's match, thus releasing Gotelee from the hockey, so he ran for the Colts and they just scraped home.

The team's success depended on a strong nucleus from the Fifth Form—Wilson, Lynn, Geere and SR Martin—and Hingley from the Fourth Form. They were heading for an unbeaten season, including a one-point win over Wellington, until the last match at Marlborough, where they looked a little jaded after a lot of hard runs.

The following competed: DP Lynn, S Wilson (5 times); RC Hingley, R Geere, SR Martin, IS Cullen; M Owen (3); PM Evans, JP Barton, AG Morfey (2); PC Moore; JP Gotelee; MW Stimpson; NJ Shephard; G Mitchell.

The following also competed in a 'B' team at RAF Abingdon: AR Mushens; JM Evans; MR Freeman; JP Barton.

Results :

27/1/73	v Bloxham (a)	Won	31—67
	and St Edward's	Won	31—79
17/2/73	v St Edward's (a)	Won	45—93
	and Wellington	Won	45—46
7/3/73	v King Alfred's (h)	Won	40—40
		(higher sixth scorer)	
10/3/73	v Cheltenham (a)	Won	32—52
	and Dean Close	Won	32—109
17/3/73	at Marlborough:		
	1st King's Taunton (48); 2nd Marlborough (72); 3rd Sherborne (112); 4th Abingdon (129); 5th Douai (178); 6th Charterhouse (184).		

Area Championships

Abingdon entered teams in all 3 age groups for the Berkshire Schools Championships at Reading on 3rd February. The U/15 came 13th out of 26, the U/17 came 4th out of 12, but the U/20 came 1st out of 5, for which they all received certificates. The winning team was CF Vernon (2), JD Halliday (7), PAW Rogers (8), BC Waters (15), SK Fabes (17), and PM Evans (42).

On 14th February Abingdon successfully defended the Milton Trophy awarded at the North Berkshire Championships at Lockinge. This was a good performance by the Colts as the U/20 event was non-counting. The U/13 were 2nd out of 8, as were the U/15; the U/17 were 1st out of 7, and

the U/20 were 1st out of 1. Overall Abingdon were first with 109 points, King Alfred's second with 118, and Segsbury third with 157.

As a result of the N.B.S.A.A. Cross-Country Championships 18 boys were selected to run for North Berks in the Inter-Area event at Reading on 24th February against the other 4 areas—South-West, South-East, North-East, and Reading. In the U/20 event Abingdon provided 10 out of the 11 runners in the North Berks team and they duly won, the scoring 8 being: CF Vernon (1st=), JD Halliday (7), JDC Turner (8), SK Fabes (17), JMH Hutchings (22), DMA Binks (24), JM Evans (27), MR Freeman (28).

The following competed in the above races: Vernon, Halliday, Fabes, Gotelee, Lynn, Hingley, Geere, Owen, Morfey (3 times); Turner, Waters, Binks, SR Martin, Wilson, RP Martin, PNC Gale (2 times); Rogers; Urban-Smith; JM Evans; Hutchings; MR Freeman; AH Courtenay; PM Evans; PC Moore; AP Marsden; JP Barton; TF Booth; VI Thurston; IS Cullen; GA Light; SD Cameron; GR Halsey; SJ Moore; AJF Robertson; RS Drew; JPF Davies.

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In total there were 41 boys who ran for the School in one team or other, which is a record. The captain of cross-country was CF Vernon, and the secretary was JM Evans. JP Gotelee was selected to run for Berkshire in a match against London and Dorset on 3rd March in which he came 31, while on the same day CF Vernon (208), JD Halliday (289), and BC Waters (351) ran for Oxford City AC in the National Championships at Parliament Hill. Also CF Vernon (110), JD Halliday (159), and JDC Turner (198) represented Berkshire in the All-England Championships at Swindon on 24th March.

Full colours were awarded to BC Waters and JDC Turner, and half-colours to DMA Binks, SK Fabes, RC Hingley and DP Lynn.

Inter-House Road Relay

22 January 1973

This proved to be a close race between two strong teams—Bennett and Tesdale. On the first leg JDC Turner (B) pulled clear of BC Waters (T), but IS Cullen (T) caught right up on M Owen (B) on the junior leg. Then JP Gotelee (T) overtook S Wilson (B) on the intermediate leg but Wilson came again and regained the lead. Then CF Vernon (B) clinched it for Bennett in the last leg well ahead of JD Halliday (T). A staff team of RHB, PAD, HJPG, and NAFF came a creditable third.

Results: 1 Bennett 35:37 [Record]; 2 Tesdale 36:29; 3 Staff 38:21.

Other placings: Bennett (4, 11, 12); Blacknall (8, 10, 13); Reeves (5, 7); Tesdale (6, 9, 14).

Inter-House Paarlaufl

26 March 1973

Over 200 boys competed for their House teams on the last Monday of term on a pleasant sunny day. Spectators were entertained by four exciting races with fortunes constantly fluctuating and plenty to cheer, no matter whether they supported red, yellow, green, or purple.

The team event was extremely tense with Bennett finishing on 87 points and Tesdale on 86. One interesting fact to emerge after the hectic rush in the opening laps was that many of those whose stamina lasted till the end were those who had trained hard in the cross-country club throughout the term.

Results:—The first four teams in each section were: 1st Form, KTBB; 2nd/3rd, BTRK; 4th/5th, TKRR; 6th/Vith, TKBB.

Overall: 1 B (87 pts); 2 T (86); 3 R (71); 4 K (64).

NAFF

Rugby Football

Junior rugger was blessed with fine weather in the Lent Term, and this meant that First and Second Form games went with a swing under the direction of our new Director of Physical Education, Mr Crawford. Extra timetable games were restricted to Juniors and Minors together with Third Form games, which took place after School on Mondays and Thursdays. The Juniors were coached most successfully by Mr Eden, whose squad, in the mild conditions of the term, made great strides in both individual skills and teamwork. The Minors, once again under the enthusiastic charge of Mr Woodgett, had a splendid season and fielded three successful teams. Prospects for the future look extremely promising. DOW

Juniors

The heartening results of a term's really keen and enthusiastic efforts were not so much in the performance of the Junior Fifteen, which won two and lost one game and certainly played some very attractive rugby, but in the fact that all the 30+ boys in the squad were able to produce a thoroughly entertaining and sophisticated game of Rugby, to their own obvious enjoyment.

The only real criticism one can level at the Juniors is that, perhaps through lack of physique, they did not have collectively the fire or hardness that is needed to balance the skills. There is no reason to suppose that this cannot be developed in the next few years, and we look forward to seeing some very good rugger on Waste Court Field in three or four years time. HE

Results:

Newbury Grammar School	Sat 3 Feb	(h)	Won 10-4
Burford School	Wed 28 Feb	(a)	Lost 14-26
John Mason School	Fri 23 Mar	(a)	Won 24-10

Minors

This term the talent coalesced into teamwork, and as a result the Minors had a splendid record, developing into probably the best team we have had at this level. There seems very little doubt that the timetabling of Junior Games is paying off handsomely—next year's team is already looking most promising!

Matthew King took over the Captaincy from Peter Newby; his tackling was brilliant, but he seemed happier to attack from centre, and so Alun Tapper became the first First-Former to establish a permanent place in the team (proving incidentally that size is not everything in Rugby!); Alun has a fine pair of hands, and is going to make a very good fly-half indeed. The other backs were very similar to each other, well-built and fast; Neil Edwards should be mentioned for making the greatest improvement over the season—he had a fine match against Reading School, kicking especially well.

The Scrum was heavy, but surprisingly quick; just occasionally they produced a brilliant inter-passing movement of their own, but they were usually content to set up plenty of ball for Adrian Johnson and his backs. Adrian was a very intelligent scrum-half, kicking well, and making good use of the blind side; he needs to speed up his service before next season, for Chris Wyatt too has many qualities. Finally a word about the two smallest forwards: Gary Gnapp hooked marvellously, although supposed to be suffering from Schlatter's Disease all term, and Gary Mitchell's tremendous drive and

determination both inspired and epitomized the spirit of the whole team.

The Second team played some good Rugby, and included some players who were most unlucky to miss the First team, in particular, for the second year running, Kenneth Forsyth, who played a 'blinder' against Reading (a match in which considerable tactical finesse was evident), and Mark Taylor. While this term's record is very encouraging, equally so is the widespread enthusiasm for the game throughout the Junior Forms; over 100 boys asked to play extra Rugby after School, and each game was given equal attention—hence the two wins of the Third team!

MW

1st XV: BR Hodgkinson; CJ Wort, MS King (Captain), NS Edwards; AJ Tapper, ARA Johnson; JW Slingsby, GM Gnapp, PG Spittles; MD Andrews, RA Joy; G Mitchell, SJ Brouard, PM Cowlett.

2nd XV from: SA Cameron, DJ Redwood; RP Martin, PH James, RJ Little, KMR Forsyth, PNC Gale, DAM Scott; DJ Hutber, CJ Wyatt; MR Wise, SP Weatherall, NG Williams, RV Scriven, NJ Talboys; RS Harries, JM Sowden; JR Benjamin, G Rogers, AG Morfey, MR Taylor (Captain).

Results:

First Fifteen

Newbury Grammar School	Sat 3 Feb	(a)	Won	14-0
Burford Grammar School	Wed 28 Feb	(a)	Won	26-0
Bearwood College	Sat 10 Mar	(h)	Won	38-3
John Mason School	Tue 13 Mar	(a)	Won	20-4
Reading School	Thur 22 Mar	(a)	Won	18-4

Second Fifteen

Newbury Grammar School	Sat 3 Feb	(a)	Won	18-0
Brockhurst 1st XV	Sat 17 Feb	(a)	Lost	0-6
Cothill School 1st XV	Sat 3 Mar	(h)	Won	10-9
Reading School	Thur 22 Mar	(a)	Won	18-0

Third Fifteen

Brockhurst 2nd XV	Sat 17 Feb	(a)	Won	60-0
Bearwood U/12 XV	Sat 10 Mar	(h)	Won	36-3

On Wednesday, 21st February, two matches were played against Summer Fields, both away from home. An 'A' XV lost to Summer Fields 1st XV 0-10 and a 'B' XV defeated their 2nd XV 32-0. Also, on Wednesday, 14th February, a 'C' XV lost to the same 2nd XV 0-16.

Badminton

Firstly, our congratulations to the 1st VI and under 16 VI for each winning their section of the Berkshire Schools League. The first VI won an excitingly close victory over Henley Grammar School in their Final; unfortunately the under 16's had to be satisfied with a walk-over, their opponents failing to turn up.

Congratulations, too, to the Under 16 team of 4 who reached the regional final of the National Top School Tournament.

These were the highlights of an extremely successful year for our School teams. If our individual players were not so successful at the Bracknell Junior Tournament, this may have been partly because it came at the end of a busy season, when our players were more than a little stale. The edge

had gone from their play, and this was enough to make a substantial difference to our results.

Adrian Luto and John Samsworth continue to carry the flag high in County Badminton, Adrian playing for the Under 15's and John for the Under 16's. John Samsworth was recently awarded his Junior County Colours.

Our thanks are due to Anthony Baumann (Captain) and Adrian Luto (Secretary) for their hard work during the year; also my particular thanks go to Mr Harcourt, who has done a tremendous amount for the club over the past few years, and who will be very much missed.

Full Colours are held by Anthony Baumann, Adrian Luto and Jan Wojciechowski.

Half Colours are held by K. Ghorpade, Chris Morris and John Samsworth. DCT

Results :

1st VI

Wed. Jan 17	Army Apprentices	(a)	Won	7—0
Sat. Feb 17	Berks Schools League Final v Henley GS		Won	3½—3½ (on points total)

2nd VI

Wed. Mar 7	Douai	(h)	Won	8—1
Wed. Mar 28	RGS, High Wycombe	(h)	Won	5½—3½

Under 16 VI

Wed. Jan 31	Brackendale	(h)	Won	5—0
Thur. Feb 8	St Birinus	(a)	Won	5½—1½
Sat. Feb 17	Berks Schools League Final v Emswood School		Won	w/o
Wed. Apr 4	Top School Regional Final v Purley GS, Surrey v Langdon School, Essex		Won Lost	3—2 0—5

Fives

Although three of last season's team returned for the Michaelmas Term, preparation for Oxford and Cambridge exams left them little time in which to practise. Consequently we lost all but one of the term's matches. After Christmas we were even weaker. However, there are some promising players in the Lower Sixth, so I hope that the Club will be able to continue to play matches, as well as to fulfil its much more important function of providing exercise and enjoyment for those who decide that the major games are not for them. HTR

AM Bainton (Captain) and CE O'Neill played in seven matches, J Milanovich and JR Rawlinson in five, PD Marley in three, AG Johnstone and DJ Luther in two and RP Klepzig in one.

Results :

Old Abingdonians	Sat. 23 Sept.	(h)	Won	95—75
Rugby Fives Association Club	Sat. 14 Oct.	(h)	Lost	48—120
University College School Old Boys	Sat. 4 Nov.	(h)	Lost	54—114
Jesters	Sat. 11 Nov.	(h)	Lost	45—120
Marlborough College	Sat. 2 Dec.	(a)	Lost	62—106
Radley College 'A'	Sat. 10 Feb.	(h)	Lost	53—122
Bloxham School 2nd IV	Sat. 3 Mar.	(h)	Lost	74—122
Radley College 2nd IV	Sat. 10 Mar.	(a)	Lost	62—116

Orienteering

We have been represented at eight events this term, and although there have been few really meritorious performances, we count the term as being a successful one as over 40 more boys and 2 more masters have been introduced to the sport. We were particularly well represented at Mr Baker's event in Blenheim Park, where over 400 Orienteers and family groups enjoyed good competition on a beautiful Spring day in woodlands not open to the general public. Envious? Come and try the sport yourself sometime!

Lacrosse

The School's Lacrosse Team, comprised almost solely of Lower Sixth Formers, has just had its first and best season, ending with a hundred per cent record from its single match against St Helen's. This St Helen's team, including five members of their school's first team, were amazed and dumbfounded at the great speed, dazzling dexterity and calculated tactics with which our experienced side played. At one stage in the match, a certain Nick Francis, bearing the ball aloft in the net of his stick, departed from the playing field and mounted the staircase over the new bypass. From there the ball was skilfully lobbed back into play, a manoeuvre that ended in a beautifully executed goal. The full-time score of 3—1 in our favour (with 3 more goals scored for our side, but disallowed) clearly reflected the superiority of our side and was radioed back to school by two CCF signallers who were present commentating on the match.

Reports

Combined Cadet Force

Congratulations are due to SE Bowkett on his promotion to RSM and to AW Smart, who is promoted W/O. The Corps has had a good term and it is satisfactory to be able to report much improved results in the latest Proficiency Tests—congratulations to both Army and RAF Sections. The Naval Section has received a consignment of new stores with which they plan to vary their activities, one of their proposed schemes being to build a flag-mast and learn visual signalling.

We must record our thanks to Mr Wilfred Joyce, brother to Gilbert, whom many OAs will remember as our storeman and PSI in the years before Dick Cadwell. Mr Joyce came to us last term temporarily to take over the duties of Mr Cadwell and was indeed of very great assistance to the Arduous Training party during the holidays. Unhappily, Mr Joyce is not able to remain with us for any length of time—he is not in the best of health—but we are extremely grateful for what he has been able to do.

LCJG

The contribution of the CCF to School life is seen not so much in the routine Tuesday afternoon parades and the termly Field Days but in the weekend camps, the various qualification tests and in activities of the holidays. Some of these which took place in the Easter vacation are reported below.

Arduous Training

This was again held at Carsphairn in Kirkcudbrightshire, the main party travelling up by train, the remainder, including the officers by Land-Rover.

Snow on the day of arrival changed to sunshine later in the day and the camp was set up without mishap. The first day's trek was an enjoyable one over the snow-covered slopes of Bowhead and neighbouring heights. Next day, the first two-day expedition began in weather which degenerated into persistent drizzle and penetratingly cold winds—not easy going! The overnight camp at Afton reservoir, reputedly beautiful under the right conditions, proved a miserable experience for most of us. It rained heavily and all the tents let water so that by the morning we were all unpleasantly wet except for three who had preferred their own civvy tent to an army bivvy. The walk home, too, was eventful. An ankle injury led to an emergency evacuation of one group from the hills, another group were driven from the heights by an intense hailstorm, but the third group, although slow, came through without incident. And, by way of change, that evening saw a visit to Ayr, where the choice of films was 'Snow White' and 'How the West was won'.

The second two-day expedition was to the Lorg campsite. Expected bad weather did not materialize and good progress was made by all groups in spite of strong winds. No rain meant a good night's rest after songs round the camp fire. In the morning, re-formed into two larger groups, we returned to base over Benniner. Once again the weather alternated between fair and foul, but at least we got over the top in a fine spell.

Up at first light on the last morning, we were all well on the way home to Abingdon by the time ordinary citizens were beginning their daily tasks. And, it was a beautiful day in Scotland as we left. PFT

RAF Camp, Germany

This three-yearly event was held this year between 4th and 11th April at RAF Briggen, a Nato-assigned base, just a mere 500 yards or so from the north-west German-Dutch border. Altogether, five schools—a total of 35 cadets—were in camp and accents ranged from Scottish to Cockney.

Owing to a number of unforeseen activities—termed 'defence of the nation' exercises—the first two days' programme was cancelled and there was unfortunately a general upheaval of our organized schedule. Instead, several trips were made to nearby towns, Dutch and German, including Eindhoven and Overloom in Holland and Dusseldorf and Cologne in Germany.

Other activities included night police patrols, an orienteering course—the winners being two of the School, Mason and Hills—swimming, a night exercise and an unprecedented visit to the Medical Centre for smallpox vaccinations! An end-of-camp parade was cancelled because of heavy rain and a certain lack of enthusiasm on the part of the cadets.

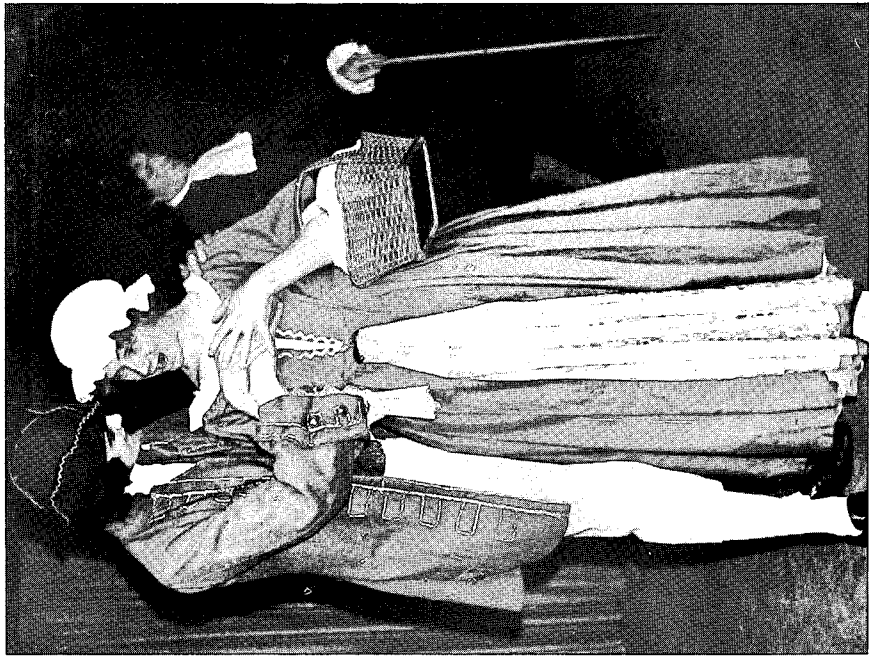
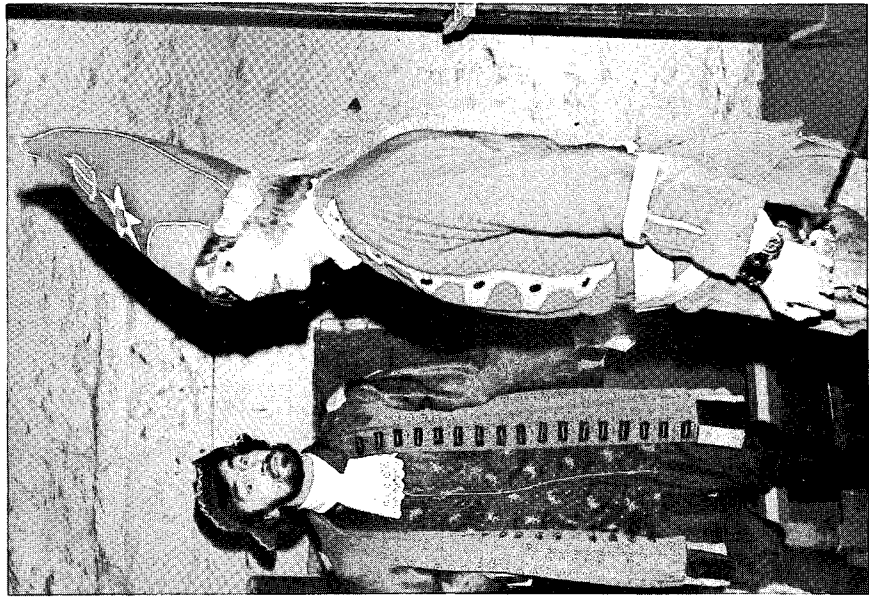
Transport on the outward and return journeys was provided by BAC-111s and an array of public transport vehicles. GFW

RAF Camp, Finningley

Thirteen cadets, most of them just completing their first year in the CCF, attended this camp near Doncaster. The programme of training included swimming, shooting and orienteering, but the highlight of the week was undoubtedly three or four hours continuous flying in 'Varsities' or 'Dominies', one route taking us over Abingdon—at 35,000ft.



The Gentlemen run



The Recruiting Officer

An outside visit was made to RAF, Coningley, a 'phantom' station. Unhappily there was a full station alert and so we were unable to see the aircraft themselves, although two cadets were lucky enough to 'fly' in a phantom trainer, and this—from the way they staggered out after doing various acrobatics—must have been very realistic. PWSC

Royal Navy Communications Course

Held at HMS Mercury, near Petersfield, this course introduced us to radio equipment used in the Navy, together with a lot of practical work with, for instance, portable receivers. We also learned morse with the aid of programmed learning books—4 wpm in a week isn't bad going! PWSC

Police Cadets: First Aid

This term, the Police Cadets have attended regularly at the St John Ambulance Brigade HQ to learn basic First Aid. Mr Beadle (OA) was clearly very knowledgeable and in no time at all we were treating each other's imaginary broken limbs. The course covers a wide field ranging from small cuts to severed arteries, light burns and scalds to frostbite and hypothermia. The Casualty Union acted as 'patients' serving in a practical way to improve our technique. In the Summer Term an examination will be taken.

34th Abingdon Scout Group

Junior Troop: At the beginning of term both Sections had the opportunity of a weekend at Youlbury (sleeping in the hut) working on outdoor activities. In the middle of the term an Open Meeting for parents and friends showed a (fairly) typical Troop Meeting, and it was encouraging to see parents of more than half the Troop showing interest. Mr Maunder and the patrol leaders are to be congratulated on organising a very successful evening.

The Field Day exercise was limited, as usual, to Third- and Fourth-Formers and offered a choice of cross-country hikes, or a cycle 'treasure hunt'. A few mis-typed clues ensured that the treasure still remains hidden!

Much steady progress has been made during the normal troop meetings, and we are grateful to Mr C. F. Jones for his assistance once again with the first aid, and to others who have helped at these meetings. The term ended with a suitably riotous wide game in Albert Park. At the end of term David Eccles and Stephen Rowley handed over as patrol leaders to Martin Twine and David Poole.

And for the future? After the first few weeks of next term Mr Maunder will be leaving us to take his finals, before moving on; and we shall again be short of scout leaders. This applies particularly to the summer camp, which will be from 29th August to 7th September—but only if more adult help is forthcoming. DRS

Grundy Library

The majority of Library users seem to take its upkeep for granted. They would be surprised to discover actually how much work goes into the day-to-day running of the Library. The people responsible for this get little recognition for their work, except when it is not being done. To help remedy this situation it has been decided to introduce a Library tie, which will be awarded to Librarians who do a sustained amount of Library work.

The reorganisation of the filing system slowly proceeds, and throughout the term there has been a steady influx of new books to replace the large number which have either been lost or worn out. In an effort to cut down the number of overdue books a system has been introduced whereby offenders are charged for the book if they persistently refuse to return them. There is, however, nothing that can be done about the number of books stolen from the Library short of opening the Library only at certain times under supervision, which would be inconvenient to say the least, but may become necessary if misuse of the Library continues.

The Library clock has been repaired and now keeps time again, as it has done for the past two centuries. We are grateful to Mr Foulkes for this service.

RWK

This term the Library has received gifts from Mr Crome, Mr Parry, Dr Lennox, Ian Lucas, Mr Barclay, Mr Cadwell, Mr Julian Shellard OA, Mr Airey Neave MP, Mr Woodgett and Mr Hammond. Our grateful thanks.

KGH

Chess

Although still to lose an ordinary Berkshire League Match, the Senior Team failed to win the Western Section this year, for the first time since joining the League in 1968; the play-off against Carmel College resulted in a second draw, but Carmel went through to the Final on Board Count. Keen members of the Team kept up their Chess by playing for the County Senior and Under-18 teams, apart from the odd friendly.

The Junior Team won their play-off against Carmel College very easily, and there can be little doubt that their best opponents this season in the Western Section were our own 'B' team, who would have been runners-up if Mark Andrews had not missed their match against Carmel, and gave our 'A' team a very close match indeed. The 'A' team found Reading School's Juniors far too strong for the Final, but have done well enough to make us favourites to win the County Championship next year. Similarly, in the end-of-season County Jamboree at Reading, our 'A' team was runner-up to Reading School, with our 'B' team third.

Attendances at Chess Club rather tailed off as the weather improved, but the three Knockout Tournaments were completed, unusually. Mark Ormerod underlined his improvement by winning the Open Competition; Martin Spoor turned the tables on a tired John Stephen to win the Hoyle Cup, and Hugh de Lusignan rightly won the First Form Tournament, as his play has matured more than the others this year.

Teams were as in last term's Abingdonian.

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Berkshire League

Senior 'A' Team		Senior 'B' Team	
beat Abingdon 'B'	5-0	drew with John Mason	2½-2½
beat Wallingford GS	4-1	lost to Abingdon 'A'	0-5
drew with Carmel Coll.	2½-2½		
Junior 'A' Team		Junior 'B' Team	
beat Abingdon 'B'	3-2	beat John Mason 'A'	3½-1½
beat John Rankin PS	4-1	lost to Abingdon 'A'	2-3
beat Carmel College	4½-½	beat John Rankin PS	3½-1½
		beat Park House S	3½-1½
In the Finals Abingdon 'A'		beat Ranelagh School 3½-1½	
		lost to Reading School 0-5	

Other Matches :

An Under-18 team	beat Bloxham School	5—1
	beat Henry Box School, Witney	5—0
An Under-15 team	beat Bloxham School	5½—½
	beat Henry Box School, Witney	5—0
An Under-13 team	beat King Alfred's, Wantage	4—1
	beat John Mason H.S.	3—2
	lost to Summerfields	1—3
An Under-12 team	lost to King Alfred's, Wantage	1½—3½
	beat John Mason H.S.	4—1

Voluntary Service

The term has been a successful one on the whole for this growing Service, growing not only in numbers but also in activities. The basic form of this service is for each member to pay a weekly visit to a selected old person, or couple, living in the Abingdon area. The service member aims to suit the requirements of his elderly friend; these may even be as small as chatting over a cup of tea, in an attempt to break the monotony of their day, or other ones such as gardening or shopping. The members treat their elderly friend with respect and with a sense of willing enthusiasm; it is probably this more than any other reason that has led to the increased respect that the service is receiving from the public. This next term the service has also undertaken to clear an overgrown churchyard on Field Day at West Hanney, and is considering attending to the needs of the Burcot Cheshire Home on a regular basis.

All in all, then, a splendid term for this service and I hope that it will continue to be such a comparable parallel to the Corps.

RWK

The Stock Exchange Finance Game

The game commenced on January 15th, with 287 teams from 192 schools participating, and consisted of five two-week periods. The form of the game was that each team represented an investor who had won a £25,000 Premium Bond prize. The teams were asked to use this money in buying and selling shares quoted on the Stock Exchange. The Central Broker at the Stock Exchange issued contract notes showing commission and other charges for all deals; periodical valuations were also provided. At the end of the game a final valuation was provided for each team with adjustments for Capital Gains Tax and any dividends received. The ten teams that showed the best financial position were then asked to take part in a short written competition, answering questions about investment; those answers were taken into account when determining the final placings.

The purpose of the game is to widen the contestant's understanding of investments in stocks and shares and in the economy generally.

The School entered three teams for this year's game, two Fourth-Form teams and a Sixth-Form one. The five valuations for each team were as follows :

Code	FOURTH FORM TEAMS		SIXTH FORM TEAM	MARKET %
	260	001	180	LOSS
	total (% loss)	total (% loss)	total (% loss)	
Period 1	£24,108 (3.6%)	£23,796 (4.8%)	£24,300 (2.8%)	8.5%
Period 2	£23,779 (4.9%)	£22,935 (8.3%)	£23,859 (4.6%)	10.4%
Period 3	£23,086 (7.7%)	£22,214 (11.1%)	£22,711 (9.2%)	12.4%
Period 4	£22,596 (9.6%)	£21,736 (13.1%)	£22,378 (10.5%)	19.2%
Final				
Valuation	£23,093 (7.6%)	£22,635 (9.2%)	£22,973 (8.1%)	12.6%
Final				
Position	108	148	121	

The teams were hindered by a falling market, but in the final stages of the game, due to a recovery in the market, the teams were encouraged by rising valuations, especially team 001, which made a gain of approximately £1,000 in the final period. RWK/AGN

Hello Goodbye

Left Lent Term 1973

4G: SA Briggs

Came Summer Term 1973

1W: JS Madgwick

Lists

Staff — May 1973

Headmaster: WEK Anderson, MA (St Andrew's University), BLitt (Balliol College, Oxford)

Assistant Masters:

DO Willis, MA, Late Scholar of Pembroke College, Oxford (History; Second Master)

HM Gray, MA, Late Scholar of Jesus College, Oxford (Chemistry)

CET Moore, TD, MA, Hertford College, Oxford (Geography)

SC Parker, TD, MA, Edinburgh University, Lanfine Bursar (Languages)

FJ Sewry, BSc, Southampton University (Chemistry; Careers)

LCJ Griffin, MA, Jesus College, Oxford (Classics)

RG Mortimer, MA, Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge (Languages)

J Talbot, BSc, Birmingham University (Biology)

AA Hillary, MA, late Exhibitioner of Jesus College, Cambridge (History)

KG Hasnip, MA, Caius College, Cambridge (Languages)

WG Potter, MA, Pembroke College, Oxford (Biology)

CDB Milton, BSc (Econ), ARCM, LRAM, London University (Economics)

RH Baker, MA, Queen's College, Oxford (Physics)

TGK Fairhead, BA, Downing College, Cambridge; Chelsea College of Art (Art)

CJW Owen, MA, late Exhibitioner of New College, Oxford (English)

HT Randolph, MA, Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge (Classics)

BE Woolnough, BSc, Reading University (Physics)

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 NH Payne, MA, Jesus College, Cambridge (History)
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 JE Varley, Nottingham College of Education (Physics)
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 DR Skinner, MA, late Exhibitioner of St John's College, Cambridge (Mathematics)
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 JC Harcourt, BSc, Edinburgh University (Mathematics)
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 NAF Pritchard, BA, late Scholar of Balliol College, Oxford (Mathematics)
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 Miss J Fisher (oboe)
 R Mitchell ('bass)
 Mrs M Dover (piano)
 B Kelly (piano)
 Mrs E McLeod (guitar)
 G Daniel (clarinet)
 Miss W Reynolds (flute)

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OA Notes

Deaths

Rev BM Challenor (1899–1906). It is with great regret that we record the death, in December 1971, of the Rev BM Challenor.

EF Harvey (1905–1910). We record with regret the death, on March 11th, 1973, of Ernest Fitzroy Harvey, who served as a Lt in the Machine Gun Corps in the First World War, living subsequently in Gloucestershire and Sussex.

Births

Davies: on 23 November 1971 to Judith, wife of Trevor Davies (1959), a second son, Brynmor.

Gerring: on 30 September 1972 to Sara, wife of David Gerring (1961), a son, Hugo.

Pearson: on 30 March 1973 to Christine, wife of Stewart Pearson (1966), a daughter, Claire, sister for Alexander Nairn, born 27 October 1970.

Marriages

Livingstone—Gee: on 14 April 1973, at the Church of St John the Baptist, Mathon, Michael S Livingstone (1964), to Sarah Gee.

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It is a great pleasure to begin these notes with reference to the appointment of KG Walker (1941) as one of the senior officers chosen by Sir Keith Joseph for a 'Secretary of State Fellowship' to help with training courses in preparation for the reorganisation of the Health Service in 1974. This has meant secondment during the 1972/73 academic year from his post as Group Secretary for the High Wycombe and District Hospital Management Committee to the staff of the King's Fund College of Hospital Management in Bayswater, where he has been responsible for the Senior Management Courses.

Congratulations to Tony Clay (1948) on his promotion to Lt-Col. He is now at the Ministry of Defence in MOI.

It was a pleasure to receive a visit from Tony Maxwell (1955), whom we remember as a very keen cricketer and hockey player. He has given up banking in West Africa and is now with the Michelin Tyre Company, based on Bristol and covering most of the South and West of England.

John Swainston (1955) wrote from Australia to bring us up to date with his new address. He lives eight miles from his full-time job with a Stock Feed Company but has recently acquired a farm of his own as a hobby. He now has two sons—Paul, aged five, and Matthew, aged four—and a daughter, Sarah, aged two. In the last twelve months he has met up with two of his contemporaries at School—Paul Older and Michael Rallings.

We have heard from Martyn Gunn (1956), who, having successfully completed his post-graduate research in Biochemistry at Sheffield University, is now working as a Research Fellow in the Fels Institute, Philadelphia. His wife and daughter are with him in the States.

Neville Grant (1957), now married, is with the British Council, seconded to the University of Lagos.

It was good to hear after a long silence some news of the Shepard family. Robert (1960) is enjoying his work as a computer programmer with the Gerrard and National Discount Company and is happily married with two daughters—Sarah, aged three, and Allison, aged three months. Kevin (1964) having decided that a career in advertising was not constructive enough for him is now at the Newlands Park Teacher Training College and is very happy with his decision.

Rodney Moore (1961) has returned from Geneva, where he was with the Disarmament Delegation, and is now attached to the Governor-General at Government House in Ottawa.

PG (Paul?) Sheard (1962) has made good progress since he went to Hamble on leaving School and has just been promoted Captain by BEA working on Skyliner aircraft at Glasgow. His first trip was on Friday, 13th April, but he survived this and hopes to be flying to the Western Isles for the next three years. He says that his marriage prospects at the moment are nil—but we feel that this is a very dangerous statement to have made!

John Beere (1962) has written with his latest news. Married in 1968 to a

graduate in Russian, who is soon to qualify as a solicitor, he is now an Associate of the Institute of Chartered Accountants. John is also a BSc of London University in Mechanical Engineering and holds the Diploma in Management Studies at Aston University. And in November last, he topped these achievements by winning the Howitt Prize for the most outstanding Accountant to qualify in 1972 in the East Midlands.

News of Angus Fraser (1963) is that he and his wife are in South Africa, at the Livingstone Hospital, Port Elizabeth, doing an obstetrical job. They hope to follow this with other jobs in Johannesburg and at Natal University, so it may be another two years before they return to England.

Tym Marsh (1963) is now an instructor at Sandhurst and enjoying the job—though he admits that it is a bit strenuous. He now has two daughters—Amanda, aged 20 months, and Joanna, 5 months.

Vivian Ramsey (1963) has provided some news about his own and his brother's progress. Vivian is still an aspiring consulting engineer in London, with a fiancée at Oxford: Paul (1968) is in Bolton, married and with a five-month-old son.

A sequel to what I wrote in the May 1972 issue of 'Abingdonian' about Michael Giddings' (1964) experiences in India appears in the April 1973 edition of 'Point Three', Toc H's monthly magazine. I am grateful to Hugh Randolph for passing it on to me. In an interesting article he gives some of his impressions and experiences during 18 months in India, from where he has now returned.

Hearty congratulations—though it is no surprise!—to Peter Fletcher (1965), who was placed first in order of merit (with two others) in the Final Part 1 Examination in November 1972 of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales. He was also awarded the Robert Fletcher Prize.

The usual breezy style characterised a letter from Tony Medland (1965) in which he explained that he is temporarily in England taking an MA in Financial Control at Lancaster University after two very interesting years in Paris with Price Waterhouse.

Nick Martin (1966) wrote from Australia to say that he has just graduated with first-class honours in Genetics at the University of Adelaide and that there is a possibility that he might be across to do some post-graduate work at Oxford. Congratulations on the degree and let us hope that things turn out right so that we may see him at an OA Dinner one of these days.

From Stewart Pearson (1966) came some interesting information about his family, recorded elsewhere, and about his career. Having gone down from Oxford with a Second he joined the Abbey National Building Society, but after a year realised that Oxford and commercial property were the ideal combination for him. He now has his own firm and is engaged on some interesting shop and office developments and is impressed by the large number of OAs qualifying as Surveyors.

Welcome news of Jeffrey Evans (1967), who is enjoying teaching English at Canford and helping with their rowing: he is coaching the Second VIII. He seems to have become integrated very quickly, especially in the musical world, and has recently taken part in a performance of Purcell's ode, 'Come ye sons of art away' in the Schools' Jubilee Concert. He also runs the School Library and is a part-time house tutor in one of the boarding houses.

Never a dull moment, obviously, and with a cottage in Canford Magna to boot it sounds a grand, if hectic, life.

John Earl (1968), having graduated at Lampeter, which he enjoyed very much, is training as a teacher at King Alfred's College, Winchester. He is not sure yet where he will end up but is thinking of applying for posts abroad as well as in England.

Congratulations to Paul Hopkins (1968), who has achieved a Second at Cambridge and has started pilot training at Cranwell as a graduate entrant. While at Cambridge he distinguished himself in the world of rowing by captaining and stroking his college eight and by appearing in the trial eights for two years running.

Nicholas Hands-Clarke (1969), having graduated from Bristol, is now working as a computer programmer for the Friends Provident and Century Group at Dorking.

Apologies to Steven Kirby (1970) whom we incorrectly placed with the RAF at Lyneham. He is in fact still at Ealing Technical College taking a BA in Economics as part of his RAF Cadetship. He is doing very well to be playing for the Mid-Surrey 2nd XI at hockey and has been fortunate enough to get some coaching from the coach of the Great Britain side. He tells us that he met Iain Herbertson, who is now married, and that his brother, Michael Kirby (1963), is at present working for the General Accident Insurance Company in Perth, Scotland.

Of more recent OAs congratulations are due to Tim Hughes (1971), who has won a Cadetship at Dartmouth; to Kim Darroch (1972), who has been playing fives for Durham University; to Derwent King (1972), who has been rowing in the Leander Second Boat; and to Christopher Leonard (1972), who is now at Sandhurst training to be an Infantry Officer and who hopes to be commissioned into the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers. Christopher also sent news of his elder brother, whose graduation he attended at Cranwell recently: he has been posted to a Station near Dundee as a Pilot Officer.

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OA Club Notes

The London Dinner, held last term at the East India, Sports and Public Schools Club on Friday, 23rd March, was a great success at its new venue, and as usual, grateful thanks are due to Stanley Paige for his organisation. In proposing the health of the School, John Rayson, the President, welcomed the Mayor of Abingdon, Michael Mathews, OA. He reported that the School appeal to parents had raised £70,000, and that the Committee felt that the Club should participate in some way in the appeal. Negotiations were going on for the purchase of 'The Lindens' in Park Crescent, standing between Crescent House and Whitefields, and it was hoped that a great deal of the purchase price would be raised by OAs, mostly in the form of covenants over several years. The house would be of great value to the School, and would be known as 'Cobban House'. An appeal to all Old Boys would be sent out, and a great response was hoped for.

The Headmaster in his reply gave a very encouraging picture of the School, both internally and on the sports field. He congratulated Mervyn Gray, Stuart Parker and Ron Coleman upon their years of service to the School as they were all due to retire in July. Mervyn Gray rounded off the formal part of the evening in his usual amusing style by proposing the toast to the Club. He had been pleased by the great part that the Club had played in the development of the School over the years he had been teaching under three remarkable Headmasters.

The Annual Dinner in Abingdon will revert this year to the Council Chamber and will be held on the evening of Founders Day, Saturday, July 14th. The Committee is hoping to make the dinner a memorable occasion, and it is hoped to get full support from OAs both at the dinner, and at the preceding AGM. Dinner tickets will shortly be available at £3 each from the Secretary.

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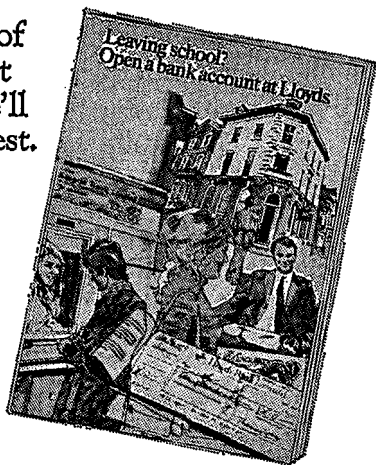
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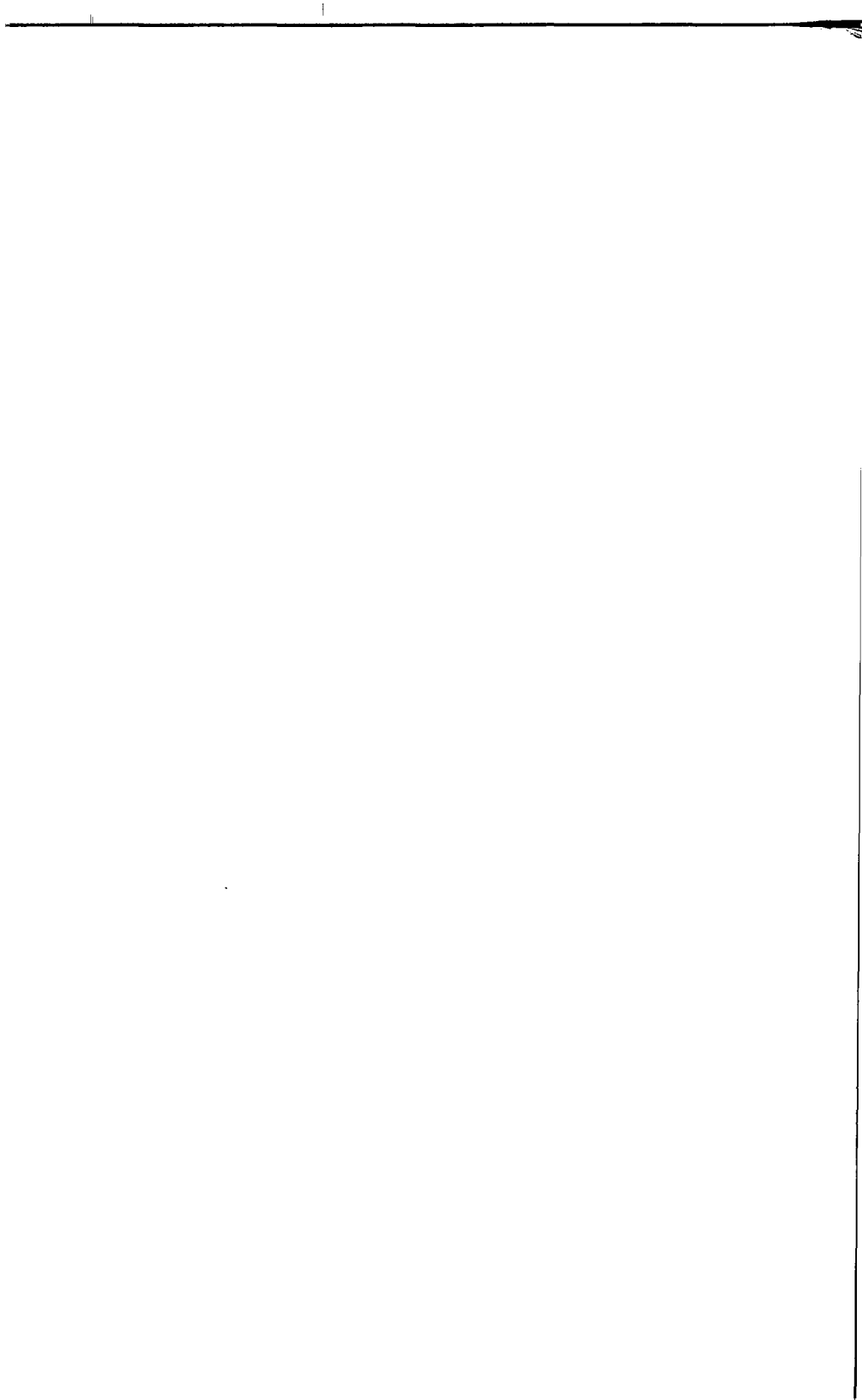
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