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Editorial

The trouble with ideals is that they cannot be achieved: there is always an art mass which slows down the machinery—the higher the ideals, the greater is the price of inertia.

School is the image of society, a small social community which reflects the ways of the outside world in the form of education—a microcosm within the macrocosm. In this community one of the most frustrating elements is that form of inertia which we more commonly call apathy.

It is a logical sequence that brings this question on to the first page of the magazine, after taking the lead in the societies article for the two previous editions—it cannot be ignored, not only in school, but also on a national scale: those who revisit this country are always able to sum up in a few chosen words all the imperceptible changes obscured from us as we bump from tree to tree in the blissful wood of forgetfulness... But more seriously, an Australian who recently visited us, after ten years out of England, referred to what he called 'apathetic selfishness' in English society. In other words, don't expect too much for your money. It is so many people care about obligation and loyalty now, and this spirit inevitably seeps into the supposedly impervious layers of the English Public School.

Although this malady is not yet widespread here, there seems to be a growing number of more senior boys who tend to drop out of extra-curricular activities—and sometimes even work. To pass this off as a phase of adolescence would be complacency; on the other hand a pessimist—or a realist?—might well see the 1984 image looming in the distance. Whatever the view, in a small close-knit community where the influence of apathy is bound to be exaggerated, we cannot afford to be indifferent, least of all the senior boys who are meant to set an example.

'A man's reach should exceed his grasp, or what's a heaven for?' sang William Blake. Because an ideal cannot be completely realised is no excuse for not aiming for it.

The Memory be Green

Salutations and Congratulations

Firstly, our congratulations to many proud parents: Mr and Mrs Eden, the birth of a third daughter, Emma Ruth, on 2 May; Mr and Mrs H Mancey, a first daughter, Susan Caroline, on 15 July; Mr and Mrs R Clayton, twin daughters, Rachel Anne and Susan Caroline, on 20 July; Mr and Mrs Tyson, whom many of us will remember, on the birth of their first daughter, Rachel Caroline, and finally, on 3 September, Mr and Mrs Payne, a son, Anthony Holman.

At the end of the Summer Term it was decided that a special tie—too appropriately named 'the Duxbury Tie'—would be awarded to those who had given outstanding service to the School, of a kind which could not be recognised by promotion or prizes or colours. In the last Assembly term, the Headmaster presented this tie—in a notional sense—to Nicholas Hands-Clarke, Stephen Fairlie and Peter Annett. To them go our warm congratulations. The tie is now in production, and features the rose, with the differences John Roysse's arms, on a blue background.

The RAF section of the CCF did itself proud this year. More Fly Scholarship prizes than in any other year were secured and our congratulations go to Flt/Sgt AO Akinbiyi, Flt/Sgt RO Plail and Sgts MI Johnstone and NP Winton for gaining their awards this term. Congratulations also to Cpls Milton and Frere, who were jointly presented with the RAF Swallow by Group Captain Reece on Inspection Day.

The new pattern by which Oxbridge colleges defer some of their awards until at least the end of the first year has enabled us to add three more awards to our bag. We warmly congratulate JH Batey on being awarded an Open Exhibition at Worcester, PN Booker on receiving a similar award at Pembroke (Cambridge), and AC Putman on being awarded an Open Scholarship at Brasenose. We also congratulate Andrew Leaver, OA, New College, Oxford, on the award of the Shelley-Mills Shakespeare Prize and Hugh Parry, now in his last term at the School, who records our only success in the Oxford Classical Association's Reading Competition coming equal second in the Senior Latin and Greek (combined) section.

There were notable achievements by two of our First Eleven cricketers. Andrew Varley was selected to play for the Southern Schools against the Rest at Beckenham, on 4 and 5 August, whilst Michael Hill represents the South of England U/19 cricketers against the North at Headingley, on 25 and 26 August. Andrew Varley is also to be congratulated on twice winning the Slazenger Bat. This bat is awarded fortnightly to the boy with the highest score in schoolboy cricket. Andrew's winning scores were 119 against Brentwood and 119 no against Reading.

It was with great pleasure that we heard that the Royal Academy of Music has offered Jeremy Pike, at present in the Fifth Form, a place for their Junior Exhibitioner's Course.

Lastly, we congratulate all the prizewinners in the Brook Bond National School Essay Competition. Stephen Loosemore won the County Senior Writing Prize and gained a Special County Prizewinner's Certificate along with £8 of National Savings Gift Tokens, JH Walker won the School Senior Poetry Prize, PR Wait the Intermediate Writing Prize and F Whittington the Junior Writing Prize.

Miscellany One

On Monday 21 April the Fifth Form saw the film 'Richard III' in the Court Room and on Friday 13 June, we were pleased to act as hosts to the oarsmen from King's School, Worcester, who, like us, were competing in the National Schools' Regatta at Pangbourne. Thanks to those who put one or more of the visitors up. A week later, as part of its tenth birthday celebrations, St Nicolas' School invited thirteen of its old boys, now at Abingdon School, to attend a service of thanksgiving in St Helen's Church.

At the beginning of term, on Sunday 20 April, the wedding of Mr Andrew Willis, OA, and Miss Eunice Wilson took place in the School Chapel.

Another celebration took place on 1 July when the Headmaster invited those senior boys with Welsh blood in them to take sherry with him in Lacies' Court to mark the investiture of the Prince of Wales . . . whilst at the week-end a small party of Sixth Formers let their hair down in Hyde Park with 150,000 others at the Rolling Stones' open-air concert.

Among the various TASS activities in the Summer Term was a croquet match, held on Lacies' Court lawn on Sunday 29 June. The TASS team was Mr Rose, Miss Rose, Mr Shatford, Captain Hugh Leach, Mr H Randolph and Mr N Hammond. The event was a great success . . . as was the Society's concert held in the Jekyll Garden on Saturday 14 June, when boys from the School gave a recital of music and poetry on the theme of war.

Early in the term the Headmaster and four Prefects represented the school at the institution and induction of the Reverend WEG Payton as the new Vicar of Abingdon . . . and a party of boys gave a great deal of their time helping Mr Brampton organize the Dr Barnardo's Fete . . . whilst Blacknall House were busy becoming the first winners of the 'Addifield Trophy, presented jointly by two Old Boys, Jonathan Paddison and Richard Bradfield, for the outstanding Athletic House throughout the year.

Recent publications of especial interest to us include Mr Hillary's monograph on 'Oliver Cromwell and the Challenge to the Monarchy' (Pergamon Press, price 25/-), which will be reviewed in the next issue, and Mr Airey Neave's book on the underground escape lines of the Second World War, 'Saturday at MI 9' (Hodder and Stoughton, price 45/-). And we noted that one of the many reviews (curiously more critical than most) of Mr Angus Maude's 'The Common Problem' was written by another parent, Mr TE Utley.

On 24 August, the day of his departure to take a new post at Methodist IQ, a presentation was made to the Reverend and Mrs Alan Davies at which the Headmaster had the opportunity of expressing how grateful the school was for the co-operation it had received from Mr Davies throughout his ministry at Trinity Church.

Little can Michael Bateman have thought when he was studying the letters of Cicero here in the early fifties that he would one day be writing each week in the Sunday Times under the name of Atticus.

We were pleased to welcome to the School our French and German friends from Béziers and Bielefeld respectively. We hope that they enjoyed their visits here. Our thanks to the Mayor of Abingdon for receiving both parties of visitors and for kindly showing them round the Guildhall Suite. On Founder's Day five hardy swimmers, Alan Brown, Robin Blackburn, Peter John Lenny, Vivien Lacey-Johnson and Hereward Tresidder, collected

a total of £69 6s 3d for the Swimming Pool Heating Fund. They were sponsored by various people at sums ranging from ½d to 6d a length. The next day, Sunday 13 July, representatives of the School attended a Sung Eucharist at St Helen's School, when a cross given by Mrs Comber as a memorial to her son Paul, who died so tragically in a sailing accident, was dedicated by the Bishop of Reading.

We are grateful to Mr Michael Liversidge, OA, for the imaginative gift of a copy of Mrs Russel's biography of her father, General Rigby ('General Rigby, Zanzibar and the Slave Trade'). General Rigby, who was subsequently to play a major part in the suppression of the African slave trade, was a pupil at the School from 1831, under the Reverend Joseph Hewbath ('a clever, pleasant man, but utterly unfit for the position of headmaster').

A great deal of publicity was given to 'the Great Walk', which took place on Sunday 18 May. This walk, which was divided into sections, was in aid of sick and handicapped children, and marked the Friendship Week of this well-deserving cause. An official school party walked on the Wantage to Reading section, and raised, through various sponsors, about £63. This helped towards the local target of about £2,000. Another sponsored walk which the School also supported, was in aid of the 'Save the Countryside' appeal. Six boys from the School tramped the footpaths of Oxfordshire and raised a total of £26 11s 8d.

Lastly, we heard with interest that Mr Rudd is not the only nonagenarian whom we regard with affection. The Headmaster recently conveyed the greetings of the School, on his ninetieth birthday, to Mr Tom Bowen, for many years the School Surveyor, and still an active member of his firm.

From the Headmaster

Yes, this life has its moments. Yesterday (27 September) I felt drained of emotion after watching our epic match against Radley. A draw was the appropriate result. For victory, the School must wait for the new management. Then in the evening I welcomed as visiting preacher a high-up cleric whom I had not seen since I taught him, as a schoolboy, over thirty years ago. But this is cheating, for in this issue it is the past term that I must survey. A good term it was, though in retrospect the facts seem to have receded into the distance. It is pleasant to be reminded by this magazine of Andrew Varley's centuries on the cricket field, of the excellent performance of our teams in the sponsored walks and (so much more demanding) the Ten Tors Expedition, of the way our Corps, which doesn't go so much nowadays on spit-and-polish, rose to the occasion on Inspection Day, of that wonderful service of St Helen's and of all the other flummery of Founders' Day. There are more private memories too—of welcoming our guests from Bielefeld in execrable German, of taking wine with all our Welsh members on the day of the Investiture (Rhys Hamilton could just scrape home; there were those with more tenuous claims). Delving further into the past, there was that Saturday morning when representatives of TASF and of the OATF formally presented the School with the Landrover which enabled us to pack all the third forms off to Dolgoed, in successive parties of fifteen, for five days in June—a very successful ploy which we shall hope to repeat next year. Let it not be forgotten, too, that present members of the School played their part, for during the Easter holidays they earned between them, I hope by honest effort, just on £400, about one-third of the total cost of the vehicle.

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Our plant continues to expand. The new Biology Block (ToC H?) is now in full use. It encloses in the North and East a pleasant little area which the Governors have agreed shall be called St Nicolas' Court. The workmen are still tittivating the Gymnasium. It will never be one of the show-pieces of the School, but now that it has had its face lifted it will be so much leaner and lighter. Our next minor project will we hope be the installation of a simple heating system in the Swimming Bath. Here again we shall be largely indebted to TASS, who are holding a Christmas Fair on the morning of the late quarter-term—Saturday 15 November—to provide initial support. I hope I just have time to do the rounds myself before leaving for a preaching weekend at Sedbergh.

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People are so much more important than bricks and mortar. Sorry as we were to lose Andrew Dean and Co, we are glad to welcome a very strong team of new masters, including two additions to our establishment, to meet the voracious demand of sixth-form teaching, and two more full-time musicians to replace some of our part-timers. Especial greetings to Miss Hubbard, our first full-time lady of Common Room. And in Mr Ritchard we welcome the son of one of the school architects who guided our post-war development. I should like to add my own words of thanks to Mr and Mrs Willis as they hand over Larkhill, in such good fettle, to Mr and Mrs Mortimer. Not much of a respite for Mrs Willis though, as she will be taking over the secretaryship of TASS from Mr Hammond (thank you, N!) very shortly. But we hope Mr and Mrs Willis will have some time to enjoy their new home at Cumnor, their new grandchild. Another handover takes place on the Modern Language side where Mr Parker, who in the course of twenty years has built up a flourishing department from scratch, now entrusts the baton to Mr Taylor. Thanks and good wishes respectively. It would be ungracious too if I did not say how grateful we shall always be to Mr Clack, who first started our brass band nearly twenty years ago (do you remember 'Drink to me only with thine eyes?') and now retires after selflessly helping successive Directors of Music to build the brass sections of our orchestras up to their present level of competence. I always felt very proud to see him parading in his Salvation Army uniform with the Military Band on Inspection Day.

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One or two domestic changes are being made this term in the interests of efficiency. More of the sixth form teaching has gone over to Whitefield which will become a kind of Arts Study Centre, and the Prefects' Common Room has moved eastwards to what was the Tesdale Room, just above the promenade. And Assembly has been changed to Friday afternoon when it will replace seventh lesson, which has long been unpopular and I suspect comparatively unproductive. An extra lesson has been added to Wednesday morning in compensation.

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It seems now that we shall not see the Donnison Commission's report (or all its reports?) until the Spring. Meanwhile the great debate—quality or equality?—continues. Having confabulated with the cabal behind the so-called 'Black Paper' in the Spring I was duly (and collectively) castigated by the Secretary of State. My head, which is really rather more dove than hawk, remains unbowed. Anyway, I am reasonably confident that the School which my successor will take over will still be a very good

long-term investment. The ninety-three candidates presumably share my faith. Somehow the Selection Committee is weeding them down to manageable proportions for interview. It is hoped that the final appointment will be made, and announced, at the Governors' Meeting of 2 November.

Ringing the changes

With a common room of our size it is inevitable that there should be a certain amount of movement from time to time. The end of the summer term brought with it the departure of three members of the staff.

Mr Andrew Dean, who came to Abingdon in September 1967, did a tremendous amount for the school in his short stay here. As well as being House Tutor of Heylyn's, he coached the Junior Colts Eight, ran the Critics, and played cricket for the Masters' Common Room. On top of this he was a Sub-Lieutenant in the Naval Section of the CCF, and was a regular supporter of the school teams on touch line and boundary. His departure will probably be felt most in the English department, but we shall all remember his cheerful vigour. To him and Mrs Dean go our very best wishes as he starts a new career in the Royal Navy.

During his brief stay, Mr Alan Brigden contributed much to the Math department, where he established himself as a very keen statistician. We wish him well as he leaves us for Mill Hill. Our good wishes, too, go with Mr Michael Baumann, OA, who served the school well by bridging a gap on the Modern Languages side for a couple of terms.

Thankfully, we are never short of incoming talent, and five new members of the staff have joined us this term. In Mr Peter Davies, MA, we welcome back an old friend, who returns after a two-year stint in Barbados. A new post, that of Director of Physical Welfare, has been filled by the appointment of Mr DA Brodie, of King's School, Worcester and Loughborough College of Education. He is a qualified biologist, and will have an overall responsibility for our physical development. Mr P. Dunn, MA, from Manchester Grammar School and Durham University joins the Modern Languages department and will also help with rowing, rugby and cricket. Mr RJ Lewis, BA, of Michaelhouse and Natal University, will teach General Subjects and play rugby, hockey and cricket. Lastly, we welcome Mr NAF Pritchard, a scholar of Winchester and Balliol, who joins the Mathematics department and will assist the athletic staff.

The Music Staff, although losing a very loyal Mr Clack, have gained two permanent staff to help Mr Le Fleming run an ever increasing music department—they are Miss Clare Hubbard (violin) and Mr David Robb (trumpet). More from Mr Le Fleming himself...

Dolgoed

Our activities at Dolgoed continue to expand and last term saw perhaps the most significant developments so far in the School's project there.

On May 1 we took delivery of the Land Rover and trailer, through the very good offices of a parent, Mr LS Marriott, who enabled us to acquire the vehicle with little delay.

Mr Talbot then almost immediately put it to use when he took a Low Sixth working party on what has become an annual road-mending expedition.

Immediately after half-term we embarked on our most ambitious venture far when we took the whole of the third year in six parties of fifteen a time to do five days organised field work. Each party was led by two members of staff and ably supported by members of the Lower Sixth. We were fortunate in being blessed with exceptionally fine weather and no one had much of a problem with wet clothing. Projects were mainly geological and geographical and for a first attempt they were generally very successful, but to derive the fullest benefit they will need in future to be much more closely tied to the boys' work in School and supported by better preparation and follow-up work.

We inevitably made a lot of mistakes, chief of which was perhaps changing the take-over between parties on the same day, which meant that a half day was wasted for the boys and demands on staff were excessive on these days. On one occasion no fewer than six masters were involved leaving a considerable burden on those who remained.

Conditions in the house too were not ideal. Sleeping space was somewhat cramped and cooking and toilet facilities were not really adequate for the numbers involved, though recent acquisitions of equipment have partially solved this.

Here, however, we are in something of a dilemma, for much of the use of Dolgoed lies in the demands it makes on the boys' ingenuity and the challenge that spartan conditions offer them. It would be a great pity to lose the valuable contrast with the easy domestic existence that we are used to in our attempts to provide suitable amenities for field work.

It seems that the Third Form ventures took more out of the staff than we realised for yet another summer holiday has gone by with Dolgoed lying virtually unused and this through no lack of boys eager to make up their minds there. However, we did have something to show for the year's efforts and on Founder's Day a representative body of Third and Lower Sixth formers staged an exhibition which proved to be far too much of an occasion to be held, as it was, in the Turnor Room. Consequently it was crowded throughout the afternoon and not everyone who would have liked was able to see the short ciné film taken on one of the Ventures.

Meanwhile we look forward to our third year of the project and hope that our achievements and progress match up to the two previous years.

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Expedition in Newfoundland by David Whipple

Eighty-two boys and leaders of this year's British Schools' Exploring Society expedition flew overnight to Newfoundland, and took the next two days making their way by bus, and then by foot, to the base camp at Wake's Bay, on the west coast of the Great Northern Peninsula.

We spent the first week hacking a track through the bush, rebuilding a decayed log bridge, and establishing an advanced base camp on the east side of the Long Range Mountains. This was because the main base camp was inconveniently situated in thick bush and swampland on the coastal plain. We had to hump tents and a fortnight's dried food rations—total weight 55 pounds—up the nine miles, over two hills called Lady Cester and Lady Wooster, to advanced base camp.

Here we split into four groups to study geology, entomology, botany, and surveying. I was in the geology party, and we were intending to map a detailed section across the granites and gneisses. With this in mind we

set out eastwards on a three day march to see how the land lay. In fact plateau is bleak in the extreme, with eroded boulder-strewn rock cover by mossy tundra, and frequent shallow gullies filled with a stunted wet high fir growth which seriously hinders walking. Everywhere are small lakes and fly infested bogs.

We returned badly fly-bitten, and after collecting more food we set out in fours, each to map a small area. We had two good days visiting rock outcrops and making measurements, but then mist and drizzle confined us to camp for four days, making mere survival difficult by putting up cooking fires.

When we had all joined up again we decided to abandon our original project as too difficult on that terrain. Instead we were to go to a limestone hill some ten miles north to collect fossils. We set off with a week's food, and a day later picked up ten more days' food from a depot prepared for us. Then we reached the Torrent river, which we crossed with the help of a rope, by wading up to our waists in fast icy water. We left four boys behind to collect silt samples for analysis, and the remaining 13 of us set off with our heaviest packs yet on the six mile march to the hill.

Those six miles took five days because the bush was even thicker than usual, and we had to navigate in trackless land in a mist. On the way we saw two men who ran away from us, thinking we were the Mounties. They were poaching caribou.

When we got to the hill we found no limestone, and no fossils; only quartzite. After this disappointment we decided we needed a holiday and we made our way down to the coast where we knew there were fossils. We spent a relaxing week collecting fish, both fossil and alive, and excavating old Red Indian remains.

Then we returned to base camp to tabulate our results, and we found that the other groups had been far more successful than us. The party was overrun with rusty blackbirds which were stealing all our food and we killed some to eat, but found them inedible.

We left Hawke's Bay after six weeks, and made our way to Deer Lake where we had a dance and an international football match, and Coromandel where we saw over Bowater's Paper Mill. We flew home on 1 August, laden with moose antlers and souvenirs, and the richer for our experiences.

End of Term/Founder's Day

For the second year, the late finishing date of exams resulted in an extra week of projects non-week for many, since only 75 of the 190 members of upper sixth and fifth forms were free of exams at the beginning of the week. Consequently much less that is noteworthy was done this year—as long as the Oxford and Cambridge board keep their dates as they are. Founder's Day will always suffer from a lack of preparation. This is necessarily a bad thing. Of course we want to put on a good show. But we have to keep a sense of proportion and accept that the time we can devote to this particular ploy is limited.

Despite the lack of time, several people managed to go brass rubbing. ARN West carried out a survey on the local house sparrows and, in an enterprising still, Andrew Iddles and Chris Lilley spent a couple of days at Notting Hill, seeing something of the work that the Reverend David S

old us about in that memorable and powerful sermon he gave us last term.

Meanwhile Founder's Day was in the making, and the 'many sweating unions and non-unions' continued their valuable work in the organization of exhibitions and events. This year we continued the practice of putting the tea tent on Waste Court Field, in order to avoid the danger of cricket balls in tea cups and to give parents more leg room (it was also a subtle trick to get more people to walk the decreased distance to War Memorial Field to watch our first cricket team—no more quarter mile forced marches.

Hot day I remember, colourful people flocking to a crowded church and the Bishop of Buckingham, who managed to rouse more heads than usual by his excellent sermon. And then lunch in the marquee for those who hadn't rushed off to hotels and restaurants—all back in the afternoon to trundle around the maze of labs and project rooms.

Of the many exhibitions a few deserve especial mention. The Oxford Science Fair contribution of Jonathan Mitchell's gang, which has already received a good deal of publicity in the press—and moreover on the glossy pages of this magazine—was, needless to say, extremely well done and quite fascinating. Toni Ireland's colourful 'posta show' displayed his excellent work through the term in his capacity as chief poster designer and executor (entirely voluntary), and his architectural drawing of all the buildings around Abingdon square was quite superb. Then on Waste Court when some talented first formers directed by Mr Owen put on a delightful performance of 'Julius and the Bront'.

After that there was little to do but sit down and 'av a well deserved oppa tea before the evening entertainment—if you could sit there for that long.

We tried an experiment this year, to see if parents would drink more while listening to a certain kind of music, provided by David Galbraith on piano, Richard Joseph, bass, Chris Stake, guitar, and Tim Baker on drums—and judging by the queues in the tea tent it seemed quite successful. It remains to be seen if there is some kind of correlation between parents drinking tea and cows producing milk. Cows prefer their Mozart to their Beatles—so watch out for the Eine Kleine next year!

Off-beat Dramatics

An unusually large number of theatrical activities were produced last term six in all, excluding the official Founder's Day Entertainment, 80 Years on (which is reviewed on page 499).

It was on the 9 and 10 May in the Unicorn Theatre that the Junior Dramatic Society staged their most ambitious production to date—'The Swarting of Baron Bolligrew' by Robert Bolt. Kevin Barnard writes, 'The leading parts, Sir Oblong Fitz Oblong and Sir Jasper Bolligrew were admirably played by Paul Thompson and Jonathan Seaver respectively, both of whom showed a high degree of confidence on the stage. Paul Antishauer as Squire Blackheart proved himself capable of taking on a larger part, although his voice was sometimes a little too quiet. What more need be said about the other actors than that they contributed to the aim of the production as fully as their parts allowed? In a production of this kind, the aim of the producer should be to amuse his audience—something which Mr Owen certainly did, and the critic who faulted him for not producing the play as a parody of ideas of good and evil was being extremely unfair.

Mrs Owen excelled herself with weird robes, anything from dragons resplendent magpies, and the Reverend Osborn was rewarded for his sk in make up by a round of applause on the entry of Juniper, the Duke secretary—what better way than that?

Thus in all ways this was an indisputable success, thanks to the ha work, not only of the production team, but also of these keen you actors who have formed a really thriving society.'

Not quite so successful was the production of 'Everyman', which w staged on the last Sunday of term; this suffered because of the late end GCE exams, and the absence, due to CCF camp, of the leading act Douglas Henderson.

On the same afternoon of Everyman, the Classics department put t three plays on Upper Field. Form 2F performed 'Euripides Cyclop adapted and produced by Mr Fairhead, in English. This is a burlesq version of the Polyphemus story in Homer's Odyssey 9.

The third form Greek set performed the longest play, Aristophane comedy, 'The Frogs' in English, which had been adapted and produced Mr Woodgett.

And finally form 2B performed their own play, 'My Dear Caligula'.

All three plays were the result of work in the class-room during t year, and formed a sort of Classics Founder's Day Exhibition.

The last off-beat dramatic was 'Julius and the Bront' ('A Hyperbolic Anachronism') performed by form 1M and presented on Founder's D itself. Mr Owen writes: 'This was the second year in succession that a fi form had presented a play on Waste Court Lawn but the production st notched several firsts. It was the first time that an entire form had appear in a project of this sort; the first time that a high-powered BMC Mi (masquerading as Caesar's triumphal limousine) had appeared in a Schol play—driven by a first-former at that; the first time that the Corps Sto had been called on to provide battledress for a dozen five-foot Rom legionaries.

A production of this kind demands tremendous goodwill and teamwo especially from those who are not keen actors but are prepared to ta part for the sake of the project. Everyone responded very well. More co conspicuously, there were several entertaining performances in the name par Roger Thomas was Wonk, the chieftain of the Waste Court Atrebatas w were threatened by the Whitefield Bront. Alan Arm was Bung, his hai assistant, and Nicholas Shepherd gave his second highly popular fem impersonation of the term as Trippa, his daughter. Christopher Cunnir hame was an imperious Caesar. Nigel Tait a sycophantic aide de cam and Aidan Cairne a superb drill-sergeant. Timothy Hallum was the brea taking chauffeur.'

Oxford Science Fair, 1969

'Things happen in a flash at Abingdon School', or so said the Oxford M They were reporting on a project that we were showing at the Oxfo Science Fair, held at the Oxford College of Technology from Tuesday July to Friday 11 July (Project Week!). Most will be familiar with t idea of a Science Fair, sponsored jointly by the British Association and t Sunday Times. At Oxford, 53 schools were exhibiting some 160 proje illustrating some of the ways that science and technology are being ce veved in schools. Projects ranged from educated mice to wind tunn

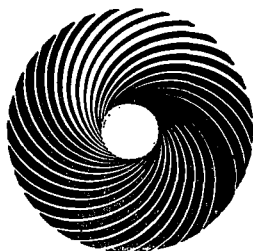
statistical surveys on acne to Formula 6 racing cars, levitation to trout fishing: all of which made a fascinating visit for anyone with natural curiosity and a certain degree of stamina. In all it was estimated that 100,000 visitors came to the Fair, and few of them could have found it dull or profitless.

The school showed six projects that had been developed by the lower sixth physicists during the year, illustrating how original problems could be solved with quite simple self-made apparatus. I think many were surprised how much could be gained from a few Marvel tins, model racing car engines, pieces of wire and meccano. The project which gained most interest was the controlled high speed photography of milk splashes. The aim was to analyse what happens as a milk splash forms and decays. Previously, it seems, photographs of milk splashes have either been achieved by taking hundreds of flash photos at random and selecting the best one, or, more recently, by using very sophisticated, and expensive high speed cine equipment. Mitchell, Plail, and Winton decided to analyse the problem more systematically and devised an ingenious apparatus whereby a photo could be taken at any desired stage of the formation of a milk splash. Thus a complete sequence of the development of a splash could be built up. The photographic results were (dare I say?), surprisingly good. One of which may be seen elsewhere in the magazine.

Overall, the fair was undoubtedly a success, for the visitors, for the schools taking part, and for the boys exhibiting. The projects needed to be planned for a total of 27 hours, which seemed a formidable task when seen in advance. However, once the Fair got under way, the self-evident enjoyment of many of the visitors made this, and the preparation, well worthwhile. To be able to explain the same project to a cheeky, sticky-fingered year old one minute and to a high-powered scientist the next was itself an education, which was achieved with skill and good humour. Though at times the patter sounded like a man selling refrigerators to Eskimos, even this was understandable—and after 27 hours of this, explaining the exhibits on Founder's Day was like a rest cure. We also had the added stimulation during the week of hearing that our milk splash project had been selected one of the two from the Fair to take part in the BBC TV programme 'Young Scientists of the Year'.

It was an exhausting week, but now we can breathe again—until the next Science Fair in 1971!

BEW



Music

During the Summer term of 1950 a Mr GE Clack came to the school to develop the playing of brass instruments for band and orchestral work under Mr R Barker, then Director of Music. Now, after nineteen years (which makes him easily the longest serving member of the music staff during which he has provided the continuity during the arrival of four subsequent directors of music, he has left us.

It is difficult to find words to express our debt of gratitude to Mr Clack for those nineteen years of devoted service to the school. The building of brass playing from scratch to the present standard has been entirely due to his patient determination and enthusiasm. Good teachers of a single instrument are plentiful in comparison with one who can be equally 'at home' on trumpet, cornet, horn, trombone and the other brass instruments.

In expressing the gratitude of a host of players, past and present, I am happy to say that this is not also a goodbye. Not only has he agreed to continue helping with the band from time to time, but also to initiating me into the art of blowing a trombone; an art of which I have been ignorant for too long.

No less sincere is our thanks to Mr V Jones, who also left at the end of last term. The most unassuming of musicians, he guided many a pianist through the difficult beginning stages during the past nine years. The trouble and interest he took with each pupil and the way he would give extra lessons to prospective examination candidates will long be remembered. His skill as a pianist was impressively demonstrated in his recital at this year's Dorchester Festival.

Mary Butt, alas, is married and gone, and looking back, it seems incredible that she was only with us for a year. She worked with unbounded energy and with the gift of a natural teacher (this was her first teaching post) and did a great deal towards making up for the irreparable loss of Frances Kitching.

In these teachers' places, we warmly welcome two new full-time members of the music staff—Clare Hubbard, from the Royal College of Music, to teach violin and piano, and David Robbins, from the Royal Manchester College of Music, to take over the brass teaching. We are indeed fortunate in now having four full-timers, and while on principle I hope that the music school literally bulges at the seams, in reality it is becoming a practical problem.

In spite of the inevitable exam-dominating atmosphere, last term saw a number of corporate musical activities. Jeremy Pike (who also achieved the distinction of being awarded a junior exhibition at the Royal Academy of Music) and Timothy Parker arranged a chamber music concert concentrating on players of pre O-level age. A successful innovation was the formation of a chamber 'concerto' orchestra which performed concerts in

en's and St Michael's Churches. David Howells (trumpet), Robert
sworth (cello) Stephen Loosemore (oboe), Alistair Cuninghame (flute
organ), Stephen Fairlie and John Hounam (violin) all played 18th
century concerto movements.

ASS again sponsored a concert which was held outside Lacies Court on
a beautiful summer's evening. Mark Evans organized an enterprising first-
concert consisting of music and poetry on the subject of war, while the second
concert was devoted to Baroque Chamber Music.

The latter part of the term was taken up with preparation for the
Founder's Day Revue, which is written up separately in this magazine.
Both Mr Fairhead and myself were indisposed during a part of the
last hectic weeks of term, an enormous burden was thrown on Mr Hall-
ncey's shoulders. In thanking him, I should like also to pay tribute to
his tremendous show of spirit and initiative on the part of the boys
involved. Whatever the overall ups and downs in the standard of perform-
ance, this was the factor which made it so worthwhile. ARleF

Years On—From Trial to Trauma Michael Baker. OA

Michael Baker needs little introduction, except to say that we are very
pleased to have here his personal opinions on the Founder's Day Entertain-
ment, which took place in the North Berks College of Further Education. . .

The night itself was more suitable for a production of South Pacific or
The Phantom of the Opera, as I grasped for the feebly waving fan of the woman in the
front seat. Sunlight streamed through gaps in the blinds and the oppressive
heat gave an atmosphere of exhaustion to the Founder's Day audience.
The production proved quite capable enough to project its own variety
of atmospheres, from period to present.

The music and productions of WS Gilbert and Sir Arthur Sullivan have
inspired so little since their conception that it is difficult to believe that
the snatch of Trial by Jury which opened this 'historical if not historic'
production was written nearly a century ago. The gesticulating chorus, the
stammering and hoarse Judge played by John Hounam, and the blustering
Judge Bodimeade as the Usher gave quite as refreshing a performance as
D'Ovly Carte Opera Company, recently at the New Theatre. I particu-
larly liked the ripples of reaction in the galleries as they chorused—'He'll
tell us how . . . tell us how . . . to be a judge!' In marked contrast, the
style of Oscar Wilde is satirical, refined, of a class and yet deliciously
modern. An atmosphere of quiet sophistication was generated by Andrew
Lloyd Webber, Nicholas Minns and James Cox as they stressed part of the
importance of Being Earnest. Perhaps a more powerful delivery might have
ensured the general continuity but it would have been fatal to destroy the
atmosphere of those minute cucumber sandwiches.

The sense of period was also projected by the Original Riverboat
entertainers led by Richard Joseph—an attractive and polished performance.

This was the era of the Music Hall with its merry minstrelsy and
vaudeville phonous comics. It is true to say that the audience reaction up to this
point was perhaps polite in its essence, but Marten Ward and Stephen
Bodimeade soon destroyed this with their loud performance, perfect timing
and jokes that aged long before their period. This fantastic piece of slap-
stick really broke the ice and Messrs Montaine and Franackerpan raised the
temperature with delight. The total Vaudeville episode could have been made fuller
including a larger chorus of songs from that era: such delights as

'Morning Promenade' and 'Turned Up' or 'Put On Your Tata Little Girl' might have been added. This was surely no fault of our impeccable comrade, the precise, poignant, pouting and penniless Nicholas Minns.

The musical reflection of the Great War narrowly escaped a charge of jumping on the bandwagon as Mr le Fleming and Co gave us the best of 'Oh What a Lovely War', remembering that 'there's a silver lining in every sky' . . . when this lousy war is over! The sudden attack of the air forces into the audience gave a brief clue as to the success of the production; it was this element of surprise participation combined with a touch of period atmosphere that formed such a wholesome programme. The prospect of what seemed to be the combined junior school in 'dressed' costume invaded the stage and a swift touch of jolly pathos, a curious contradiction, was presented. After leaving their loved ones, the plain khaki-clad warriors had to face the rigours of drilling by RSM David St. John and a more natural, vociferous and hilarious characterisation it is hard to imagine. I am sure we heard half the back stalls snapping to attention being rebuked as products of 'damn Public Schools'.

Why the programme should detail only the age of the Black Bottom beyond understanding—it was, in any case, quite unnecessary as Carol Inge and the first-form flappers proved; this inter war era of motor car and flying clubs and melodies was given a full treatment by this spirited performance and by the talents of Richard Joseph in full song. George Gershwin might have been surprised by a tennis bedecked First Form singing 'Summertime'. Not a Negro Mammy in sight yet a poignant and beautiful rendering. The music was almost perfect for Lloyd Morgan's tale of 'Mack the Knife' which he sung with appropriate off-handedness and a proper coarseness, though a greater evil might have been presented in the arrangement.

Again the soldiers went to war as the Ops Room buzzed. The sense of the period was brought back with the probing spotlight and the lilting 'I'm Glad I'm a Soldier'; the young actors brought a sense of pathos. Tom Fairhead drilled his First Formers to a synchronised perfection.

It was a big jump to the Angry Young Man and his friends clustered around the Original Kitchen Sink or, more correctly, ironing board scene—a difficult scene to act, but somehow Douglas Henderson, Catherine Allaway and Anthony Cowlin showed the contrast between Jimmy Porter's frustrations and the reactions of domestic impatience. It was a suitable contrast to the commonplaces of the previous snippet from Oscar Wilde.

And so to the 1970s. The resultant climax bore only a passing resemblance to a certain production in the West End. Suddenly, ten times the original company appeared on the stage in a gruelling crescendo and erupted in wild cascading of erotic and fiercely decorated figures on a surprised audience. Surely, many middle aged parents were unsure whether or not they should strip to the braces and join in the writhing throng. But the factor that made the last item so effective was its control and discipline; this does not imply propriety but merely a return to the stage for the last chord. It was a fitting climax to a successful production which had experienced every occupational hazard from GCE exams to a prod on his sick bed. To single out individual credits is difficult though not unfair. The incidental music was so good in achieving continuity as to be almost unnoticeable—surely its true purpose—and the select music was played with a natural professionalism. Among the actors, the gestures and sophistication of Nick Minns and Andrew Wood, the natural composure of Stephen Bodimeade and Marten Ward bear mention, as

expression of Richard Joseph and the vivacity of Caroline Inge and vid Baumann; nor can we ever forget David Steele. In all, the production had that stamp of professionalism and quality of enjoyment effected in both participants and audience that now earmarks a production in the team of Messrs Griffin, Hall-Mancey, Fairhead and le Fleming.

Chapel Notes

Services in Chapel continued their usual pattern. From Monday to Friday Junior School (forms 1, 2 and 3) worship in School Chapel, while Middle and Senior school go down to Trinity Methodist Church. On Saturday mornings the Sixth forms, Junior and Middle school each have their own services in School Chapel. For one week in each month these services are completely organised and conducted by the boys themselves. The standard variety of these acts of worship are a great joy and we are grateful to those who have made this offering of their talents on behalf of us all.

The Holy Communion is celebrated each Wednesday and Friday morning 0730 and on all major festivals. Our thanks are due to those boys—boys as well as boarders—and members of staff, who help as servers. The intercessions conducted by senior servers have broadened the range of prayer and thanksgiving. We shall greatly miss Martin Geary and Simon Shield who have done such valuable work as senior sacristans, and they have been ably assisted by Alan Brown and John Rowley. The following servers have left us: Kumi Akinbiyi, Michael Baker, Stephen Currie, David Galbraith, Martin Geary, Anthony Martin, Simon Shield and Patrick Roe. The service which they have given is not one for which they would seek thanks. They will be missed and others will be needed to take their place. Each and every boy who has been confirmed in the School Chapel is asked to search his conscience carefully and prayerfully to ask himself whether he could not make this small offering of service to our Lord. 'Christ has no hands on earth now but yours.' 'Teach me, good Lord, to serve you as you deserve...'

Confirmation classes were held last term on Monday and Tuesday evenings and will continue this term. The Confirmation by the Bishop of London will take place in the Chapel on Advent Sunday at 1500 hours. Charles King, who has been a most careful and conscientious Secretary of the Chapel Committee and who will be greatly missed, was confirmed at St Mary the Virgin, Bucklebury, on July 8.

There will be gaps in the Chapel Choir that will be hard to fill and we will also miss David Galbraith at the organ, and the infectious gaiety of piano accompaniment to the Donald Swann setting of the Benedictus. During the term the following outside preachers spoke to us: Mr R. S. Senior, MA, formerly Master of Magdalen College School; the Venerable Canon Wild, MA, Archdeacon of Berkshire; an old friend with a very challenging message, the Reverend David Street, whom it was a great joy to see once more; Mr D. Silk, MA, Warden of Radley College, and the Reverend Robert Duncan, of Grace Methodist Church, New Jersey. And we were privileged to have the Bishop of Buckingham as our preacher at St Helen's on Founder's Day.

Collections during the term have been as follows: Royal National Lifeboat Institution, £6-8-6; Institute of Christian Education, £4-6-7; Chapel Funds, £3-2-7; Christian Aid, £4-17-6; Chapel Funds, £3-8-8; Chapel Funds, £9-2; SPCK £4-7-8; Chapel Funds, £3-9-10; the Rugby Clubs, £12-15-1;

Chapel Funds, £5-7-10; New Guinea Mission, £6-0-0; St Helen's and Barnardo's (Founder's Day service), £58-11-3; St Nicolas (Leavers' service) £13-10-10.

The Reverend Gerald Phizackerley returned to the Chapel on Sunday 20 April to read the marriage service for Mr Andrew Willis, OA, and Miss Eunice Wilson.

Chapel flowers were provided during the term by Mr Andrew Willis, House Prefects, 3V, 5M, the Headmaster and Miss Cobban, 4P, M Bedwell, 3T, Remove, the Chaplain, CCF Army Section and Mrs Willis. We are particularly grateful to Mrs Bedwell and her assistant who kept the Chapel so beautifully clean and also care for the flowers. P

We hope to welcome this term as preachers:

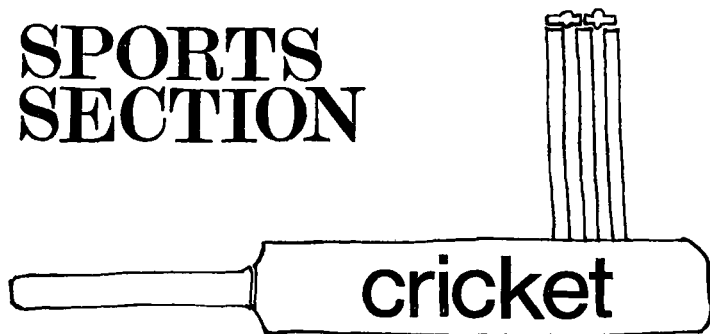
28 Sept: The Rev TGA Baker, MA, Principal of Wells Theological College.

12 Oct: The Rev JNF Earle, MA, Chaplain of Dulwich College.

19 Oct: The Rev Dr AO Dyson, Principal of Ripon Hall.

On October 5 the boarders attended Festal Evensong, sung by School Choir, at Dorchester Abbey; and on November 9 the Remembrance Day Service at the War Memorial and afterwards at St Helen's Church

SPORTS SECTION



First Eleven

What a glorious change in the weather from 1968! Alastair Rose struck right chord from the word go and in the first match of the season against Pembroke College ninety runs were scored in the first hour, Rose completing his century in under two hours. It was soon to be Andrew Varley's turn and his consecutive innings of 143 against Brentwood (a matchwinning performance), 50 against the Berkshire Gentlemen and 100 no against Abingdon CC were the next highlights. He followed these with yet another century, this time 119 no against Reading School, and he is to be warmly congratulated on his selection for the Southern Schools' XI and

Worcestershire 2nd XI. 1969 will be remembered as his year; his determination and enthusiastic captaincy were an example to all. Unfortunately the results showed only three wins in fifteen starts (the Radley game being washed out). There were the usual large number of draws, particularly in the afternoon games, where it is difficult to get a result on good wickets. Why was this? The batting was, typically, consistent in its inconsistency. Sometimes it was remarkably fragile, notably in the disappointing Magdalen College and Bloxham matches. On other occasions, particularly when Andrew Varley and Michael Hill were at the wicket, it was irresistible. Hill proved tremendously, playing with distinction for the town and he is now a much more mature cricketer. His selection for the South of England 1969 XI against the North was a fitting climax to the season. Congratulations! Michael Varley's spectacular sixty-nine against High Wycombe, and John Cox's fifty-six not out at Newbury and Julian Shellard's fifty-two not out against the Common Room were noteworthy innings.

However, bowling and fielding win matches. Abingdon's was a well-balanced attack. Andrew Varley and John Cox, when he bowled a straight line, were an aggressive and testing opening pair. Michael Varley and Stephen Boyers, another much improved cricketer, were accurate and thoughtful change bowlers. Richard Savory and Graham Pike added further variety, Savory finishing off Brentwood and Pembroke College. Roger Matthews was missed, and no more so than in his fielding. The holding of catches was this team's weakness. Luckily, no count was recorded! Nevertheless, Rose, Pike and Andrew Varley took the eye for their brilliant bowling and fielding and Hill's wicket-keeping was generally very sound.

The three wins achieved were by substantial margins, the Brentwood victory of especial merit. Varley declared a little generously against the story, the Incogniti only just scraped home, while Newbury, Reading and High Wycombe all struggled for runs, helped by dropped catches. The game against the OAs ended the season fittingly on a note of high achievement, the opposition needing eleven runs off the last two balls—and most getting them.

Mrs Marsh's team of TASS mothers excelled themselves again with the teas and Miss Bellamy-Law and her staff are also to be thanked for their splendid lunches and cheerful co-operation. The Reverend John Boatright will be greatly missed as umpire for the staff and some First XI matches. I am grateful too to Mr Smithson as valued coach and groundsman, to Michael Varley, an excellent Secretary, and to John Hills, our insatiable supporter to the second decimal place. Finally, it was a pleasure to see a loyal group of parents, often joined by Mr Rudd, who shared the joys and sorrows from the boundary fence.

Apart from Andrew Varley's and Michael Hill's representative games, Michael Varley, John Cox and Hill played with success for the Berkshire teams during the holidays.

The Senior and Junior Knock-out competitions were again both won by Michael Bennett. Bennett, however, won the Junior League competition. Andrew Varley won the Fletcher Cup for batting and MC Varley the Morris Cup. Mr Woodgett kindly arranged some matches for the three First Forms, all of which were won. Stimpson, Betts, Howat, Davies, Johnson, Price and Shepherd all showed promise for the future and IH won the Form League.

NHP

Played 15: Won 3: Lost 4: Drawn 8.

Pembroke College 30 April (h) Won

Abingdon 219 (A Rose 120 no; AJ Varley 45)

Pembroke College 51 (RHL Savory 4 for 7)

Newbury GS 3 May (h) Drawn

Abingdon 140 for 9 dec (JP Cox 56 no)

Newbury GS 95 for 8

Oratory School 14 May (a) Lost

Abingdon 110 for 8 dec (L Morgan 37)

Oratory 111 for 6 (AJ Varley 4 for 31)

Brentwood 17 May (a) Won

Abingdon 214 for 7 dec (AJ Varley 143)

Brentwood 108 (MC Varley 4 for 23)

Berkshire Gentlemen 21 May (h) Drawn

Berkshire Gentlemen 176 for 7 dec (JP Cox 4 for 39)

Abingdon 146 for 7 (MC Varley 57; AJ Varley 50)

Abingdon CC 24 May (h) Drawn

Abingdon CC 172 for 2 dec

Abingdon 152 for 2 (AJ Varley 100 no; J Shellard 46)

Magdalen College School 28 May (h) Drawn

Magdalen CS 113 for 9 dec (JP Cox 4 for 28)

Abingdon 55 for 9

The Common Room 4 June (h) Won

Common Room 111

Abingdon 113 for 2 (J Shellard 52 no)

Pangbourne Nautical College 7 June (h) Drawn

Abingdon 154 for 9 dec (MJ Hill 45)

Pangbourne 88 for 6

Incogniti CC 14 June (h) Lost

Abingdon 168 (AJ Varley 44)

Incogniti 169 for 9 (MC Varley 6 for 29)

MCC 21 June (h) Lost

Abingdon 143 (AJ Varley 47)

MCC 147 for 4

Reading School 28 June (a) Drawn

Abingdon 188 for 2 dec (AJ Varley 119 no; MJ Hill 45)

Reading 60 for 7

RGS High Wycombe 5 July (h) Drawn

Abingdon 169 for 8 dec (MC Varley 69)

High Wycombe 78 for 3

Bloxham 9 July (h) Lost

Abingdon 61

Bloxham 62 for 5

Old Abingdonians 11 and 12 July (h) Drawn

Abingdon 184 for 9 (Rose 68) and 142 (MC Varley 49; T Barrett 6 for

OAs 176 for 9 dec (P Henderson 51) and 148 for 7 (D Bent 54)

The match against Radley was cancelled because of rain.

The final eleven were: AJ Varley (Capt), MC Varley, RL Matthews, Hill, JP Cox, A Rose, SEW Boyers, GF Pike, J Shellard, J Dunkerley, RHL Savory, but RL Matthews was not available till the final two matches. L Morgan, DH Marshall, AJ Cowley, JL Cox, MR Ward and MJ Harford also played.

1st XI Averages

Batting Averages (Qualification 6 innings)

	Innings	Not Out	Runs	Highest Score	Average
Varley	16	2	657	143	46.9
Rose	14	1	332	120*	24.8
Varley	14	1	277	69	21.3
Hill	16	2	280	45	20.0
Shellard	12	1	185	52*	16.8
Cox	12	2	156	56*	15.6
W Boyers	10	3	91	35*	13.0
Morgan	10	2	88	37	11.0
Pike	11	4	55	20*	7.9
L Savory	6	3	11	5	3.7

Bowling Averages (Qualification 6 wickets)

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
L Savory	37	11	113	10	11.3
Varley	126	44	324	27	12.0
Cox	152	37	318	26	12.2
Varley	158	48	379	23	16.4
W Boyers	121	53	266	14	19.0
Pike	45	7	204	6	34.0

The Alligators' Week. The Alligators had a very successful and enjoyable season in 1969 culminating in a week notable for its fantastic weather and the usual spate of runs. It was good to see so many old faithfuls and a few new faces as well. John Bunce had to cry off and we missed his timing and his personality. However we must congratulate him on the birth of a second daughter and hope that next year nothing will prevent a full week's attendance. David Penney and John Dickinson were also last minute casualties and these blows to our bowling strength were particularly sore. Peter Shellard, Robin Ogg and Mike Nurton (on one side or the other) were in exceptionally good form with the bat. **AAH**

Moreton Cricket Club 4 May Won

Alligators 139 for 7 dec (GR Smithson 42)

Moreton CC 108 (AJ Varley 5 for 35)

University College Cardiff 20 June Won

University College 114 for 7 in 35 overs (PH Blackburn 26)

Alligators 118 for 2 in 18.3 overs (JM Bunce 58 no)

South Oxfordshire Amateurs 14 July Lost

Alligators 128 (DAM Bent 36, AJ Varley 27)

SOA 130 for 7 (AJ Varley 4 for 48)

Abingdon Cricket Club 15 July Drawn

Alligators 254 for 4 dec (PN Shellard 88, AJ Varley 58, RS Ogg 51)

Abingdon CC 188 for 9 (TG Evans 49, M Ford 38, R Matthews 4 for 51)

Wiltshire Gentlemen 16 July Drawn

Alligators 261 for 4 dec (PN Shellard 90, GA Smithson 69)

Berkshire Gentlemen 17 July Drawn

Berkshire Bantams 196 (AJ Varley 3 for 49, BA Whiteford 3 for 26, R Matthews

3 for 85)

Alligators 200 for 4 (MJ Nurton 85, RS Ogg 49)

Old Albanian Cricket Club 18 July Lost

Old Albanians 214 for 8 dec (MD Nurton 74, M Ford 3 for 40)
Alligators 139 (AA Hillary 49)

Second Eleven. After the dismal weather of last year, actually to play fourteen matches (mostly in glorious conditions) was almost too good to be true. The team made the most of this good fortune and had the best season for many years.

Only at Radley was the batting embarrassing. Usually the ball was struck with commendable vigour, and the hard-hitting partnerships between Harfield (34) and Parry (20) against Magdalen, Marshall (54) and Evans (30) against Reading, Cowley (36) and Cox (35) against High Wycombe and Ward (39 not out) and Marshall (25) against Bloxham were particularly noteworthy. Parry, who scored over 30 in each of his first four innings had an aggregate of 264 and was the most successful batsman; and most of the others made at least two good scores.

Until Evans handed over the gloves to Kilgour, few wickets fell to the opening attack. Then Wallace and he took 28 between them in the last five matches. The outstanding bowler, however, was Harfield, whose total of 42 wickets in thirteen matches (at a cost of 7.45 runs each) has only once in recent years been exceeded by a member of any team. Even when the pitch gave him little help, his off breaks were hard to master.

The one disappointing feature of the season was the fielding. Except on two occasions, the catching was distinctly good: Milton held fourteen catches in as many matches (without putting one down until the final game), and Harfield was not far behind with eleven. But the ground fielding, at its best was only passable, and the throwing never became good.

Evans set a splendid example—with the bat, with the ball and behind the stumps. Although his desire to attack led to his sometimes giving away runs through over-aggressive field-placing, he was an outstanding captain whose enthusiasm on the field and hard work off it have set a high standard for his successor to maintain. Both Harfield and he richly deserve the award of half colours, the first such honour granted to members of the Second Eleven for six years.

The eight regular members of the team were: GR Evans (captain), M Baker, JL Cox, MJ Harfield, HI Kilgour, GBM Milton, DH Parry, and CA Wallace. RA Deane (11) and JBA Godfrey (10) played until the last few matches. The following also played: RA Cole (1), AJ Cowley (4), RA Deane (1), DW Galbraith (5), RS Kirby (2), DH Marshall (6), L Morrison (1), CJ Nicholl (1), JP Nicholl (1), DI Smith (1), AR Snodgrass (1) and MR Ward (6).

Played 14: Won 4: Lost 4: Drawn 5: Abandoned 1

Westminster College 3rd XI 30 April (h) Drawn

Abingdon 116 for 3 dec (Evans 47 no)

Westminster 68 for 8.

Newbury GS 3 May (a) Won

Abingdon 104

Newbury 51 (Harfield 6 for 3)

Oratory School 14 May (h) Drawn

Abingdon 138 for 7 dec (Parry 54)

Oratory 96 for 8

entwood School 17 May (a) Drawn
 Brentwood 127 (Shellard 4 for 15)
 Abingdon 108 for 8
 Abingdon CC 24 May (a) Abandoned
 Abingdon CC 129 (Harfield 5 for 30, Cole 4 for 36)
 Abingdon 71 for 5
 Abingdon College 7 June (a) Lost
 Abingdon 61
 Abingdon 62 for 3
 Abingdon College School 11 June (h) Lost
 Magdalen 128 (Harfield 6 for 39)
 Abingdon 88
 Salesian College 1st XI 14 June (h) Won
 Salesian 69 (Cox 5 for 12)
 Abingdon 72 for 5
 St. Alfred's School, Wantage, 18 June (h) Drawn
 Wantage 200 for 5 dec
 Abingdon 91 for 8 (Kilgour 41)
 Shiplake College 21 June (a) Lost
 Shiplake 132 (Harfield 4 for 30)
 Abingdon 87
 Reading School 28 June (h) Won
 Abingdon 120 (Marshall 54)
 Reading 66 (Evans 5 for 19, Wallace 5 for 19)
 High Wycombe RGS 5 July (a) Drawn
 High Wycombe 120 (Harfield 4 for 36)
 Abingdon 112 for 9
 Bloxham 9 July (a) Won
 Bloxham 71 (Wallace 5 for 12)
 Abingdon 72 for 2 (Ward 39 no)
 Old Abingdonians 12 July (h) Lost
 Old Abingdonians 215 for 8 dec
 Abingdon 184 (Parry 61)

Its Eleven. It was an up and down sort of season, during which we never quite realised our full potential. Nevertheless, the matches produced some exciting moments, and there were some excellent performances both collectively under the very able captaincy of RS Kirby—and individually. The never-to-be-forgotten game against Douai ended in a draw with ninety-seven each. We batted first, and Douai were looking comfortable at ninety-eight for three. The suspense as they slumped to ninety-six for ten and then to ninety-seven for nine was considerable. The time-factor finally intervened. Pike produced bowling figures of 5 for 21, backed up by some razor-sharp fielding.

We started the season well with three victories; against Oratory (Loosemore 46 not out, Deane 35, Dunkerley 5 for 5), against Carmel College (Dunkerley 5 for 8, Bennett 3 for 3) and against Pangbourne College (again, an outstanding bowling performance by Dunkerley with 5 for 34, Maude making an impressive debut with 41 runs).

Apart from the already mentioned Douai match, there followed four defeats. Dunkerley's fifty-six runs contributed to an exciting chase for 186 against Cokethorpe when we lost on the last ball of the match. Snodgrass came into form with fifty in a limited overs game against the Masters Common Room side. We lost to Reading and Bloxham.

Honour was finally redeemed when we beat the Second XI by seven runs. Nicholl, potentially so good, who had been struggling through unlucky season, at last came good with thirty-three not out, and Bennett and Murphy bowled well. The latter has a really promising future as an off-spinner. ARI

The regular members of the team were: RS Kirby (Captain), JP Nicholl, DI Smith, AR Snodgrass, DG Murphy, RC Cash, MT Bennett, JC Dunkerley, RE Deane, FA Maude, PH Ayerst and SP Loosemore. Also played GF Pike, RHL Savory, RA Cole, CJ Murray, AG Muff, Vennor-Morris and GD Pearce.

Oratory 10 May (h) won

Abingdon 128 for 7 dec (Loosemore 46 no, RE Deane 35)

Oratory 27 (Dunkerley 5 for 5)

Carmel College 2nd XI 28 May (a) won

Carmel 62 (Dunkerley 5 for 8)

Abingdon 68 for 5

Pangbourne 2nd XI 7 June (h) won

Abingdon 155 (Maude 41)

Pangbourne 118 (Dunkerley 5 for 34)

Cokethorpe 1st XI 14 June (a) lost

Cokethorpe 186 for 7 dec

Abingdon 139 (Dunkerley 56)

Common Room (28 overs match) 16 June (h) lost

Abingdon 130 for 5 (after 28 overs) (Snodgrass 50)

Common Room 131 for 8 (after 26.3 overs)

Douai 18 June (a) drawn

Douai 97

Abingdon 97 for 9

Reading 28 June (h) lost

Abingdon 78

Reading 82 for 7

Bloxham 9 July (h) lost

Abingdon 77

Bloxham 79 for 5

Junior Colts Eleven. The Junior Colts began their season with a mixed batch of players, having four members of the previous year's side, four members of the 1968 Junior Eleven and ten others without match experience. Consequently this was always an open side, with several places to be fought for, and spectacular results could hardly be expected. In fact, the playing record still disappointed, although two exciting run-chases against Oratory and Magdalen exceeded expectations.

The discovery of the season, and undoubtedly the best all-round cricketer in the side, was Terry. He opened both batting and bowling, scoring many runs (136, av 15) and taking sixteen wickets (av 13) when he was batting, and fielding safely in the covers or keeping wicket. Fellow opening batsman Abraham (101 runs, av 21), played some sound and responsible innings and kept wicket competently. Price (108 runs, av 27) hit the ball hard and confidently, scoring an attractive fifty in the last match, but must distinguish between adventurous and simply careless batting. The other recognised batsman, Harding, looked good in practice, but it was usually his misfortune not to bat on the good days and to be dismissed as quickly as everyone else on the bad ones.

he majority of the bowling (127 out of 300 overs) was done by Longman. As these figures show, he usually bowled throughout an innings. He was strong, and appreciably fast, he thoroughly deserved his excellent record of victims (33, av 7.5). However his long run inevitably slowed the tempo of the game, and this was not helped by medium-pacers at the other end. Neither spinner was given a chance to prove himself and the attack lacked variety.

Fielding, not surprisingly, was variable. At Radley, the catching was excellent. Harding, Price, Terry and Smith were always safe and Ward took his place for this. But throwing was weak, inaccurate and too little practised, and the side could not produce that keenness and atmosphere of concentration (not to be confused with pointless appealing) that would have been a help to its bowlers. Burford, Radley and Bloxham all aided bowling better than our own by such alertness; they looked like winning from their first overs.

Generally the last places in the side remained open to the end, although Longman finally claimed his place with his bowling. Teams are usually selected on a basis of positive performance, but it seems that this is a difficult lesson to get across. Nevertheless it is one to be learned. Lack of confidence can be counteracted by competitive spirit and willingness to practise, and competent cricketers can always be made, if they are prepared to work.

CJWO/KRC

The team was: MC Harding (capt), CB Terry, DJ Longman, DPC Smith, Abraham, AA Tammadge (10 times), RA Ward (8), ADS Chalker (7), Price (6), CL Corner, PJS Harris, WdeF Peek (5 each), CD Chafer (4), Mushens, NJ Moth (3 each), DA Gould (2), G Homewood, RG Wood and RH Griffiths (1 each).

Record: Won 10: Drawn 3: Lost 5: Abandoned 1.

Weybury GS 3 May (a) Won
 Weybury 68 (Longman 5 for 14)
 Weybury 71 for 3 (Abraham 37 no, Terry 23)
 Weybury School 14 May (a) Lost
 Weybury 103 for 6 dec (Longman 5 for 21)
 Weybury 100 (Smith 36)
 Weybury GS 21 May (a) Lost
 Weybury 106 for 3 (Longman 3 for 23)
 Weybury 56 (Longman 20)
 Weybury College 31 May (h) Abandoned
 Weybury 36 for 5 (Longman 4 for 11)
 Weybury College 4 June (h) Won
 Weybury 42 (Longman 6 for 13)
 Weybury 46 for 1 (Price 22 no)
 Weybury College 7 June (a) Lost
 Weybury 112 for 7 (Terry 3 for 31, Tammadge 3 for 14)
 Weybury 30
 Weybury College 11 June (a) Lost
 Weybury 83 (Terry 4 for 25 Tammadge 3 for 7)
 Weybury 72
 Weybury College School 21 June (h) Won
 Weybury 113 for 7 (Terry 4 for 40)
 Weybury 114 for 2 (Price 56, Abraham 23 no)

Bloxham 9 July (a) Lost

Bloxham 116 for 8 (Longman 4 for 38, Chafer 3 for 5)

Abingdon 83 (Griffiths 33)

Junior Eleven. At the beginning of the season, we thought we should start on a good side. We had a good nucleus of last year's players, fortified by a number of promising-looking newcomers. However, we only just won the first two matches, lost the third rather weakly, and won the fourth convincingly. Then, in the fifth match against Bearwood, came a dramatic change, which set the pattern for the rest of the season. Matthews batted a spectacular 64 in 38 minutes, and then our opponents collapsed against our good bowling and keen fielding. From this point on, we won all our matches by increasing margins, and the team steadily gained in confidence and performance.

We had our problems, of course. We never really managed to get a good opening stand, although our two regular openers, Baumann and Clift, both very promising batsmen. But apart from these, our problems were an embarrassment of riches. We had more bowlers than we could use and several excellent bowlers hardly had a go at all. There was also good competition for the last two places and, by the end of the season, we had difficulty in deciding whom to leave out.

Most of our players developed as much as, or more than, we had hoped. Among our batsmen, Matthews matured considerably, and now bats with a controlled power that promises well. Baumann batted with increasing confidence and control as the season progressed. Clift AC showed real promise, in spite of a run of back luck, and we had two extremely promising young players in McPhail and Seaver. They are both pugnacious batsmen, who will be a great asset next year. McPhail, in fact, came out of the averages, with several excellent innings.

Our bowling was, perhaps, even stronger. A powerful opening combination of Atkinson and Griffiths was backed up by the steady bowling of Seaver and Clift AC, with Wojciechowski and Baumann providing an excellent spin attack.

McPhail kept wicket with great energy. He is very quick, although he misfields the ball rather too often.

Finally, the captain, Richard Griffiths. His batting and bowling improved considerably during the season. His bowling in particular, when he was on form and pitched the ball up, was deadly to the opposition batsmen—full of pace and moving a great deal in the air. His thirty-two wickets testify to his effectiveness. He proved an efficient and able captain who used his brain all the time and learned from his mistakes. I am most grateful to him for his help.

Played 10: Won 9: Drawn 0: Lost 1.

Newbury GS 3 May (h) Won

Abingdon 124 (Griffiths 42, Baumann 25, Clift AC 22)

Newbury 107 (Griffiths 3 for 15)

Oratory School 14 May (a) Won

Oratory 90 (Baumann 4 for 24)

Abingdon 92 for 9 (Baumann 40, Mushens 25)

Burford GS 21 May (a) Lost

Abingdon 51

Burford 53 for 7 (Griffiths 3 for 11)

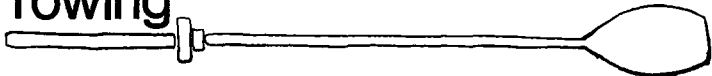
Salesian College 31 May (a) Won
 Salesian 45 (Griffiths 5 for 7)
 Abingdon 48 for 6 (Matthews 23 no)
 Bearwood College 11 June (a) Won
 Abingdon 111 for 8 dec (Matthews 64, Clift AC 21)
 Bearwood 67 (Seaver 3 for 10, Griffiths 3 for 15).
 Cokethorpe School 14 June (a) Won
 Cokethorpe 97 (Seaver 4 for 4, Wojciechowski 4 for 24)
 Abingdon 81 for 1 (McPhail 40 no, Baumann 35 no)
 Magdalen College School 21 June (a) Won
 Abingdon 105 for 8 dec (Matthews 40)
 Magdalen 69 (Seaver 3 for 9)
 Pangbourne College 25 June (a) Won
 Abingdon 116 for 8 dec (Griffiths 25, Seaver 24)
 Pangbourne 47 (Griffiths 5 for 20)
 Reading School 28 June (a) Won
 Abingdon 114 (McPhail 31)
 Reading 79 (Griffiths 7 for 24)
 High Wycombe RGS 5 July (h) Won
 Abingdon 151 for 7 dec (McPhail 62)
 High Wycombe 61 (Wojciechowski 4 for 19, Atkinson 3 for 16)

Under Thirteen Eleven. It was very unfortunate that we had so few fixtures, this is a very promising side who would have benefited from more match experience. As it was, we lost badly against a strong side from New College, and then almost exactly reversed the result against Cothill. Against High Wycombe XI we by no means disgraced ourselves, showing what a very strong batting side we are likely to be next season. Apart from Seaver and McPhail, who both made the Junior XI, Cook, Hobson, and K Taylor all played good innings, promising well for the future. K Taylor, Seaver, Mason and Evans made up a steady, but not very penetrating, attack. DCT

Played 4: Won 2: Lost 1: Abandoned 1.

New College School 23 May (h) Lost
 Abingdon 22
 New College 26 for 2
 Millbrook House 31 May (h) Abandoned
 Abingdon 76 for 2 (Seaver 29, McPhail 22 no)
 Cothill House 7 June (a) Won
 Cothill 25 (Evans 3 for 3)
 Abingdon 26 for 2
 The Reverend Hugh Pickles' XI 30 June (h) Lost
 Abingdon 125 for 6 dec (Cook 31, McPhail 22, Hobson 24)
 Hugh Pickles' XI 128 for 5

rowing



After a regatta, back at school: 'how did you get on?—oh we got knock out in the second round—pause—but they had a much faster boat'. Sa old story wears a bit thin after a while, doesn't it? But let's be honest this can be true; sometimes it is a feeble excuse for bad rowing, but oft at schoolboy level, the deciding factor in a race is the kind of boat used especially when crews are equally matched. We row a clinker eight restricted class, whereas the opposition row a shell boat with as small keel as possible. It seems that the ARA regulations here are rather elast However, there it is. It means that we cannot express our potential—whi is large for the size of our club—to the full, and our rowing in competiti is bound to reach a saturation point past which we shall not be able go, until we can afford new and better equipment. Meanwhile, what can, and are working for, is the arrival at that point.

Coaching of the First and Second Eights this year was run on the 'Square system. This gave everyone a chance and resulted in two good crews. Mu experimentation was carried out with 'rig', and although we achieved ratf weird results, it was finally agreed that these problems were sorted o The First Eight enjoyed a mixed season, losing twice to RMA Sandhu in good races, and to Fitzwilliam College—Head of the Cam. They b success against King's Worcester, Imperial College and Magdalen Colle School, all old 'enemies'. This was a good crew who overcame varic setbacks with equanimity: the only criticism of their racing being th inability to lengthen out properly in a race. An accident in the boat ruin their chance of appearing in the final of the Elsenham Cup at the Nation Schools Regatta, which was one of our major disasters.

The Second Eight showed themselves to be a crew of tremendc determination. In the first three regattas they rowed in our clinker bo and although they courageously beat opponents in 'restricted' eights, it v usually this type of boat which eventually defeated them. Although a lig weight crew, their performance this season should be an encouragi pointer to next year's First Eight.

It was not possible to boat a Colts' Eight this year. A promising a keen Junior Colts' Eight appeared however, and those boys of Colts' s combined with some Junior Colts to appear in Colts Fours events.

A Junior Colts Four won their event at the Chalmore Regatta, and 1 Eight held up their end well at the National Schools' Regatta. Here composite Colts and Junior Colts Four reached the Final of the Cc Fours event, finishing third. This was an extremely good effort. T emphasis in the Colts Squad last season was on giving racing experier to as many boys as possible, which accounts for the variety of events a crews.

Racing apart, thirty new young recruits joined this term, and fina eights took to the water from the Fourth, Third and Second Forms. T enthusiasm and progress of these youngsters has been most encouraging

Finally our thanks are due to the Captain and Secretary of the Ch Christopher Lilley and John North who have done their jobs so well: fact the Captain has left two young brothers to help us in the futu

hn North's sculling successes and his great enthusiasm will doubtless be welcomed by the local club. We are sorry to be losing one of our coaches, r Andrew Dean, who has been lured away by larger boats, and we wish m all the best in the Royal Navy. RGM

t VIII: B: DG Nasmyth; NJ Pilling; M Clift; R Grant; JE North; AE Lewis; CEJ Lilley; Str: JAF Ridge; Cox: JL Hounam. Also rowed: CMcI King.

ames Ditton—Junior eights 17 May
 round 1: row over
 2: L RMA Sandhurst/1½ 1
 umbridge—Junior restricted eights 24 May
 semi-final: L Fitzwilliam Coll, Cambs/1 1
 ading Amateur—Junior eights 1 June
 round 1: B King's School, Worcester/½ 1
 2: B Imperial College/easily
 semi-final: L RMA Sandhurst/1½ 1
 fford Royal—Junior eights 7 June
 round 1: L Canford School/1 1
 ational Schools—Elsenham Cup 13/14 June
 round 1: B Magdalen College School/½ 1
 B Westminster School/1½ 1
 B King's Canterbury/2 1
 semi-final: L Radley College/2 1
 L Shrewsbury School/1½ 1
 L St Pauls/1 1

d VIII: B: NP Winton; MI Johnstone; RJ Crane; JW Jefferson-Loveday; JPD Mitchell; JCV Wise, N Minns; Str: CR Gibaud; Cox: GW Hamlin.

ames Ditton—Novice Eights 17 May
 round 1: L Weybridge RC/½ 1
 fford City—Novice Eights 7 June
 round 1: B City of Oxford RC/3 1
 2: B Thames RC/½ 1
 3: Kingston RC/3ft
 ational Schools—West Cup 14 June
 round 1: B Shrewsbury Sch BC/½ 1
 2: L Eton College BC/½ 1
 semi-final: B Bedford Sch BC/¾ 1
 L King's Sch Worcester/½ 1
 L Nautical Coll, Pangbourne/¾ 1

ts VIII: B: PE Scott; DB King; RG Willis; NRH Pollard; AM Higgs; H Longdon; M Paddison; str: T Hughes; Cox: CA Nasmyth.

reford Schools 28 May
 round 1: L Hampton Grammar Sch/1 1
 allingford—Colts Fours 24 May
 ie eight split into A and B IV's)
 A round 1: L Nautical Coll, Pang, A/1 1
 B round 1: L Nautical Coll, Pang, B/3 1

Junior Colts VIII: B: AF Gibbs; C Clayton*; E Lilley; M Smith; A Higgs; PE Scott*; M Milanovitch*; str: DB King*; Cox: J Spooner.

Chalmore—J/Colts fours 10 M:
(a four* from the VIII)

round 1: B Reading Bluecoats Sch/easily
semi-final: B Windsor Grammar Sch A/easily
final: B Windsor Grammar Sch B/easily

Hereford Schools—J/Colts Fours 28 M:

round 1: L Priory Sch A/1 1

National School—J/Colts Eights 13/14 Ju

round 1: B Cheltenham Coll/3 1
L King's Sch Worcester/2 1
repechage: B Canford Sch/2 1
L Radley Coll/3 1

1st IV: B: J. Griffith; MI Johnstone; RJ Crane; str: V Lacey-Johnson
Cox: A Crocker.

Thames Ditton—Cadet Fours 17 M:

round 1: B Tonbridge Sch/2 1
2: L Winchester Coll/1 1

Wallingford—Novice Fours 24 M:

round 1: L Wellington Coll/1 1 1

Reading Town—Novice Fours 12 Ju

round 1: B Reading RC/2 1
B Windsor GS/1 1 1
2: L St George's Coll/1 1 1

Colts IV: B: NRH Pollard; H Longdon; M Paddison; str: T Hughes
Cox: CA Nasmyth.

Chalmore—Colts Fours 10 M:

round 1: L St Edward's Sch/2ft, after re-row

Oxford Royal—Novice Fours 1 Ju

round 1: L Gourdonis BC/1 1 1

National Schools—Colts Fours 13/14 Ju

round 1: B Radley College A/2 1
L Pangbourne Nautical Coll/2 1
repechage: B Radley College B/1 1 1
B Wandsworth School/easily
B Eastbourne College/easily
final: B Radley College A/2 1
L Bradford GS/1 1 1
L Nautical College, Pangbourne/2 1 1

Sculling: J North

Broxbourne School Dashes 27 Ap:

round 1: B M Brown (City Orient)/2 1
2: B P Skelton (Poplar B & D)/1 1 1
semi-final: L IB Whyte (Notts Univ BC)/2 1

Abingdon Head of the River—Restricted Pennant (20 entries) 13 Ap:

J North 9th
CR Gibaud 18th

Abingdon Head of the River—School Fours (13 entries)

13 April

1st IV	4th
2nd IV	11th
3rd IV	7th
4th IV	12th

Abingdon Club Regatta—Monday 7 July

Bennett Cup: Senior House Fours—Reeves

Wixell Bowl: Intermediate House Fours—Reeves

Morell Cup: Junior House Fours—Tesdale

Merpoint Cup: Dayboys v Boarders—Dayboys

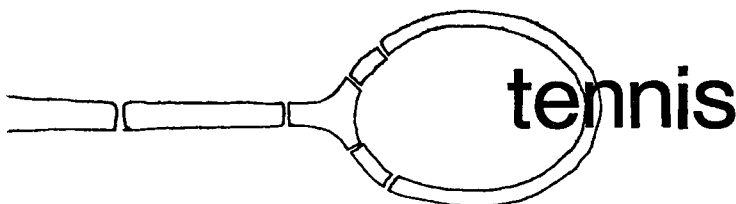
Maarhoff Cup: Sculling—JE North

Wixell Cup: Intermediate House Sculls—E. Lilley and P. Scott after a dead heat

Wixell Cup: Junior House Sculls—P Rogers

Mason Cup: House with most points—Tesdale

Abingdon School House IV beat a Crescent House IV.



This was a successful season for all teams in their match-play. The 1st VI at Berkhamsted (for the first time on record), Radley, Oratory, Oxford School, Leighton Park and Reading. They lost to Magdalen College School for a very tough match. The Staff and Abingdon LTC beat them, but they beat Ham College, TASS and the OAs.

The 2nd VI won all their matches except the one against Douai 1st VI. The Under 16 VI won all their four matches.

The two pairs for the Youll Cup at Wimbledon, 22 and 23 July, were: Day with Gardner; Day with CJ Woods. They beat Brighton College for a very tough match. It looked as if Brighton were better; they won the first set in each match. Both Abingdon pairs worked hard and patiently to get the lead in the second sets, and having gained the lead they nursed it. Victory was achieved more thoroughly in the final sets. It really was as easy as like the tortoise beating the hare!

Nottingham High School next day were more formidable and won both matches. Clargo and Gardner were not serving well, so that their opponents came up to the net again and again, killing every high ball. Lobs were rarely punished and passing shots went out of court. Meanwhile Day and Woods decided to serve accurately at the expense of force. They played bravely at first but increased their speed. There was only one double fault throughout; but their opponents were very sure, winning 10—8, 6—4. Although Coulbeck's departure to Spain was much regretted, the School has played some of its best tennis of the season at Wimbledon this year.

Generally there has been less neurosis in the matches and more will win, in all teams, with more skill at exploiting an advantage. But weakness must be remedied—unreliable serving. Double faults are to be eradicated. The first service must go in, the second service remain only an auxiliary.

CG Day, Captain, must be congratulated on these successes. He needs experience club play and learn the cunning and fascination of the game. He has some very good strokes and a good service.

The Secretary, NS Coulbeck, has had the best equipment of strokes from any part of the court. He is delightful to watch. But he fails occasionally, not against his partner but himself. He needs to enjoy the game more by playing it more intensely and more aggressively.

IF Gardner is the meteor of the season and it was not surprising that he won the Buckley Cup, though Clargo took it to three sets. Gardner is young, but his play is mature and sometimes devastating. He can wonder with a top spin and knows exactly where to place the ball. He is never beaten, never rattled.

JA Clargo has made the ideal partner for Gardner. He has all the strokes and all the right emotions, so that his play is always exciting.

Only one other member of the team deserves special mention—Woods. At times he loses concentration and exasperates himself, his partner and onlookers; but when he exercises patience he can control his game except for the dangerous lapse. He was at his best on the second day of the Youll Cup—and admits it! DN Baumann and JR Comerford played frequently in the 1st VI, showing considerable promise.

Colours were awarded to Day, Coulbeck, Clargo, Gardner.

2nd VI: RO Plail, SA Woods, KP Brown, JM Whittington, JM Dyer regularly.

U/16 VI: PR Clarke, RN Macdonald, PJ Todd, HJ Manning, J. Winnington, and occasionally DM Howes, DK Rise, RS Wilson, G. Bricknell, RA Joseph, GR Smith.

During August Clargo and Gardner entered the Berkshire County Championships at Reading. They reached the final of the U/18 Doubles event where they lost to the first seeds McGowan and Gibson 4—6, 3—6.

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Athletics

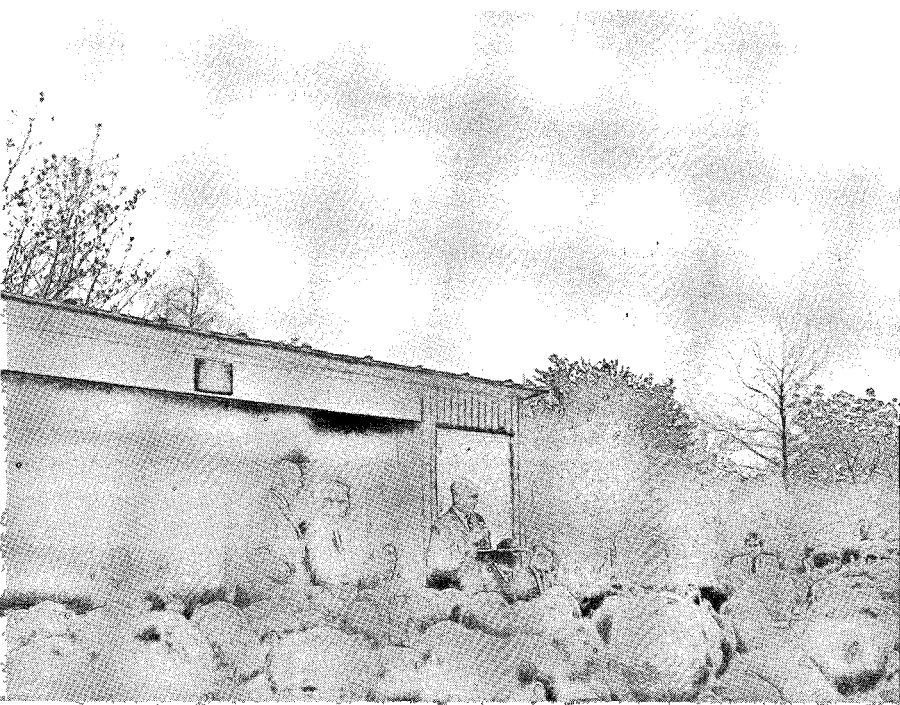
Only a few boys opted for full time athletics this term and, with few timers not always available, our team has been rather unbalanced. Consequently we have preferred to enter individuals for various championships and only arranged two straight-forward matches. In the first of these Wallingford and Aylesbury exposed our lack of depth in both age groups but particular credit must go to the five juniors who covered nearly every event between them. The John Mason matches proved easier and Seniors won every event except one, while the Juniors secured maximum points from all the track events.

In the LAC Schools Meeting at Crystal Palace, Akinbiyi and Smart both reached the final of their events, and later these two, together with Whipple and Jordan, became runners-up in the County AAA Championships. We secured five 1st places and four 2nd places in the North Berkshire Schools Championships. Eight boys went forward to the County Schools Meeting and all performed very creditably indeed. Akinbiyi, Smart and Whipple represented Berkshire at the All England Championships but



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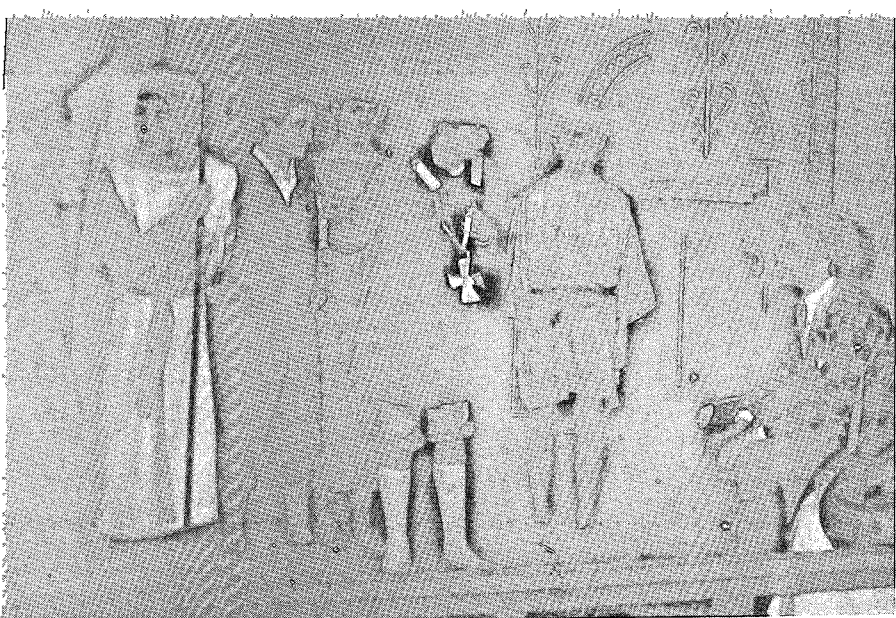




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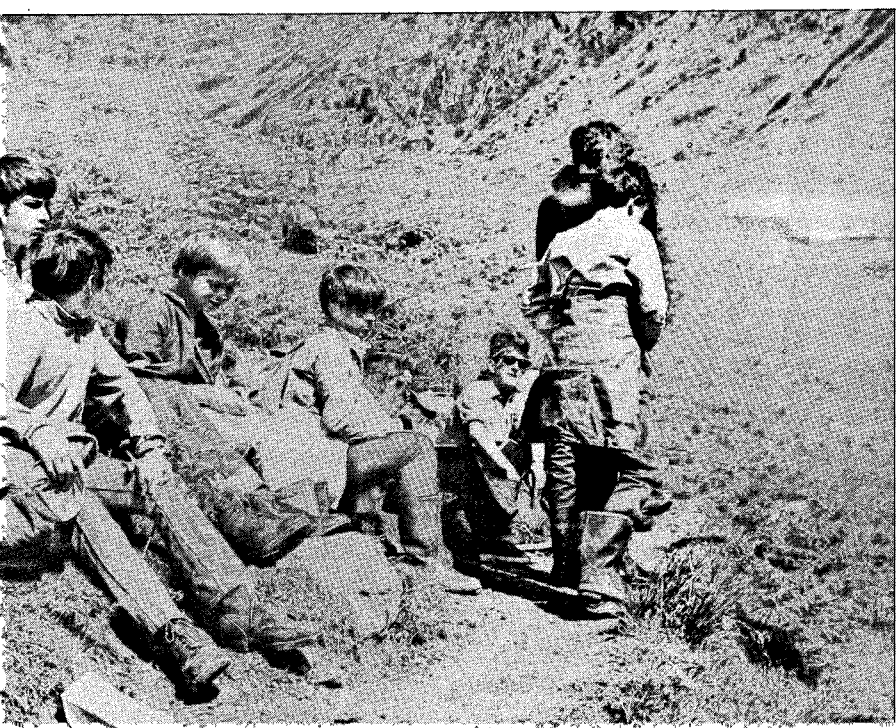
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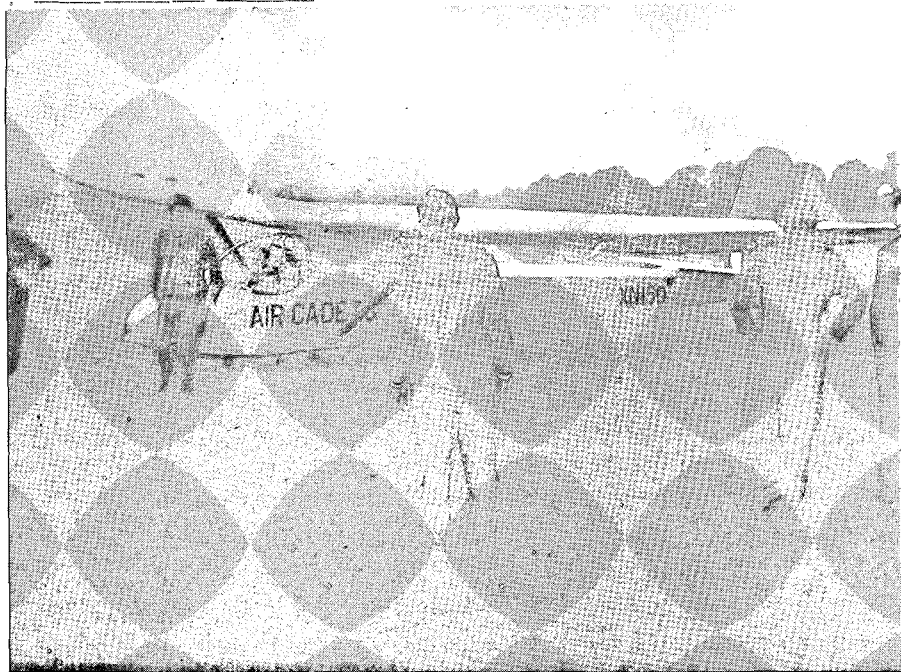




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high places (Dolgoed landscape)

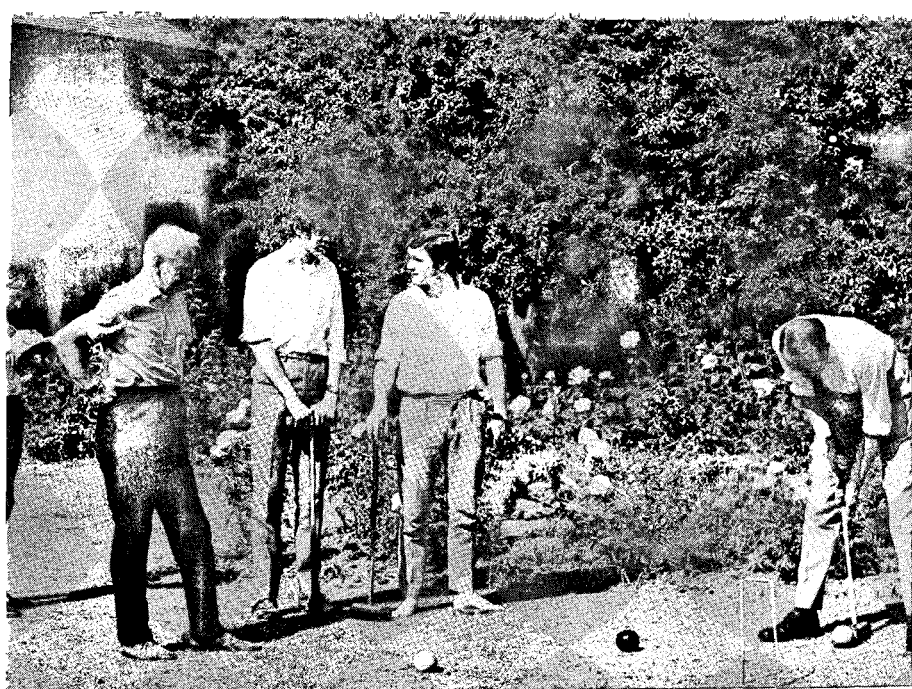




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six flying scholarship winners (RAF)





the TASS croquet match

the first eleven

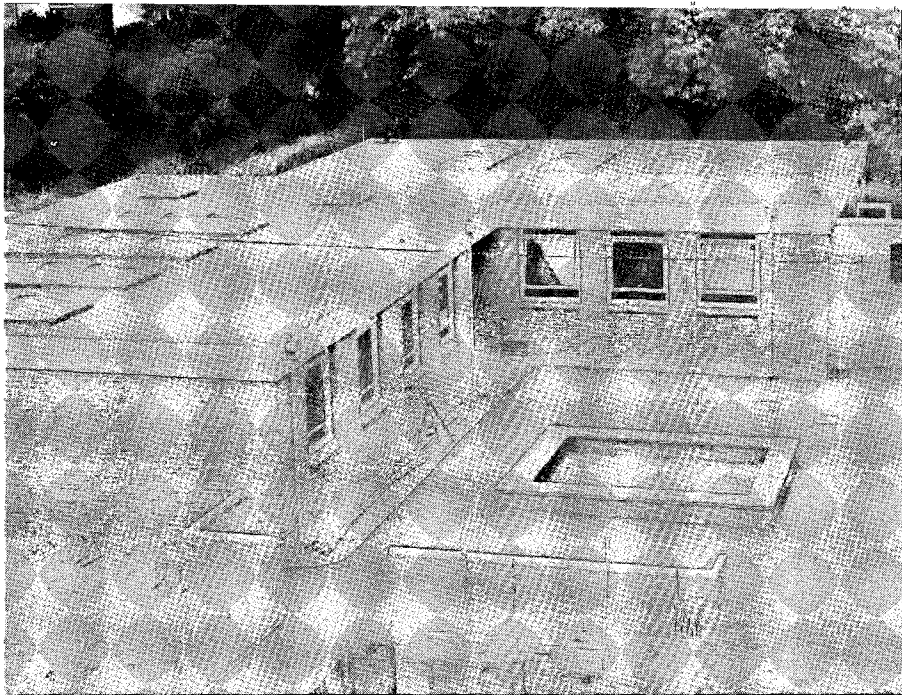




the first eight

the first six

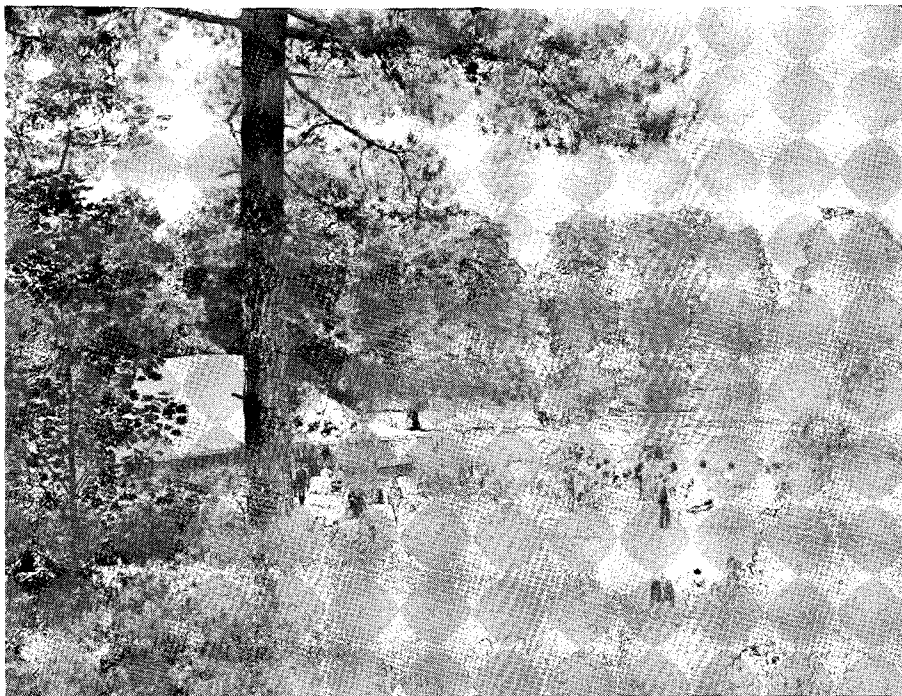


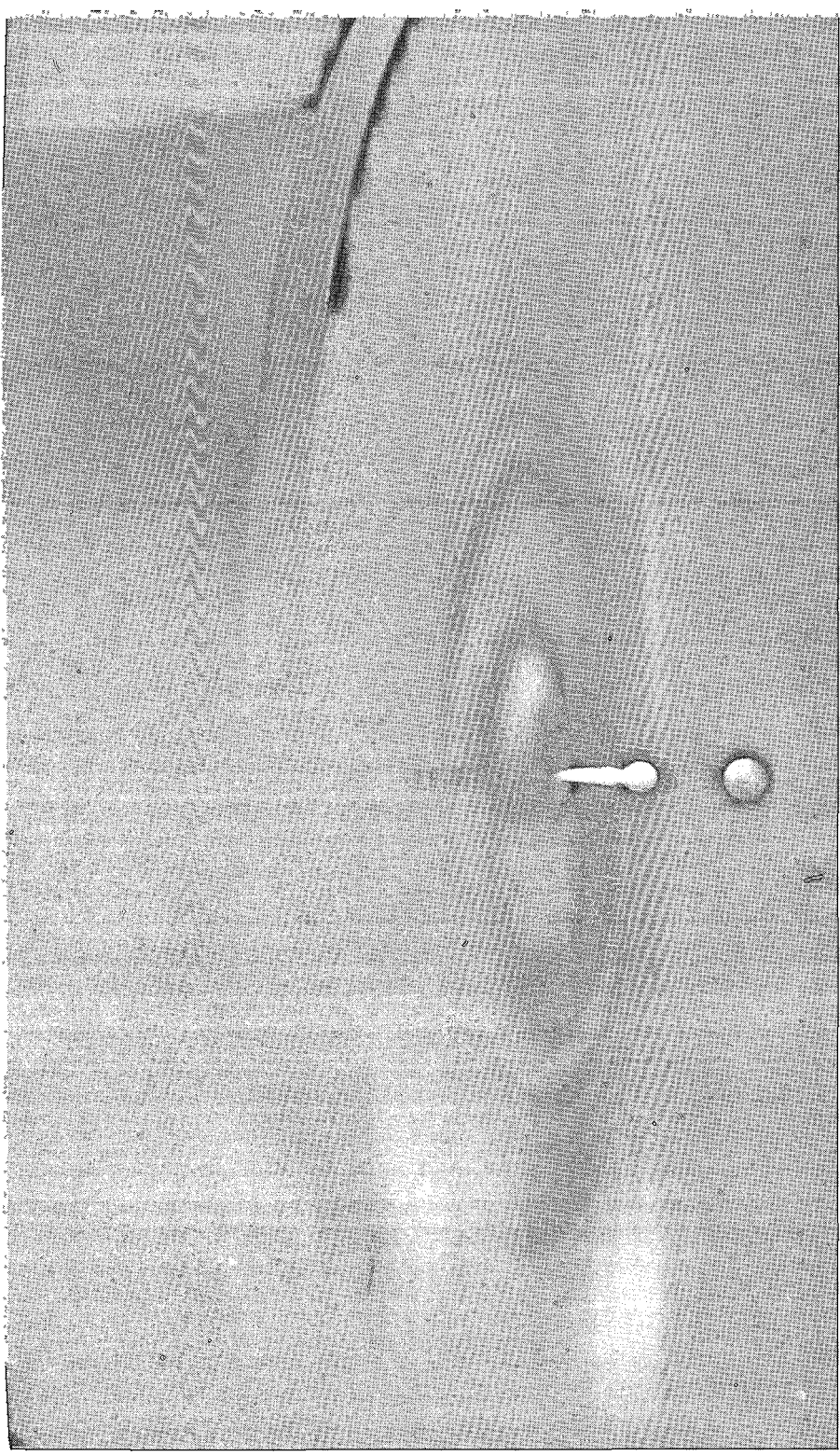


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... from the science roof ...

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the fierce competition none of them managed to survive the early rounds.

It was not surprising to find Stamford using the 'Abingdon-walk-back-technique' when we visited them for the annual Paarlauf. There were numerous other signs too of Mr Howard's efficiency and enthusiasm! Our team excelled itself and covered the six miles in 23 min 14 secs—the best time an Abingdon quartet has ever recorded and good enough to have won the event up to three years ago.

With boys now restricted to one event in all championships run by the BSAA, there is a real danger of over specialisation and it is good that in their 5-star Award Scheme the AAA encourages boys to train for a number of different events. The scheme is now suitable for all age groups and all abilities, and can continue to provide incentive right through the season. The highest award, the 5-star, was gained by R Griffiths, D Hares and A Madin; the 4-star by A Akinbiyi, A Atkinson, N Francis and D Whipple; the 3-star by R Blackburn, S Hobson and M Osborne; the 2-star by N Allington, and the 1-star by K Barnard and D Vernon-Morris.

During the term full colours were awarded to RK Blackburn.

RHB

The most noteworthy individual performances this summer have been:

- J/20 AO Akinbiyi: Triple Jump—43ft 0ins; Long Jump—20ft 7ins
RK Blackburn: Shot—38ft 2½ins; Discus—115ft 4ins
PB Harrison: Triple Jump—40ft 9ins; Long Jump—19ft 2½ins
BK Langmead: Javelin—139ft 5ins
NKA Smart: 800 m—1:58.4 (equivalent to a new record of 1:59.1 for yards)
DJ Whipple: Long Jump—20ft 10ins; High Jump—5ft 7ins
J/17 CJ Jordan: 100 yards—10.7
J/15 AC Atkinson: High Jump—4ft 11ins
RH Griffiths: 880 yards—2:15.0
DC Hares: Long Jump—17ft 8ins
AJ Madin: 400 m—57.0; 100 yards—11.4

The following have also competed:

- Senior: PM Annett, MG Baker, JG Dowling, S Fairlie, PJ Lenny, CJ Nicholl, MG Osborn.
Junior: N Allington, M Barrett, C Clayton, ND Francis, M Lawless, RI Macdonald, KG Sykes, CF Vernon.

Wallingford and Aylesbury Thurs 1 May (Wallingford)

Seniors: =2nd 79½—103—79½ Middles: 3rd 59—80½—101½

John Mason Wed 21 May (a)

Seniors won 79—50 U/15 won 72—56

Stamford Paarlauf Wed 11 June

Seniors 4th out of 8

Berks Schools Championships Sat 14 June (Bracknell)

U/15 400m: 3rd—Madin 57.0

800m: 4th—Griffiths 2:15.0

High Jump: 4th—Atkinson 4ft 11ins

Long Jump: 1st—Hares 17ft 4ins

U/17 100m: 2nd—Jordan 11.9

U/20 800m: 1st—Smart 1:59.2

Long Jump: 2nd—Whipple 6.36m (20ft 10ins)

Triple Jump: 1st—Akinbiyi 13.12m (43ft 0ins)

Swimming

Despite an extremely hopeful-looking season, from the point of view of weather and team potential, swimming last term was very disappointing. Early technical problems with the pool held up swimming until well into the second half of term, and in consequence fixtures were delayed and eventually cancelled as exams drew nearer and revision claimed more of the boys' time.

Reorganization of the RLSS caused alarming hold-ups in the delivery of instruction handbooks, these finally arriving under a week before the examiners were scheduled to arrive! Consequently the life-saving exams were postponed until early this term when any boy who so wishes may take them.

This year, for the first time ever, the School was invited to send a team of four to compete for the Bath Cup at Seymour Hall in London. The team—RK Blackburn, P Lenny, H Tressider and E Lilley—came up against some very tough opposition indeed and acquitted themselves well in the circumstances.

The annual School Swimming Sports were held on Thursday 10 July and, as usual, the weather settled into its drizzly stride in good time to chill a few bones at the poolside. No records were broken but competitors provided some entertaining sport for the small, but enthusiastic, audience.

The cups and certificates were presented by Mrs DO Willis. I would like to thank very warmly Messrs Willis, Gray and Baker for the great help they gave during the sports as referees and timekeepers; and also to thank Christopher Spearing, who organized the Sports while I sat exam and Mr Coleman, without whose constant vigilance and attention the sport could not survive.

PJ

Open Freestyle—50 yds (Record: 27.3 secs, PH Blackburn 1967)

1—H Tresidder, 29.5 secs; 2—EC Lilley; 3—RK Blackburn

U/16 Breast Stroke—100 yds (Record: 1 min 24.5 secs, ANR Wharton 1962)

1—H Tresidder, 1 min 36.2 secs; 2—CF Vernon; 3—M Barrett

U/14 Backstroke—50 yds (Record: 36.5 secs, CMB Wharton 1962)

1—PV Webster, 43.3 secs; 2—Rogers; 3—NJ Tresidder

Open Butterfly—50 yds (Record: 31.2 secs, PH Blackburn 1967)

1—RK Blackburn, 40.0 secs; 2—C Houston; 3—H Tresidder

U/16 Back Stroke—50 yds (Record: 36.3 secs, PH Blackburn 1962)

1—C Houston, 39.1 secs; 2—H Tresidder; 3—AM Jones

Open Back Stroke—100 yds (Record: 1 min. 17.8 secs, J North 1968)

1—J North, 1 min 31.1 secs; 2—RK Blackburn; 2—C Houston

U/16 Freestyle—100 yds (Record: 1 min 5.1 secs, PH Blackburn 1964)

1—AM Jones, 1 min 17.6 secs; 2—H Tresidder; 3—M Barrett

U/14 Breast Stroke—50 yds (Record: 40 secs, CMB Wharton 1962)

1—PV Webster, 45.9 secs; 2—PA Rogers; 3—JR Allen

Open Freestyle—100 yds (Record: 1 min 6.9 secs, PH Blackburn 1967)

1—E Lilley, 1 min 12.8 secs; 2—AM Jones; 3—RM Bowkett

Open Breast Stroke—100 yds (Record: 1 min 22.1 secs, TJ Rawlins 1966)

1—CJ Spearing, 1 min 33.2 secs; 2—CJ Nicholl; 3—C. Houston

U/14 Freestyle—50 yds (Record: 31 secs, CEJ Lilley 1965)

1—A Mushens, 33 secs; 2—PV Webster; 3—AR Kelly

Open Breast Stroke—250 yds (Record: 4 mins 2.1 secs, TJ Rawlins 1965)

1—CJ Spearing, 4 mins 44.2 secs; 2—CJ Nicholl; 3—J North

Open Freestyle—250 yds (Record: 3 mins 31.3 secs, PH Blackburn 1964)

1—P Lenny, 3 mins 46.5 secs; 2—E Lilley; 3—RM Bowkett

Junior Diving

1—J North; 2—C Vernon; 3—C Houston

Senior Diving

1—C Vernon; 2—K Halsey; 3—JR Allen

Open Plunge (Record: 52ft, V Lacey-Johnson 1967)

1—PF Egelstaff, 43.5ft; 2—NJ Luker; 3—CJ Spearing

Radley Relay (Record: 53 secs, Tesdale 1968)

1—Tesdale, 49.5 secs; 2—Bennett; 3—Blacknall

Junior Relay (Record: 59.8 secs, Reeves 1963)

1—Tesdale; 2—Bennett; 3—Blacknall

Senior Relay (Record: 52.7 secs, Tesdale 1967)

1—Tesdale; 2—Bennett; 3—Blacknall

The Elliott Cup for the highest individual points was awarded jointly

E Lilley, J North and C Spearing who each scored 11 points, the Free-

le Cup went to E Lilley and the Blackburn Cup for the 250 yds Open

stroke went to CJ Spearing. The Green Cup for house swimming

went to Tesdale.

Golf

Last term was really the beginning of the expansion of golf as a serious sport at this school. Not only were the first proper matches played (ie ones where the teams play level as regards handicap), but also there was an encouraging influx of members into Frilford Heath GC as well as into the society itself.

The number of boys who are now members of Frilford stands officially sixteen and I suspect that there are one or two more in the unchartered divisions of the first forms.

Both of the matches last term were against St Edward's School and though we have played them before as well as Radley College, these two matches were the first really serious inter-school matches played in the conventional form.

The first match was played at Frilford on the afternoon of Thursday 5 June, the weather being good and the course in fair condition. Although the overall result was a win to us by five points to one, it gives a rather misleading impression of the match, which was in fact quite closely fought. The fact that we knew the course better than they probably tipped the balance in our favour.

The results of the games were: T Wright won; NGW Seaver (capt) won; Walker half; G Legoux won; RN Macdonald won; GR Smith half.

The standard of play was good, Terry Wright beating Ellis of St Edward's, whose handicap was three!

The second of the two matches was played away at North Oxford GC where the weather was far from kind to us. The weather and the rather bad condition of the course had a drastic effect on my play, as, I was told, had to a somewhat lesser extent on the others!

The results of the separate games were: T Wright won; NGW Seaver won; J Walker won; G Legoux won; RN Macdonald won; GR Smith won. A fine summer's golf was rounded off nicely by a match against the OA Golf Society at Frilford on the Friday after the end of term. We were

luckily not bothered by the weather and had a good match, winning five and a half to one and a half points against a team whose top three, the Vineys and Mr Hooke, had the formidable handicaps of four, seven, and eleven respectively.

The results of the separate games were: T Wright lost; NGW Sea won; J Walker won; G Legouix half; RN Macdonald won; GR Smith won.

Mr Hooke, their captain, very kindly treated us to tea before we left.

The Society Committee gives a vote of thanks to John Walker for support and wishes him luck for the future.

This term there will be several school matches as well as some kind of competition for the junior golfers who are now satisfyingly numerous.

NGW

Bridge

The Bridge Club is never very active in the summer because of exam work and a lack of suitable tournaments to build up to, and so little Bridge is played. However the Daily Telegraph Cup, the Committee Cup and Berkshire U/25 MP Cup events have all been entered for this Michaelmas by which time the Bridge tie is due to be ready.

During May the School, together with St Edward's School, held a heat of the British Bridge League. Unfortunately of the ten pairs entered only the School first pair of Butland and Stafford could play. Butland and Stafford won the heat, defeating the St Edward's first couple by two match points. The results were sent to London where they were compared and scored by computer against similar heats all over the world. Our pair were placed thirteenth out of 1500 entrants while the St Edward's pair finished eighth.

Only two matches were played. In losing the second of these, against St Edward's, our two year 100% record in school matches came to an end.

We very much regret the departure of Richard Butland, the captain and Toby Stafford who both did so much to form the Bridge Club. They leave the School as Local Masters, while the second pair of JA Clargo and JP Cox have become Club Masters. NJ Booker and BK Langmead have also left, so the first OA's match should be an interesting contest.

Results

1st IV

St Helen's	Fri 6 June	(h)	Won	72-11 MPs
St Edward's	Thurs 10 July	(a)	Drawn	68-68 MPs

Team: RJA Butland (capt), JT Stafford; JA Clargo, JP Cox.

3rd

St Helen's	Fri 6 June	(h)	Won	45-38 MPs
St Edward's	Thurs 10 July	(a)	Lost	31-47 MPs



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the way a school spends its free time is a pretty good indication of its character. When our unofficial but frequently quoted motto is, 'Work hard—play hard!' it is particularly interesting to observe the actual playing that goes on. Sport takes the largest share of course, but games are pursued with less mindless dedication than before. The energy is increasingly channelled into small-time individualist sports (such as golf, which is omitted here, badminton, squash) and into the Societies. The societies on their part are waking up and beginning to create satisfying activities for non-games players who would otherwise have little stimulus to identify themselves with the School out of school hours.

This new energy has produced changes in both structure and spirit. The Cultural Co-ordinating Committee (CCC) heads the move to centralisation, and has given us a feeling of identity: an Abingdon evening life which combines and joins with that of John Mason and St Helen's. As yet only flexing its muscles, the CCC successfully avoided clashes in meetings in the summer. Let's hope it extends its influence this year.

The more esoteric and specialist societies are as strong as ever, but need more publicity and enthusiasm now attend the labours of the large open societies: the St Edmund's, Debating, Folk Music and so on. And the driving force here is different—a desire for socialising as opposed to cultural improvement, for discussion not debate, for inquiring not acquiring. The joint aspect—the presence of girls and members of other schools is important, for these societies can provide an attractive, external social life—not just a society life.

Dr Lennox's talk at the St Edmund gives a good example. Held in the Music School with girls and boys from John Mason and St Helen's, it took the form of an informal and frank discussion of sex from the point of view of a charming and very enlightened GP. It was good to see embarrassment disappearing in laughter instead of all male jeers. At another St Edmund's meeting at John Mason High School was addressed by the Rev Paul Oestreicher. He spoke convincingly on the similarity in moralism between Christianity and Communism.

The Folk Music had several popular joint concerts. The standard performance at these meetings, particularly from outside guests, is often remarkably high.

The Debating laments the reluctance of its speakers and the forwardness of its critics. But two very popular debates took place. At a hat debate on the term Stephen Bodimeade spun out the most amusing five minutes on the subject of Hell's Angels. Confusion visited a more formal meeting where it was eventually decided that we have gained more freedom in the last decade. John Chalker and Jane Talbot were the successful speakers.

The original purveyor of social intercourse, the **Joint Club**, had a total of three meetings. The slightly more exclusive image of the Joint Club is a disadvantage. Although no longer unique in the sphere of its activities, individual flavour remains.

Three meetings filled the **Royse** summer programme: two papers read by members and a stirring outing to 'Trial by Jury' and 'H. Pinafore' by invitation of the Headmaster. Many will dismiss Gilbert Sullivan on hearsay, but the full D'Oyly Carte production at the N Theatre evidently had enough power and swing to move sceptics. 'M and Prints' was the title of the first of the papers, by Andrew Iddles; Ian Blair's 'Eugenics' set off some stimulating discussion. The **Athenaeum** went visiting in Oxford as well, to the Playhouse for Chekhov's 'Uncle Vanya'. A magnificent cast and production exploited all the play's strengths and made a poignant evening. The society hopes to try the offer of London in the Michaelmas term.

Bob Dylan received some unsuspected advance publicity at the **Symposium** in June when Stephen Bodimeade played and discussed several of his LPs. At a second meeting Douglas Henderson talked on Science Fiction and showed that SF can be taken way beyond the level of the sci-fi cartoon.

The **Play Readers** found attendance falling but chose some interesting pieces to perform. They read 'A Woman of No Importance' (Wilde), 'Camino Real' (Tennessee Williams) and 'The Entertainer' (Osborne).

Weird evenings were available at the **Film** this time with 'A Matter of Life and Death' (David Niven) and an early experimental film, 'Cabinet of Dr. Caligari'!

Musical activities are maintaining their momentum at **School**. **Cullen** listened to a well-illustrated talk from David Galbraith on the work of the Beatles, Lennon and McCartney in particular. Elgar was the composer of the day at the second meeting, with Mr Hall-Mancey in the element. The **Jazz Club** has ground to a halt but intends to change its outlook and revitalise itself by drawing on the new enthusiasm for Blues.

Most impetus for the evening societies comes from the Sixth Form: the **Fifth Form Society** did not get off the ground during the term. The **Junior Dramatic** had great fun with Mr Owen's production of 'Thwarting of Baron Boligrew' (reported elsewhere). The **Junior Knowledge** is also still in evidence.

Sixth Formers know they should extend their knowledge of their subjects beyond the A-level course, and the academic societies provide a pleasant salve for the conscience in this respect. But they are enjoyable in their own right as well. The **Economists** listened to that mysterious name from the sign boards, Mr Nicholson the Town Clerk. Mr Nicholson gave a talk of very high quality on Local Government and an enthusiastic discussion followed.

The Cultural Revolution in China provided a good subject for Mr Hunt's talk with the **Historians**. It was accompanied by some interesting slides. The Lower Sixth have of course more time for this kind of thing and the **Historians'** younger brothers from the **Onslow** heard from the papers, all by members: CR Gibaud on 'Exploration in the Reign of Elizabeth I', DN Baumann on 'The Rise of the Puritans', DI Smith on 'George Washington', and RG Leonard on 'The Gold Standard and the Great Depression'. Unprovocative apparently, but the subjects seem rather uninspiring.

The **Modern Linguists** forsook discussion and had a film—'The Wages of Fear' ('Le Salaire de la Peur')—and a visit to Molière's 'Le Misanthrope' at the Oxford Playhouse. Both meetings were linked with St Helen's school.

The **Literary** took a summer hibernation since there was little demand for meetings. The **Critics**, who are straining to move beyond literature this year, discussed Douglas Henderson's offering on 'Humorous Verse'; and later heard Marten Ward and Tim Healy on two modern poets, Ted Hughes and Barry MacSweeney. The Ted Hughes discussion was continued at a third meeting. The Critics attempted to relieve the overpowering 'school' element and develop into a joint society, but in the interests of rational and academic discussion they were restrained. However a popular change in the direction of greater freedom and independence is to hold meetings at private houses as both they and the Symposium have done. The whole affair then becomes much more congenial.

The **Lower Sixth** literary writers also visited the theatre a few times and plans are being made to start regular outings to the Kenton Theatre in Henley.

The **Scientific** held three meetings, all in conjunction with St Helen's. Mr BRT Frost spoke on some aspects of metallurgy. More topical were talks on 'The Contamination of Man's Environment' from SD Thornton MA, and 'Meteorology from Satellites' from Dr EJ Williamson.

The **Building Club** is far removed from the world of satellites or the theatre, but they have probably achieved more than anyone this summer. The club completed its first outside contract when it was responsible for the renovation of a wall at the home of Mr Kitching in Marcham Road. Other tasks included the completion of the soakaway on the path of a site for new cycle sheds at Waste Court.

The **Change Ringers** have been very active in Abingdon and Oxford and are helping for Founder's Day and the Leavers' Service.

Down on the river our **Sailors** narrowly lost a match against Leighton Park. Meanwhile the **Angling Club** surfaced again after long inactivity, and the enthusiastic players from the **Golf** have established golf as an official minor game.

The **Aeronautical** had a visit to No 1 Parachute Training School at RAF Abingdon, but are suffering from the absence of a senior section. The absence of transport is the **Brass Rubbers'** problem. Until they obtain use of the School Land-Rover which they need, their activities are restricted to churches very close to Abingdon.

The societies report always reads rather like a roll-call, or, after the creamy and exam loaded summer, more like a casualty list. But before criticising the spectre of Apathy in the name of social responsibility it is as well to remember that the societies are created for the boys. It is a case of supply and demand, and the demand for different activities varies from year to year, from term to term. Admittedly a boy who has joined a society should attend regularly, and a sort of dilettante's life flitting from one meeting to another does nobody much good—but enthusiasm within societies does wane. If a society runs down it is best to let it lie fallow. The encouraging thing is that the societies which do drop out sometimes, the annual also-rans, change from term to term. The fact that new societies continually appear shows the basic interest is still there. And the long established societies need not despair if they have a frustrating period in the doldrums.

Another Term

Expeditions and Outside Visits

On Tuesday 22 April Mr Owen and five other members of the staff took a party of Lower Sixth English students to the Roundhouse Theatre, London to see a production of 'Hamlet'. Other visits were made to the Kent Theatre, Henley, to see 'Loot' (28 May) and 'Waiting for Godot' (27 June).

At half-term four teams were entered for Ten Tors expedition around Dartmoor. The two scout teams and the CCF team completed the course but the team from the Prefects' Common Room had to retire only a short distance from the finish. The week before, six Lower Sixth Formers spent four days at Dolgoed with Mr Talbot, whilst eight members of the RA section attended a week-end camp at Manor Farm, Lyford.

On Sunday 22 June we had the pleasure of welcoming the Reverend David Street back to the School to tell us of his work at the Rugby Club in the Notting Hill Gate area of London. He extended an invitation to any boys to go and see his work there, and possibly to help him out. Andrew Iddles and Christopher Lilley made the most of this opportunity and went to the Clubs. They so enjoyed themselves up in London that they decided to go down to the Rugby Club's camp site in Kent during the summer holidays and help Mr Street down there. Another Sixth Former who followed his interests during the holidays was John Bosley, who attended a career course with the Plessey Company Limited.

Visitors

A wide variety of people visited the School during the Summer term. On Monday 5 May, the Headmaster, Mr GH Bailey, the Second Master and the Senior House Master of Woolverstone Hall, the largest LCC boarding school, visited us, principally to see the Sixth Form boarding house, Laci Court, and the Sixth Form Club. On Thursday 29 May, the Headmaster entertained the headmasters of a number of Direct Grant boarding schools. The week before Professor MA Screech, of the Department of French, University College, London, talked to the Lower Sixth Forms on University life in London, and on 6 June Peter Leather, a former Head of the School, gave a talk to senior boys interested in a career in the motor industry. Peter is himself working as a Graduate Training Officer with the Ford Motor Company at Brentwood.

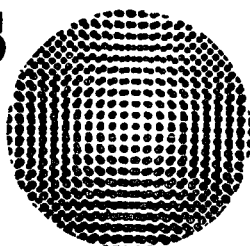
On Wednesday 9 July a party of American teachers and students on an International Summer Course looking at 'Contemporary Britain' visited the School and saw how we run things here. They had a varied programme ranging from a First Form English period to Sixth Formers at work on their Founder's Day projects. Other visitors during the term included Mr David Buckle, a leading Trades' Union Officer, who spoke to the Lower Sixth Forms on Modern Trades' Unions and their problems, and Mr Cottis, a Careers Adviser.

Miscellany Two

The School Roll at the beginning of the Summer term totalled 610, of whom 194 were Boarders and 182 in the Sixth Forms.

The only dance that took place during the term was the annual Prefects' Dance (16 May) which was graced by ladies from St Helen's, Headington, Didcot and Faringdon Schools.

REPORTS



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The CCF offers opportunities to its Cadets which are not available from any other source, most of them costing practically nothing and of immense worth in themselves. It is therefore encouraging to be able to record that more boys are taking advantage of them. There are still no grounds for complacency, however, as I should like to see more boys attending camps and courses, or putting in for flying scholarships and the like.

Details of the term's activities will be found below, but there were two novations which should be recorded here. It was decided to bring recruits to the Corps at the beginning of the Summer term, rather than in September, and this has had the effect of making the Summer term's activities more meaningful. We have also improved the working dress for the army section so that we now wear khaki sweaters and a newly designed cable belt, which looks much better.

For the future we are experimenting with methods of doing away with canoe and trying to form a canoeing section and a CCF Orienteering team . . .

As one might expect, the bulk of the term's activities were devoted to preparations for the Annual Inspection. In the Naval Section Cox Annett left early in the term to attend, once again, to the new recruits and judging that their subsequent drill and enthusiasm achieved an encouraging standard. Unfortunately the new boat for the section, which it had been hoped would arrive early in the term, did not appear until late August. The sailing crew were therefore unable to exhibit anything except their prowess in rigging and unrigging the present damaged dinghy at speed, under the charge of W/S Gibaud on Inspection Day. The other groups were more fortunate with exhibitions of the working of Robinson's Disengaging Gear at the Royal HQ and of a combined Signals Operation, using flags, lamps and radios.

The Inspecting Officer congratulated the section on its 'surprisingly good' run-out.

The Advanced Proficiency results were again disappointing and there was only one week-end camp, mainly because of examination commitments. On Field Day the section left early to visit the Royal Marine Barracks Eastney, Portsmouth, an outing which was very interesting, if exhausting. More enjoyable still was the annual camp held at Loch Ewe, which is reported at greater length after this article.

Congratulations to JP Mitchell, DN Baumann, J Chalker and JAF Ridge on their respective promotions, and finally our thanks to Sub-Lieutenant Dean for all he has done for the section. We wish him all the best in his new career in the Royal Navy.

The Army Section had an excellent term. Apart from routine training Field Day was spent in a wide variety of places: Hawley Lake with the Royal Engineers; watching a demonstration of advanced signalling given at school by the OUOTC; over the Downs on a signals and patrol exercise and on an initiation circuit exercise with the OUOTC, also at School.

The Annual Inspection passed off smoothly with demonstrations of military orienteering, proficiency training, the assault course, signalling and an artillery shoot. Our thanks to BSM Curtis and Sgt Andrews of the OUOTC for their help.

A fairly large contingent attended annual camp at Culty Bragg. Surrounded by splendid scenery the camp offered very fair training facilities. Our team there, led by CSM Clift came a creditable third out of twenty-four contestant teams in the Commandant's Cup Competition.

Congratulations to Sgts Searle and Steele, who have won flying scholarships. We hope more of the Army Section will take this opportunity.

Finally we all wish Martyn Clift, who has done so much for the section good luck for his future in the Paratroopers.

In the RAF Section last term was the culmination of a most successful year. Morale was high and the bare statistical record shows something of the quality and widening scope of activities: successful in six flying scholarships; nine gliding proficiency certificates; twenty-five distinctions at twenty-three credits at proficiency and advanced proficiency level as well as 126 cadet-flights.

A high percentage of the section attended camp, week-end camps, arduous training, and courses, with the loyal help of NCOs.

Of our six flying scholars, Flight Sgt Akinbiyi, Sgts Johnstone, Winterton and Grant, and Cpl Frere, all attended flying clubs for four weeks during the summer. Flight Sgt Plail completed his scholarship at Easter. There are already six cadets in play for next year's scholarships and it is hoped to beat this year's all-time record.

Adding to our flying experience we have secured termly visits to RAF Halton's 613 Gliding School, as well as regular visits to RAF Whitchurch Waltham where, on one occasion, we found ourselves sharing the pad with HRH the Prince of Wales.

Fortunately Field Day was held in brilliant weather between East Hendon and Lambourn. It took the form of an escape, evasion, and map-reading exercise, of considerable value.

Two valuable projects now under way are the construction of the RAF's own wind tunnel and a working model hovercraft.

The RAF sword was presented on Inspection Day by Group Captain Reece to Cpls. Frere and Milton jointly. Later in the term Flight Sgt Akinbiyi was awarded the AOC's Certificate of Good Service.

Loch Ewe

It was encouraging to note that no less than twelve cadets opted to attend Annual Camp and still more so to observe that they all pulled their weight and thereby thoroughly enjoyed it.

The first day was spent in instruction on the various aspects of walking in the mountains and was followed by a preliminary four hour hike on the neighbouring peninsular.

The following day the party set out for a two-day excursion into the hills around An Teallach starting at the beautiful Ardessa Falls. Mr Dean led

advance party and Mr Reynolds brought up the rear. Unfortunately Griffin was unable to accompany us for the first time in many years. The first day of the expedition was rather miserable with continuous rain and strong winds from dawn to dusk. Once a fire had been lit, however, the rain stopped and spirits boistered up somewhat. The second day burst in with bright sunshine and blue skies, the party completing the last seven miles of the twenty mile course in good spirits, although we had not been able to attain the summit of An Teallach. The rest of the week passed very smoothly with sailing training in gales and excursions in canoes and on the MFV. The climax of the trip was the pulling Regatta on the last day which, whether by good fortune, brain or brawn, the Abingdon crew managed to win, beating not only the other cadet crews, but also that of the Ship's Company and, in the final, that of the officers for the first time ever.

14th Abingdon (Abingdon School) Scout Group

Senior Troop: The Summer term was one of activities mostly for small groups rather than for the Troop as a whole—perhaps this is how our summer scouting pattern should be.

During the Easter holidays the majority of the Troop worked well in a job week, the total of £25 representing just under £1 per head from those who took part; and Berry and Hingley attended the District PLs camp. Just over half the Troop attended the St George's Day service—and most of these went to Longridge Boating Centre on Field Day later in the term. We have put the District Camping and swimming trophies 'back into circulation' this year; as a new venture in District and county events, Berry and Hares competed in the County cycle competition.

The usual weekend camps and Monday night meetings were held; and particularly some Monday afternoon meetings for first and second formers which have proved popular. The Patrol Leaders during the year have been Berry, ME Burton, CC Fathers, PJ Hingley, G Homewood and AJ Pitterson.

Summer Camp: This was held at the beginning of the holidays at Wasing Park, Aldermaston by kind permission of Sir William Mount, the President of the Berkshire Scout Association. Three patrols, under DC Hares, MJ Hares and PR Wait, and a Venture service unit of DB Howat, DM Howes and RJ Polley made for a smaller camp than usual; and the very hot weather dissuaded us from being too energetic. Overnight hikes, orienteering, table games, swimming and cooking—comprised a successful programme. Both we and the local congregation were very pleased to have our own chaplain conducting the family communion service in the estate church on Sunday morning. After attending this service, the Headmaster visited and inspected the camp. We are indebted to Mr Baker, Mark Bisby (OA) and the Revd Peter Doble for their help in running the camp. DRS

Venture Unit

Training for the Ten Tors Expedition and climbing have been two of the main activities this term, and on Field Day the Mendips provided suitable terrain for both while the remainder of the Unit explored Goatchurch Tarn and Rod's Pot.

Dartmoor was in one of its milder moods at Whitsun when about fifty hundred young people took part in the Ten Tors Expedition itself. Ever many patrols dropped out, but our two, Under 18 led by John Houn and the Under 16 led by David Howat, successfully completed their routes with about five hours to spare.

The repair of the hut roof proved to be a more difficult task than we anticipated and we will all have to put in much more work if we are to have a weather-proof headquarters before the winter. It is hoped, too, that there will be a greater interest in badge work and that more members will be willing to take their share of responsibility for the running of the U.

On Founder's Day the climbing and abseiling displays on the Science Block drew large crowds and many found the excellent mountaineering exhibition, organised by David Loach, to be of absorbing interest. Young brothers and sisters queued for the monkey bridge on Waste Court Field and there was also a slide show of recent Easter Expeditions and Summit Camp. JHW/RJ

Grundy Library

After five years on the Library Staff, Nicholas Hands-Clarke has at last distilled his vast librarian knowledge and left behind him some facts and figures which are of general interest to everybody.

'During those five years', he writes, 'over 2000 books have been added, readership has increased by a third, but the percentage of books that become overdue has increased, even though the borrowing period is now three weeks instead of two.'

Junior members of the school are using the library more—for this (mainly) we borrow books through the Berkshire Schools' Library Service—and it is hoped that as a result attitudes towards the library will change in a few years' time. At the moment it is taken too much for granted, and the treatment it receives is not good.

Finally I should like to thank Mr Duxbury and Mr Hasnip for their help over the years, and also, of course, the entire library staff.'

The Library without Nicholas Hands-Clarke will seem strange—success as Library Prefect was based on a thorough knowledge of all aspects of the library organisation and practice, and I shall greatly miss his constant suggestions and hard work. I am pleased his work in the Library and elsewhere was recognised by the award of one of the first Duxbury ties.

Donors to the Library this term have included the Headmaster, I Att OA, Mr Cadwell, G/Cpt McGreevy and J Mushens—we are grateful for the choice of books and periodicals they have given us.

Finally, there were quite a number of enquiries at the end of term about presenting books to the Library; any prospective donors should ask Mr Hasnip for suggested titles. KC

Voluntary Service

Nothing has been too much trouble. He has worked hard to tidy the garden; he has run errands; and he really has been a son to me.'

So wrote one of the nineteen old people visited regularly during the year—a number likely to increase considerably as a result of the formation of the Abingdon Old People's Welfare Association, through which I hope that news of those who would like to be visited will reach me more readily than in the past.

During the year, the following visitors have left the school: AM McIlbernie, JC Beyer, IM Hallett, SR Shield, RD Tammadge and CJH Wilkinson. In thanking them for what they have done, I should like also to welcome those who have already taken their places. The speed with which appeals for new visitors have been answered has been the most encouraging feature of the year. HTR

Exam Results

There are many ways of assessing results at Advanced Level—by the number, or percentage, of passes, or passes at Grade 'A', by the number of marks of distinction or merit, by the proportion of candidates passing in their subjects. Whichever of these criteria we apply, our results this year are better, in some cases substantially better, than ever before. Counting the passes obtained in the odd subject for the Lower Sixth, eleven boys finished with at least three grade 'A's. Special congratulations to Rhys Wilkinson, Christopher Nicholl, Hugh Parry and Toby Stafford, each of whom 'rang the bell' this year with A* A* A. What was significant was the close correlation between unofficial estimates and actual results. If the mark-book is correct, then it shows that our standards are more or less high.

Conversely, the results at Ordinary Level was at first glance disappointing. But careful analysis by our human computer, Mr Baker—for whose tedious calculations we are indeed grateful—showed that they were only marginally inferior to last year's, and that if allowance is made for the smaller number of candidates then they compare very favourably with 1966 and 1967. It was particularly gratifying to find that just on one-half of our fifth form candidates—46 out of 96—failed in not more than one subject. At the other end of the scale, a handful of candidates had no success at all. It is these that weigh heavy on us. JMC

The advanced level results are given below in alphabetical order. The abbreviations are normal: the only ones that are not self-explanatory are (German), K (Chemistry) and T (Ancient History).

CA Alford (Zoo Bot); MJ Andrews (Art); MG Baker (E† H† Ec); RS Barrett (E† H* Ec); NJ Beeching (K); PN Bennett (P K B*); AD Berlyn (B); RK Blackburn (E H); I Blair (P B*); NJ Booker (P K B†); CJ Bovey (Ec); CN Bowker (K); JM Bowles (E H Ec); RJA Butland (M P Zoo); J Chaundy (T E); WD Chislett (E); AJ Cowley (P K B); AT Cowlin (P); Cox (K); MG Crawford (E H); KG Cuthbert (M P K); CG Day (H* Geog); JG Dowling (E* H); GR Evans (E H); S Fairlie (E Mus); A Fletcher (Ec K B); DW Galbraith (M† M P†); MC Geary (N); RC Grant (K); RW Hamilton (K* Zoo* Bot); NG Hands-Clarke (M); MJ

Harfield (E H Ec); TJG Healy (K); DJ Heard (K); NW Herdman (E); JE Hesketh (P B); TW Hewes (P B); JL Hounam (Art); DLR Howe (L P N); S Hubbard (M); AJ Iddles (P K B*); AJ Ireland (E Art M); JW Jefferson-Loveday (P K B†); JH Jones (H* Geog Ec); HI Kilgo (M P K); CM King (M P K†); RDA Lang (K B); BK Langmead (M I); PJ Lenny (F Ec); AE Lewis (E† H Ec†); DE Lightfoot (M P K); C Lilley (P); DB Loach (B); AG Maclean (M P K); AF Martin (M P); F Mathews (M P K); AT Morris (E H M); DG Nasmyth (PK B*); CJ Nichol (M* M P*); JE North (M P K†); PC Penfold (T E); NJ Pilling (M P K); AKP Poole (M K†); PA Potter (P K B*); JK Ridge (K); CF Rock (A Rose (M B); JR Rowson (M M P); AW Semmence (F E); GR Shatford (M K B†); PJ Shaw (M P); SR Shield (M* M P*); NF Soffe (P K); J Spearing (L E M); JT Stafford (M* M P*); N Tozer (M P K); RAC Turrill (P K B*); AJ Varley (P K B); PJ Vaughan (P K B); JR Weir (K); AR West (H Zoo Bot); DJ Whipple (M P† K†); JCV Wise (K B); CJ Woodward (H† Ec); DR Woodward (P K B).

* distinction † merit in special paper

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It is proposed to publish a photographic record of the School during the last 100 years to mark the Centenary of the present School Buildings. All kinds of photographs, of sporting, personal, CCF and School activities would be gratefully accepted on loan with a view to publication. We are particularly interested in photographs covering the period up to 1950 and they may be sent to NK Hammond (1957) at the School.

Births

Budden: on 6 September 1969 to Sheila, wife of Barry G Budden (1948) a son, David James, brother to Caroline.

Foden: on 24 June 1969 to Virginia, wife of John Foden (1959), a second daughter, Rachel.

Hullett: on 15 October 1968 to Lucienne, wife of John Hullett (1952) a daughter, Sophie.

Humby: on 3 November 1965 to the wife of Michael Humby (1953) a son and on 7 December 1967 a daughter.

Moll: on 7 July 1969 to Elizabeth, wife of Randell Moll (1960) a son Duncan John Randell, a brother for Alexandra.

Ruck: on 5 August 1969 to the wife of Graham Ruck (1968) a son, Adrian Graham.

Marriages

Bobin-Miller: on 6 September 1969 at St Leonard's, Sunningwell, David Bobin to Susan Margaret Miller.

Booker-Sheldon: in August 1969 at Trinity, Headington, Roger Booker (1964) to Julia Sheldon.

Budden-Cridge: on 21 June 1969, at Cumnor Parish Church, RFW (Bob Budden) to Angela Catherine Cridge.

Burbank-Parsons: in September 1969 at Caterham, Surrey, John Burbank (1964) to Valerie Elizabeth Parsons.

Capstick-Spurrier: on 9 August 1969 at St Mary's, Essendon, Hertfordshire, Robert Capstick (1961) to Annabel Spurrier.

Day-Peters: on 23 August 1969 Christopher Day (1965) to Pamela Peters

Ford-Jenkins: on 21 June 1969 at St Nicolas, Abingdon, Christopher Ford (1965) to Nicola Jenkins.

Gray-Ross: on 29 August 1969 at Fairmilehead Parish Church, Edinburgh Dr Peter MD Gray (1958) to Doreen Ross.

Havelock-Smith: on 23 August 1969 at the Parish Church, Euxton, Lancashire, Dr Peter B Havelock (1964) to Christine Smith.

Hullett: on 21 October 1967 John Hullett (1952) to Lucienne.

Marsh-Moore: on 12 September 1969 at the Royal Garrison Church, Wokingham, Hampshire, Lt Timothy Marsh (1963) the Parachute Regiment, to Anne Lindsay Moore.

Ross-Golledge: on 30 August 1969 at Whitbourne Parish Church, Neville Cross (1960) to Patricia Ann Golledge.

Simmonds-Tildesley: on 8 March 1969 Peter Simmonds (1955) to Beryl Tildesley.

Wigg-di Marco: on 26 July 1969, at St Alban's Church, North Harrow, Middlesex, Philip A Sugg (1966) to Margaret di Marco.

Thompson-Donaldson: on 25 August 1969 at the Church of Emmanuel and St Chad, University of Saskatchewan, Canada, Conal Thompson (1951) to Margaret Ann Michelle Donaldson.

Watts-Horner: on 24 May 1969 at Faringdon, Philip G Watts (1959) to Elizabeth M Horner.

Deaths

Brailsford: Thomas Wynne Brailsford (1939-1943) died on 2 August 1969 as the result of an accident. After leaving School, where he had been a School Prefect and won Colours in the 1st IV and the 2nd XV, Thomas served in the RAF until 1945, including a year at Downing College, Cambridge, under the Air Training Scheme. He worked for some years after demobilisation with Shell and BP but in recent years had been running a very successful private business in nylon stockings. By a sad chain of events it was he who wrote a memorial to his friend Colin Milne in the Abingdonian of May 1968 and we now hear that Colin's widow Cecelyn was killed in a car accident in June, leaving two daughters bereft.

Brinsmead: Max G Brinsmead (1906) died in August 1969 at Wembley of heart and kidney trouble brought about in 1941 by enemy action in Malaya before his escape to Australia.

Davies: EC Davies (1914-1915) died on 28 April 1969 at his home at Warden Purlieu near Southampton.

Eason: Geoffrey T Eason (1916-1921) was the youngest of three brothers who covered the years from 1909 to 1921. After leaving school he went to the Eastern Telegraph Company's Training School in London and subsequently served that company in Gibraltar, Alexandria, Aden, London and finally in Salisbury. He retired from cables ten years ago and at the time of his death was the Rhodesian Manager of London County Properties of Rhodesia. Our especial sympathy goes to his brother RE Eason, who was in Salisbury and has just returned to Salisbury. He and his wife have spent a holiday with him in Rhodesia in November.

It was good to see John Wyatt (1949), with his wife and two children, who was visiting the School for the first time in twenty years. He has a job on the purchasing side of a cosmetics firm in Canada and has been in England on holiday. Also visiting Abingdon on holiday from Canada was Robert Klein (1950) with his wife.

As recorded elsewhere in this issue Michael Bateman (1951) is now in Salisbury. He was recorded in this issue of the Sunday Times.

It was most interesting to find a newspaper article about William Da (1956), who may well have been commissioned to sculpt a life-size bro of Sir Winson Churchill for Mexico City. Even if this does not come there can be no doubting the impact of sculpture on Stowe, where Willis is art master, eight of whose boys took an A level in it this summer.

John Becker (1957) set up a film editing service two years ago and appears to be making a success of it. The films which he had edited include 'Topsail Schooner', the story of the Sail-training Association's ship 'Winston Churchill'. His contemporaries especially will remember John work in earlier days, when he produced, among other things, a live documentary of some of the more interesting buildings in Abingdon.

Rapidly moving up the educational ladder is Michael Nichol (195 who is now Assistant Director of Education for Chester and is moving shortly to become Deputy Director of Education for Bootle. He is married with one child.

Dr Brian Smith (1957) is with the Kuwait Oil Company Ltd and has managed to cover a great deal of ground in the East. Last year he and his family of three children visited Thailand, Pakistan and Nepal: this year they added East Africa, Egypt and India.

Mark Dunman (1958) is now a lecturer at the West Kent College Further Education.

Richard Hook (1961), always brisk and purposeful at school, is now Area Sales Manager for a large holding company which embraces over thirty well known sweet manufacturing firms. At 24 he is the youngest sales manager his company has yet appointed.

An offprint of a scholarly article by Geoffrey Oxley (1961) on the administration of the poor law in South West Lancashire during the 17th and 18th centuries has made a welcome addition to the school archive. Geoffrey is still enjoying immensely his work as archivist at Kingstons-upon-Hull.

A long letter from Lt Simon Richardson RN (1961) contained news of Hugh Flint (1964) who plans to marry early next year when he has qualified as an RAF dental surgeon. He also mentioned Christopher Bail (1961), who appears to be in Taunton planning a motorway through Somerset. Simon himself had a skiing holiday in January this year and course another OA, David Riddick (1961) was staying at the same hotel. Simon does not enjoy his present shore job and is much looking forward to joining HMS Fawn, a small ship but the most recent addition to the Survey Fleet.

Captain David Riddick (1961) has also written to confirm this chance encounter and to announce yet another move northwards, to Barna Castle this time. He had a few typically stringent remarks to make about the reorganisation of county regiments and economies affected in army training schemes.

Alan Smith (1961) is still working with the Guardian and from time to time an article appears above his name.

Peter Hutchinson (1962) is now working on a new encyclopaedia of Zoology as well as helping to organise an expedition to Brazil. He hopes to achieve his PhD by 1971 and in the meantime has just written a little book on Fishing for Children. He seems in addition to be taking a very full part in the life of London University.

Bill and Keith Overton (1962), who left us to go to Chichester High School when their parents moved, are both at Cambridge. Bill at Sidn

Wessex has just got a double first in English while Keith at Peterhouse has achieved a two/one in part one of the English Tripos. Credit goes to Winchester High but we cannot miss the opportunity of congratulating them on their achievements.

Colin Turnbull (1962) is now teaching at Northampton College of Technology.

It was good to have news of David French (1963), who has recently been elected Vice-Chairman of Wessex Area Young Conservatives—covering most of South East England. With an election in view, at which the fifteen year olds will be voting for the first time, this could prove a very important assignment.

Congratulations to Tym Marsh (1963), whose marriage is announced elsewhere, and who has also featured in a full page army advertisement in the national press.

A long, interesting letter from Fred Exon (1964) brought us up to date on his news. After spending a year in the University Library, Hull, he moved to the Library School at University College, London, where he took exams for the London University Diploma. During this year Fred was President of the School's students, which brought with it the honour of being presented to the Queen Mother at the Degree Ceremony. He has now been offered an attractive job as a librarian in the Ministry of Housing, which apparently has a good library on Town Planning and also is an information service. Incidentally this is another voice raised in favour of the remodelled Abingdonian.

Richard Becker (1965) has recently qualified for his HND in Applied Physics and is putting in another year's study to gain his graduateship of the Institute of Physics.

Congratulations to David Munson (1965) who has successfully completed training at Hamble and is now with BOAC as a qualified pilot.

David Hilleard (1965), having graduated this summer with a BA Degree in Law, is now articled to a firm of Solicitors in Oxford.

John Naylor (1965) is working for Pergamon Press, where he is Office Services Manager at the Head Office in Oxford. He finds this a most rewarding job and also remarks that he comes into contact with more than a dozen OAs either employed by or having regular dealings with the company. Ian plans to marry early next year and his fiancée's flat mate is engaged to Robert Hewison (1960).

Alan Williams (1965) has finished his year as President of the Bradford Union and returned to the ranks of ordinary students but he has left behind him a reputation for sincerity and kindness. As the Vice-Principal of Bradford recently wrote '... not many young men receive an invitation to Buckingham Palace and public praise from the Prime Minister within the course of a few days.' Well done Alan!

Congratulations to Keith Berrington (1966) who got a first in his final exams at Birmingham. He is off now to Durham where he will research in Theoretical Physics for his PhD with the aid of a research studentship.

Peter Bosley (1966) wrote from University College Hospital, Ibadan, where he recently spent three months, describing the wretchedness which inadequate numbers of medical staff bring about there. The war, apparently, is almost unnoticed. He saw Bode Akinbiyi (1965) several times while there, engrossed at that time in finals at Ibadan University. We have since learnt that Bode was successful and congratulate him on his admission to Lancaster University to study for a Master's Degree in English and subsequently, he hopes, for a PhD.

When Ross Coomber (1966) wrote in August he had just got back from an eventful five week holiday in Corsica with Richard Luttman, F Harper and Robert Jessett, culminating in being towed off the ferry Southampton. Ross is now working with the Bank of Nova Scotia central London with the chance of going to Canada and the Bahamas: the future.

Sub Lieutenant Martyn Holloway (1966) is now Diving Officer on the HMS Bulwark and also Cable Officer, in which capacities he has had so varied experiences. He gave welcome news of his family, particularly younger brother Simon (1967), who transferred to Hardy's School Dorchester, when the family moved and is now representing Dorset Athletics.

Congratulations to Robert Jessett (1966) who got a first in Psychology and Statistics at Exeter. Phew! Also to Richard Jackson (1966) whom it has been a pleasure to see about the Common Room for the past few weeks on his two/one in History at Cambridge.

Julian Kenny (1966) is now at the University of British Columbia Vancouver working for a BA degree, before transferring to Law School having given up his job with a mining company. He hopes to be back in England on holiday either in the summer or at Christmas 1970 and shall look forward to seeing him at Abingdon.

Many congratulations to Michael Liversidge (1966) who got a first in History at the Courtauld Institute, London University, in the History of European Art.

David Penny (1966) is now teaching at Ladysmith Secondary Modern School for boys, Exeter, and very happy he is to be settling down into a job with a purpose.

Peter Booker (1967) has justified our faith in his ability by earning himself an open Exhibition in History at Pembroke, Cambridge, on the strength of a very good two/one in Part One of the Tripos. He must have been very near a first, and if all goes well there is a good prospect that he will stay on to do research.

A card arrived in August from Ian Campbell (1967), who was spending his vacation working at a children's holiday camp in America. He enjoys himself immensely but was a little put out by the tantrums of some of the wealthy and spoiled charges!

Another first—this time in Part One of the Natural Science Tripos, Cambridge—earns hearty congratulations for Eric Crouch (1967) and another for Michael Tajfel (1967) in Mathematics at Oxford. It is particularly pleasant for a schoolmaster to salute academic excellence among OAs.

We were very sorry to learn that Jo Lister (1967) had been stricken with glandular fever and wish him as speedy a recovery as possible. Unfortunately this will put paid to his rowing this year.

Richard Roper (1967) spent his summer vacation working in a commercial nursery in Worcestershire, which he found more satisfying than his last year's occupation in a corporation park. It is all valuable experience for him and has helped a lot in deciding in which particular area of horticulture he will eventually find his niche.

Ivan Carr (1968), having finished his job in Karlsruhe, wrote from Zagreb where he was beginning a three week youth-hostelling holiday on the Adriatic Coast.

Andrew Loudon (1968) wrote one of the most unusual and interesting

atters I have ever seen. Apparently he set out originally to help a girl study gorillas in the Congo but failed to get a work permit. Undeterred, he tackled the task of looking after 108 monkeys in East Africa and when his 'Primate Centre' closed down for lack of funds he set off to explore East Africa. Kenya, Uganda, Ruanda, Tanzania—he hitched across all of them, through desert to snow covered mountains. He wrote from the foot of Mount Kilimanjaro, where he was in a Sikh temple with an American and his pet cheetah, which had just playfully emptied the building by breaking loose and appearing in the midst of the praying Sikhs. The Sikhs will put them all up for the night! At the time of writing he was planning to return via Ethiopia, Egypt, Israel and overland through Europe.

Adrian Pollock (1968) is at Cape Town University reading for a Bachelor of Social Science degree.

Richard Speight (1968) is serving on the SS Clan Sutherland, a 10000 ton cargo ship on a trip to South Africa via East Africa and Genoa, which would with luck bring him home in time for Christmas.

The OA team which played against the School on Friday and Saturday 11 and 12 July was: PG Henderson, CC Ford, PN Shellard, DAM Bent, T Barrett, IJ Parsons, JA Fairlie, FJ Stiff, JW Dickinson. Being two men short, because of last minute casualties, the OAs received sterling assistance from two of the School Colts XI—RS Kirby and DGW Murphy.

The following OAs came down for the whole or part of the Alligators' cricket Week this year, 14 to 18 July: BA Whiteford (1953), SC Woodley (1957), PJ Ford (1960), MD Nurton (1961), RS Ogg (1962), MS Ford (1963), J Bailey (1964), AT Barrett (1964), PN Shellard (1964), DAM Bent (1965), CC Ford (1965), RA Jackson (1966), DS Partridge (1966). It was a great pleasure to see Mike Vallance, now teaching at Harrow and recently engaged to be married, throughout the week, and at least four other OAs were prevented from playing at the last minute by various accidents which were no fault of theirs. Results are recorded elsewhere under cricket.

OA Club Notes

Old Boys' Day was held last term on Friday 11 July. At the Annual General Meeting, held in the Music School at 7.00 pm the Secretary reported another flourishing year for the Club, with 96 new members appointed during the year. George Duxbury was congratulated upon his recent appointment as a Vice-President, in recognition of his long and valued services to the Club. Preliminary plans were outlined for the Annual Dance, to be held in the Abbey Hall, on Saturday 22 November. Two bands had been booked, and it was hoped that the Dance would gain the full support of the Club. The 1970 London Dinner would be held at the Public Schools' Club, on Friday 6 March. Norman Holmes had resigned as the Club's representative on TASS Committee in favour of an OA with a son at school. Duncan West had been elected as his successor. The following officers were elected for 1969/70:

President: AJ Foden.

Vice-Presidents: JM Cobban, S Cullen, RE Eason, JH Hooke,
GF Duxbury.

President-Elect: JT Cullen.

The Annual Dinner was held in the Court Room, immediately following the AGM. The President was in the chair, and was supported by the

Chairman of the Governors, and the Headmaster. In proposing the health of the School, the President congratulated the Headmaster upon his work at the School during his 20 years as Headmaster. In his reply, the Headmaster welcomed the guests, gave a most heartening picture of the School, and stressed how much the future of Direct Grant Schools depended upon the Old Boys. The Head of School, NJ Booker, thanked the Club on behalf of the guests, and the formal part of the evening was completed by the installation of AJ Foden as President for 1969/70. Great thanks are once again due to Germaine Bevir for the wonderful flower arrangements at the dinner.

We give advance notice that the 1st XV Rugger Match will be played on Saturday 22 November. This will be followed by the Dance in the Abbots Hall. Tickets are now available from the Secretary.

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Summary of Rugby Fixtures

SEPTEMBER

September

27 v Radley College (home)

October

4 v Oxford School (home)

8 v Warwick School (away)

11 v Solihull School (home)

15 v Magdalen College School (home)

18 v Pembroke College (away)

22 v Leighton Park School (home)

1 v Newbury Grammar School (away)

8 v RGS, High Wycombe (home)

12 v Pangbourne Nautical College (away)

15 v Dauntsey's School (away)

19 v Reading School (home)

22 v Old Abingdonians (home)

26 v Bloxham School (home)

ABINGDON AND DISTRICT WELSH SOCIETY

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Investiture Year Ball

In the Abbey Hall at 8.30 pm on

FRIDAY 21 NOVEMBER 1969

Dancing commencing 9 pm to

TREVOR BENHAM AND HIS ORCHESTRA

**SUPPER AVAILABLE IN THE ROYSSE ROOM OR THE
COUNCIL CHAMBER**

Tickets (35/- each) may be obtained from the Headmaster's S cre

**The Welsh Society has very generously agreed that one-half of the
proceeds of this Ball shall be given to the Dolgoed Project**