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CALENDAR, SUMMER TERM, 1948.

April:

27th, Tuesday Term begins 9 a.m.

May:

5th, Wednesday Field Day
8th, Saturday 'Joint Club' Dance at St. Helen's School
15th, Saturday 1st XI v. R.N.A.S. Culham (Home)
17th, Whit-Mon. Half-holiday
1st IV at Evesham Regatta
1st XI v. Abingdon Police (Home)
19th, Wednesday 1st XI v. St. Edward's School 2nd XI (Away)
22nd, Saturday 1st XI v. Pavlova C.C. (Home)
29th, Saturday 1st XI v. Southfield School (Away)

June:

2nd, Wednesday 1st XI v. Magdalen College School, Brackley (Away)
5th, Saturday 1st XI v. Abingdon Wanderers (Home)
1st & 2nd IV's v. King Edward's School, Stratford-on-Avon (Home)
9th, Wednesday 1st XI v. Newbury Grammar School (Away)
12th, Saturday Half-term
16th, Wednesday 1st XI v. Pembroke College (Home)
19th, Saturday 1st XI v. Wantage School (Home)
23rd, Wednesday 1st XI v. Southfield School (Home)
25th, Friday Founder's Day
26th, Saturday 1st XI v. Old Abingdonians (Home)
30th, Wednesday 1st XI v. City of Oxford School (Away)

July:

3rd, Saturday 1st XI v. Wantage School (Away)
10th, Saturday 1st XI v. A Parents' XI (Home)
17th, Saturday 1st XI v. Magdalen College School (Away)
24th, Saturday 1st XI v. A.E.R.E. Harwell (Home)
27th, Tuesday Term Ends 10.15 a.m.

Michaelmas Term begins 9 a.m. Friday, 17th September
(Boarders return Thursday, 16th September, 1948.)

EDITORIAL

Exactly a year ago our predecessor in the Editorial chair began this column with a long tirade against the weather. We may congratulate ourselves on a change of fortune this Lent Term: we have only lost four days of games in the whole of the term through bad weather. Two elevens, whose varying successes are recorded elsewhere, have been able to enjoy a very full hockey season, and the Boat Club have held two successful home fixtures in addition to the customary Magdalen races. A new venture has been to hold the athletic sports meetings towards the end of the Lent Term instead of at the beginning of the Summer Term, and it has given us great pleasure to witness not only the first post-war O.A. Sports, but also the first athletic fixture with another school.

Our last number seems to have met with general approval, in spite of its change in format, but the Editors are always open to hear any suggestions or complaints. Meanwhile, we take it that silence gives assent, and trust that this number will not fall short of the high standard that has been set for us in the past.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following magazines: *The Aldenhamian*, *The Bracklean*, *The Chigwellian*, *The City of Oxford School Magazine*, *The Dog Watch*, *The Laxtonian*, *The Lily*, *The Monktonian*, *The Newburian*, *The Recorder*, *The St. Edward's School Chronicle*, *The Wallingfordian*.

SCHOOL NOTES

The number of boys in the School at the beginning of the Lent Term was 273 (School House 65, Larkhill 19, Waste Court 27, Lodge 8, Day-Boys 154).

We were pleased to have Messrs. W. A. Osman, B.Sc., A.R.C.S., and D. Moore, B.A., from the University of Oxford Department of Education, with us for the Lent Term.

The School was sorry to learn of Mr. Parker's illness, and joins with us in wishing him a complete and speedy recovery. We are grateful to Mr. D. Moore for taking over his work at short notice.

The retirement in September last of Mr. W. T. Morland from the office of Clerk to the Governors, which he had held since 1919, breaks a family connection with the School which has existed for more than seventy-three years. Mr. Morland was one of seven brothers at the School, and was President of the O. A. Club in 1926. The School wishes him many years of happiness. At the same time we offer a warm welcome to Commander R. I. Hoyle, R.N. (ret.), who has been appointed to the combined office of Bursar and Clerk to the Governors,

We welcome the appointment of Prof. H. M. Last, of Brasenose College, Oxford, Camden Professor of Ancient History at the University of Oxford, as a member of the Governing Body, in place of Prof. Titchmarsh.

Mr. Austin Charles Longland, K.C., a member of the Governing Body, has been appointed Deputy Chairman of the Court of Quarter Sessions of the County of Oxford.

A 'Parents' Evening' was held on Thursday, 22nd January, when over one hundred parents met in Big School. After a short entertainment by members of the Staff, and an address by the Headmaster, parents had the opportunity of informal discussion with the masters. It is hoped that similar evenings will become a regular feature of school life.

We congratulate D. H. Wheaton on the award of an open Exhibition in Classics at the College of St. John Baptist, Oxford, and J. A. Garner on his election to the Abingdon Scholarship at Pembroke College, Oxford.

By kind invitation of the Mayor, sixty boys of Middle School attended a Meeting of the Borough Council on Wednesday, Feb. 4th, and subsequently they were permitted to view the Corporation Plate.

We are extremely grateful to Mr. Ross-Barker for the gift of an enlarger, developing-tank, and other accessories for the use of the Photographic Society, and also for the handsome Bible he has presented for use at Evening Prayers in the School House.

School notepaper and other stationery is now on sale at the tuck-shop, and it is hoped to arrange for the sale of some form of 'improving literature' in the near future.

Lecturers at the School in the Lent Term have been:—

February 19th—Wing-Comdr. P. Hamilton on "The Industrial Christian Fellowship."

February 27th—Rev. W. Knapp-Fisher, Chaplain of Cuddesdon College, on "Vocation."

February 28th—Mr. S. P. B. Mais on "Reading I've liked."

March 6th—Mr. T. C. Mansfield on "Wonders of the Heavens."

Mr. Adrian Harley gave an enjoyable recital of parts from "As You Like It," in Big School on March 13th.

Parties from the School have attended two concerts in the Corn Exchange. The first on March 4th, was given by the Abingdon and

District Musical Society in aid of Abingdon's Silver Lining Week, and the other, on March 13th, was by the New Oxford Orchestra.

Members of the cast of "Julius Caesar," attended the Drama League Festival in the Corn Exchange on February 14th.

The School is extremely grateful to an anonymous member of the Staff for the gift of a wireless receiver. The set has been installed in the Reading Room, and besides greatly improving the amenities of School House, it now enables classes to take advantage of Broadcasts for schools.

We congratulate D. H. Wheaton on being awarded the First Prize (Junior Section) for a Latin Verse Competition set by 'Acta Diurna,' the Latin newspaper for schools.

We congratulate all those awarded Colours in the Lent Term. Details will be found elsewhere in these pages.

A. E. Reeve gained his Oxford School Certificate in the December examinations. Supplementary credits were obtained as follows:—English Language—W. S. Ogden; French—W. S. Ogden; Mathematics—J. R. Wake and D. H. Randall; Physics—J. R. Wake.

A. H. Cherrill has passed the Civil Service Entry Examination.

We were glad to welcome three members of the Mathematical Sixth Form at St. Helen's who joined forces twice a week with our Mathematical Sixth during the illness of the Sister Superior.

ABINGDON SCHOOL WAR MEMORIAL FUND

The total amount paid or promised to the War Memorial Fund on March 20th, 1948, was £1286 18s. 11d., of which £545 was in cash. In view of this very encouraging start we hope that we shall reach—and go far beyond—our target of £2000 before the end of the year.

We would therefore ask all friends of the School who have not yet done so to give, and to give generously and promptly, to the Fund. All contributions should be sent to the Bursar, from whom forms of covenant may be obtained.

A first list of contributions follows. Further lists will be published in subsequent issues of the magazine. The amounts listed represent in many cases the consolidated totals of subscriptions covenanted over a period of seven years.

£	s.	d.	
129	0	11	Balance of subscriptions towards presentation to Mr. Grundy.
67	15	0	The Governors of the School.

£	s.	d.	
35	0	0	Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Cobban; J. H. Hooke; G. H. Spokes.
28	0	0	W. M. Grundy.
25	5	0	W. T. Morland.
22	1	0	O. E. Clarke; R. C. Clarke; J. Knowles; Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Midwinter (in memory of W. Giles).
21	0	0	J. B. E. Alston; J. O. Bury; G. F. Duxbury; H. M. Gray; J. Y. Ingham; S. A. Paige.
16	16	0	H. J. Clarke.
14	14	0	R. D. Gibaud; A. A. F. Parker; Mrs. C. Raymont; R. A. R. Townsend; J. L. West.
11	11	0	E. J. P. Ross Barker.
11	0	6	J. H. Bartlett.
10	10	0	S. Barnard; A. W. Duce; Comdr. T. F. T. Morland; G. E. Sinclair; F. P. Slatter (in memory of Eric); W. H. Stevens; C. Taylor.
10	0	0	W. N. E. Bruce; Mr. and Mrs. H. Wiggins (in memory of Alan).
9	9	0	A. E. B. Foxwell.
9	7	0	S. D. Plummer.
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7	0	0	R. E. Eason; G. S. Moss.
5	5	0	M. M. Barnes; F. W. Elphick; G. Hill; R. L. C. Foottit; R. F. Jackson; A. L. Leigh; F. D. Smith; Anon.
5	0	0	Mrs. Bernthal, C. Bernthal, Mrs. Reañell (in memory of Leslie); E. S. N. Hazel; Mrs. M. Inwood; Major W. R. A. Kettle; Pavlova Leather Co.; R. G. Sandercock; Mrs. Wooldridge.
4	1	6	Balance of subscriptions towards presentation to Messrs. Rudd and Bevir and Miss Florey.
3	13	6	R. G. James.
3	10	0	P. R. Wood.
3	3	0	T. L. Acklam; Miss C. G. Ackling; Boots Pure Drug Co.; T. Bowen; D. M. Brown; C. R. Reed.
3	0	0	Comdr. R. I. Hoyle.
2	2	0	H. B. Bailey; H. W. D. Charleton; Mrs. and Miss Cracknell (in memory of Derrick); M. J. Green; J. H. Harris; E. F. Harvey; G. A. Howes; G. R. Kirkby; W. Ogden; A. F. Pratt; G. F. Rice.
2	0	0	W. R. Gilbert; W. G. Williams.
1	1	0	H. J. Atkinson; Mrs. B. R. V. Bateman; P. L. Beckett; G. Brown; J. S. Candy; Mrs. Fleet; C. H. Full; F. B. Glenny; A. F. Greenman; V. A. Harfield; G. J. James; T. P. R. Layng; P. T. R. Nichol; School of St. Helen & St. Katharine; T. W. Smith.

- 1 0 0 J. V. Beveridge; C. V. Davidge; J. W. J. Freeston; C. C. Pinniger; D. B. West.
 10 6 K. G. Walker.
 10 0 G. A. R. Boyd; G. S. Diplock; C. J. Reenan.
 5 0 Mrs. Stimpson.

SPORTS CLOTHES — AN APPEAL

For some time now most sports kit has been hard to get, while it has been quite impossible to obtain certain items such as blazers and colour caps. I am therefore appealing to any Old Boy who has kit to spare to send it to me, at the School House, for disposal. We will pay a fair price for kit in good condition; alternatively you may like to follow the example already set by one or two Old Boys, and ask that the proceeds of the sale be devoted to the War Memorial Fund. There could be few better ways of helping the School than this, and of course the sum will be credited to you in the list of subscribers to the Fund.

Apart from blazers and colour caps and ties, we should be glad to receive white flannels, cricket boots, rugger jerseys (red or blue), rugger shorts, rugger boots, rowing vests and shorts, and straw hats.

J. M. COBBAN.

FOUNDER'S DAY

The provisional programme for the Founder's Day Celebrations is as follows:—

Thursday, June 24th:

7.30 p.m. School Play—'Julius Caesar' (first performance).

Friday, June 25th:

11.30 a.m. Founder's Day Service (Preacher—The Bishop of Dorchester).

3.0 p.m. Prize-Giving (Speaker Sir John Cockroft, Director-General of the A.E.R.E.).

4.30 p.m. The Headmaster and Mrs. Cobban 'At Home.'

5.30 p.m. Display of School Activities.

7.30 p.m. School Play—'Julius Caesar' (second performance).

Saturday, June 26th:

10.30 a.m. Regatta:

11.30 a.m. Cricket: School XI versus O.A. XI.

6.0 p.m. General Meeting of O.A. Club.

7.30 p.m. O.A. Dinner.

Old Boys are asked to accept this notice as the equivalent of a personal invitation to Founder's Day. Those Old Boys who are likely to attend the 'At Home' are asked to let Mrs. Cobban know, at the School House, so as to make catering more easy. Tickets for the School Play (either performance) may be obtained from Mr. Sewry at the School, price 3/6 and 2/- each; profits will be given to the War Memorial Fund.

Information about the O.A. Dinner will be circulated with this Magazine.

SCHOOL OFFICERS

Lent Term, 1948.

Head of the School: D. H. Wheaton

Head of School House: W. S. Ogden

School Prefects

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K. J. Weston
D. J. Leach
I. H. McNaughton
H. D. Baecker
N. A. Parker

W. G. Olscher
T. W. J. Jordan
B. G. Budden
J. A. Garner
J. T. Cullen
A. H. Cherrill

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M. J. Aplin
R. A. Clay
R. M. Reed
M. D. Millichap
P. C. Lovegrove
D. M. Aldworth
J. L. Wyatt
M. A. C. Heavens

B. H. Wiggins
M. H. Venables
J. A. Beary
A. F. Bastin
G. S. Strachan
R. F. Hamer
A. L. G. Milligan

Captain of Boats:

W. S. Ogden

Hon. Secretary of Boats:

J. T. Cullen

Captain of Hockey:

K. J. Weston

Hon. Secretary of Hockey:

J. P. Mortimore

Hon. Secretary of Football:

J. T. Cullen

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" THE JOINT CLUB."

For many years we have been in close geographical proximity to St. Helen's School, but throughout these years there has been no attempt at official co-operation between the two schools.

It has, however, now been decided to form a joint Social Club, as yet unnamed, the membership of which is open to senior pupils of the Schools. At the inaugural meeting on Friday, March 12th, Mr. Ingham entertained us with a lecture on " The Passion Play." We are all looking forward to a dance which is to be held at St. Helen's School on Saturday, May 8th.

50 YEARS AGO

We wonder what startling international or domestic events caused the appearance of the following item in School Notes of the 'Abingdonian' of April, 1898.

"The Fire Drill has been resumed this term. There are two bodies of boys, captained respectively by P. L. Deacon and C. A. W. Payne, who practise at the headquarters of the town. Brigade in the Old School Yard."

CHAPEL NOTES

We are glad to learn that Mr. Burgess has accepted the appointment of School Chaplain, the duties of which he has been carrying out since the retirement of Mr. Palmer.

On Sunday, February 15th, the School attended Morning Service at St. Helen's Church. Next term our visit will take place on Whitsunday, May 16th.

Special preachers during the Lent Term were Mr. Austin Longland, K.C.; Canon T. H. Liddiard, M.A., R.D.; The Principal of Culham College (Mr. F. I. Venables, M.A.); Mr. D. O. Willis, M.A.; and Mr. C. E. T. Moore, M.A.

Special preachers at Morning Service (10 a.m.) during the Summer Term will be as follows:—

May 9th Mr. A. M. Wilson-Green, M.A., J.P., (Former Housemaster at Radley College, and a member of the Governing Body).

May 23rd Rev. Frank Hepworth, M.A., (of Trinity Church, Abingdon).

June 20th Mr. F. J. Sewry, B.Sc.

June 27th (Founder's Day Sunday) Mr. R. E. Eason, M.A. (O.A.), (Housemaster at Radley College).

July 18th Mr. P. C. Sands, M.A., J.P., (former Headmaster of Pocklington School.)

On the last evening of the Lent Term an Easter Concert was held in the School Chapel, to which we were pleased to welcome several parents and friends of the School.

The collections during the Lent Term have been allotted as follows:

Industrial Christian Fellowship	£2	2	0
Dockland Settlement No. 6.	£2	0	0
S. James' Church, Nevis, B.W.I.	£1	8	0
Dr. Barnado's Homes	£0	16	6
Chapel Funds	£2	17	5

ROWING 1948.

It is a pleasant change to be able to record a happy and successful term's rowing, uninterrupted either by bad weather or by illness. There were several contributing factors. First we had the youth, enthusiasm and experience of Mr. Mortimer to assist with the coaching and take charge of the 1st IV. Then the equipment difficulties were a little less acute. The Radley, returned from its 10 years' sojourn at Kingston and furbished up, proved as successful a racing boat for the 2nd IV as it did in the memorable year 1935, when, stroked by Peter Wood, it established the fixed-seat record for our course. Also the landing-stage was rarely submerged, and for the latter half of the term conditions were almost ideal. Lastly, and perhaps most important, the spirit of the whole Boat Club was excellent. There is probably no sport in which good temper and camaraderie are so necessary as in rowing, and we were lucky to have both in good measure. As a postscript to these introductory remarks it must be put on record that the standard of coxing was much higher than usual — and the weights of coxes much lower.

1st IV.

It did not take long to settle upon the crew and order of rowing. Ogden was at first tried at stroke, being the most experienced oar, but Cullen could not settle down at '2' and so they changed places. Investigation into past records revealed that the crew was the heaviest for some years; and they soon found that a long stroke, with the finish held well out, suited them best, especially in the 'Tom.' Perhaps this was the cause of a certain sluggishness in the recovery, and a somewhat unconvincing beginning, which prevented them from maintaining a high rate for any length of time. Cullen proved himself a reliable and very hard-working stroke, though he was apt to swing back too far. The art of stroking is not learnt in a day, and in an effort to drive his crew he neglected the necessary relaxation which can only take place in the forward swing. If he and the rest of the crew could have mastered this they would have found less difficulty in raising the rate of striking. Strachan at '3' was a powerful oar who finally overcame a tendency to wash out and kept time well with stroke. Ogden, the most stylish member of the crew, improved greatly during practice, but, like stroke, he was inclined to swing back too far. As Captain of Boats he performed his duties with the greatest efficiency and tact. Wyatt, at bow, despite a cramped finish, kept excellent time and his bladework was extremely neat. Hamer gave the crew all the encouragement and help necessary, and sensibly steered his own courses, untroubled by any consideration of his opponents,

The order of rowing and weights were:

J. L. Wyatt, (bow), 10 st. 9 lbs.	W. S. Ogden, '2', 11 st. 7 lbs.
G. S. Strachan, '3', 11 st. 4 lbs.	J. T. Cullen, str., 11 st. 2 lbs.
R. F. Hamer, cox, 8 st. 7 lbs.	

RACES

v. O.A. 1st IV on Culham Reach. Saturday, March 6th. Won by 1 length. 3 min. 32 secs.

The School made a very good start, gaining half a length in the first ten strokes. They gradually increased their lead to a length, but did not lose their heads when they could make no further impression on their heavier and more experienced rivals. This was the best O.A. crew we have seen for years, and the time was the fastest recorded this term.

O.A. 1st IV:—J. T. Moore, bow; T. W. Green, '2', D. E. P. Jones, '3'; R. Hedger, str.; J. W. Rayson, cox.

v. M.C.S. at Oxford. Wednesday, March 10th. Lost by 3 lengths. 4 min. 5 secs.

The School lost the toss and had the outside station. M.C.S. drew well away in the first minute, partly due to a bad start by the School from which they never fully recovered. They hung on to their opponents remarkably well, but seemed rather stiffer and more heavy than usual. However they fought hard to the finish against a very lively and experienced crew, who used their knowledge of the course to its best advantage.

v. Culham College on Culham Reach. Saturday, March 13th. Won by 5 lengths. 3 min. 34 secs.

The School were in good form for this race, and did the course in very good time, despite the fact that they were never pressed. They showed more liveliness than at any other time in the term which augurs well for the future.

2nd IV

Little chopping and changing was necessary before the final order was arrived at. Only Jordan had had any racing experience, but the crew eventually proved good enough to register some fast times in practice and win all their races in decisive fashion. Without having pretension to style they were a hardworking crew with just the right qualities for racing — plenty of life, good timing, the ability to keep the stroke up all over the course and a definite will to win. Jordan had an ugly, tucked-up style, and his blade-work was rather erratic but he stroked with good judgment and drove the crew along splendidly. Reed made a very good '3' with a pleasing action and good leg-drive, and backed up stroke excellently in the 'engine-room.' Bastin and Clay

were both neat oars and worked well, though the former's timing might have been better. Clay looked rather short forward, due to his short body, but he rowed a full stroke. Taylor's steering was almost spectacular in races. He might have been more vocal at times, but he showed good sense and helped the crew along well.

Crew and weights:

R. A. Clay, bow, 9 st. 0 lbs.

A. F. Bastin, '2', 10 st. 0 lbs.

R. M. Reed, '3' 12 st. 11 lbs.

T. W. Jordan, str., 10 st. 7 lbs.

A. J. Taylor, cox, 7 st. 6 lbs.

RACES

v. O.A. 2nd IV on Culham Reach. Saturday March 6th. Won by $4\frac{1}{2}$ lengths. 3 mins. 47 secs.

The School shot away at the start and were clear in a minute, after narrowly avoiding a foul. Keeping the stroke reasonably long for the high rate they forged steadily ahead, and won comfortably with a good burst at the finish.

O.A. 2nd IV Crew: R. J. Pezaro, bow; R. P. F. Mills, '2'; R. F. Jackson, '3'; K. Donkin, str.; J. W. Rayson, cox.

v. M.C.S. at Oxford. Wednesday, March 10th. Won by 4 lengths. 4 min. 16 secs.

The School lost the toss and had the Oxford station, but they went off fast as usual and by the O.U.B.C. had sufficient lead to take their opponents' water. They swung out well up the Barges and steadily increased their lead to win in a very convincing manner.

v. Culham College 2nd IV on Culham Reach. Saturday, March 13th. Won by $4\frac{1}{2}$ lengths. 3 min. 46 secs.

This was a repetition of the O.A. race. The Culham crew had not had much practice, but the School rowed hard and returned a fast time.

3rd IV

Though somewhat crude in their methods their enthusiasm was unbounded and they made the best 3rd IV we have had so far. Lucas stroked with great determination and life, though inclined to wash out. Fathers at '3' was a great worker but wasted power by rowing deep. Evans had very fair style and bladework, but, like the rest (apart from stroke) was slow with his hands at the finish. Klein at bow had a horribly oblique swing but managed somehow to do his share of work. Atkinson, after only a fortnight's practice, fully justified his inclusion as cox. He gave very timely encouragement and took the crew over the Oxford course like a veteran.

With more practice and polish this crew will provide useful material for next year.

Crew and weights:

R. Klein, bow, 10 st. 7 lbs.

J. B. Evans, '2', 11 st. 0 lbs.

K. A. Fathers, '3', 11 st. 6 lbs.

P. R. Lucas, str., 10 st. 7 lbs.

R. B. Atkinson, cox, 6 st. 5 lbs.

RACE

v. M.C.S. at Oxford. Wednesday, March 10th. Lost by 1 length.

The School lost the toss (completing the hat-trick) but going off at a fast rate gained a slight lead. At the O.U.B.C., however, with the inside of the bend M.C.S. began to show ahead and slowly increased their lead to a length. The School hung on gamely and kept surprisingly well together in a gruelling struggle. It was an excellent race and a very creditable performance by both crews.

A fourth boat was also to be seen on the river with varied personnel acquiring the feel of an oar — and a fixed seat.

In addition to races for the Bennett Cup, some rowing fixtures with other schools have been arranged for the summer term.

HOCKEY

The 1st XI has had a fairly successful season. We started off well with a convincing win over Wantage, and we remained unbeaten until we met Queen's College. The Oxford side fielded a much faster and more skilful side and deserved their victory. In the return match, however, we were rather unlucky to lose a very fast game by four goals to two. Unfortunately, our form fell off towards the end of the season and we lost the last two matches rather badly. Results:

Jan. 31 *v. King Alfred's School, Wantage. Won 7—3.*

Feb. 4 *v. Culham College. Drawn 2—2.*

Feb. 7 *v. Wallingford Grammar School. Won 4—2.*

Feb. 14 *v. King Alfred's School, Wantage. Won 4—2.*

Feb. 18 *v. Queen's College. Lost 1—3.*

Feb. 25 *v. Culham College. Won 7—3.*

Feb. 28 *v. Wallingford Grammar School. Drawn 4—4.*

Mar. 3 *v. Queen's College. Lost 2—4.*

Mar. 6 *v. Abingdon Hockey Club. Lost 1—7.*

Mar. 13 *v. R.N.A.S. Culham. Lost 0—2.*

1st XI CHARACTERS

K. J. WESTON (Captain. Inside Right. Colours 1946). A very fast and energetic forward, who is particularly strong in attack and is always dangerous in the circle. He has been a sound and keen captain.

I. H. McNAUGHTON (Goal). A safe goal keeper who has often stood alone between the goal and opposing forwards. His kicking clearances are always very determined.

M. BATEMAN (Right Back). A young player who can hit the ball hard. Must learn to clear to the wings, especially when in the circle.

M. H. VENABLES (Left Back). Has a good eye but is apt to panic when hard pressed. At times his stick work is good.

J. P. MORTIMORE (Right Half). A generally sound player who passes judiciously. Would improve in attack if he were a little faster on the ball.

A. H. CHERRILL (Centre Half). A robust player who tends to overhit the ball. Is an effectual pivot and is always up in attack.

M. J. APLIN (Left Half). A greatly improved player who gives the forwards plenty of the ball. His stick work is especially good.

D. E. ALLEN (Right Wing). A late-comer to the team who has fitted in well into the attack. He is fast and knows when to pass.

B. G. BUDDEN (Centre Forward). Has led the attack very well throughout the season. Shoots hard and cleverly, and his ball control is good.

M. D. MILLICHAP (Inside Left). A hardworking inside forward who lacks scoring powers owing to over-eagerness in the circle.

D. M. ALDWORTH (Left Wing). A fast and elusive winger who plays well in this difficult position. Many of his passes have paved the way for goals.

Half-Colours have been awarded to the following:—Aldworth, Allen, Aplin, Budden, Cherrill, McNaughton, Millichap and Mortimore. Leach, i, and Inwood have also played for the team.

2nd XI.

As an experiment, a 2nd XI was formed this term which has had three matches, two of these were won, and the other drawn. Results:

Feb. 18 v. Southfield School 1st IX. Drawn 1—1.

Feb. 28 v. Southfield School 1st XI. Won 4—1.

Mar. 13 v. Wallingford Grammar School 2nd XI. Won 2—1.

The following played for the Second eleven:—Leach, i (Capt); Parker, i (also captained the side); Dunkley, i; Wooldridge; Wheaton; Wiggins, i, Brookes, Inwood, Olscher, Riggott, Perry, Reeve, i.

RUGBY FOOTBALL

For the first half of term junior Rugger was played and showed quite a considerable improvement on the standard of Christmas term. Only one match was played, the result being a reflection of our improved play:—v. City of Oxford School 'Under 15' XV. Lost 3—12.

Junior House matches were again played with great zest, Blue House proving the winners of the Bayley Cup with a victory over Red House of 16 pts. to 3 pts., and a victory over Green House of 11 pts. to 8 pts.

During the Christmas vacation several boys took part in County matches and in trial games organised by the Wasps. Details are as follows:—K. A. Fathers, P. Howse, and B. N. Margrave played in the Wasps trial game; Fathers and Margrave afterwards played against the Wasps, and Howse against the Public Schools' Wanderers. A. H. Cherrill and J. A. Garner played for Berkshire Public Schools and P. Howse was picked to play for Oxfordshire Public Schools, but was prevented from playing by injury.

ATHLETICS

Athletes have had a much greater share of the lime-light this term than, perhaps, ever before. Not only have we returned to the old practice of holding the Annual School Sports in the Lent Term but the athletic fixture against the Old Abingdonians has been revived, and a new fixture against the City of Oxford School instituted.

In addition we have tried our hand at athletic "Standards," an innovation that has proved popular and has given a much-needed "fillip" to the inter-House competition, since each boy attaining the standard in an event automatically scored a point for his House. Details of all three fixtures are as follows:—

THE SCHOOL SPORTS

The Annual Sports Day was held on Thursday, March 18th, on Waste Court Field. The day was perfect and the programme went without a hitch. Performances varied, but special mention must be made of three new records. R. W. Allen ii made a new record for the Half Mile Under 13, of 2 mins. 35.8 secs., J. H. Pinniger i ran the 100 Yards Under 13 in the new time of 13 secs., and J. A. Garner broke the Half Mile Open record by 1.4 secs. in returning a time of 2 mins. 10. 2 secs. Garner's performance was particularly good in view of the fact that he had just previously won the 440 Yards Open in 55.3 secs.

The Challenge Cups were presented at the end of the meeting on Waste Court lawn by Mrs. Cobban. Individual Certificates, which are now being prepared, will be presented at the beginning of the summer term to all boys who were 'placed.'

The results were:—

Heber Clarke Challenge Cup for Seniors:

J. A. Garner, 22 points.

The Shallard Challenge Cup for Juniors:

D. L. Treacher, 13 points.

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| 1. LONG JUMP (Open)
(Record 21ft. 3½ins.)
1. K. J. Weston (R)
2. T. W. J. Jordan (B)
3. N. A. Parker i (G)
Distance: 18ft. 10in. | 7. 80 YARDS (Under 11)
1. R. D. P. Griffith (B)
2. A. Pearman (R)
3. W. N. R. Stevens iii (R)
Time: 11.4 secs. |
| 2. HIGH JUMP (Under 15)
(Record 4ft. 10½ins.)
1. D. W. H. Ridout (R)
2. D. L. Treacher (R)
3. G. A. J. Terpstra (G)
Height: 4ft. 3½in. | 8. 100 YARDS (Under 13)
(Record 13.4 secs.)
1. J. H. Pinniger i (B)
2. R. W. Allen ii (B)
3. A. J. Pickford ii (B)
Time: 13 secs. (new record) |
| 3. HIGH JUMP (Open)
(Record 5ft 4¾ins.)
1. B. G. Budden (B)
2. W. G. Olscher (R)
3. P. R. Lucas i (G)
Height: 5ft. 1¾ins. | 9. 100 YARDS (Under 15)
(Record 11.6 secs.)
1. D. L. Treacher (R)
2. R. S. M. Millard i (B)
3. D. J. Heavens ii (B)
Time: 12.1 secs. |
| 4. LONG JUMP (Under 15).
(Record 17ft. 3½ins.)
1. C. B. Carter i (G)
2. J. A. Winter (R)
3. R. S. M. Millard i (B)
Distance: 14ft. 3ins. | 10. 100 YARDS (Open)
(Record 10.2 secs.)
1. J. A. Garner (B)
2. K. J. Weston (R)
3. N. A. Parker (G)
Time: 10.9 secs. |
| 5. HURDLES (Open)
(Record 16 secs.)
1. K. J. Weston (R)
2. A. H. Cherrill (B)
3. I. H. McNaughton (R)
Time 18.7 secs. | 11. PUTTING THE WEIGHT
(Record 46ft. 9ins) (Open)
1. A. H. Cherrill (B)
2. R. M. Reed (R)
3. J. A. Garner (B)
Distance: 32ft. 6½ins. |
| 6. HURDLES (Under 16)
(Record 17.6 secs.)
1. M. Bateman (G)
2. B. R. Perry (B)
3. J. W. H. Beasley (R)
Time: 20.4 secs. | 12. QUARTER MILE (Under 15)
(Record 60.4 secs.)
1. D. L. Treacher (R)
2. D. P. Brown i (R)
3. D. J. Heavens ii (B)
Time: 63.9 secs. |

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| <p>13. QUARTER MILE (Open)
(Record 54.4 secs.)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. J. A. Garner (B) 2. K. J. Weston (R) 3. D. M. Aldworth (R) <p>Time: 55.3 secs.</p> | <p>16. HALF MILE (Open)
(Record 2 mins. 11.6 secs.)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. J. A. Garner (B) 2. M. Bateman (G) 3. D. E. Allen i (B) <p>Time: 2 mins 10.2 secs.)
(new record)</p> |
| <p>14. THROWING THE DISCUS
(Record 114ft. 6in.) (Open)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. W. G. Olscher (R) 2. J. T. Cullen i (R) 3. B. G. Budden (B). <p>Distance: 97ft. 4½ins.</p> | <p>17. JUNIOR HOUSE RELAY
(Record: 3 mins. 59.5 secs.)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Red House 2. Green House <p>Time: 4 mins. 4.3 secs.</p> |
| <p>15. HALF MILE (Under 15)
(Record 2 mins. 26 secs.)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. M. C. Glassbrook ii (B) 2. P. M. Glassbrook i (G) 3. J. W. Hullett (R) <p>Time 2 mins. 28.1 secs.</p> | <p>18. SENIOR HOUSE RELAY
(Record 3 mins. 29 secs.)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Blue House 2. Red House <p>Time 3 mins. 34.8 secs.</p> |

The following events were run off before Sports Day:—

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| <p>MILE (Open)
(Record 4 mins. 50.8 secs.)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. J. A. Garner (B) 2. D. E. Allen i (B) 3. M. Bateman (G) <p>Time: 5 mins. 9.6 secs.</p> | <p>HALF MILE (Under 13)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. R. W. Allen ii (B) 2. P. W. Fay (G) 3. R. J. Banwell ii (G) <p>Time: 2 mins. 35.8 secs.
(new record)</p> |
| <p>MILE (Under 15)
(Record 5 mins. 20.2 secs.)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. M. C. Glassbrook ii (B) 2. D. J. Heavens ii (B) 3. J. W. Hullett (R) <p>Time: 5 mins. 37.8 secs.</p> | |

The Ladies of Abingdon House Challenge Cup was won by Blue House with a total of 227 points, Red House being second with 180 points and Green House third with 145 points.

SCHOOL v. OLD ABINGDONIANS

This meeting, held at Waste Court, on Saturday, March 20th, resulted in a victory for the School with 67 points as against 22.

Results were as follows:—

1. LONG JUMP

(Record 22ft. 2ins.)

1. K. J. Weston (Sch.)
 2. E. H. Aldworth (O.A.)
 3. A. J. Sansom (O.A.)
- Distance 19ft. 10ins.

2. HALF MILE

(Record 2 mins. 9.8 secs.)

1. J. A. Garner (Sch.)
2. J. T. Moore (O.A.)
3. M. Bateman (Sch.)

Time: 2 mins. 12.1 secs.

3. HURDLES

(Record 16 secs.)

1. K. J. Weston (Sch.)
2. A. H. Cherrill (Sch.)
3. A. J. Sansom (O.A.)

Time: 18.5 secs.

4. THROWING THE DISCUS

(Record 133ft.)

1. W. G. Olscher (Sch.)
2. J. T. Cullen i (Sch.)
3. P. A. F. Smith (O.A.)

Distance 102ft. 5ins.

5. 100 YARDS

(Record 10 secs.)

1. J. A. Garner (Sch.)
2. K. J. Weston (Sch.)
3. J. A. D. Cox (O.A.)

Time: 10.8 secs.

7. QUARTER MILE

(Record 52 secs.)

1. K. J. Weston (Sch.)
 2. D. Hayter (O.A.)
 3. D. M. Aldworth (Sch.)
- Time: 56.4 secs.

8. MILE

(Record 4 mins. 50.8 secs.)

1. J. A. Garner (Sch.)
2. D. E. Allen (Sch.)
3. J. P. Mortimore (Sch.)

Time: 5 mins. 7.2 secs.

9. HIGH JUMP

(Record 5ft. 5½ins.)

1. B. G. Budden (Sch.)
2. W. G. Olscher (Sch.)
3. A. J. Sansom (O.A.)

Height: 4ft. 8½ins.

10. RELAY (6 x 220)

(Record 2 mins. 31 secs.)

1. School—(K. J. Weston, D. M. Aldworth, N. A. Parker, M. D. Millichap, T. W. J. Jordan, J. A. Garner).
2. O.A.C.—(J. ff. D. Cox, D. Hayter, P. M. King, E. H. Aldworth, P. A. F. Smith, J. T. Moore.)

Time: 2 mins. 33½ secs.

6. PUTTING THE WEIGHT

(Record 51 ft.)

1. P. A. F. Smith (O.A.)
2. G. L. Sanders (O.A.)
3. R. M. Reed (Sch.)

Distance 32ft. 5ins.

SCHOOL v. CITY OF OXFORD SCHOOL.

Some twenty-seven competitors, senior and junior, travelled to Oxford on the afternoon of Wednesday, March 24th to take part in a Senior Match and an 'Under 15' Match. The weather was perfect and a first class afternoon's sport was enjoyed. We proved the winners of the Senior Match despite the City of Oxford's four Relay victories, and our opponents managed a fairly comfortable win in the Junior Match. The method of scoring was as follows:—Track events: 6, 4, 3, 2, 1; Field events: 6, 4, 2, 0.

The results of the Senior Match were:—

1. LONG JUMP

1. K. J. Weston (Sch.)
 2. M. J. Merry (C.O.S.)
 3. K. W. Gibbons (C.O.S.)
- Distance 19ft. 4½ins.

2. HIGH JUMP

1. B. G. Budden (Sch.)
 2. P. S. Wharton (C.O.S.)
 3. K. R. Ray (C.O.S.)
- Height: 4ft. 11½ins.

3. 100 YARDS

1. I. J. Kempson (C.O.S.)
 2. J. A. Garner (Sch.)
 3. K. J. Weston (Sch.)
 4. M. A. Gardner (C.O.S.)
 5. E. Longthorp (C.O.S.)
- Time: 11.1 secs.

4. PUTTING THE WEIGHT

1. A. H. Cherrill (Sch.)
 2. R. M. Reed (Sch.)
 3. P. S. Wharton (C.O.S.)
- Distance: 31ft. 6½ins.

5. HALF MILE

1. J. A. Garner (Sch.)
 2. J. C. Collinson (C.O.S.)
 3. M. Bateman (Sch.)
 4. G. M. Frewer (C.O.S.)
 5. D. H. Wheaton (Sch.)
- Time: 2 mins. 15.1 secs.

6. QUARTER MILE

1. K. J. Weston (Sch.)
 2. K. G. Beckinsale (C.O.S.)
 3. R. E. Underwood (C.O.S.)
 4. K. R. Ray (C.O.S.)
 5. D. M. Aldworth (Sch.)
- Time: 56 secs.

7. THROWING THE DISC

1. W. G. Olscher (Sch.)
 2. P. S. Wharton (C.O.S.);
 3. J. T. Cullen (Sch.)
- Distance 101ft. 10in.

8. ONE MILE

1. J. A. Garner (Sch.)
 2. D. E. Allen (Sch.)
 3. J. T. Oglanby (C.O.S.)
 4. K. J. Taylor (C.O.S.)
 5. J. P. Mortimore (Sch.)
- Time: 5 min. 9.7 secs.

9. RELAY 'A' TEAM (4 x 220)

1. C.O.S.—(Beckinsale, Merry, Longthorp, Kempson)
 2. School—(Weston, Parker, Millichap, Jordan)
- Time: 1 min. 39 secs.

10. RELAY 'B' TEAM (4 x 220)

1. C.O.S.—(Underwood, Drew, Gibbons, Gardner)
 2. School—(Aldworth, Budden, Bastin, Garner)
- Time: 1 min. 40.6 secs.

RESULT:—Abingdon 65 points; C.O.S. 55 points.

The Results of the 'Under 15' Match were:—

1. LONG JUMP

1. B. R. Bowler (C.O.S.)
 2. D. C. Watts (C.O.S.)
 3. C. B. Carter (Sch.)
- Distance: 15ft. 6½ins.

2. HIGH JUMP

1. D. L. Treacher (Sch.)
 2. M. A. Nichols (C.O.S.)
 3. D. H. Bacon (C.O.S.)
- Height: 4ft. 4ins.

3. 100 YARDS

1. J. H. Drinkwater (C.O.S.)
 2. D. L. Treacher (Sch.)
 3. D. C. Watts (C.O.S.)
 4. R. S. M. Millard (Sch.)
 5. M. Phipps (C.O.S.)
- Time: 11.9 secs.

4. HALF MILE

1. A. Dunnill (C.O.S.)
 2. M. C. Glassbrook (Sch.)
 3. D. J. Heavens (Sch.)
 4. P. M. Glassbrook (Sch.)
 5. R. N. Parkhouse (C.O.S.)
- Time: 2 min. 22.4 secs.

5. RELAY 'A' TEAM (4 x 110)

1. C.O.S.—(Drinkwater, Phipps, Bowler, Dunnill)
 2. School—(Treacher, Free, Heavens, Millard)
- Time: 53.7 secs.

6. RELAY 'B' TEAM (4 x 110)

1. C.O.S.—(Holborow, Bacon, Martin, Manners)
 2. School—(Winter, Burton, Glassbrook, Allen)
- Time: 57.7 secs.

RESULT: C.O.S. 41 pts. School 23 pts.

The following have been awarded Colours:—

Full Colours: A. H. Cherrill.

Half Colours: M. Bateman, D. E. Allen, J. T. Cullen, R. M. Reed.

VALETE ET SALVETE

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Left, December, 1947

Upper Sixth Form.

G. L. Sanders (Maths.) (iii, 39). Head of the School, 47. O.S.C., 43; H.S.C., 45; 1st XV, 44; Colours, 45; Captain of Rugger, 47; 1st XI Hockey, 46; 2nd XI, 46; Full Athletic Colours, 47; J.T.C., Under Officer; Cert. 'A', 45; Shooting VIII, 44; General Games Committee; Hon. Treas. A.S.H.C.

J. R. Wake (Science) (iii, 41). School Prefect, 47. O.S.C., 46; 1st XV, 47; 2nd Colours, 47; J.T.C., Sergt., Assistant Armourer, 47; Cert. 'A', 46.

Lower Sixth Form.

B. N. Margrave (Maths.) (i, 42). Sub-Prefect, 47. O.S.C., 47; 1st XV, 46; Colours, 47; 1st XI, 47; Half Athletic Colours, 47; J.T.C. L/Cpl.; Cert. 'A', 47.

D. McMahon (Modern) (iii, 42) O.S.C., 47.

D. H. Randall (Science) (iii, 43). O.S.C., 47.

J. B. Rich (Science) (iii, 43). O.S.C., 47; 1st XV, 47; 2nd Colours, 47.

Form 5. A. F. Bowman (iii, 43). 2nd XV, 47.

Form 3B. H. J. Marsh (iii, 47) (Oct. 28th).

Form 1 I. S. Baxter (i, 46) (Oct. 30th).

Salvete

Came, January, 1948

Form 4B. E. G. R. Peedell.

Form Remove B. M. G. Ryman.

Form 3A. R. M. Marchbanks.

Form 3B. B. J. Hiscock (Feb. 2nd); G. Round, i (Jan. 26th); I. D. Woodmore.

Form 2. B. C. Costin.

Form 1. W. N. R. Stevens, iii.

GENERAL GAMES COMMITTEE

In September last a considerable share in the responsibility for running the games of the School was entrusted to a newly formed General Games Committee, under the chairmanship of the Headmaster, and widely representative of both staff and boys. D. H. Wheaton was elected first Secretary of the Committee.

Several meetings have already been held and a vast amount of suggestions have been discussed, many of which have already been put into force. Here we need refer only to two items—one, the despatch of a letter to Mr. Rudd to thank him for his services as Games Treasurer during the trying years of war (to which there came an entertaining reply from the Western States), and the other, a revolutionary decision, recently taken, to increase the number of Athletic Houses to four in September of this year. The new Houses will bear the names of benefactors of the School—Bennett, Blacknall, Reeves and Tesdale; and their colours will be Gold, Blue, Red and Green respectively. In the first instance a complete reshuffle of existing houses will be necessary to get the new system started.

One of the functions of the Committee is to examine the accounts of the Games Fund and to make recommendations for expenditure therefrom. The Bursar has kindly undertaken to act as Treasurer of the Games Fund, with a seat on the Committee; his task will be lightened by the recent increase in the annual grant made by the School to the Fund.

Special sub-committees have been set up to look after Minor Games and the Athletic Sports respectively, and further sub-committees will be set up as needed.

J.T.C. NOTES.

The Lent term has been mainly a struggle to achieve Cert. 'A', the candidates sacrificing their cultural Friday afternoons for the purpose; perhaps the study of maps, weapons and fieldcraft may be accounted culture. Certainly the results were worth it. On Tuesday, March 23rd, the following passed Part II. (Section Leaders): J. T. Cullen, W. J. Dunkley, M. A. C. Heavens, A. L. G. Milligan, R. M. Reed.

The following passed Part I (Individual): D. R. G. Andrews, N. L. Gibbs, R. F. Hamer, D. J. Heavens, I. Juggins, A. G. B. King, F. J. W. Lacey, J. H. Light, R. S. M. Millard, A. Morgan, B. J. Noyce, M. R. Penn, D. Rabson, A. W. H. Riggott, W. L. Wooldridge.

J. T. Cullen deserves special mention as he gained 90 per cent. Major Webb, the examiner, stated that he had never given a higher mark.

Thursday, March 4th, was Field Day, over the area south-west of Upton. A map-reading exercise was successful in that no section got lost (much), but the highlight of the day was a demonstration in the attack by cadets of Squads A and B (Cert. A, part I). This was most instructive and convincing, as it showed up the difficulties, stressed the lessons of control, fire and movement, and showed in practice that the Corps can achieve a first-class demonstration.

The Debating Society chose 'That the J.T.C. should be compulsory' as the subject of its second debate this term. In spite of the record number of cadets at present, the motion was defeated. It is understood that there has been no swelling of the ranks of Squad X to reflect this result.

We regret the illness of Capt. Parker ten days before the end of term, but are glad to hear that he responded very rapidly to treatment.

ROYSSSE SOCIETY

This term has yielded but one paper which, however, provoked the most lively discussion yet heard by the Society. This meeting took place on Wednesday, February 18th, and we were again indebted to the Headmaster and Mrs. Cobban for their hospitality.

The title of the paper, in spite of strong objections on the part of senior members of the Society, was 'Conversation,' and the author was D. H. Wheaton.

TURNOR SOCIETY

We have had three most entertaining and interesting talks this term. Brigadier Davenport, M.C., told us of his experiences as a King's Messenger; Llewellyn Maddock spoke about "Pigeons in the Service of Man" and produced real birds out of a basket so that we could despatch them home from the Library windows; and Mr. C. E. T. Moore gave an epidiascope talk on 'China,' based on his personal experiences there.

In addition to these talks, a tour was made by twelve senior members of the Society around Morland's Brewery. We were shown all the different stages of brewing, and were much impressed by the scientific knowledge at the back of this industry.

Our membership has increased slightly this term, and we anticipate another successful term in the summer.

DEBATING SOCIETY

After a lapse of some years, the Society had a welcome revival during the Lent Term.

We began quietly, as Cert. A parades took some members, and because we had to arrange alternate Friday afternoons with the Turnor Society. Nevertheless, those meetings that were arranged were lively and the speakers ardent in the advocacy of the various causes, and we can hope for greater attendances in the future.

The two motions put before the House were, 'That Science will destroy civilization,' which was carried by 5 votes to 4, and 'That the Corps should be made compulsory.' This motion was lost by 5 votes to 4 when the Chairman cast the deciding vote.

The Society has also met as a discussion group.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

The Society has had a quiet term, the members not having been active in spite of the fine weather.

W. G. Olscher gave a lecture on developing and printing which was both interesting and instructive.

A competition was arranged for Sports Day with a prize for the best photographs. Olscher was adjudged the winner, his action snaps being truly outstanding.

THE SCOUT TROOP

This has been a fairly successful term from the Scouting point of view. All but two have now passed Tenderfoot, and some are already well on the way towards 2nd class. The fine weather has allowed us to spend some time out of doors, and we had a very successful Field Day at Youlbury, when the Field Commissioner showed us how to make fires and cook twists. We were also very grateful to the 2nd North Berks for an invitation to spend an evening with them, which was greatly enjoyed by both troops.

THE CUB PACK

Cubmaster: Rev. F. W. Burgess.

Sixers: Prentice (Red), Nicholls, ii (Brown).

This term we welcome three new members into the Pack.

Great enthusiasm has been shown in passing Tests and such Proficiency badges as 'Gardener,' 'House Orderly,' 'Collector,' and 'Athlete,' and we thank the Matrons of Waste Court and the Lodge very much for their patient, hard work in this connection.

We have made our own fires, and have made tea or boiled potatoes, hunted treasures with the clues in morse, and played games in the gymnasium. On Field Day we took a bus to Hinksey Hill, and went tracking over Foxcombe Hill and through Sunningwell village, jotting down notes of signs of Spring.

At the moment of writing the Red Six leads by 525 points to 509.

F.W.B.

AVIATION CLUB.

The Lent Term has seen the further strengthening of the Club in numbers, spirit, and noise. We have visited the R.A.F. Aerodrome very frequently, and early in the term several members visited the R.N.A.S. Culham, and spent a most enjoyable afternoon 'flying' the Link Trainer, and viewing the various hangars.

At an R.T.P. Contest held towards the end of the term, A. V. Taylor, who won the event, clocked 1 min. 11 secs. on his last flight, thus creating a new Club record.

In April we said good-bye with regret to our founder member, and first Club Secretary, N. A. Parker, a very familiar figure on Waste Court field with a lightweight in one hand and a round of toast in the other. His place as Secretary was taken over by B. H. Wiggins half-way through the term.

CHESS CLUB

In the Lent Term a team of five visited the Oratory School, Reading, to play a chess match which was lost by $3\frac{1}{2}$ games to $1\frac{1}{2}$.

A junior branch of the Club has been formed with a membership of around twenty-five. B. W. H. Leech was elected as its Secretary.

Mr. Grundy has been coaching some of the more senior members, and while thanking him for the trouble he has already taken we must say how much we look forward to more classes in the Summer Term.

FIELD CLUB

Regular meetings have been held in the latter half of the term, and we were able to welcome several new members.

We thank Mr. Ingham for an interesting lecture on Astronomy, and there were other talks on 'Evolution,' and 'How to Identify Butterflies.' With the boxes provided by members of the Club we have been making breeding cages for Lepidoptera: others brought flower seeds and sowed them in the well-dug plot. We are also grateful for the books given or lent to our library, and especially to J. R. Wake, O.A., for a complete set of Hutchinson's 'Animals of all Countries.'

The Log Book has been kept well supplied with cuttings and entries, notably about phenomena connected with the mild weather, e.g., two Red Admirals flying in the Park on February 29th, (— a very rare occurrence ?) F.W.B.

HOLIDAY CLUB

During the Michaelmas Term the members of the Club had a much appreciated opportunity for corporate worship with other local youth organizations at a Youth Service conducted by the Rev. J. S. E. Harris.

Later in that term members paid an enjoyable visit to the dress rehearsal of 'Frieda' in the Corn Exchange.

On Saturday, December 27th, the Club played a soccer match with the Abingdon Youth Club at 'Westfields.' The Youth Club eventually won by 5—0, after leading 2—0 at half-time; the reason for our Club's defeat, apart from seasonal ones, obviously being their lack of experience. On the whole the Club team battled gallantly, and with a little more steadiness might have netted more than once.

However, the main Club activity since the last report has been in the Abingdon & District Table Tennis League Competition, from which it emerged with an unbeaten record in Division 'A'. The results were:—

v. Sea Cadets 'A'	won 9—6, won 11—4
v. Sea Cadets 'B'	won 13—2, won 13—2
v. Sea Rangers	won 13—2, won 12—3
v. North Berks. Scouts	won 15—0, won 12—3

In the semi-final the Club beat the Sea Cadets 'A' 9—6. At one stage the Sea Cadets were leading 6 — 3, but Aldworth and Venables saved the Club by winning the last six games.

The final of the competition was played at a Youth Social in the Corn Exchange on March 11th. The Club's opponents were the Abingdon Methodist Youth Club—winners of Division 'B'. The Club rose to the occasion well, and by 9 games to 6 won the Cup which was presented to K. J. Weston by the Chairman of the Youth Council, Mr. V. J. Leach,

The Team in the final was K. J. Weston, M. H. Venables, D. M. Aldworth, A. H. Cherrill, and D. E. Allen.

LOCOMOTIVE CLUB

The Club was founded at the beginning of the Lent Term at the request of a few boys who were interested in Railways.

On Friday, March 12th, Mr. Viney, from the Public Relations Branch of British Railways, gave a lecture with lantern slides on 'The History of British Railways.'

Arrangements are in hand for a visit to Swindon Locomotive Works on May 26th.

PHILATELIC CLUB

This has been a fairly quiet term as far as the A.S.P.C. is concerned. There have been several meetings, talks, a quiz, an auction or two, and a number of meetings when the members met and 'swapped' or simply talked stamps. Most of our energy, however, was taken up with preparing for an exhibition which was held on the last Monday of term, and attended by large numbers of the School, non-members as well as members. It was, we hope, a fitting ending to our second term of activity.

A HOLIDAY IN EGYPT

I was very lucky in being able to go to Egypt for my holidays. My mother and father had a flat in Heliopolis which was very near to the Heliopolis Sporting Club. This, like all sporting clubs in Egypt, was well equipped and proved the most popular attraction for me; I went there nearly every day. There are a good variety of sports to take part in, such as cricket, golf, swimming, tennis, riding, table tennis, fives; bowls, and chess. Besides these there is a library well stocked with books in English and French. For a meal one can choose to sit on a nice shady verandah by a fountain, or on the terrace by the swimming pool.

I took part in most of the pastimes available, especially golf, to which I took a great liking. Riding was fun but it was very hot in the desert. Tennis was hot work as well, even when played in the early morning or late afternoon. A friend of ours once played 18 holes of golf when the temperature was 115 deg. F. in the shade. Of course no club would be complete without any showers and at Heliopolis there is a very modern building with many showers.

When I wasn't at the club the time was taken up in sight-seeing. The first places I visited were the three mosques by the Citadel—the Mohamed Ali Mosque, the Sultan Hassan, and the Coronation Mosque. All three were marvellous pieces of architecture. The Coronation Mosque had many chambers where marvellous echoes could be pro-

duced. The Sultan Hassan was quite bare compared with the other two but it had a majestic way of towering above the surrounding buildings. The Mohammed Ali was the most beautiful from the outside, and its two minarets could be seen glistening in the sun for miles around, whilst at night it was lit up so that it could be seen all the time. Inside it was very beautiful, the walls being inlaid with gold. It was also the chief place of worship in Cairo for Moslems during Ramadan, which is equivalent to our Lent.

Naturally I went to the Pyramids and the Sphinx. The Great Pyramid is a marvellous piece of construction; some of its blocks of stone weigh as much as twelve tons. I saw the Sphinx, which has now had all the sand cleared away from it, and went into a tomb which swarmed with hornets and outsize wasps. Another place I visited quite near the Pyramids is Saquara, where I went into the Tomb of Bulls and found a lot of excavations.

The museum proved very interesting because of the treasures of Tutan'khamen. These treasures have been preserved for thousands of years and many are in an almost perfect condition.

I had many other adventures, such as yachting at Mahdi, and a visit to the Nile Barrage by steamer. Finally, I came away wishing we had a little of Egypt's climate here!

D. R. G. Andrews, Form IVA.

THE RIVER

A river is a sweet thing,
Refreshing to the feet,
And little bubbles dancing where the rivers meet,
We love to watch the ripples
Tumbling to and fro,
Gurgling down the waterfall
While on their course they go.

J. Bishop, Form 3A.

O.A. NOTES.

Births.

BAYLEY. On February 12th, 1948, at Ashstead, Surrey, to Terry, wife of Gordon V. Bayley (1938) a second daughter, Susan Marilyn.

EELES. On March 11th, 1948, at The Warren Hospital, to Gene, wife of W. John Eeles (1940) a daughter, Rachel Ann.

PAIGE. On February 19th, 1948, to Nina, wife of Stanley Paige (1930) a son, Thomas David.

Marriages.

BALL—HANNAH. On February 7th, 1948, at St. Nicholas' Church, Abingdon. Ralph E. Ball (1942) to Sheila D. A. Hannah, of Abingdon.

HEALY—HARPER. On November 9th, 1946, at St. Just-in-Roseland Church, Cornwall, Henry Brian Healy (1931) to Joyce Ashton Harper of Bar Point, St. Just-in-Roseland.

JONES—CULLEN. On Easter Monday, March 29th, 1948, Gilbert Lawrence Jones (1943), of 2 South Avenue, Abingdon, to Elizabeth Wendy Preston Cullen, of Two Trees, Radley Road, Abingdon.

STONE—HADAMEK. On December 24th, 1947, in Germany, Charles V. Stone (1942) to Wilhelmina J. Hadamek, of Lippstadt.

Deaths.

GILMAN. In April, 1947, Lionel Ellis Gilman, aged 76.

LAY. On January 23rd, 1948, at 57 Bowyer Road, Abingdon, Howard Reginald Lay, aged 33.

SIMPSON. On February 17th, 1948, at Cowes, I.O.W., William Drew Simpson, aged 75.

Lionel Gilman was at School 1885—88 with his younger brother Harold, who died in 1919. He made banking his career and served with the Chartered Bank of India. Since his retirement he had been living at Purley, Surrey, and kept up his interest in his old School.

Howard Lay, whose untimely death, after a long illness, we have to record, was at School for 6 years, from 1924 to 1930. He was a Sub-Prefect, and on leaving worked for a time with the Cowley Concrete Co. He was the brother of Walter and Cyril who were at School at the same period.

W. D. Simpson was at the School 1886—89, and thus a contemporary of Gilman, and like him took up banking on leaving School. He joined what later became the Westminster Bank, and rose to be manager of the important Oxford Street, London, branch. He had for

some years been living in the Isle of Wight. He leaves a widow. His elder brother Harry (1877—85) was a solicitor in Manchester, and died in 1944.

We congratulate Fl. Lt. B. G. Steff, (1931) on a belated award—dated January 1st, 1946,—of a Mention in Despatches for good work as Staff Officer at H.Q. No. 4 Bomber Group. He went to France in September, 1939, with the diminutive A.A.S.F., and after Dunkirk served for over 5 years at Bomber Command H.Q.s in England.

R. G. James (1934) writes from The Old Rectory, Harescombe, Glos., where he is living with his wife and small son. He finds it hard work keeping two acres of garden in order without help.

We were glad to see George Moss (1939) again, with a fine moustache acquired during service in the Far East. In spite of our summer-like February he is anxious to return to warmer climes, probably with his father's firm.

Will O.A.s and others please note that Mr. Ross Barker's address until further notice, is 'Jesmond,' South Stour Avenue, Ashford, Kent. and not as previously announced. We tender him our sympathy for his recent trials and tribulations and hope it will not be long before he and his hosts are finally established at Rye.

Jack Jacob (1932), Cable & Wireless Ltd. engineer is now stationed at Ascension Island.

Rev. T. M. Layng (1906) has left Yorkshire, and his address now is, St. James' Vicarage, Upton St., Gloucester.

D. R. Barrett (1946) has been commissioned for service with the A.C.F.

Michael Cullen (1945) rowed in the Isis crew that trained with the Oxford crew at Henley and Putney, and also performed in the Reading Head of the River race.

Three O.A.s rowed in the Pembroke College 1st Torpid — R. Hedger (1939), T. W. Green (1946) and J. T. Moore (1947), and we can but wish they had enjoyed better fortune.

J. A. D. Cox (1941) and D. B. West (1939) are studying architecture at the Oxford School of Arts, and are likely to be joined by P. A. S. Scott (1943) and J. A. Hill (1944). Meanwhile Scott has a temporary teaching job, as have also C. F. Trevor (1945), M. G. Beadle (1944) and A. J. Sansom (1945). Trevor hopes to get into Pembroke College in October, while Mervyn Beadle and Sansom are waiting for vacancies at a Theological and Teachers' Training College respectively.

Tony Dean (1940) is leaving shortly for Canada with the advance party of this year's expedition of the Public Schools Exploring Society.

R. Deval (1945) wrote last from Khartum whither his Signals unit moved after a comparatively interesting spell in Palestine. He expects to be released this summer.

C. D. Slingsby (1941) is about to embark on a four years' course in Industrial Welfare.

Of those who left School in December, 1947.

G. L. Sanders is in the R.A.F.

B. N. Margrave is apprenticed to a firm of Architects in London.

J. R. Wake is with Chivers, Ltd. at Harwell.

D. McMahon is in Barclays Bank, Oxford.

D. H. Randall and J. B. Rich are at A.E.R.E. Harwell.

OLD ABINGDONIAN CLUB.

O.A. Club Dance.

The first post-war O.A. Club Dance was held in the Council Chamber, Abingdon, on Saturday, November 22nd, 1947, after the O.A. Rugger Match. It was attended by about 140 O.A.s, partners, and friends and was voted an outstanding success by everyone present. Great credit is due to the hard work of the Dance Committee—E. H. Aldworth, J. B. E. Alston, W. Bevir and N. J. Holmes—for this excellent result. The band was good, the refreshments luscious and the bar stayed the course to the end. It is hoped to make the Dance an annual event.

Athletic Sports—O.A. Club v. School.

Statistical details of the Meeting will be found elsewhere. It remains to express regrets that petrol rationing and other commitments should have prevented many, especially the younger members, from supporting the O.A. team. Those loyal members who did take part put up a gallant fight against a strong School side. Now that the fixture has been revived perhaps more eagerness to participate will be shown next year.

In the evening a very successful informal dinner was held at the Crown & Thistle Hotel. Between 30 and 40 members were present. These gatherings are held after the various sports meetings with the School, and O.A.s should note that, given the support they deserve, they will become an established custom.

The following new members have been elected to the Club since Sept., 1947.: A. E. Carter, D. M. Cullen, J. T. Moore, N. A. C. Badley, P. R. Brown, M. J. Green, R. J. Pezaro, G. A. Yakes, K. Donkin, E. G. Gibbs, C. W. G. Pulford, G. L. Sanders, J. R. Wake, D. H. Randall, D. McMahon, J. B. Rich, B. N. Margrave, A. J. Betterton, B. N. J. Bosley, G. A. H. Bosley, and the following members of the Staff: D. O. Willis, S. C. Parker, F. J. Sewry and Rev. F. W. Burgess,

Future arrangements:

Saturday, June 20th, 1948—

11.30 a.m. O.A.C. v. School Cricket Match. (Please contact Hon. Sec. if you wish to play).

6 p.m. O.A. Club Annual General Meeting.

8 p.m. O.A. Club Annual Dinner in the Roysse Room.

See special notice issued by J. O. Bury, Esq. and note particularly the remarks about application for tickets and accommodation.

THE OLD ABINGDONIAN TRUST FUND.

It seems very desirable to give some account periodically of the purpose, administration and progress of the O.A.T.F., especially as all subscribers to the Abingdonian, apart from boys still at the School, are also subscribers to the Fund. The O.A.T.F. was inaugurated by the Old Abingdonian Club in 1936, and its purpose is, generally speaking, "to secure for the School a greater degree of financial independence by providing a fund which may be available for any scheme required by the School for its further development, expansion or protection."

The Trustees of the Fund are R. E. Eason, E. G. Langford, G. F. Powell and J. D. Wood, and they are empowered by the terms of the Deed of Trust, "to apply the monies of the Fund for the general purposes of Abingdon School, in such manner and at such time as they shall in their absolute discretion think most beneficial for promoting the welfare of the School." There is also an annually elected Trust Committee of the O.A. Club, consisting at the present date of the following twelve members: G. A. R. Boyd, C. E. H. Dolphin, R. E. Eason, W. M. Grundy, E. G. Langford, W. T. Morland, L. P. Mosdell, G. F. Powell, E. J. P. Ross Barker, R. W. Snell, W. H. Stevens and J. D. Wood. Its functions are to fill any vacancies on the board of Trustees, and otherwise to act in a consultative and advisory capacity only.

The Fund at present amounts to some £690 and apart from administrative expenses the only disbursements have been the financial assistance given to the Abingdonian as part of the mutual-benefit scheme by which the Fund and the Abingdonian were connected from the outset.

At no time was there greater need of financial reserves on which the School might draw to preserve its independence and extend its usefulness than in the present period of all-round expansion; and in no better way could Old Boys show their feelings of affection and gratitude for their School than by subscribing to the Fund, and in so doing keep in touch with the School and O.A. activities by the regular receipt of the Abingdonian. In particular they are urged to make use of Banker's Order forms and better still Forms of Covenant which carry no further

obligation than the promise to pay the stated sum for seven years, and can be cancelled without financial loss to the signatory. Both these forms will be gladly supplied by E. J. P. Ross Barker or G. F. Duxbury. To encourage the practice we append a list of such subscribers, and all additions to the list will be published in future issues of the Abingdonian.

Subscribers to the O.A.T.F. by Banker's Order (* Signifies Covenant):—J. B. E. Alston *, T. G. Austin, G. V. Bayley, P. L. Beckett, F. A. Bennett, A. E. Cannon, T. J. H. Charley, H. J. Clarke, J. M. Cobban *, A. H. Cox, C. V. Davidge, A. C. Dean, M. A. Drewe, G. F. Duxbury *, R. E. Eason *, F. L. England, S. A. Fabes, A. W. R. Foxwell, J. Graff, H. M. Gray, W. M. Grundy *, H. B. Healy, J. H. Hooke, J. Y. Ingham *, R. F. Jackson *, A. F. James *, W. R. A. Kettle, P. B. Keys, E. G. Langford *, H. R. Lansdown, Joseph Lay, A. L. Leigh, H. A. Lunghi, W. Memory *, H. Meredith, W. T. Morland, E. A. R. Nicholl *, M. Ogle, S. A. Paige *, E. F. Parks, Miss I. S. Peach, S. D. Plummer *, E. J. P. Ross Barker *, J. N. Sanders *, W. H. Stevens *, A. M. Thatcher *, A. N. Tomlin, A. J. Turnham, T. A. Wiggins, J. D. Wood.

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