

THE ABINGDONIAN



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CALENDAR FOR MICHAELMAS TERM

SEPTEMBER

- 16 Fri. Term begins 9 a.m.
21 Wed. 1st XV v. D. O. Willis' XV (H).

OCTOBER

- 1 Sat. 1st XV v. Southfield School (H).
4 Tues. FIELD DAY.
5 Wed. 1st XV v. Radley College 2nd XV (H).
15 Sat. 1st XV v. George Dixon's G.S., Edgebaston (H).
22 Sat. 1st XV v. Pembroke College (A).
26 Wed. 1st XV v. City of Oxford School (A).

NOVEMBER

- 2 Wed. 1st XV v. St. Edward's School 2nd XV (A).
5 Sat. HALF TERM.
12 Sat. 1st XV v. Magdalen College School (A).
16 Wed. 1st XV v. Henley Grammar School (H).
19 Sat. 1st XV v. Newbury Grammar School (A).
26 Sat. 1st XV v. Royal Grammar Sch., High Wycombe (H).
27 Sun. CONFIRMATION SERVICE.

DECEMBER

- 7 Wed. 1st XV v. Solihull School (A).
10 Sat. 1st XV v. Old Abingdonians.
School v. Old Abingdonians Cross-Country Match.
16 Fri. Term ends at 10.15 a.m.

Lent term begins Tuesday, 17th January. Boarders return Monday, 16th January.

OFFICERS OF THE SCHOOL

(Summer Term, 1949)

Head of the School: G. S. Strachan.

Head of School House: J. L. Wyatt.

School Prefects:

W. G. Olscher	M. H. Venables
J. T. Cullen	A. F. Bastin
H. D. Baecker	A. L. G. Milligan
M. D. Millichap	R. F. Hamer
D. M. Aldworth	D. E. Allen
M. A. C. Heavens	R. Klein
B. H. Wiggins	A. W. H. Riggott

P. R. Lucas

House Prefects:

Day Boys:	School House:
P. C. Richardson	H. B. Stevens
P. F. C. Berry	W. L. Wooldridge
A. E. Willson	D. Free
K. A. Fathers	R. J. Taylor
R. D. M. Grant	A. G. B. King
L. M. Pickford	
R. Hobday	Waste Court:
	M. Bateman
Larkhill:	B. J. Noyce
D. R. G. Andrews	

Captain of Boats: G. S. Strachan.

Secretary of Boats: J. T. Cullen.

Captain of Cricket: M. H. Venables.

Secretary of Cricket: D. M. Aldworth.

School Librarians: G. S. Strachan and M. H. Venables.

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EDITORIAL

This issue of the magazine is again extremely full. So full in fact that it is not possible to include any contribution that is purely literary and original. We have, therefore, decided to publish next Summer Term a literary magazine, the basis of which will be the year's best prize essays. There will, however, be ample room for original contributions of all sorts. We hope, therefore, to be inundated with original contributions from both Senior and Junior School, so that we may make this venture—which will have to be self-supporting—a success in a literary and in a financial sense.

This term we received a letter from an Old Abingdonian suggesting a return to the old format and type which we discarded two years' ago. As far as our experience goes, this is very much of a minority view, but it might be of interest to state some of our reasons for the change. Economy of paper was one, but only one, of the reasons for the change of format. We think that in its new form it is easier to handle, easier to read, easier to send by post, and easier to stand on a bookshelf. If, however, any other reader does feel strongly upon this matter will he please write and tell us so—not necessarily for publication.

Lack of space has made it necessary to postpone until the next issue of the magazine the insertion of the Cricket Averages for the 1949 season; and also to omit the usual report on the Swimming. Let us add here merely that during the season practically thirty boys learned to swim, and nine obtained either the bronze medallions or the preliminary certificates of the Royal Life Saving Society. We are grateful to Mr. Coleman for his untiring efforts, to St. Helen's School for the use of their swimming bath, and to Father Thames for his hospitality. We shall be even more grateful to those Authorities and Others who will we hope provide us with a swimming bath of our own in the not too distant future!

Finally, we extend the usual thanks for the numerous contemporaries that have been sent to us.

THE NEW EXAMINATIONS

(Note by the Headmaster)

As from 1951 the existing Higher and School Certificate Examinations will be replaced by a new General Certificate Examination, which may be taken by a boy at any stage after reaching the age of sixteen.

Detailed notes on the new examination and its effect on the curriculum have been prepared and distributed to all parents. It may be of general interest to note here one or two broader implications of the change.

(a) Education at a school of this type will be regarded as an integrated whole from eleven to eighteen years of age. "School Certificate" will no longer be the Great Divide which a boy must leap before passing abruptly from the broad general education of Main School to the narrow specialization of the Sixth Form. On the one hand, sixth form methods of work will be introduced into the fifth or even the fourth forms; on the other, members of the sixth form will be able to keep up some of the subjects in which they are interested even if they are not part of their special course.

(b) This greater flexibility will make more demands upon the staff and more demands upon our accommodation. These are problems which it is for us to tackle. But much, too, depends on the boys. The new system can succeed only if the boy in middle and upper school makes a real effort to 'play' and to make full use of his time. It calls too, for a new approach to the examination. The boy should aim to take the new examination in each subject, at the appropriate level, as and when he is ripe for it. The examination is not in fact an end in itself; and parents can help here by not pressing for their sons to take as many subjects as possible at the earliest possible moment!

The new examination involves certain administrative changes, most of which will come into force in September, 1949. These include the renumbering of the forms from 1 to 5 (which will give most of the School the illusion that they have not moved up this term!); an extra period in the week, and a few minutes longer in school each day (though the overall length of the day will remain the same); and—without regret—the disappearance (from 1950) of the Preparatory Form.

To some extent, of course, what we are doing now is experimental, and we may have to revise our plans in the light of experience. But parents may be assured that the School is doing what it can to meet the new situation presented by the new examination. Our ultimate aim will remain in the future, as it has been in the past, to provide a boy with a broad general education together with facilities for reasonable specialization as he moves up the school.

J.M.C.

HANDS ACROSS THE SEA

There was one item in the Prize List this year which must have stirred the curiosity of parents. The story behind it is that Colonel R. W. Van Wagenen, formerly of the U.S. Army, and now a lecturer in Political Science at Duke University, North Carolina, who has a personal link with the School, recently indicated his desire to present a prize to the School each year for an essay on some aspect of International Relations. The subject for the first competition this year was "The Alabama Incident", and the prize, a book chosen and sent over from America by Colonel Van Wagenen, was awarded to D. M. Aldworth.

Where the main superstructure of Anglo-American understanding is so important, even the smallest pebble in the cement is of importance; and for this reason, apart from anything else, we offer particularly warm thanks to Colonel Van Wagenen for this imaginative gesture. We only hope that some day he will be able to visit the School to present his prize in person. Meanwhile we send him our gratitude, our greetings and our good wishes.

SCHOOL NOTES

Work on the new Science Block commenced (*mirabile dictu*) on the appointed day, 24th May; and the walls are now at what one might call 'Romulus-and-Remus' height, and the sound of the concrete mixer is heard abroad in the land.

Boarders will return to School House in September to find the Big Dormitory completely re-decorated in various shades of green. The Blacknall Room has also been repainted—this time in what approximates to the school colours of cerise and white. It is hoped that eventually each form room in the school will be repainted in a different colour scheme. Suggestions welcomed.

Meanwhile mechanisation of the School House kitchens proceeds apace. The latest novelty is a Hobart Electric Mixer, which can, so we are told, do almost anything but lay the eggs it mixes.

The number of boys in the School at the beginning of the Summer Term was 303 (Dayboys 177, School House 73, Waste Court 34, Larkhill 19).

Last term we noted with regret the retirement of Alderman R. W. Langford, J.P., and Alderman A. M. Wilson-Green, M.A., J.P., from the Abingdon Borough Council. Subsequently, with Alderman H. P. Simpson, they retired from the Governing Body. To all three we extend the very sincere thanks of the School for the services they have rendered to it in past years; and we express the hope that for many years to come we shall have the pleasure of welcoming them as unofficial guests at school functions.

To the three members of the Council who have been elected in their stead, Alderman F. Stimpson, J.P., Alderman A. E. Tombs, J.P., and Councillor C. G. Stow, we offer a hearty welcome. Two of them, Alderman Stimpson and Alderman Tombs, are old friends of the School; the third, Mr. Stow, has already justified his appointment by treating the School bowling with proprietorial contempt when playing for the Abingdon Wanderers on the School ground.

We welcome also Councillor H. Booth, B.A., A.R.I.C., who has joined the Board by virtue of his office as Mayor of Abingdon.

We said farewell at the end of the Summer Term—very regretfully—to Mr. Emery, who had kindly taken over Mr. Tudor's work for one term. Mr. Emery will be much missed; and we are glad to think that the man who organised the Pembroke Pictures has stimulated an interest in Picasso among the Sixth Form. Our very best wishes accompany him and Mrs. Emery as they go to spread the light at Reigate.

We welcome two new masters in September. Mr. H. Johnston (B.Sc. Durham) comes from the North Country to help Mr. Ingham with the Physics and to take over the Scouts. Mr. G. R. Cooper, who holds the Art Teachers Diploma of Goldsmiths' College, London, will be relieving Mr. Alston of the responsibility for the teaching of Art throughout the School. This means that Mr. Alston will be available to give his full time to Classics and English.

By courtesy of the Mayor of Abingdon, three senior members of the School accompanied the Headmaster to the Council Chamber on 28th April to see the Freedom of the Borough conferred upon Alderman Tombs.

A cricket match of unusual interest was held on the School ground on the evening of 5th July, when the Abingdon School staff played an eleven of local schoolmasters. It was largely owing to the vigorous innings of the School Doctor, Dr. J. H. Fisher, that the School was able to win what was generally regarded as a most enjoyable game.

The School archives have received a further valuable addition through the kindness of Miss Agnes Baker, literary executor of the late Mr. Arthur Preston (O.A.), who has handed over to our keeping the original of the School Roll of 1732 of which we have hitherto possessed only a photographic copy.

A new first-colour tie, with a pattern of bold cerise and white stripes, has now been made available and has added much to the gaiety of the School; and a prefects' tie, bearing cerise griffins on a grey background, is in course of production. Parents will be relieved to hear that no further ties are contemplated.

As there is no prospect of our being able to obtain the right kind of cloth for the School blazer, with its attractive design of cerise and white stripes, the use of a plain navy-blue blazer, in utility cloth, with an appropriate badge on the pocket has been authorized as a temporary measure. It is hoped that this will be obtainable from Messrs. Shepherd and Simpson in September.

The number of boys leaving in July was unusually small and included no more than six boarders. In order to fulfil our commitments therefore, it has been necessary as a temporary measure to open a new 'dormitory' in a house adjoining the School. We are deeply grateful to Mrs. Grundy for so kindly offering us hospitality (no relation, but the name is a good omen!). We rather envy the four boys who are going to sleep in Park House with Mr. Cooper as their 'House Tutor'.

We are grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Beere for their generous gift of a carpet for the School House Reading Room. Now that a couple of wicker chairs and a further picture have been obtained, the room is really beginning to live up to its name.

The customary Boarders' Supper was held on the last evening of the Summer Term. Afterwards the boarders dispersed to their own houses for informal house concerts. In spite (or because?) of the limited time available for rehearsal the evening's entertainment proved most enjoyable.

A School Calendar is to be produced in the Michaelmas Term. It contains a wealth of information and will be on sale price 4d.

We congratulate all those awarded Colours in the Summer Term. Details may be found under the reports of sporting activities for the term.

We also congratulate Peter Owens upon his award of First Prize and a Challenge Cup in a Drawing Competition organized by No. 3 Maintenance Unit, R.A.F., Milton.

On Wednesday, 18th May, a small party of boys visited the locomotive works at Swindon, under the auspices of the Locomotive Club.

On Thursday, 19th May, another small party attended a concert by the Abingdon and District Musical Society at which the main item on the programme was the Beethoven Symphony No. 1 in C Major.

On Wednesday evening, 29th June, a party of senior boys attended the performance of the Bradfield Greek Play (Aeschylus' Agamemnon).

On Thursday, 14th July, and Friday, 15th July, several parties were taken on conducted tours of places of interest in the town, including the Almshouses, St. Helen's Church and the Old Abbey Buildings. We

here record our thanks to the *Friends of Abingdon* for their kind co-operation in the arrangement of these tours.

Our only "Open" lecture this term was on Friday, 6th May, when Mr. E. W. Evans, C.M.G., at one time Acting Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Mauritius, spoke on "The Colonial Service" to Upper School, under the auspices of the Turnor Society.

We were pleased to have Mr. A. H. Aldous, B.A., of Jesus College, from the University of Oxford Department of Education with us for the Summer Term.

We congratulate C. J. Lockhart-Smith on the award of an Abingdon School Foundation Scholarship and J. M. C. Bishop on the award of an Exhibition.

We record with much regret the recent death of Mr. J. W. Piper, at the age of 83 years. Mr. Piper was an old friend of the School and for many years helped to coach the Cricket XI and prepare our wickets for play. Mr. Ingham represented the School at the funeral.

ABINGDON SCHOOL WAR MEMORIAL FUND

The dedication of the War Memorial Tablet is reported elsewhere in this magazine. We hope that negotiations for the purchase of the Memorial Field will shortly be concluded. Meanwhile, the present state of the War Memorial Fund is as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Cash contributions (to 2nd August, 1949)	828	11	1
Covenanted Subscriptions	1074	3	0
Repayment of income tax (to 31st July, 1949)	73	14	6
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	£1976	8	7

We append a fifth list of contributions; and also a final appeal which has just been issued above the same signatures as the original appeal of 1947, and which we earnestly commend to all friends of the School.

	£	s.	d.
Collection, Dedication Service	22	6	9
Collections, Founder's Day Services	19	12	0
Commander R. I. Hoyle	14	14	0
D. H. Edelsten, J. N. Paige, E. Price	7	7	0
C. E. Allen, J. E. Montgomery	5	5	0
Dr. C. R. Scott	5	0	0
Trinity Methodist Church	3	3	0
D. F. W. Newman, Mrs. W. Saywell	2	2	0
Mr. and Mrs. C. H. R. Andrews	1	2	0
Mrs. D'Almaine	1	1	0
P. L. Howard	1	0	0
P. R. Hatton		10	0

Also clothing presented, which sold for:—

	£	s.	d.
A. C. Dean	2	10	0
J. M. Wood	2	10	0
G. V. Bayley	2	5	0
I. M. Crudgington	2	0	0
Anon.	1	15	0
N. A. Parker		10	0

ABINGDON SCHOOL WAR MEMORIAL FUND A FINAL APPEAL

It is now two years since an Appeal was issued for a Memorial to commemorate the Old Boys of this School who fell in the last World War.

The response to this Appeal has been most encouraging. The total amount already contributed or promised is more than £1800, and we are grateful both for the money and for the generous letters of goodwill that have accompanied so many of the contributions. On the fair assumption that repayment of income tax on outstanding covenants will cover the cost of the Memorial Tablet, any further expenses of postage and stationery, and any covenants that are broken by death or otherwise, it seems that the whole of this sum will be available for the major object of the Fund—the purchase and layout of the new Memorial Playing Field to the north of Faringdon Road.

The Memorial Tablet has been dedicated; and while the purchase of the field has not been completed, there is every reason to hope that the lengthy negotiations with the local authorities concerned will soon reach a successful conclusion. It seems to us, therefore, that the time has come to make a final appeal for contributions. There must be many Parents, Old Boys and Friends of the School who have not yet contributed but would like to be associated with the Memorial Field, and it is to them that this appeal is addressed. The need is urgent, for it will cost every penny of £2000 to purchase the field and (a much heavier item) to lay it out in a manner worthy of its purpose. We do ask you therefore, to give, and to give now. You may be sure that your money is put to good account, for if any surplus is left after the field is bought and laid out, it can be used for improving the existing amenities of the school.

Will you please send your contributions to the Bursar, Abingdon School, Berkshire, from whom forms of covenant may be obtained if desired? If you prefer to enclose your contribution in a personal letter to any one of us, it will be passed on.

The Fund will of course remain open to receive subscriptions at least until the last existing seven-year covenant comes to an end; but this is

the last Appeal that we shall make on its behalf. We hope that you will respond as generously to it as you have to other appeals that have been made on behalf of the School.

F. Clifton Brown (Chairman of the Governors).

J. M. Cobban (Headmaster).

W. M. Grundy (late President, O.A.C.).

DEDICATION OF WAR MEMORIAL TABLET

The primary purpose of the War Memorial Appeal issued by Abingdon School some two years ago was to raise funds for the purchase of a new War Memorial Playing Field immediately to the north of the existing School Grounds: but it was thought right to devote some proportion of the fund to the provision of a War Memorial Tablet in the School Chapel.

The Memorial Tablet (executed by Messrs. Mowbray of Oxford) has been erected on the South wall of the Chapel, opposite the similar tablet dedicated to the memory of those who fell in the war of 1914—1918. It is in bronze, on an oak mount, and it is headed by the School crest (a griffin) in enamel, with the school motto (*Misericordias Domini in aeternum cantabo*). The inscription runs as follows:

"To the Glory of God and in proud and loving memory
of the Old Boys of the School who gave their lives in the
World War of 1939—1945."

There follows a Roll of Honour containing the names of forty-nine Old Abingdonians who fell in the War.

This tablet was dedicated at a special service conducted in the School Chapel by the Chaplain, the Rev. F. W. Burgess, M.A., F.R.C.O., on the afternoon of Sunday, 26th June. The Rev. T. M. Layng (O.A.), C.B.E., M.C., M.A., Chaplain to His Majesty the King, formerly Deputy Chaplain-General, C.M.F., a nephew of a former Headmaster, gave the address and dedicated the tablet. Wreaths of poppies were laid by a parent, Mrs. Holme of Wallingford (representing the relatives of the fallen), the Chairman of the Governing Body, Admiral F. Clifton Brown, C.B., C.M.G., D.L. (representing the Governors, Headmaster, Assistant Masters and Staff), by the newly-elected President of the Old Abingdonian Club, Mr. S. Cullen (representing the Old Boys), and by the Head of the School, G. S. Strachan (representing the boys now at the School). The Headmaster, Mr. J. M. Cobban, M.A., read the lesson and a former Headmaster of the School, Mr. W. M. Grundy, M.A., J.P., also took part in the Service. Miss Sheldon Peach was at the organ and the School Choir supported the hymns. The large congregation included, besides many relatives of the fallen, the Chairman of the County Council (Mr. H. J. Thomas, J.P., a Governor of the School), the Mayor of Abingdon (Councillor H. Booth), the Vicar of

Abingdon (Canon T. H. Liddiard), the Commanding Officer of the R.A.F. Station, Abingdon (Group Captain Chaplin), the Chairman of the Abingdon Rural District Council (Mr. Howard Cornish, J.P.), and representatives of the Governing Body, the School Staff, the Old Abingdonian Club, Pembroke College (Oxford), A.E.R.E., and the School Prefects.

After the service the Headmaster and Mrs. Cobban were at home at the School House to the Congregation.

A photograph of the War Memorial Tablet appears as a frontispiece in this magazine, by courtesy of Messrs. Mowbray and Oxford Photographs.

CHAPEL NOTES

The Bishop of Oxford has kindly undertaken to hold a Confirmation Service in the School Chapel at 3 p.m. on Advent Sunday (27th Nov.).

Visiting preachers during the Summer term included (apart from Wing Commander Hamilton and the Warden of St. Edward's School, whose names were announced in our last issue), Group Captain Chaplin, who is the Commanding Officer of the local R.A.F. Station, and the Rev. G. R. Palmer, M.A., Vicar of Marcham and former School Chaplain.

In the Michaelmas term, we shall welcome, or re-welcome, the Headmaster of Pocklington School (25th September), the Headmaster of Reading School (16th October), the Rev. A. M. Farrar, M.A., D.D., Lecturer at St. Nicolas' Church (20th November), and Mr. A. W. Woolley, M.A. (4th December).

During the term, new lighting has been installed in the apse of the Chapel. We shall not be able to appreciate the full effect of this until the dark days of winter, but it is clearly going to be a great improvement.

The response to the appeal for new hymn books for the Chapel has been most encouraging. We are deeply grateful to those many parents and friends of the School who have contributed so generously. As a result, we hope that by September the whole Chapel will be equipped with the music edition of the new Public Schools' Hymn Book, each copy of which will bear the name of the donor on a specially printed book-plate.

We are under a deep debt of gratitude to A. F. Bastin who spent a part of his last week at School in re-emblazoning the arms borne upon the stone corbels in the Chapel. An original and much appreciated "leaving gift".

Collections this term have been for the following good causes:—Chapel Funds, the Dockland Settlement, the Industrial Christian Fellowship, the War Memorial Fund and St. James' Church, Nevis.

VALETE ET SALVETE

Valete—left 29th March, 1949.

Lower Sixth Form—S. F. Eeles (Maths.), (iii, 43), House Prefect 1948; O.S.C. 1948; 3rd XV 1948.

J. L. Hughes (Modern), (iii, 44), House Prefect 1949; O.S.C. 1948, (left 21st January).

Form Remove—M. R. Penn (iii, 45), 2nd XI Cricket 1948; 3rd XV 1948; C.C.F. Cert. "A" (Part I):

Salvete—came 26th April, 1949.

Form 4B—E. L. Brown.

Form 2B—M. K. C. Grigsby.

Preparatory Form—R. Cooper, C. R. Coxeter.

Iterum Salve

Form 4A—J. C. Ivatts.

FOUNDER'S DAY

The date of Founder's Day this year was changed from the end of June to the end of July, the actual day being on the last Saturday of term (23rd July). For first time in many years, therefore, the traditional service in St. Nicolas' Church could be incorporated in the Celebrations. It is hoped to keep Founder's Day at this juncture of the term in future. By this alteration the Old Boys' Cricket Match and O.A. Dinner were divorced from the commemorations of Founder's Day and were held a month earlier in the term. Unfortunately, the Regatta had to be omitted owing to the already large programme.

As is customary, the celebrations commenced with a morning service in St. Helen's Church. This year the preacher was the Rt. Rev. A. G. Parham, Bishop Suffragan of Reading, who chose for his text the last words of the First Epistle of John, "... keep yourselves from idols". We are most grateful to Mrs. Bevir, who prepared the wreath laid upon the tomb of John Roysse during the service, and, also, to the Misses Challenor, who very kindly decorated the altar of the church with great care. The attendance at all the Founder's Day functions was very good and St. Helen's looked very full of boys and visitors.

Details of the Prize Giving which followed at 2.30 p.m. are given below. As last year, the Headmaster and Mrs. Cobban were At Home to the numerous parents, O.A.s and friends of the School who had come up from the Prize Giving. Tea was served from marquees on the Upper Field and parents had the opportunity of meeting the School staff. After tea a brief display of massed P.T. was given and then parents could visit the various exhibitions on show: School archives in the Library; art and handicrafts in the Art Room; and a display of Wolf Cub and Scouting activities, which was organized on Waste Court field. The proceedings of the afternoon were pleasantly rounded off

by an organ recital in the School Chapel by Mr. Burgess and by solos from Miss Peach and Bishop, Pulsford, Lloyd and Heavens, J.

At 7.30 p.m., there followed the second performance of the School Play. This ended the actual festivities but, on the Sunday evening, many parents and boys attended evensong at St. Nicolas' Church. The preacher was the Headmaster who elaborated the Bishop's theme of the choice between God and 'the idols'.

PRIZE GIVING

As usual, the Prize Giving was held this year in the Corn Exchange. Sir Ralph Glyn, M.P., was the guest speaker and he also presented the prizes.

The ceremony began by the Headmaster delivering his annual Report. In it, he declared that the School was in good heart and represented a sound, long-term investment into which parents could put their sons with complete confidence. The Headmaster then told of the forthcoming purchase of a new playing field to act as a war memorial; and also of the building of the new science block, work on which had already begun. This latter building, however, would only relieve the worst of the congestion.

The Headmaster declared that, with the help of the senior masters, he had planned a major reorganisation of the School, which would come into force next term and would allow of far more flexibility. Education would be conceived as an integrated whole, from 11 to 18 years of age, and 6th form boys would have a wide choice of optional subjects to round off their education.

The Chairman of the Governors then asked Sir Ralph Glyn to present the prizes. In his speech Sir Ralph said that he hoped boys deciding upon their careers would remember that in past generations there had been a steady stream of young men willing to seek a job of work overseas. "We are desperately short of the right type of boy" Sir Ralph continued, "It is a grand life, there are great opportunities, chances of doing something with your life and helping others to build up their own position."

The ceremony was closed by the Chairman thanking Sir Ralph Glyn for his kindness in distributing the prizes.

AWARD OF PRIZES

THE ENDOWED PRIZES: The Thomas Layng Reading Prize—G. S. Strachan; The Smith Chemistry Prizes, Sixth Form—P. C. Richardson, Fifth Forms—(aeq) A. G. B. King and C. S. Wiggins; The Ball Science Prize—H. D. Baecker; The Bevan Essay Prize—J. T. Cullen; The Bevan Scripture Prizes, Forms 5A and 5B—S. R. Mills, The Remove—G. W. Crockford, Forms 4A and 4B—C. G. Brown, Forms 3A and 3B—K. H. Smith, Forms 2A and 2B—J. M. Thistlewood, Prep Form—B. E. Stacey.

THE SCHOOL PRIZES: The Headmaster's Prizes for Efficiency in School and House—G. S. Strachan; D. M. Aldworth, A. F. Bastin; The Member's Essay Prize (*presented by Sir Ralph Glyn*)—C. S. Wiggins; The Mayor's Prize for History Essay (*presented by H. Booth, Esq., B.A., A.R.I.C.*)—G. S. Strachan; The Old Boys' Prize for English Essay—A. E. Willson; The Old Boys' Prize for English Verse—(not awarded); The Van Wagenen Essay Prize (*presented by Colonel R. W. Van. Wagenen, of Duke University, U.S.A.*)—D. M. Aldworth; The Prizes for Efficiency in the Corps—J. T. Cullen and M. A. C. Heavens; The Junior Reading Prize—S. C. Woodley (*prox. acc. P. J. Simmonds*); The Music Prizes, Senior (*presented by Mrs. Rayson*)—N. G. Nicholls; Junior (*presented by Miss Sheldon Peach*)—M. V. A. Alberry; The Art Prizes, Senior—A. E. Willson, Junior—R. W. Allen.

THE CRICKET PRIZES: The Lake Bat (*presented by H. W. Lake, Esq., M.C.*)—M. H. Venables; The Henderson Prizes, Senior—I. M. Pickford, Junior—B. A. Whiteford and P. R. Sale,

THE FORM PRIZES: Sixth Form, English and History—A. E. Willson, Science (General Proficiency)—M. A. C. Heavens, Mathematics—B. H. Wiggins; Form 5A—D. R. G. Andrews, B. W. Boddington; Form 5B—R. Hobday, (Modern Subjects) F. P. Field, (Divinity) E. G. R. Peedell; The Remove—H. A. Wilson, (Maths. and Science) M. J. Morris; Form 4A—N. G. Nicholls, J. Norman; Form 3A—J. Blinman, F. L. Allsworth; Form 3B—J. S. Williamson, B. N. Parker; Form 2A—R. E. J. Packer, T. C. Glucklich; Form 2B—R. G. Marshall, J. Carter; Prep. Form—B. E. Stacey, B. Westbrook.

THE CRITIC

Following upon their success of last year with 'Julius Caesar', the Dramatic Society this year produced most successfully Richard Sheridan's 'The Critic'. Performances in the Corn Exchange on the evenings of 22nd and 23rd July, formed part of the Founder's Day celebrations.

The producer was once again Mr. L. C. J. Griffin. Mr. Sewry was again Business Manager and Mrs. Sewry, Mistress of the Wardrobe, whilst Mr. Mortimer assisted by Mr. Baynes and Mr. Coleman managed the stage like an old hand.

We are indebted to Mr. C. A. Emery for the following critique:—

If it was Mr. Griffin who selected this play for the Founder's Day performance, he is to be congratulated, both for his perspicacity and for his courage; so many amateur dramatic societies prefer to stick to the now-too-familiar "Rivals", or "School for Scandal", that it is refreshing to see a school company attacking this fine, robust satire of Sheridan's. And attack is the only word for the way they went at it on the first night. The play opened smartly with the interchange of home truths *chez Dangle*, and the tempo was never relaxed in spite of exceptionally close and sultry weather, which must have made the wearing of grease-paint and 18th century costumes a great trial. In their efforts to keep up the pace so necessary to this sort of play, two or three of the large cast were apt to gobble or telescope their words, which would have been

less of a fault in modern drawing room comedy than it was in this 18th century comedy of manners which depends largely for its effect on the "putting over" of the sparkling dialogue. The witty repartee crackles as crisp as gingerbread, and contains a vein of, if I may be permitted so incontinently to change my metaphor, *satiric quartz*. To match these gems an incisive, brilliant voice is needed, and the producer was fortunate indeed to find such utterance allied, in the person of Alan Upton, to an instinctive understanding of period and portraiture. Upton's "Sneer" was a delight: he alone gave his character that slight over-pitch, that coating of caricature, which is so necessary if satire, ancient or modern, is to "get across" to the audience.

Outstanding as Upton's performance was, the play was by no means a 'one-man-show'. If Roger Hamer chose to present Puff in a lower, more conversational 'key' than is customary, he managed by his impeccable stage sense and choice of gesture to make his presentation both consistent and convincing. The shafts which Sheridan fired at Richard Cumberland lodged, in this cast, in the bosom of Tony Riggott, who played Sir Fretful Plagiary with just the right mixture of bluster and credulity. Those snarling turtle-doves, the Dangles, were brought convincingly (if sometimes incoherently) to life by Peter Lucas and Richard Taylor; and the incursion of the Italian Family Ritornello (Michael Heavens, John Bishop, Martin Pulsford, Jeffrey Heavens) was wholly delightful. Great praise is due to this tuneful and indefatigable family for the coolness which they, together with their accompanist (F. W. Burgess) and interpreter (Henry Wilson), displayed in the face of calamity on the first night.

The second and third acts brought us a bewildering succession of names and talents. That natural comedian, Michael Heavens, as Don Whiskerandos, extracted every last ounce of comedy from costume and situation, and so did Tony King and Ian Pickford as Raleigh and Hatton. Nor must we forget those personable young ladies Tilburina (Bryan Islip), his confidante (John Ireland), and the two useful nieces (William Robbins and David Banfield); Lord Burleigh, that inarticulate aristocrat, portentously was given life to breath by Glen Strachan.

The sea-fight was exciting, the final pageant of Thames and tributaries impressive and amusing. A special word of praise is due to Mr. ~~Montimer~~ for a decor which would have earned its own round of applause at Covent Garden, and it is only fitting to end, as we began, by commending the producer for his skill and judgment, and by saying that the time and trouble which had so obviously been expended in this production was wasted no whit. It was a good show.

DRAMATIS PERSONAE (in order of appearance)

Mrs. Dangle	Richard Taylor
Dangle	Peter Lucas
Servant	Peter Millard
Sneer	Alan Upton
Sir Fretful Plagiary	Tony Riggott
Interpreter	Henry Wilson
Signòr Pasticcio Ritornello	Michael Heavens
1 Signore Pasticcio Ritornello	John Bishop
2 Signore Pasticcio Ritornello	Martin Pulsford
3 Signore Pasticcio Ritornello	Jeffrey Heavens
Puff	Roger Hamer
Under Prompter	Peter Berry
Sentinels	John Draisey
	Roy Hobday
Sir Walter Raleigh	Tony King
Sir Christopher Hatton	Ian Pickford
The Earl of Leicester	David Allen
The Governor of Tilbury Fort	Tony Willson
The Master of the Horse	Richard Millard
A Knight	John Light
Tilburina	Bryan Islip
Confidant	John Ireland
Don Ferolo Whiskerandos	Michael Heavens
Beefeater	James Penning
Lord Burleigh	Glen Strachan
1st Niece	William Robbins
2nd Niece	David Banfield
Thames	Alec Milligan

ROWING, 1949.

The close of the present season marks the end of another epoch in the history of the School rowing, and next year there will be two radical changes. In the first place all major fixtures will be held in the Summer term—when both the 1st and 2nd IVs will be rowing on slides—thus leaving the Lent term, so often marked by inclement weather and annoying ailments, free for grounding and preliminary training, which in the past has inevitably been too hurried. Secondly, Mr. Mortimer will be succeeding Mr. Duxbury in charge of the rowing, though the latter has no intention of relaxing his coaching activities and will often doubtless 'put his oar in', more figuratively than actively. On this occasion therefore a few retrospective as well as prospective observations may be regarded as excusable.

During the last 18 years, apart from the war years, there have been many innovations and fluctuations in the School rowing. Under Mr. Bevir's sound and inspiring tuition a high standard of fixed seat rowing was achieved, evidenced both by the victories of School crews and by the success of Old Boys in College and Club rowing. It was in 1931 that the 1st IV first took to slides and after some inevitably lean years proved fit to compete with available opposition. Crews were entered for Marlow Regatta in 1936-8, and though limited to non-cricketers and out-classed by their opponents, made a creditable 'showing of the flag' and

gained valuable experience. Next we find a 3rd IV entering the fixture list—a sound idea but imposing a strain on a strictly limited personnel. Finally Evesham Regatta has come to be regarded as an Annual Whit-Monday outing, providing an enjoyable opportunity of meeting Schools too far away for regular fixtures. In fact this year's fixture card perhaps illustrates more clearly than anything else the course of events. Instead of meeting only one other School, as was the case for many years, during the last season the 1st IV raced against six and the 2nd IV against four.

Looking to the future, as long as the size of the Boat House and the cost of new craft impose strict limitations on the numbers that can be coped with in the Boat Club any thought of ambitious 'launching out' into eights and so forth is not only inadvisable but impossible. In the writer's view the first objective, and no mean one, is to reach and maintain a Marlow level, and this will demand much real effort from every member of the Club—juniors and seniors alike. This year we had a IV that was exceptionally good and would have qualified, but that is the standard we must aim at reaching and passing not once in three years, but every year—and there is no reason why this should not be done. Good luck to the new Skipper and the new crews!

1st IV

To assess the merits of a crew which broke the existing record for the School course every time they rowed it—and not in particularly favourable conditions—reducing the time finally to 3 min. 18.4 secs., is not easy. Praise becomes purple, criticism suggests carping and selection of individuals seems invidious, it must be sufficient to say that this crew grasped and practised two essentials—first the need to work as a crew and not as four individuals, and secondly for those individuals to concentrate all the time, applying brain as well as brawn. If younger members will follow their example in these respects and shew the same excellent team spirit we shall have more good crews in the future.

The crew was as follows:—

- Bow J. L. WYATT. A keen and hard-working oar, who settled down after some initial trouble with timing.
- '2' A. F. BASTIN. Inclined to finish his swing too early, but otherwise an attractive style, developed well.
- '3' G. S. STRACHAN. Excellent at '3'. A strong oarsman who backed up stroke magnificently.
- Stroke J. T. CULLEN. An aggressive and powerful stroke. His drive and determination amply compensate for some lack of grace.
- Cox R. B. ATKINSON. A cool-headed, reliable Cox to whom all praise is due.

1st IV RACES

v. King Edward's School, Stratford-on-Avon, 18th May. (Away).

Won by 1½ lengths—2mins. 41secs.

The School rowed a good race in a strange boat, gaining ¼ length lead early on. Stratford challenged strongly at halfway but were held and the School drew away to win by 1½ lengths.

v. Reading School, 25th May. (Away).

Won easily in 4 min. 35 secs.

Against a strong head wind the School kept long and well together and having established an early lead went steadily ahead to win by a distance.

v. Prince Henry's G.S., Evesham, 28th May. (Home).

Won by 5 lengths in 3 mins. 18.4 secs. (Record).

Conditions were good but not exceptionally fast, the School rowed very hard though not pressed and established a new record for the course.

v. Culham College, 1st June. (Home).

Won by 5 lengths in 3 mins. 20 secs.

A good consistent row in moderate conditions.

Evesham Regatta, 6th June—

(Heat 3). v. King's School, Worcester. Won by 1¼ lengths.

The School won the toss, and there was a very level start, but after the first minute the School began to show ahead and thereafter steadily increased their lead, against very persistent opposition.

(Heat 5). v. Wycliffe College. Won by 1½ lengths.

This was a grand race, enlivened by a collision with a steamer when the School were leading comfortably at halfway. However the mishap only spurred the crew to greater efforts and they brought off a tremendous finish, but the strain of restarting told more heavily than was apparent and aggravated '3's strained muscle.

(Final). v. Prince Henry's G.S. 'A' Lost by ½ length.

The School lost the toss and Evesham led off at the start and at one time were 2 lengths ahead, but the School rowed extremely well—though looking rather tired, and in the last 200 yards only just failed to overhaul their opponents. They were certainly very unlucky not to win in spite of handicaps.

v. R.A.F., Benson, 11th June, at Wallingford.

Won by 1½ lengths.

In this race Wyatt rowed '3' in place of Strachan, and Wooldridge 'bow'. Conditions were good but very hot. The School rowed very well together in an unfamiliar order but naturally rather lacked their usual dash.

The race against Wallingford R.C. was unfortunately cancelled.

2nd IV

Unlike the 1st IV the 2nd had a difficult and rather disheartening term. P. R. Lucas, the Lent term stroke, was not available and after some experiments Brakspear took over his place. He has a fair sense of rhythm, good physique and plenty of drive but at present does not use his slide properly and so gets very short when tired. Fathers at '3' continued to work hard in a clumsy sort of way and his style did not shew the improvement hoped for. Hamer and Klein rowed at '2' and bow in the first race after which they stood down so that others could be tried with a view to next year, and Wooldridge also came in in place of Fathers. As things turned out the original order might have been quite as good as the new, but some of the more junior oars have gained useful experience. Wooldridge did pretty well at '3', but his body swing is short, and he rows rather in sculling style. Noyce at '2' was more effective than his ugly method suggested. Hullett showed real promise and when he is a year older and bigger with his nice easy swing should develop into a useful oar. In their races they had bad luck on two occasions which made their performance look worse than it was. Actually they had very fair pace and if they could have attained more uniformity they would not have tired themselves so soon, thus accentuating individual weaknesses. Even so they showed very good spirit and never gave up.

Races were as follows:—

v. King Edward's School, Stratford-on-Avon, II, 18th May. (Away).

Lost by 5 lengths.

After a fairly level start, jammed slides caused a temporary hold up, and with '3' rowing 'fixed' they did well to make up some lost ground.

v. Reading School II, 25th May. (Away).

Lost by 2 lengths.

In a strong head wind the School went off well and by half way were nearly 2 lengths ahead. Then a slight crab and a strong gust swung them across the river losing them several lengths. However they recovered and were rowing well at the finish.

v. Prince Henry's G.S., Evesham, II, 28th May. (Home).

Lost by 3 lengths.

Evesham gained some advantage at the start increased to a length at halfway. The School got rather short but hung on well to their more stylish opponents.

v. Culham College II, 1st June. (Home).

Won by 2 lengths in 3 mins. 41 secs.

There was little between the crews over most of the course but the School rowed their best race and were half a length ahead when a crab stopped Culham just short of the finish.

Several junior crews were out regularly and would have had more frequent outings if we had only had more boats. Here the services of Mr. Baynes were of great value in the unspectacular role of initiating the tiros into the mystery of which end of an oar does what. We are greatly indebted to him for the hours thus spent so usefully and cheerfully.

HOUSE RACES

In the Senior race for the Bennett Cup, Tesdale, as expected beat Blacknall over a course from Corporation Farm to Bottrell's Boat House—but the race was a good one with less than 2 lengths difference at the finish.

Crews were: (Tesdale)—J. T. Cullen (Str.); K. A. Fathers, J. A. M. Brakspear, W. L. Wooldridge (bow).

(Blacknall)—A. F. Bastin (Str.); G. S. Strachan; B. J. Noyce; P. H. B. Amey (bow).

In a junior race Bennett beat Blacknall by 1 length.

CRICKET, 1949.

The weather this year has been kind to us but Fortune has not. The 1st XI has enjoyed a number of close finishes but we have only twice been favoured with victory. Of twelve matches played two have been won, two drawn and eight lost.

Our two victories were, however, worthy of note. After a poor start against the Old Abingdonians the side made a good recovery and built up a score of 164. We then dismissed the Old Boys for 139, the last wicket falling five minutes before time. Our other victory was against our old rivals, Magdalen College School, Oxford, and it was our first win against them for seven years. Batting first, we made only 61, but we then dismissed our opponents for 59. It was time alone that denied us very probable victories over St. Edward's School 2nd XI, and Newbury Grammar School.

The chief weakness of the team has been in its bowling. Pickford has almost always bowled well, but one man cannot bowl throughout a match, nor can he bowl at both ends. The problem was partially solved by the promotion of Whiteford from the Colts' XI, but still our bowling was sadly inadequate. Our batting, on the other hand, though falling short of expectations, was stronger than in previous years. In fact, the side's average score was appreciably higher than in 1947 or 1948. The fielding, too, reached a higher standard than in recent years.

Although the team has had a lean season this year, we have high hopes for the future. There have been a number of young and inexperienced players in the side this year but the material is there and, when this is reinforced by some 'Under 15' 'stars', we feel confident of some good results in years to come.

We should like here to record our appreciation of Mr. Carr's hard work both in coaching and in preparing wickets. We hope to have him with us again next year.

During the season the following Colours were awarded.

1st XI Colours—I. M. Pickford.

2nd XI Colours—P. R. Lucas.

Other awards were as follows:

The Fletcher Cup—M. H. Venables.

Henderson Awards—(Senior) I. M. Pickford.

(Junior) B. A. Whiteford and P. R. Sale.

Lake Bat—M. H. Venables.

House Matches resulted as follows:

Carr Cup (Senior Competition)—Bennett House.

Brewer Bowl (Junior Competition)—Blacknall House.

1st XI CHARACTERS

M. H. VENABLES (Captain; Colour 1947). Technically an accomplished batsman, who has only once this season come into his own. A daring field close to the bat. As captain he has set a fine example of keenness to the side.

I. M. PICKFORD (Colours 1949). The best bowler in the side, he has sometimes bowled extremely well but still bowls too many long hops on the leg stump. Given better command of length he should prove a great asset to the side. As a batsman, his forward play is good although he is inclined to over-reach. He should now develop his back-play further. A sound fielder.

D. M. ALDWORTH (2nd Colours 1948). A somewhat unorthodox performer with the bat who would increase his value to the side if he could stop himself hitting out wildly at almost every good length ball. His bowling, too, is erratic but he has bowled well on occasions and taken some useful wickets. A very good fielder, especially in the deep. A helpful and efficient secretary.

T. O. INWOOD (2nd Colours 1948). A potential run-getter who has a good eye and strong wrists. He would improve if he could acquire some genuine strokes to conquer his casual manner. Also quite a good wicket-keeper, although inclined to be "one-handed". It is good to see that a nasty accident has not affected his confidence.

P. R. LUCAS (2nd Colours 1949). An opening batsman who watches the ball well and hits it hard on the leg side but must cultivate some strokes on the off. Should become a sound player when he learns to control his temperament and play each ball on its merits. A good fielder anywhere. He could make a useful swing bowler if he would concentrate on length and form a regular run up to the wicket.

BATEMAN. He still appears very nervous with the bat and should be more purposeful in his batting. Drives adequately when he loses his nervousness but his other offside strokes are technically unsound. Has improved vastly in the field and is a reliable catch.

RIDOUT. A young player who looks as if he might make a cricketer. At present his batting suffers from his nervousness. He should make a useful bowler with practice. Fair in the field.

WALKER i (J. B.). As a bowler he has taken a number of wickets. He has also made quite a few runs. His action at present is much too stiff and needs correction and he must learn to keep a length under punishment. He hits the ball very hard when batting, but is quite unable to pick out the right ball to hit. Fair in the field.

FURBY i (J.). Has a good eye, is quick on his feet, and hits the ball hard. His strokes are thoroughly unorthodox and he has a habit, which he must overcome, of flashing at rising balls on the off. Very neat and quick in the field near the wicket and reliable in the deep.

FREE. He has concentration and determination. He bats carefully and hits hard when he receives anything short on the leg side. A good fielder anywhere.

WHITEFORD. A young player who joined the side late in the season. He has bowled well but is inclined to try to bowl too fast. He must learn that it is more profitable to bowl within himself with only an occasional ball delivered at full speed. Next year we hope he will be bigger and stronger. Has the ability to make a useful batsman. Quite good in the field.

IRELAND. Another young player who has more than his fair share of nerves. He plays correctly and well and we expect some useful innings from him in the future. Fair in the field.

v. King Alfred's School, Wantage. (Home)—Lost by 1 run.

Abingdon School		King Alfred's School	
M. H. Venables b Lines	8	Driscell b Pickford	7
Inwood T. O. ct Wathers		Miller ct Walker b Pickford	1
b Miller	14	Marland ct Furby b Aldworth	20
Lucas (P. R.) b Miller	15	Farmer ct Pickford b Walker	13
Ridout b Miller	1	Winterbottom run out	5
Ireland b Miller	2	Breakspear ct Venables	
Furby b Miller	2	b Ridout	1
Aldworth ct Driscell b Lines	1	Howe not out	5
Pickford ct Howe b Marland	3	Headerly b Walker	0
Bateman ct Breakspear		Lines b Walker	8
b Miller	3	Goodchild b Ridout	4
Lucas (F. C.) b Marland	6	Wathers run out	1
Walker not out	0		
Extras	19	Extras	0
Total	64	Total	65
Miller 6 wkts. for 15 runs		Pickford 3 wkts for 28 runs	

v. St. Edward's School 2nd XI. (Home)—Drawn:

Abingdon School

M. H. Venables st Turner	
b Currey	13
Lucas (P. R.) b MacCaig	9
Furby ct & b MacDonald	12
Bateman ct Macadam	
b MacCaig	20
I. M. Pickford ct Lippner b Lee	3
Aldworth D. M. ct Gwyther	
b Currey	8
Ireland ct Currey b Lee	0
Ridout b Currey	12
Free not out	17
Walker not out	4
Lucas (F. C.) did not bat	
Extras	26

Total (for 8 wks. dec.) 124

Currey 3 wks. for 21 runs.

St. Edward's School

Lippner b Walker	10
Neville b Walker	3
MacCaig b Pickford	11
Turner ct Lucas (P. R.)	
b Aldworth	2
Currey not out	20
Gwyther b Walker	0
MacDonald ct Lucas (P. R.)	
b Pickford	21
Whitrow hit wkt b Venables	0
Charles-Jones not out	1
Macadam and Lee did not bat	
Extras	19

Total (for 7 wks.) 87

Walker 3 wks. for 26 runs.

v. Oratory School. (Away)—Lost by 1 wicket.

Abingdon School

M. H. Venables lbw b Spiteri	4
Inwood T. O. b Phillips	0
Lucas (P. R.) lbw b Arundell	18
Furby ct Spiteri b Fitzherbert	17
Bateman ct Wilson b Spiteri	4
Ridout b Arundell	0
z	0
Aldworth D. M. run out	3
Ireland b Phillips	4
Pickford not out	0
Lucas (F. C.) b Spiteri	0
Walker b Spiteri	0
Extras	8

Total 58

Spiteri 4 wks. for 9 runs

Oratory School

Berkeley ct Furby b Pickford	0
Arundell b Aldworth	13
Fitzherbert ct Ridout b Walker	6
Taylor ct Aldworth b Walker	9
Fairbairn b Walker	0
Spiteri b Aldworth	8
Hubbard lbw b Aldworth	0
Dyne b Walker	7
Wilson not out	4
Phillips ct Aldworth b Walker	4
Castle not out	5
Extras	5

Total (for 9 wks.) 61

Walker 5 wks. for 31 runs

Aldworth 3 wks. for 11 runs

v. Pavlova Sports C.C. (Away)—Lost by 5 wkts.

Abingdon School		Pavlova C.C.	
M. H. Venables ct and b		Espanhahn b Pickford	20
Whiting	20	F. King run out	13
Lucas (P. R.) b Whiting	37	J. Crooks b Aldworth	10
Furby run out	2	R. Whiting b Walker	26
Bateman ct Heard b Crooks	8	Heard not out	16
I. M. Pickford ct Whiting		Denton b Lucas (P. R.)	14
b Denton	9	Heard not out	29
Aldworth D. M. st Espanhahn		Rogers, Boyles, Darling, Ball	
b Ball	5	did not bat	
Free ct Heard b Denton	0		
Ireland lbw b Heard	0		
Ridout ct Boyles b Darling	13		
Walker not out	1		
Lucas (F. C.) b Heard	0		
Extras	7	Extras	7
	<u>104</u>	Total (for 5 wkts.)	<u>134</u>
Whiting 2 wkts. for 16 runs			
Denton 2 wkts. for 15 runs			

v. Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe. (A).—Lost by 7 wkts.

Abingdon School		R.G.S.	
M. H. Venables ct Robey		Zimms b Pickford	7
b Woodhams	8	Sharpe b Pickford	20
Lucas (P. R.) ct. Gray		Engeham not out	23
b Woodhams	4	Woodbridge ct Aldworth	
Furby lbw b Woodhams	2	b Lucas (P. R.)	17
Bateman b Carrick	0	Woodward not out	6
I. M. Pickford ct & b Sharpe	21	Gray, Howard, Robey, Decker,	
Aldworth D. M. b Woodhams	9	Carrick and Woodhams did not	
Free st Decker b Sharpe	4	bat	
Ireland b Sharpe	0		
Ridout b Woodhams	5		
Walker ct Woodbridge			
b Woodhams	7		
Lucas (F. C.) not out	0	Extras	2
Extras	5		
	<u>65</u>	Total (for 3 wkts.)	<u>75</u>
Woodhams 6 wkts. for 18 runs		Pickford 2 wkts. for 29 runs	
Sharpe 3 wkts. for 17 runs			

v. City of Oxford School. (Home)—Lost by 3 runs.

Abingdon School		C.O.S.	
M. H. Venables run out	14	Robinson b Pickford	1
Lucas P. R. b Cripps	1	Gibbons lbw b Pickford	18
Inwood T. O. run out	0	Roderick ct Inwood b Walker	4
Furby ct Williamson b Cripps	1	Chew ct Pickford b Aldworth	4
Bateman lbw b Cripps	0	Hill ct Free b Pickford	1
I. M. Pickford ct Wharton	0	Cripps b Walker	1
b Moore	0	Wharton b Aldworth	0
Aldworth D. M. ct Robinson	2	Parloe b Pickford	4
b Cripps	2	Williamson b Walker	1
Free ct Williamson b Moore	5	Moore not out	2
Ridout b Cripps	9	Green lbw b Pickford	0
Ireland ct Cripps b Moore	0		
Walker not out	3		
Extras	4	Extras	8
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Total	41	Total	44

Cripps 5 wks for 12 runs.
Moore 3 wks. for 13 runs

Pickford 5 wks. for 20 runs.
Walker 3 wks. for 15 runs.

v. Abingdon Wanderers. (Home)—Lost by 7 wickets.

Abingdon School		Abingdon Wanderers	
M. H. Venables run out	2	Dickinson lbw b Pickford	5
Lucas (P. R.) ct Watson		Carslaw b Walker	19
b Carslaw	39	Stow ct Aldworth b Venables	30
Inwood T. O. ct Hamilton		Brooks not out	54
b Bycroft	17	Jamieson not out	24
Furby lbw b Brooks	12	Lines, Hamilton, Nelson	
Bateman run out	4	Watson, Adams and Bycroft	
I. M. Pickford b Stow	5	did not bat	
Aldworth D. M. run out	1		
Free ct Jamieson b Adams	10		
Ridout ct Jamieson b Watson	15		
Ireland st Nelson b Brooks	1		
Walker not out	7	Extras	9
Extras	14		
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Total	127	Total (for 3 wks.)	143

Brooks 2 wks. for 34 runs

v. M.C.S. Brackley. (Away)—Lost by 60 runs.

M.C.S., Brackley	Abingdon School
Curtis ct Venables b Pickford 15	M. H. Venables lbw b Stevens 2
Palmer b Whiteford 7	Lucas P. R. ct Frost b Tite 0
Davies b Whiteford 9	Inwood T. O. ct Tite b Stevens 0
Frost ct Inwood b Pickford 6	Furby b Stevens 0
Stevens b Pickford 3	Free lbw b Tite 0
Tite lbw b Aldworth 12	Bateman b Tite 0
Watkins ct Aldworth	Pickford I M. b Stevens 5
b Pickford 12	Aldworth D. M. b Care 12
Stacey ct Inwood b Venables 0	Walker b Tite 4
Care b Walker 3	Ridout run out 1
Turvey not out 5	Whiteford not out 0
Lawrence ct Pickford b Walker 2	
Extras 22	Extras 3
Total 87	Total 27

Pickford 4 wkts. for 17 runs.

Tite 4 wkts. for 16 runs
Stevens 4 wkts. for 5 runs

v. Parents' XI. (Home)—Lost by 1 wicket.

Abingdon School	Parents' XI
M. H. Venables ct & b Islip 16	Clewley ct Free b Pickford 4
Lucas P. R. lbw b Brackley 0	Woodley ct Free b Pickford 6
Inwood T. O. b Brackley 0	Islip b Pickford 0
Furby lbw b Clewley 6	Brackley b Walker 12
Bateman ct Wiggins b Islip 1	Raxman b Pickford 2
Aldworth D. M. b Brackley 9	Maxwell not out 36
Walker b Clewley 17	Exon ct Bateman b Pickford 1
I. M. Pickford b Brackley 2	Creevy b Aldworth 4
Free not out 2	Ireland b Walker 1
Ridout b Clewley 1	Wiggins lbw b Pickford 1
Ireland ct Islip b Clewley 0	Bartlett ct and b Venables 0
Extras 6	Extras 0
Total 60	Total 68

Clewley 4 wkts. for 23 runs
Brackley 4 wkts. for 13 runs

Pickford 7 wkts. for 9 runs

v. Newbury Grammar School. (Home)—Drawn.

Newbury G.S.		Abingdon School	
Davis b Pickford	16	M. H. Venables not out	89
Leacey b Whiteford	0	Lucas P. R. ct Dymont	10
Charman b Walker	55	b Wakeford	10
Hughes lbw b Pickford	0	Inwood T. O. ct Dymont	10
Durnford b Aldworth	50	b Charman	0
Dymont b Aldworth	7	Furby st Dymont b Charman	0
Hunt b Pickford	19	Free b Gibson	0
Gibson ct Walker b Aldworth	2	Bateman ct Charman	19
Abbott, Wakeford and Curtis		b Gibson	0
did not bat		Aldworth D. M. b Charman	0
		Pickford I. M. lbw b Wakeford	0
		Walker not out	7
		Ridout and Whiteford did not	bat
Extras	12	Extras	9
Total (8 wks. dec.)	161	Total (for 7 wks.)	144
Pickford 3 wks. for 34 runs		Charman 3 wks. for 24 runs	
Aldworth 3 wks. for 20 runs.			

v. Old Abingdonians. (Home).—Won by 25 runs.

Abingdon School		Old Abingdonians	
M. H. Venables b Heard	5	Packer lbw b Whiteford	17
Lucas P. R. b Heard	9	Weston lbw b Pickford	11
Inwood T. O. lbw b Barrett	5	Hill b Whiteford	5
Furby lbw b Barrett	0	Holmes b Aldworth	0
Free ct Jamieson b Barrett	13	Leigh ct Bateman b Pickford	16
Bateman ct Heard b Packer	15	Harfield b Aldworth	1
Pickford I. M. ct Jamieson	30	Jamieson ct Venables	20
b Heard	30	b Aldworth	4
Aldworth D. M. ct Jones	29	Jones b Walker	37
b Barrett	29	Cullen ct Inwood b Walker	15
Ridout b Heard	8	Heard b Walker	2
Walker not out	14	Barrett not out	11
Whiteford ct Jones b Heard	1	Extras	11
Extras	35	Total	139
Total	164	Walker 3 wks. for 28 runs	
Barrett 4 wks. for 20 runs.		Aldworth 3 wks. for 12 runs.	
Heard 5 wks. for 53 runs			

v. M.C.S., Oxford. (Home)—Won by 2 runs.

Abingdon School		M. C. S., Oxford	
M. H. Venables b Green	12	Compton ct. Whiteford	
Lucas P. R. lbw b Foster	0	b Pickford	2
Inwood T. O. ct. Achurch		Laitt b Whiteford	3
b Green	11	Gayton ct Whiteford	
Furby lbw b Green	0	b Pickford	2
Free lbw b Gertner	6	Franklin lbw b Pickford	0
Bateman b Green	0	Gertner ct Aldworth	
Pickford I. M. b Green	8	b Pickford	0
Aldworth D. M. b Gertner	0	Achurch b Pickford	23
Walker not out	14	Green ct Bateman b Walker	12
Ridout ct Coles b Laitt	8	Wright lbw b Walker	3
Whiteford st Coles b Laitt	0	Cross ct Aldworth	
		b Pickford	3
		Coles run out	3
		Foster not out	1
		Extras	7
Extras	2		
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Total	61	Total	59

Green 5 wkts. for 14 runs

Pickford 6 wkts. for 21 runs

2nd XI CRICKET RESULTS

v. Leighton Park School	Lost, 72—76 for 5.
v. Newbury Grammar School	Lost, 34—45.
v. Southfield School	Lost, 52—56 for 3.
v. Radley College 3rd XI	Lost, 37—82 for 4.
v. City of Oxford School	Won, 46—44.
v. City of Oxford School	Lost, 53—58 for 2.
v. Southfield School	Won, 81—44.
v. Magdalen College School	Lost, 40—116 for 6.
v. Bloxham School	Lost, 61—129 for 6.

'UNDER 15' CRICKET

The Colts' XI has had a very successful season. Of six matches played they have won four and drawn two. The highlights of the season were the defeat of Magdalen College School, Oxford, by ten wickets and a fine bowling and fielding display against the Oratory School.

The success of the side has been largely due to good teamwork. There have, however, been some individual performances of merit—outstanding was Sale's 60 not out against Magdalen—and the team promises extremely well for the future.

Results were as under—

v. Leighton Park School	Won, 77—35.
v. City of Oxford School	Drawn, 25 for 5—65 for 8.
v. Oratory School	Won, 31—25.
v. Magdalen C.S., Brackley	Won, 79—51.
v. Magdalen C.S., Oxford	Won 106 for 1—51.
v. Radley College	Drawn, 58 for 8—128 for 6.

TENNIS

This year we were at last able to bring three of our grass courts into play again after their war-time requisitioning. The condition of the new courts is still not perfect, but it will undoubtedly improve; and we hope very soon to see tennis firmly established as a social diversion for the cricketer and as an alternative to cricket for the senior who has tried in vain to become a cricketer.

Meanwhile a School Tennis VI is in being, composed of M. H. Venables and J. T. Cullen; D. M. Aldworth and B. H. Wiggins; and R. F. Hamer and W. L. Wooldridge. This year it has played two matches. The first was against the staff who won easily, losing two games only. The games, however, were much closer than might be suspected. The second match was against the Abingdon Lawn Tennis Club, and the teams were evenly matched, the exciting result being that the School lost by one game, decided by an extra set. The VI was, therefore, satisfied with 'Defeat with Honour' on their conqueror's home courts.

During the term two tournaments were arranged, neither of which terminated before the holidays arrived. The Singles Tournament never got further than the 1st Round, and the Doubles Tournament progressed as far as the Finals but we were unable to play them off, so the prize was shared by the two pairs: J. T. Cullen and R. F. Hamer, and D. M. Aldworth and B. H. Wiggins. The prizes were kindly given by the Headmaster.

It was on the whole a successful tennis term, and we must thank Mr Gray for his efforts in this sphere. We hope for greater achievements and finished tournaments next year.

SCHOOL LIBRARY

Last term the new arrangements were given a fair trial and under the enthusiastic and efficient management of the Assistant Librarians, S. R. Mills and N. J. Shurrock, worked satisfactorily. The classification and numbering is nearly completed and this term a start will be made on the first of the card indexes.

The Library has sponsored a junior form library with financial help and it is good to find many of the younger boys making use of the main Library.

Under the 'Marshall Bequest' to the Royal Numismatic Society the Library has received the first of the volumes intended to encourage interest in the study of Coinage. This is the Guide to Greek Coins in the British Museum. We offer our appreciative thanks to the Society.

Additions by purchase last term include: *The Wealth of Nations*, *Rural Rides*, *Clemenceau and the Third Republic*, *Thomas Jefferson*, *Anthony Trollope Autobiography*, *Intelligible Heraldry* (Granville Barker), *Prefaces to Shakespeare*, *History of the Homeland*, *History of English Literature* (Legouis), *Three Plays for Puritans* (Shaw), *Roman Provincial Administration* (Stevenson), *New Biology and Science News* (Penguin), *G. M. Trevelyan Autobiography*, *Introduction to History of England* (Jerrold), *One's Company* (Fleming), *Farmer's Glory* (Street), *The Game-Keeper at Home* (Jefferies), *The Story of the Gypsies* (Bercoviçi), *Guide to Philosophy* (Joad), *Madame Curie* (Eve Curie), *English Rivers and Canals* (Eyre & Hadfield), *The Elizabethan World Picture* (Tillyard).

C.C.F. NOTES

The Summer term was one of solid, if not spectacular achievement. We have had—again largely because of the small number of senior cadets—to forego some of our usual activities. Thus it was not considered practicable to enter a team this year for the *Country Life* competition, or for postal matches against other schools, in the shooting field. Sandbags for repair of the miniature range were not forthcoming, despite repeated requests, and this has been a factor in limiting our opportunities for practice.

Against this loss must be set the satisfaction we can all derive from the good progress made in powers of command and instructional ability by our young N.C.O.s, among whom Sgts. Lucas and Riggott have been most conspicuous. We may be a young Corps at the moment but there is a high potential at the top, and with more experience we should develop a really good team of N.C.O.s.

On the officer side too, the strength of the Corps has been much increased by the re-commissioning of Lt. R. D. Baynes, who has in a very short time established a firm reputation among us. Mr. Baynes served during the war in the 2nd Btn., K.O.Y.L.I., in the Far East; his experience as an O.C.T.U. instructor there will be invaluable. We extend to him a most hearty welcome, and wish him a long life among us.

In the Cert. 'A' examination, held on 30th June, 100 per cent. success was achieved: 28 cadets qualified for Part I, and 11 for Part II. Part II candidates were:—Austwick M. J.; Bateman M.; Darroch N. A. C.; Free D.; Klein R.; Millichap M. D.; Morgan A.; Penning J. A.; Perry B. R.; Pickford I. M.; Winter J. A.

Field Day was, as usual, held early in the term on the Berkshire Downs. An exercise in approach to contact was well done in the morning; after lunch contact was established, and the ensuing battle was laid on with much zeal and energy, though with doubtful success.

The annual inspection was carried out on 24th June by Brigadier P. St. Clair Ford, D.S.O., B.G.S., Southern Command. The Brigadier said he was well satisfied with the spirit shown and the standard of training, and asked particularly that we should be given a half-holiday as a reward.

We enjoyed again last term Weapon Training instruction given by a C.S.M. of the O.B.L.I., and several visits from Capt. Borwick of 15 Cadet Travelling Wing, S.P.D., whose efforts no doubt contributed much to Cert. 'A' success. This officer will be organising and directing the Michaelmas Term Field Day, and we look forward to it with keen anticipation.

We are fortunate that the Army is losing only one N.C.O. this year—Sgt. Olscher and so we may look forward with high hope and ever confidence. To all potential newcomers we say—"Come on, it will be too good a year to be missed"; and to those who are taking their proficiency certificates we commend the following extract from a conscript's letter:—" . . . It is very surprising to find out how much Cert. 'A' counts in the Army. Officers ask if anybody has got Cert. 'A' at least three times a day . . . "

WARMINSTER CAMP, 1949

A contingent of three officers and 38 cadets attended the C.C.F. Camp at Warminster, from 26 July to 3 August. This number added to the Naval Contingent represents 45 per cent. of the unit strength—a satisfactory percentage.

Warminster Camp was sponsored by 1st Bn. XX The Lancashire Fusiliers, the Demonstration Bn. at the School of Infantry. This Unit was, therefore, particularly well qualified to give us just the kind of realistic demonstration we need and want to see. Ammunition was expended freely, while the spectators' stand in some instances was in the thick of the action; cadets thus got a vivid impression of what battle means. They had opportunities also of firing their own weapons—rifle, Bren, Mortars—in many cases for the first time. On the 'battle inoculation' side, the camp could hardly have been better organised.

Less satisfactory was the position regarding training grounds which, because so much of the Imber area is in constant use for firing exercises, had to be very restricted. It was a little frustrating to have to exercise a platoon of men—after making the journey to the "wide open spaces"—in an area no larger than Waste Court Field! Still, we realise it had to be, and, on balance, we feel that *training*—that topic so dear to Commanding Officers—did not suffer.

At Camp almost as important as training are evening activities. Here again we were very well served, in everything but the weather which, for the third year in succession, broke up over the week-end

causing the abandonment of the Sports and a Cricket match—Cadets v. Lancashire Fusiliers. The Boxing, happily, was completed on the Friday, with a bitter wind blowing. Abingdon did really well to have two finalists—Neil Darroch and John Archer. The former, who was in a class by himself, won handsomely, while Archer was so good a loser that one of the three judges actually gave him the palm. He scored many points in the first two rounds with a nice straight left, but in the third, when he was content with his lead, took a deal of punishment very stoutly from a stronger opponent, a Radley boy.

Sporting activities apart from the evening time were filled with many attractive displays, covering a wide range, including an impressive show of models in the Army Exhibition at the School of Infantry, and a demonstration on the Saturday of ground-to-air contact.

Night-ops. were completed just before the rains came. All cadets took part in a series of small-scale exercises—an arrangement much more satisfactory than ambitious Bn. schemes. We were involved, as defenders, in a 'long game' with Dean Close. Officially honours were even, but the defenders were strongly of the opinion that their tactics had prevailed! And so to bed—and to waken in the morning to a world of sheeting rain in which it was impossible to hold the ceremonial March Past that had been planned as the climax to an open-air Church Parade at which Maj.-Gen. E. B. de Fonblanque, G.O.C. Salisbury Plain District was to have taken the salute. A real pity this—so much honest effort had gone into the preliminary spitting-and-polishing that we feel sure Abingdon would have been voted one of the smartest contingents on parade.

Our lines were next to those of All Hallows, with whom we struck up — officers and men alike — a happy friendship; a friendship which once was turned, without negotiation or paper signature, into a "pact of mutual assistance".

Yes—in all but the weather, a good camp, and we look forward to an even better time next year, whether at Warminster or elsewhere.

R.N. Section

The Section has passed a satisfactory second term. We have again had the able assistance of P.O. Saunders of R.N.A.S., Culham, and we are most grateful to him.

Our thanks are due to Culham also for acting as our hosts on Field Day, when the Section became water borne for the first time. Whalers were available and we both pulled and sailed them, though the wind was scarcely strong enough for sailing. Much amusement was caused by the Head of the School who absent-mindedly walked off the end of the jetty!

Our first Inspection was quite a success and Cmdr. Collett appeared pleased with our turn-out.

At the end of term ten members of the Section spent a week on board H.M.S. Theseus at Portsmouth, which proved so enjoyable that four of them volunteered to go in her for a further week at sea in September.

The promised Whaler has not yet arrived, but we are assured that it is on its way.

ROYSSSE SOCIETY

The first meeting of the Society in the Summer Term was a visit to the theatre. On Wednesday, 11th May, the boy members of the Society were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cobban at a performance of Gilbert & Sullivan's 'Patience' by the D'Oyly Carte Opera Company at the New Theatre, Oxford.

On Wednesday, 1st June, the Society met to hear an informative paper on 'Juvenile Delinquency' by J. T. Cullen. It is perhaps to be regretted that we are not in a position to carry out some of the far-reaching social measures that came under discussion.

Mr. C. A. Emery educated and entertained the Society on Wednesday, 13th July, with his paper on 'Pablo Ruiz y Picasso: the greatest painter since Titian'. How he gripped our attention may be seen from the fact that the subsequent discussion, contrary to usual practice, never strayed very far from the subject of his paper.

Once again the Society wish to express their thanks for Mr. and Mrs. Cobban's hospitality.

H.D.B.

TURNOR SOCIETY

The Summer term's activities consisted of five talks on widely different subjects. The first of these was of more general interest, and consequently the Society admitted the whole of Upper School to temporary membership to hear Mr. E. W. Evans, one time Governor of Mauritius speak on "The Colonial Service". The talk was both interesting and instructive, especially to a few would-be colonial administrators.

The second talk came from Mr. C. A. Emery, who gave us some most amusing ideas on how to escape from a P.O.W. camp. His talk—'Escape from the Reich'—was voted one of the best. This was followed a fortnight later by Mr. A. H. Aldous's talk on 'A mountaineering holiday in the Himalayas'. Illustrated by photographs on the epidiascope, this talk was definite proof that war service in India was not all hard work.

With Major Hunter's lecture on "Western Union", the Society returned to the really serious political problems of today. He gave us a most concise and valuable account of the politics behind the Brussels and Atlantic Pacts.

Finally, the Society was indebted to Mrs. Clifton for a most interesting talk on "The Social Causes of Juvenile Crime". This talk aroused much discussion and revealed some startling facts, such as that nine-tenths of young offenders are boys between 14 and 16 years of age.
P.C.R.

HOLIDAY CLUB

On account of the bad weather the Club only once managed to fulfil a sporting fixture during the Easter Holidays. This was a hockey match against the Abingdon Young Conservatives which the Club won by 5 goals to 1. The score in no way indicates the run of play, both "goalies" receiving a constant bombardment of shots. Luck (and the Y.C. goalkeeper) was with us, however, and we won a most enjoyable game.

On Thursday, 14th July, the Club competed in the Abingdon Youth Council Sports in Waste Court Field. These Athletic Sports are held every year among the local Youth Clubs and for the second time in succession we won the M.G. Cup, a cup awarded to the senior team with the most points, with a total aggregate of 30.

AVIATION CLUB

We had our first outing of the Summer term on Wednesday, 4th May, when practically the whole Club visited the Handley Page Aircraft Works at Radlett. It was a most interesting visit and everybody was most impressed by the methods of manufacture of these giants of the air.

Later in the term we were invited to give a flying display at the Trinity Methodist Fete which was held in Lower Field on Saturday, 11th June. Five models were produced on the appointed day but, of these, only one was able to be coaxed into the air.

On Founder's Day several models were exhibited, including a 7ft. span Whitewings, a flying model powered by a 10 c.c. petrol engine and built by B. H. Wiggins which earned richly deserved praise from the visitors.

B.H.W.

JOINT CLUB

In the Summer term we found very little time for besporting ourselves, and the term's activities consisted of two meetings.

The first was a Tennis Party on our courts, and some good games were played. The standard of play, if not quite that of Wimbledon,

was to the credit of all concerned. After this arduous display of energy we adjourned to the Headmaster's garden for some refreshment, and the organisers must be thanked for the excellence of the fare. We must also thank the Headmaster and Mrs. Cobban for inviting us to the garden. This was followed by a Quiz, in which abysmal ignorance was shown of the character of that genial animal the Wapentake—I say no more!

The second, and last, meeting was held under the hospitable roof of St. Helen's, and the evening was spent in dancing, with a break for refreshments, for the magnificence of which St. Helen's is renowned. We then resumed the dance with much jollity, if somewhat slower. So at the appointed hour we sang "Auld Lang Syne" and said our good-byes with very mixed feelings.

This has been a good year for the Club, and we say "Good Luck!" to our departing members, and give a toast to the future of the Club, and to its new members, and may it have an even better run next year.

R.F.H.

SCOUT TROOP

During the Summer term the Troop has been in the very capable hands of Mr. R. J. Sturley of Culham College, and if we now record our most successful term to date it is entirely through him that we are able to do so. To him are due our very sincere thanks for his untiring efforts and enthusiasm.

In the course of the term, six Scouts have passed Tenderfoot and been invested, while those who have already passed this test have made much progress towards second class.

Field Day was again held at Youlbury, where the day was divided between games, axemanship, and cooking. Later in the term, twelve Scouts went to an Air Display at R.N.A.S., Culham, which was very much enjoyed.

Founder's Day once more saw a Display by the Troop, this time on a much more lavish and ambitious scale. There were illustrated lectures by Scouts on the four sections of the Tenderfoot Test, a typical kitchen layout, including such gadgets as plate and mug racks, washstand and so on, made of sticks and string. Here also were two fires, a Hunter's and a Reflector, on which twists were made. The finished product looked so appetising, we are told, that the Headmaster was persuaded to try it and found it good! Finally there was a tent area, with three tents, and a bridge and flagpole with stakes. Altogether it was a very good show and the troop deserves congratulation. The whole thing was inspired by Mr. Sturley, who merits our warmest gratitude, not least for having made a special journey in order to be present and to see that all was well.

THE CUB PACK

Cubmaster: Mr. Burgess. Sixers: K. Prentice (White), P. Turck ii (Red), J. Brown v (Brown), J. Battam (Black).

This term we had two new Cubs, Westbrook and Cooper ii. A few of us (including myself) are now over age to remain in the Pack, and hope to join the Scout Troop. We wish the Pack happy hunting.

On Field Day we had just time to put up our tents and enjoy the picnic teas kindly provided by Mrs. Clifton. On Founder's Day the Grand Howl was followed by leap-frog, twos and threes, and a tug-o'-war.

K.P.

O.A. NOTES

BIRTHS

BRIND. On 11th March, to the wife of W. G. Brind (1940) of 1 Ernest Road, Didcot, a son (John Christopher Martin).

COULSON. On 11th May at Paignton, to Joy, wife of Dr. T. Sutton Coulson (1932) a sister for Johnny and Bill.

FOXWELL. On 28th June, to Elizabeth, wife of A. E. Byrne Foxwell (1931) a daughter (Elizabeth Alice).

HEALY. On 5th June at The Mount, Beech Grove, Amersham, to Joy, wife of Brian Healy (1931) a son.

HICKS. On 18th April, to Joyce, wife of A. L. Hicks (1935) a daughter (Carolyn Marie) a sister for Robert and Valerie.

JONES. On 12th May, to Wendy (née Cullen) wife of Gilbert L. Jones (1943) a son (Nigel).

SMITH. On 12th May at Huddersfield, to Betty, wife of William G. Smith (1935) a sister for Billy.

MARRIAGES

HARRIS—TURNER. On 16th April, at St. Helen's Church, Abingdon, John H. Harris (1927) to Iris L. Turner.

LEWINGTON—CATCHFIELD. On 16th July at St. Lawrence's Church, North Hinksey, William James Lewington (1936) of Cranborne, Abingdon, to Beryl Jean Catchfield of 14 Eynsham Road, Oxford.

LUKER—AUSTIN. On 22nd April at St. Helen's Church, Abingdon, Laurence E. J. Luker (1935) to Patricia Austin.

MORLAND—ROBERTS. On 21st April at All Saints' Church, Marcham, Robert Benjamin Hough Morland (1920) to Winifred Edith Roberts of Sheffield.

NEWMAN—HOLLOWAY. On 11th September, 1948, at Wimbledon Parish Church, Dunford F. W. Newman (1935) to Joan Merriel Holloway.

PALMER—SEAGER. On 16th April, 1949, at Milton Church, Nigel A. Palmer (1943) to Miss B. Seager.

SITCH—ORFORD. On 4th June at Looe, Cornwall, Peter Arthur Sitch (1942) to Elizabeth (Paddy) Orford.

SMEETH—POWERS. On 29th June at St. Mary's Church, Edith Weston, Thomas Watson Smeeth (1920) of Ben Rhydding, Yorks, to Edith Catherine Powers, of Edith Weston, Oakham, Rutland.

DEATHS

BAYLEY. At St. Modwen's Nursing Home, Burton-on-Trent, on 19th June, Captain Vernon Bayley (1902) aged 62.

CARTER. On 20th August, at 'Goring', Abbott Road, Abingdon, Gilbert Neale Carter (1920) aged 46.

We have also received news, but no details, of the death of Montague Nesfield Cookson (1895—96); and of Capt. Thomas Johnston (1905—08) of Cochin, S. India.

Gilbert Carter, whose sudden death at an early age we deplore, was at the School from 1914 till 1920. On leaving he took a clerical post with the G.W.R. at Abingdon, and for the past few years had been at Oxford Station. In 1939 he was one of the first to join the Auxiliary Fire Service at Abingdon, and made many trips to blitzed areas. He leaves a widow and one son.

A particularly welcome visitor to the School during the Summer holidays was the Rev. Gilbert E. Summers, whose father was the first Headmaster to reign in the new School when it was opened in 1870. As Mr. Summers' own son (who accompanied him) is now Bursar at Kingswood, the scholastic tradition is being maintained in the family.

From Miss Helen Cam, daughter of the succeeding Headmaster, we have received news of her far-scattered family. Her eldest brother is in Vancouver, one sister in Montreal, and another in Toungoo, Burma, nursing. Three other sisters are living in England, but she herself is leaving shortly to take up a 4 years' post in the United States at Cambridge, Mass.

Durnford Newman (1935) of the Air Ministry Works Directorate is now on the Staff of the Chief Resident Engineer at London Airport as Mechanical and Electrical Engineer. His job—and a most interesting one—is to instal the high voltage electrical system, and also the

most up-to-date lighting on the 7 runways already constructed, and the approaches. We can well believe him when he says it will be several years before the complete airport scheme is finished.

Brian Jakeman (1945) is now with the British Troops in Greece, stationed at Salonika. He appears to like the place and the climate—at present—and has been playing hockey and cricket for the Regiment—the 1st O.B.L.I. His lot seems to lie in that part of Europe as he was formerly stationed at Trieste.

Edgar Rice (1928) has been home on leave from Kenya with his wife and daughter, for the first time since 1937, and we were very glad to see him in Abingdon. His brother Geoffrey (1936) having completed his course at the College of Art, is now in the office of the City Architect at Southsea.

Raymond Owen (1942) has been for a year at University College, Exeter, reading history and playing tennis in the College team. He has since been joined by R. F. Bedson (1943) and the ranks of O.A.s will be further enlarged by the arrival of David Beattie (1947) in October to read Classics. Mr. Tudor has not yet travelled far enough to escape the Abingdon influence!

Campbell Stott (1946) was gazetted 2nd Lieut. in the Royal Engineers on 1st May, and M. J. Aplin (1948) is now at Mons Barracks, Aldershot.

John Mortimore (1948) who has now risen to the rank of Cpl. in the R.A.F. has been doing a four-weeks' detachment at Thorney Island as a pleasant change from his labours in the Station Post Office at Newton, Notts, where he has spent the last nine months. He looks forward to release in March.

Cpl. T. D. Thomas, R.E. (1947) writes as cheerfully as ever from Kuala Lumpur, Malaya, having spent a pleasant leave at Penang.

J. B. H. J. Aldiss (1946) is still sailing the Indian Ocean. He has been promoted to Third Mate and is filling his extra leisure with a postal course in Anglo Saxon. His brother, Peter, is on a tanker plying in the Red Sea on a two years' charter. Another mariner, John Evans (1948) has just returned from his first trip.

Clive Burborough (1944) is back at the Westminster Bank in Abingdon after his return from Egypt and release from the R.A.F.

J. W. Rayson (1942) is mastering the intricacies of quantitative surveying and in his spare time is one of the mainstays of Wallingford Rowing Club.

O.A. CLUB NOTES

For the benefit of those members who were unable to attend the Annual General Meeting we append the Minutes of the Meeting.

The A.G.M. of the Old Abingdonian Club was held in the Big Schoolroom on Saturday, 25th June, 1949, at 5.45 p.m. The President was in the Chair and some 50 members were present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and, no questions arising, approved and signed.

The Hon. Sec.'s Report, which was printed, stated that the Club had had a successful year in all respects and that the membership had increased during the year by 31.

The Hon. Treasurer's report was adopted without question. The balance in hand on 25th June, 1949, was £128 16s. 7d.

The Officers elected for 1949—50 were as follows:

President—S. Cullen
Vice-President—J. M. Cobban
Hon. Treas.—W. Bevir
Hon. Sec.—N. J. Holmes
Asst. Sec.—J. O. Bury
Sports Sec.—E. H. Aldworth
London Sec.—S. D. Plummer

Committee—J. B. E. Alston, J. H. Bartlett, G. F. Duxbury,
J. H. Hooke, R. F. Jackson, S. A. Paige and J. M. Viney.

J. A. D. Cox raised the question of the Club tie, which made all members sit up and straighten their own. Views were expressed by Messrs. W. H. Stevens, S. Cullen, J. W. Rayson, V. A. Harfield, H. A. L. Donkin and P. R. Wood and after considerable discussion Mr. Cox's proposition "that the Committee at their next meeting should discuss a new tie, on the lines of the O.A. Rugger Club tie, and produce some design for inspection at the next A.G.M.", seconded by J. W. Rayson, was carried by 22 votes to 13 against, with a rider sponsored by J. M. Cobban, P. R. Wood, H. L. G. Livingston, and G. F. Duxbury that members of the London Rugger Club should be consulted before there was any infringement of their copyright.

V. A. Harfield made the proposal, seconded by J. M. Viney and carried by 25 votes to 10 "that in addition to the proposed new tie the present gaudy one should remain as the Sports tie, thus giving the Club two alternative ties".

The Sports Secretary gave the meeting a short pep-talk about the sporting activities, and as a result hopes to be able to field unbeatable O.A. teams against the School in future.

W. H. Stevens reminded members about the Forms of Covenant available for subscriptions to the O.A. Trust Fund which still needed all the support possible.

There being no other business, the President declared the meeting closed.

Following the A.G.M., the Annual Dinner of the Club was held in the Roysse Room, at which some 70 members and their guests enjoyed an excellent meal and listened to some enlivening speeches.

The O.A. Rugger Match will take place on 10th December, 1949, followed by the Dance. Please keep this date in mind as it is hoped to make the Dance an even greater success this year.

During the Christmas Term members will be sent notices of the Rugger Match and Dance together with the Calendar of events for 1949—50 and a supplement to the List of O.A. Club members, giving new members and changes of address.

Please notify the Secretary promptly of any changes so that notices sent out may reach the destination by the shortest route.

N. J. HOLMES (Hon. Sec.),
19, Victoria Rd., Abingdon, Berks.

The following have been elected to the Club since our last issue.

C. F. Fisher, 7/25, 8 Oxford Road, Abingdon.

H. N. Isaac, 7/48, 24 Winterbourne Road, Abingdon.

Changes of address:

R. B. Langford, 26 St. Helen's Road, Solihull, Birmingham.

A. L. Leigh, Heath Cottage, Shilton Road, Burford, Oxon.

D. F. W. Newman, 12 Burghley Road, Wimbledon Common, S.W.19.

J. W. Morland, 8 Goodhope Street, Paddington, Sydney, N.S.W.

C. E. T. Moore.

J. N. Paige, Cobhambury House, Cobham, Kent.

R. W. F. C. Westgate, 9 Downs Valley Road, Woodingdean, Brighton.

O.A. Trust Fund

Since our last issue the following have signed Banker's Orders or Forms of Covenant (marked with asterisk). C. R. Burborough, R. D. Gibaud, G. J. Good, E. P. Rice*, G. F. Rice*.

Life Membership Subscription to the Old Abingdonian Club is One Guinea, which should be sent to the Treasurer, W. Bevir, Esq., 36 Park Road Abingdon. This includes all the privileges of the Club and also THREE issues of 'The Abingdonian'.

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Any items of news relating to O.A.s will be gladly received by G. F. Duxbury, Abingdon School, Berks.