

THE ABINGDONIAN



APRIL 1950

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CALENDAR, SUMMER TERM, 1950

APRIL:

28 Fri. Term begins 9 a.m.

MAY:

- 9 Tues. FIELD DAY, C.C.F. and SCOUTS.
10 Wed. 1st XI v. A Staff XI (H.).
17 Wed. 1st XI v. Oratory School (H.).
20 Sat. Tennis VI v. Old Abingdonians (H.).
24 Wed. 1st XI v. Royal Grammar Sch., High Wycombe (H.).
26 Fri. HALF TERM
to and
30 Tues. WHITSUN HOLIDAY
29 Mon. 1st IV at Evesham Regatta
31 Wed. 1st XI v. City of Oxford High School (A.)

JUNE:

- 3 Sat. 1st IV v. Magdalen College School, Oxford (A.)
1st XI v. Abingdon Wanderers (H.).
7 Wed. 1st XI v. King Alfred's School, Wantage (A.).
10 Sat. 1st IV v. Prince Henry's Grammar Sch., Evesham (A.).
1st XI v. A Parents' XI (H.).
14 Wed. 1st IV v. Culham College (H.).
1st XI v. Berkshire Gentlemen (H.).
17 Sat. OLD BOYS' DAY
1st IV v. Old Abingdonians (H.).
1st XI v. Old Abingdonians (H.).
24 Wed. 1st XI v. St. Edward's School 2nd XI (A.).

JULY:

- 1 Sat. 1st XI v. Newbury Grammar School (A.)
 8 Sat. 1st XI v. Magdalen College School (A.)
 12 Wed. Tennis VI v. A Staff VI (H.)
 21 Fri. ANNUAL INSPECTION, C.C.F.
 22 Sat. Tennis VI v. Abingdon L.T.C. (A.)
 29 Sat. FOUNDER'S DAY

AUGUST:

- 1 Tues. Term ends 10.15 a.m.

Michaelmas Term begins 9 a.m. Tuesday, 19th September. (Boarders return Monday, 18th September, 1950).

OFFICERS OF THE SCHOOL

Head of the School: J. T. Cullen
 Second Prefect: M. A. C. Heavens
 Head of School House: M. Bateman

School Prefects:

B. H. Wiggins	A. E. Willson
R. F. Hamer	H. B. Stevens
R. Klein	W. L. Wooldridge
A. W. H. Riggott	A. G. B. King
P. C. Richardson	D. R. G. Andrews
D. Free	R. D. M. Grant

P. F. C. Berry

House Prefects:

School House:	Dayboy:
Field, F. P.	Pickford, I. M.
Boddington, B. W.	Furby, John
Dralsey, J. S.	Upton, A. R.
Darroch, N. A. C.	Heavens, D. J.
Brakspear, J. A. M.	Winter, J. A.
	Perry, B. R.
	Juggins, I.

Waste Court:

Noyce, B. J.
 Millard, R. S. M.

Larkhill:

Taylor, R. J.

Captain of Athletics: M. Bateman.
 Secretary of Athletics: D. J. Heavens.
 Captain of Boats: J. T. Cullen.
 Secretary of Boats: J. A. M. Brakspear.
 Captain of Hockey: M. H. Venables.
 Secretary of Hockey: A. W. H. Riggott.
 Captain of Rugby Football: J. T. Cullen.
 Secretary of Rugby Football: R. Klein.

"The Abingdonian"

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EDITORIAL

Fifty years ago exactly the Editor of the Abingdonian reported that the Lent Term had been 'notable for its good news and bad weather'. The good news was the news of the Relief of Ladysmith, the bad weather needs no explanation. Unfortunately we are unable to record any good news of world-shattering importance in which we rejoiced during this Lent Term.

We are, however, able to record an event, which whether good or bad news, was definitely of world importance. The announcement of the General Election results sent the whole School into a hysterical rush for wireless sets or any other source of news.

The bad weather also deserves some comment. Although it interfered with the dry land sportsmen, the 'wet-bobs' refused to be driven from the river. In the second fortnight of the term they received rather more than their fair share from the heavens. When this finally let up, it seemed that the upstream lock-keepers took over, and again 'let it down from above'.

Then came the influenza, otherwise known as the 'plague'. This was towards the end of term after a mixture of sunny days and treacherous winds, a mixture which eventually caused 120 boys to be absent on one day. This naturally interfered with the smooth organization of the Athletic standards, but the Athletics team managed to win both its matches, of which they may be justifiably proud.

SCHOOL NOTES

In view of the continued growth of the School, and of the extra demands of the new curriculum, the Governors have authorised the addition of two new masters to our 'war establishment'. Appointments have already been made and we look forward to welcoming in September Mr. J. V. Fiori and Mr. K. M. D. Holloway. Mr. Fiori served as a Major in the Royal Engineers during the war and was awarded the Military Cross for distinguished service on the Rhine. Subsequently he went up to Selwyn College, Cambridge, and he will complete his degree in Engineering Studies in June of this year. His academic qualifications will be of great help on the Science and Maths. side. He has played rugger (and rowed in the rugger boat!) for his College, and he is an accomplished musician. Mr. Holloway saw active service during the war as an Officer in the Royal Marines, so he will be able to hold the balance between the naval and military representatives on the staff. He then went up to Wadham College, Oxford, where he took the Final Honours School of English Language and Literature. He has just completed a term's practice at Clifton College and is shortly taking his examination for the Diploma of Education. Mr. Holloway will relieve Mr. Willis of much of the burden of the advanced English

teaching. He too, like Mr. Fiori, will be a great help on the rugger field, as he has twice played in the Oxford University XV.

To both of these gentlemen (and also to Mrs. Fiori and to Mrs. Holloway) we extend a hearty welcome.

Old Boys will be interested to know that these additions bring the total number of full time assistant masters to 19. They are listed in detail on the inside page of the cover.

We were very glad to welcome Mrs. Lockhart Smith back again in January, to take up her duties as Matron of School House after a term's sick leave: and we hope it is not too late to thank Miss Newenham, who came to us at very short notice to fill the breach. We are also grateful to the Matrons of the other houses for the help they gave; to the Local Ladies who "Came In"; and, most of all perhaps, to Mrs. Lewis, who coped with her increased responsibilities so cheerfully and so admirably.

The first step towards the establishment of a School Orchestra has been taken by the institution of a violin class. We are grateful to Miss Harvey of Oxford, who comes over once a week to take it, and we hope that her connection with the School may be long and happy.

We welcome, too, Mr. Prior of Oxford, who has taken over the private lessons in Elocution and Voice Production: and we are waiting with some interest to see exactly how B.B.C. his pupils have become!

The Organ Loft has long been a convenient limbo for the junk which every school seems to accumulate. It has now been completely cleaned and furnished, and a new piano has been installed in it to take the place of the disused harmonium which will, we hope, have left the School for ever before these words are read. The provision by this means of a second 'salon' has given much more elbow room (quite literally) to our pianists. Nor have those been neglected whose forte lies in listening rather than playing, for a new radio and record pick-up, if that is the right term, have now been put into commission.

It is hoped eventually to build up a large library of records. A good start has already been made thanks to a generous gift of money from Mr. J. I. Taylor, a 'parent' who has marked his long-standing family connection with the School in this eminently practical way.

We should also like to thank again Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Beere, whose promised pictures now hang on the walls of the School House Reading Room. Four of them, too—so our thanks of last January are doubled!

The gates at the main entrance to the School, which have long lost all functional significance, have now been removed. We understand that the provision of a simple and dignified entrance is now being considered.

We were pleased to have two students from the Oxford University Department of Education with us for the Lent Term. They were Mr. Algar, B.A., of Merton College, who assisted with History, and Mr. Saunders, B.A., of University, who assisted with English.

The design of the 'Colours' Badge of the new blazer has been approved and is now in production. It is based on (though not identical with) the crest granted to John Roysse as part of his achievement in 1562, and consists of a griffin's head in cerise, with a collar of roses, surmounting a cerise and white torse. First Colours will be further 'differenced' by having the appropriate initials beneath the design, and Rowing Colours will have crossed oars behind the griffin's head.

It may be added that those who are interested in the heraldic history of the School will find a fascinating and illuminating article by Mr. W. H. Richardson, F.S.A. (O.A.), in the issue of the *Abingdonian* dated Christmas, 1897.

The number of boys in the School at the beginning of the Lent Term was 329 (Dayboys 199, School House 78, Waste Court 34, Larkhill 19).

We again thank the following who gave lectures at the School during the Lent Term:—

Saturday, 21st January—Mr. Horace Shipp on "How to Look at Pictures".

Saturday, 11th February—Maj. V. C. Buckley, F.R.G.S., "It Would Happen to Me."

Saturday, 4th March—Captain Vernon Lee, M.B.E., M.C., "Mirth, Magic and Music."

On the afternoon of Thursday, 9th March, Monsieur le Capitaine Roffritsch, Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur spoke (in French!) on his adventures during the Vichy regime to members of the fifth and sixth forms.

Film shows have again been a feature on Saturday evenings. During the Lent Term the following were shown:

February 4th—Laurence Olivier in "Henry V".

February 18th—Tommy Trinder and Michael Wilding in "Sailors Three".

March 11th—Richard Arlen and Lilli Palmer in "The Great Barrier".

On Thursday, 19th January, a large party from the School went to see the film version of 'Hamlet' at the local Cinema.

On Saturday, 28th January, Mr. Barker gave a gramophone recital for School House in Big School.

On Friday, 3rd February, a Parents' Evening for the parents of boys in the Second Form and below was held in the Gymnasium.

On Monday, 13th February, a small party of Sixth-formers attended a Student Christian Movement Conference at Magdalen College School, Oxford.

On Thursday, 9th March, a party attended a lecture in aid of the League of Pity in the Church Hall. The lecture was entitled "The City of London and its Churches" and given by the Rev. John Sankey, M.A. (late Rector of St. Andrews by the Wardrobe, E.C.).

On Saturday, 18th March, a Flower Day was held for the Church of England Children's Society. Mrs. Bevir very kindly came to School to sell the flowers. The total collected was £2 9s. 8d.

On Tuesday, 21st March, a party from School House attended a film show on Road Safety in the Roysse Room in connection with Children's Safety Week.

On the afternoon of Thursday, 23rd March, the Lower Sixth Form attended a meeting of the Friends of Abingdon in the Small Council Chamber, to hear Mr. Felix Hull, the County Archivist, speak on 'The Preservation of Local Records.' Among the exhibits was the original school roll of 1732 which has recently been returned to us.

On the evening of Wednesday, 29th March, a most unusual and interesting entertainment was held in the Gymnasium, where the Bampton Morris Dancers very kindly gave a display of Folk Dancing.

We congratulate all those who obtained Colours this term. Details may be found under the appropriate headings.

We congratulate M. H. Venables on obtaining the Pembroke Scholarship.

We congratulate A. W. H. Riggott on passing the written papers of the recent Army Entrance Examination.

As a result of the December examination the following six boys gained the Oxford School Certificate: M. J. Austwick, Jim Furby, F. C. Lucas, B. J. Noyce (with 'Very Good' in General Science), A. R. Upton (with 'Very Good' in Geography), A. C. Wright. In addition, B. W. Boddington and G. S. Strachan obtained supplementary credits in Latin.

Since our last issue the War Memorial Fund has benefitted by the sale of various items of sports clothing for a total of £2 19s. 3d. We are grateful to the donors and we would remind Old Boys that the Headmaster is still very glad to receive sports gear, in good condition, for this purpose.

Receipt is acknowledged also of an extra donation of £2 8s. 0d. from Mr. G. S. Moss to cover the income-tax which the Fund would have been able to reclaim on his Covenant had he been domiciled in the United Kingdom. Thank you very much!

FOUNDER'S DAY CELEBRATIONS, 1950

Founder's Day this year will be celebrated on Saturday, 29th July. The provisional programme will be as follows:—

- 11.30 a.m. Service in St. Helen's Church, Abingdon: Address by the Rev. H. E. Kendall, O.B.E., V.D., M.A., Warden of St. Edward's School, Oxford.
- 3.0 p.m. Distribution of Prizes in the Corn Exchange by Mr. J. F. Wolfenden, C.B.E., M.A., Vice-Chancellor of the University of Reading, formerly Headmaster of Uppingham and of Shrewsbury.
- 4.30 p.m. The Headmaster and Mrs. Cobban will be At Home at the School House to parents, old boys, and friends of the School.
- 5.30 p.m. Opening of the New Science Block by Sir Ben Lockspeiser, F.R.Ae.S., formerly Chief Scientific Adviser to the Ministry of Supply.
- 7.30 p.m. A programme of 'Speeches and Music' in the Corn Exchange.

On Sunday, 3rd July, the Chaplain will preach at Morning Service in the School Chapel (10 a.m.); and the Headmaster will preach at 6.30 in the evening at the Annual School Service in St. Nicolas' Church.

Invitations to Founder's Day will be sent to all parents and to friends of the School; but Old Boys are asked to regard this note as a personal invitation. Any Old Boy who would like to attend the Prize Giving or the At Home is asked to write to the Headmaster. Tickets for the 'Speeches and Music' can be obtained from Mr. F. J. Sewry at the School, price 3/6 and 2/-.

The O.A. Cricket Match, the Annual General Meeting of the Club, and the O.A. Dinner, will be held on Saturday, 17th June. Details of these events will be issued later. Old Boys are also specially invited to attend Morning Service in the School Chapel on the following day, Sunday, 18th June, at 10 a.m., when the address will be given by Mr. Austin Longland, K.C., a former Governor of the School.

Contemporaries

We acknowledge with many thanks the receipt of the Magazines from the following Schools: Aldenham; Magdalen College, Brackley; Chigwell; Henley Grammar; Newbury Grammar; Magdalen College, Oxford; Reading; Solihull; and Wallingford Grammar.

CHAPEL NOTES

Besides the ordinary Services, there have been a series of weekday evening services during Lent. These were designed as a continuous whole and, because they were short and simple, have provided just the right atmosphere for this season.

Collections during the term, besides those for Chapel Funds, have been allotted as follows:—

Dr. Barnardo's Homes	£2 5 0
St. James' Church, Nevis	£2 0 0
Christian Reconstruction in Europe	£2 2 0
Mission to Lepers	£2 5 0
British Home for Incurables	£2 5 0

Preachers during the Summer Term will include the Headmaster of King Alfred's School, Wantage (14th May); the Vicar of Sutton Courtenay (21st May); Mr. Austin Longland, K.C. (18th June), and the Rev. E. D. Preston, M.Sc. (16th July).

"The Man born to be King"

On the last evening of the Lent Term, the School Dramatic Society gave a rendering in Chapel of scenes from Dorothy L. Sayers' religious cycle "The Man born to be King". The two scenes produced were "Royal Progress" and "Prince of this World." The former dealt with Christ's journey into Jerusalem, His teaching there and his betrayal by Judas; and the latter portrayed His trial before Annas, Caiaphas, Herod and Pilate.

The play was presented not so much as a dramatic work as an act of worship and it did serve to remind us of the full meaning and dignity of Easter Week. Its production was originally intended for use over the wireless and the school used the curtained organ loft for its own presentation. As there was nothing to be seen our sense of hearing was accentuated and the least inflection in the voices was brought over with great effect. The crowd scenes, especially, were definitely enhanced by the lack of visionary appreciation and our whole attention was directed upon the terrible demands of the people "Crucify him, Crucify him!" The major characters all gave finished performances as did many of the smaller characters though it was a pity that much of what Pilate said towards the end of the play was drowned in an over-exuberant mob. Otherwise, however, the production was handled admirably and Mr. Griffin must be warmly thanked and congratulated upon another splendid and moving dramatic production.

VALETE ET SALVETE

Valete—Left, Michaelmas, 1949.

Upper Sixth Form:

G. S. Strachan (Modern) (iii, '44). School Prefect 1948, Head of the School 1948-9, O.S.C. 1947, 1st IV 1948, Colours 1948, Captain of Boats 1949, 1st XV 1948, Colours 1949, Berks. P.S. XV 1949, Athletics Team 1949, C.C.F. Cert. 'A', Pt. 1, Naval Section 1948, Blacknall Scholarship, Hon. Sec. G.G.C., Joint Club Committee, Roysse Society, Turnor Society Committee, Chapel Committee, Assistant Editor Abingdonian, Librarian.

Lower Sixth Form:

M. L. Awcock (iii, '45). O.S.C. 1949. (left 23rd November, 1949).

T. M. Carter (iii, '44), O.S.C. 1949.

K. A. Fathers (iii, '43). House Prefect 1949, O.S.C. 1949, 1st XV 1948-9, Colours 1949, Berks P.S. XV 1949, Athletics Team 1949, Half-Colours 1949.

D. A. Greenman (ii, '46). O.S.C. 1949.

R. Hobday (iii, '43). House Prefect 1949, O.S.C. 1949, 2nd XI Hockey 1949, 2nd XV 1949, 2nd XI 1949, C.C.F. Cert. 'A', Pt. 1.

5.A:

D. P. Brown (iii, '44). 3rd XV 1949, C.C.F. Cert. 'A', Pts. 1 & 2.

N. L. Gibbs (iii, '44).

F. C. Lucas (iii, '45) O.S.C. 1949. 1st XV 1949, 2nd Colours 1949, 1st XI 1949, 2nd XI Hockey, C.C.F. Cert. 'A', Pt. 1.

5.B:

M. J. Adams (iii, '45).

D. F. Lacey (iii, '44).

J. B. Walker (ii, '48). 2nd XV 1949, 2nd XI 1949, Athletics Team 1949, Colours 1949, C.C.F. Cert 'A', Pt. 1.

3.B:

J. V. King (iii, '46).

Salvete—entered January, 1950.

Preparatory Form: A. P. Paxman, W. R. Tinney (both to Waste Court).

ATHLETICS

Once again the Athletic Club has had a very successful season. In spite of manifold difficulties in the shape of an influenza epidemic, cold weather, and an extension of the hockey fixtures into the last few weeks of term, a full programme of events was carried through. As in previous years, the Annual Sports were preceded by Inter-House

'Standards'. By way of innovation, however, the matches against the O.A.s and the City of Oxford School took place before Sports Day which occurred right at the end of term. A new event—the Junior Discus—was introduced this year, and altogether the high standard of last year was well maintained.

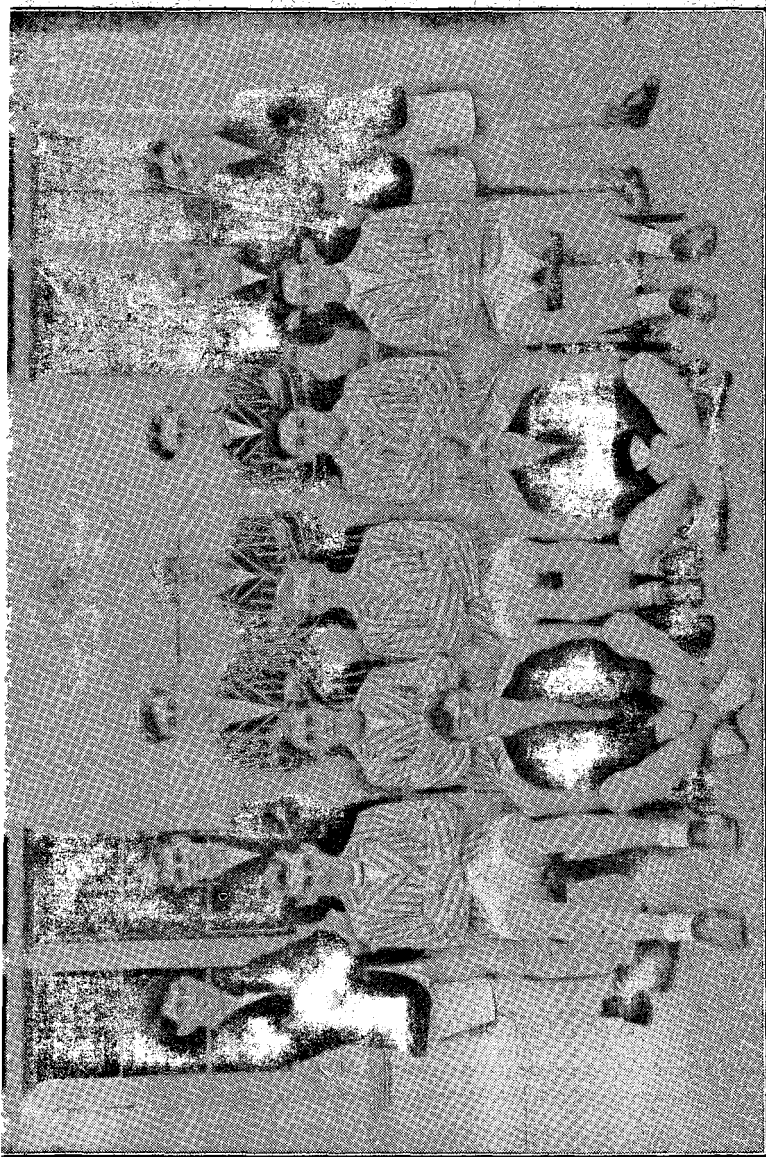
Details of the separate fixtures are as follows:—

SCHOOL V. OLD ABINGDONIANS

This meeting, held at Waste Court, resulted in a victory for the School with 49 points to 40. Competition was very keen and the final result was in the balance until the last event. Two new records were set up. In the 880 yds., J. A. Garner clocked 2 mins. 7.7 secs. to beat the old record by 2.1 secs., whilst in the Javelin, E. H. Aldworth beat his own record by 12ft. 6ins. with a throw of 137ft.

Results were as follows:—

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|---|--|
| 1. LONG JUMP
Record 22ft. 2ins.
1 K. J. Weston (O.A.)
2 K. A. Fathers (O.A.)
3 B. W. T. Leech (Sch.)
Distance 17ft. 10ins. | 2. HIGH JUMP
Record 5ft. 5½ins.
1 I. M. Pickford (Sch.)
2 D. E. Allen (O.A.)
3 B. W. T. Leech (Sch.)
Height: 5ft. 1ins. |
| 3. HALF MILE
Record 2 mins. 9.8 secs.
1 J. A. Garner (O.A.)
2 D. J. Heavens (Sch.)
3 M. Bateman (Sch.)
Time: 2 min. 7.7 secs. (record) | 4. THROWING THE DISCUS
Record 133ft.
1 J. B. Walker (O.A.)
2 N. A. C. Darroch (Sch.)
3 A. G. B. King (Sch.)
Distance: 114ft. 10½ins. |
| 5. 100 YARDS
Record 10 secs.
1 J. T. Cullen (Sch.)
2 A. J. Betterton (O.A.)
3 B. R. Perry (Sch.)
Time: 11 secs. | 6. PUTTING THE WEIGHT
Record 51ft.
1 J. T. Cullen (Sch.)
2 G. L. Sanders (O.A.)
3 N. A. C. Darroch (Sch.)
Distance: 37ft. 3ins. |
| 7. QUARTER MILE
Record: 52 secs.
1 J. T. Cullen (Sch.)
2 D. Hayter (O.A.)
3 P. Hayter (O.A.)
Time: 55.6 secs. | 8. JAVELIN
Record 124ft. 6ins.
1 E. H. Aldworth (O.A.)
2 W. L. Wooldridge (Sch.)
3 J. B. Walker (O.A.)
Distance: 137ft. (record) |
| 9. MILE
Record 4 mins. 50¼ secs.
1 D. J. Heavens (Sch.)
2 J. A. Garner (O.A.)
3 D. Free (Sch.)
Time: 4 mins. 53.7 secs. | 10. RELAY 6 x 220yds.)
Record 2 mins. 31 secs.
1 School (Cullen, Stopps, Millard, Perry, Archer, Bateman)
2 O.A.C. (Hayter D., Hayter P., Aldworth, Garner, Fathers, Betterton)
Time: 2 mins. 33.4 secs. |



R. S. M. Millard, J. B. Archer, J. S. Draisey, N. A. C. Darroch, P. R. Lucas, W. L. Wooldridge, J. A. Winter
A. G. B. King, D. J. Heavens, M. Bateman (Capt.), J. T. Cullen, I. M. Pickford
D. Free B. W. T. Leech

SCHOOL V. CITY OF OXFORD SCHOOL

A senior and a junior team travelled to Oxford on 25th March to enjoy a good afternoon's sport in perfect weather. We proved easy winners in the Senior match, but C.O.S. managed a fairly comfortable win in the Junior contest.

The results of the Senior Match were:—

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|---|----------------------------|
| 1. HIGH JUMP | 2. 100 YARDS |
| 1 I. M. Pickford (Sch.) | 1 J. T. Cullen (Sch.) |
| 2 J. S. Draisey (Sch.) | 2 I. J. Kempson (C.O.S.) |
| 3 M. J. Green (C.O.S.) | 3 B. R. Perry (Sch.) |
| Height: 4ft. 11½ins. | 4 D. R. Taylor (C.O.S.) |
| | 5 D. J. Heavens (Sch.) |
| | Time: 10.7 secs. |
| 3. THROWING THE DISCUS | 4. 440 YARDS |
| 1 A. G. B. King (Sch.) | 1 J. T. Cullen (Sch.) |
| 2 N. A. C. Darroch (Sch.) | 2 A. L. Hearn (C.O.S.) |
| 3 N. H. Russell (C.O.S.) | 3 M. Bateman (Sch.) |
| Distance: 109ft. 2ins. | Time: 56.2 secs. |
| 5. LONG JUMP | 6. 880 YARDS |
| 1 D. R. Taylor (C.O.S.) | 1 G. M. L. Frewer (C.O.S.) |
| 2 P. R. Lucas (Sch.) | 2 M. Bateman (Sch.) |
| 3 A. Dunnill (C.O.S.) | 3 J. S. Draisey (Sch.) |
| Distance: 17ft. 9ins. | Time: 2 mins. 14.4 secs. |
| 7. PUTTING THE WEIGHT | 8. ONE MILE |
| 1 J. T. Cullen (Sch.) | 1 D. J. Heavens (Sch.) |
| 2 N. A. C. Darroch (Sch.) | 2 A. Dunnill (C.O.S.) |
| 3 N. J. Moore (C.O.S.) | 3 R. N. Parkhouse (C.O.S.) |
| Distance: 39ft. 2ins. | Time: 4 mins. 53.2 secs. |
| 9. RELAY (4 x 220 yards) | |
| 1 School (J. T. Cullen, B. R. Perry, R. S. M. Millard, M. Bateman). | |
| 2 C.O.S. | |
| Time: 1 min. 41 secs. | |

Result:—Abingdon 69 points, C.O.S. 36 points.

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

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| 1. LONG JUMP | 2. 100 YARDS (A) |
| 1 B. A. Whiteford (Sch.) | 1 K. Pickstock (C.O.S.) |
| 2 R. W. Allen (Sch.) | 2 J. B. Archer (Sch.) |
| 3 D. J. Coleman (C.O.S.) | 3 P. W. Fay (Sch.) |
| Distance: 16ft. | 4 C.O.S. |
| | 5 C.O.S. |
| | Time: 11.9 secs. |

3. 100 YARDS (B)

- 1 C.O.S.
 - 2 C.O.S.
 - 3 C.O.S.
 - 4 Nichols (Sch.)
 - 5 R. D. P. Griffiths (Sch.)
- Time: 12.4 secs.

4. 440 YARDS

- 1 M. Smith (C.O.S.)
 - 2 B. A. Whiteford (Sch.)
 - 3 R. Groves (C.O.S.)
- Time: 62.6 secs.

5. HIGH JUMP

- 1 C. A. Clarke (C.O.S.)
 - 2 J. E. Fleetwood (C.O.S.)
 - 3 R. J. Banwell (Sch.)
- Height: 4ft. 5ins.

6. 880 YARDS

- 1 W. J. Wormington (C.O.S.)
 - 2 P. Sale (Sch.)
 - 3 M. Cross (C.O.S.)
 - 4 P. W. Fay (Sch.)
 - 5 P. J. Millard (Sch.)
- Time: 2 mins. 14.2 secs.

7. THROWING THE DISC

- 1 C. A. Clarke (C.O.S.)
 - 2 J. B. Archer (Sch.)
 - 3 J. Redknap (Sch.)
- Distance: 103ft. 4ins.

8. RELAY (4 x 100 yards)

- 1 C.O.S.
 - 2 School (Archer, Glassbrook, Whiteford, Fay)
- Time 51.5 secs.

Result: C.O.S. 55½ points. Abingdon 37½ points.

THE SCHOOL SPORTS

The Annual Sports Day was held on Tuesday, 28th March, on Waste Court Field. The day was very cold, but performances were good and two new records were made. In the Half-Mile (Open), D. J. Heavens set up a new time of 2 min. 9.6 secs., and in the Discus (Open) A. G. B. King threw 119ft. 3ins. to beat the previous best by nearly five feet.

The Inter-House competition was won by Tesdale House, who gained most points in both the 'Standards' and the events of Sports Day.

At the end of the meeting, the Challenge Cups and the individual Certificates were presented by Mrs. H. M. Gray on the Waste Court lawn. The awards included a new Challenge Cup for the Open High Jump very kindly presented by Mr. G. P. King, a 'parent' to whom we offer our most sincere thanks.

The results were:—

The Heber Clarke Challenge Cup for Seniors: J. T. Cullen (22 pts.).

The Shallard Challenge Cup for Juniors: P. W. Fay (23 pts.).

1. LONG JUMP (Open)

- Record 21ft. 3½ins.
- 1 J. S. Draisey (R)
 - 2 B. W. T. Leech (R)
 - 3 P. R. Lucas (T)
- Distance: 17ft. 1in.

2. JAVELIN (Open)

- Record: 108ft. 5½ins.
- 1 A. G. B. King (R)
 - 2 N. A. C. Darroch (T)
 - 3 F. P. Field (R)
- Distance: 98ft.

3. HIGH JUMP (Under 15)
Record: 4ft. 10½ins.
1 P. G. Cope (T)
2 R. J. Banwell (R)
3 R. W. Allen (R)
Height: 4ft. 8½ins.
5. LONG JUMP (Under 15)
Record: 17ft. 3½ins.
1 R. W. Allen (R)
2 P. W. Fay (B)
3 G. Round (T)
Distance: 15ft. 7ins.
7. HURDLES (Open)
Record 16 secs.
1 J. T. Cullen (T)
2 M. Bateman (Bl)
3 R. S. M. Millard (B)
Time: 18.4 secs.
9. 80 YARDS (Under 11)
Record 11.3 secs.
1 D. H. Roberts (T)
2 A. P. Paxman (R)
3 B. D. Winkett (R)
Time: 12 secs.
11. 100 YARDS (Under 15)
Record 11.6 secs.
1 P. W. Fay (B)
2 F. L. Allsworth (T)
3 A. J. Pickford (R)
Time: 12.6 secs.
13. PUTTING THE WEIGHT (Open)
Record 46ft. 9ins.
1 J. T. Cullen (T)
2 N. A. C. Darroch (T)
3 C. Tompson (R)
Distance: 37ft. 6ins.
15. QUARTER MILE (Open)
Record 54.4 secs.
1 J. T. Cullen (T)
2 D. J. Heavens (B)
3 J. B. Archer (Bl)
Time: 55.9 secs.
17. HALF-MILE (Under 15)
Record: 2 mins. 24.4 secs.
1 P. W. Fay (B)
2 P. J. Millard (B)
3 K. W. Hawtin (Bl)
Time: 2 mins. 30.6 secs.
4. HIGH JUMP (Open)
Record: 5ft. 4½ins.
1 I. M. Pickford (R)
2 J. S. Draisey (R)
3 M. Bateman (Bl)
Height: 5ft. 2ins.
6. THROWING THE DISCUS (Under 15) (new event)
1 R. H. Redknap (Bl)
2 P. J. Millard (B)
3 P. J. Downer (B)
Distance: 70ft. 2ins.
8. HURDLES (Under 16)
Record 17.6 secs.
1 B. W. T. Leech (R)
2 J. B. Archer (Bl)
3 D. R. Carter (R)
Time: 20.1 secs.
10. 100 YARDS (Under 13)
Record 13 secs.
1 M. V. A. Alberry (B)
2 R. D. P. Griffith (R)
3 J. T. Page (Bl)
Time: 14.2 secs.
12. 100 YARDS (Open)
Record 10.2 secs.
1 J. T. Cullen (T)
2 N. A. C. Darroch (T)
3 M. Bateman (Bl)
Time: 10.9 secs.
14. QUARTER MILE (Under 15)
Record 60.4 secs.
1 P. W. Fay (B)
2 G. Round (T)
3 F. L. Allsworth (T)
Time: 61.5 secs.
16. THROWING THE DISCUS (Open) Record 114ft. 6ins.
1 A. G. B. King (R)
2 N. A. C. Darroch (T)
3 P. R. Lucas (T)
Distance: 119ft. 3ins. (record)
18. HALF-MILE (Open)
Record 2 min. 10.2 secs.
1 D. J. Heavens (B)
2 M. Bateman (Bl)
3 J. S. Draisey (R)
Time: 2min. 9.6 secs. (record)

19. JUNIOR HOUSE RELAY

- Record 3 mins. 59.5 secs.
 1 Bennett House
 2 Tesdale House
 3 Reeve House
 Time: 4 min. 2.9 secs.

20. SENIOR HOUSE RELAY

- Record 3 mins. 29 secs.
 1 Bennett House
 2 Reeve House
 3 Blacknall House
 Time: 3 mins. 38.7 secs.

The following events were run off before Sports Day:—

MILE (Open)

- Record 4 mins. 50.8 secs.
 1 D. J. Heavens (B)
 2 M. Bateman (Bl)
 3 J. T. Cullen (T)
 Time: 4 min. 53.1 secs.

MILE (Under 15)

- Record 5 mins. 20.2 secs.
 1 P. W. Fay (B)
 2 B. A. Whiteford (B)
 3 G. Round (T)
 Time: 5 min. 35.1 secs.

HALF-MILE (Under 13)

- Record 2 mins. 35.8 secs.
 1 R. Pinniger (T)
 2 M. V. A. Alberry (B)
 3 R. D. P. Griffith (R)
 Time: 2 min. 42.9 secs.

The Ladies of Abingdon House Challenge Cup was won by Tesdale House with a total of 188 pts. Bennett House being second with 174 pts. Reeves House third with 165 points and Blacknall House last with 124 points.

This season's Captain of Athletics has been M. Bateman and the Secretary, D. J. Heavens. During the term the following Colours were awarded:—

Full Colours: A. G. B. King and I. M. Pickford.

Half Colours: N. A. C. Darroch, B. R. Perry and P. R. Lucas.

RUGBY FOOTBALL

Junior House matches were this term restricted to boys 'Under 14' and the Inter-House competition for the Bayley Cup saw a keen struggle between some promising junior teams. The standard of junior rugger has in fact improved considerably and next season it is proposed to experiment with the odd 'Under 14' match in addition to the normal 'Under 15' fixtures.

The Lent Term House match results were as follows:—

Reeves v. Tesdale 3—14.

Bennett v. Blacknall 6—8.

Tesdale v. Blacknall 11—0.

The Bayley Cup therefore was won by Tesdale House.

During the Christmas vacation three members of the 1st XV—K. A. Fathers, P. R. Lucas and G. S. Strachan—played in the Berkshire Public Schools' Trial. Later K. A. Fathers played for the County in all their matches, against Sussex, Wilts and Dorset, and Gloucester. He was also selected as reserve for the South v. West Regional Trial, but unfortunately could not play, having left School before the date of the match.

SCHOOL LIBRARY

Mr. R. D. Baynes has kindly agreed to assist in the running of the Library and so the Staff now consists of Mr. G. F. Duxbury (Librarian), Mr. R. D. Baynes (Assistant Librarian) and S. R. Mills and N. J. Shurrock (Junior Librarians). It is again our pleasant duty to thank most sincerely those who presented books to the Library last term. V. C. Buckley, Esq., F.R.G.S. (a now familiar name) sent us *Lives of the Hunted*, *The Second World War*, *Economics for the Exasperated* and *A Short History of Australia*. Mrs. Parkes gave three attractive little volumes of Shakespeare's Plays, and handsome Leaving Books were presented by the following: D. E. Allen (*The Story of Art*, Gombrich); M. J. Austwick (*Maps, Topographical and Statistical*); M. D. Millichap (*Garibaldi and the Liberation of Italy*). We are most grateful to them all, and are particularly pleased to see the Leaving Book tradition being so quickly re-established.

The usual quota of additions was made last Term, but the time has now come for repairs and rebinding to be put in hand before it is too late, and this is being done by degrees. Books are now very expensive and not as strongly made as they were, so we must make an urgent appeal for more careful handling by borrowers. There are signs of growing 'Library Conscience' as well as 'Consciousness' and we can only hope that the process will continue.

HOCKEY

In company with most School activities, Hockey suffered as a result of the "Plague" which swept the School in the second half of term. As the weather in the final half of term had been far from kind to us, resulting in the cancellation of several matches and many practices, this can hardly be regarded as the most successful of seasons.

In spite of this, however, both elevens had some good games and, although there were few victories we were never disgraced. The weakness is still in the forward line which still needs greater initiative and speed, particularly in the circle. The defence has on the whole combined well.

Two teams were sent to the Tournament at Arborfield, which, despite bitterly cold weather, gave us an enjoyable afternoon. The first eleven lost to the Army Training School and to Douai, but beat Wallingford. The second eleven lost all three matches.

Hockey Characters, 1950

M. H. VENABLES (Capt., Colours 1949, Left Back). A very reliable back who is difficult to pass and plays an intelligent and capable game. He has been a keen and efficient captain and an example to his side.

T. O. INWOOD (Colours 1949, Centre Half). His play has been consistently good throughout the season. He has proved a very effective 'pivot' for the team; his stickwork is good, and his anticipation and interception have been invaluable both in attack and in defence. The best player in the side.

W. L. WOOLDRIDGE (Colours 1950, Right Back). A strong and skilful player who can usually be relied upon in defence. His stickwork is good, he tackles well, and clears strongly and accurately.

D. E. ALLEN (Half-Colours 1948, Left Half). A strong and hard-working player who has proved his adaptability by playing successfully in a number of positions. As a forward, he is still inclined to hang back in defence. As a half-back, his robust play has been very effective.

M. D. MILLICHAP (Half Colours 1948, Centre forward). He played well at times on the right wing early in the season but has since proved himself a fairly capable centre forward. He is fast and can shoot well. Practice will teach him to shoot more often and more accurately.

M. BATEMAN (Half Colours 1949, Inside right). A useful player who always tries hard. Has put in some good shots but tends to be rather slow in shooting. His constructive play is quite good but he must learn to vary his passes more.

B. R. PERRY (Half Colours 1949, Left Wing). A fast and strong player who tends to wander and become wild. He has shown us that he can play well in this difficult position, but he must concentrate more on the technicalities of the game in order to maintain the high standard of which we know he is capable.

D. W. H. RIDOUT (Half Colours 1949, Left Half). Has played quite well and fulfilled the promise he showed last year. His tackling is reliable and he supports his forwards well.

A. W. H. RIGGOTT (Half Colours 1949, Right Half, Hon. Sec.). He seems far more at home and is far more effective at half-back than he was at forward. A stalwart and safe half who plays well in attack and defence. A helpful and efficient secretary, he has done some good work in arranging and conducting junior hockey.

M. J. BIGGS (Half Colours 1950, Inside Left). A newcomer to the game who should make a good forward. He is fast, good with his stick and shoots well. He promises well for the future.

C. E. STOPPS (Half Colours 1950, Right Wing). Has played in several positions and finally settled on the wing where his speed stands him in good stead. He is persistent, knows when to pass and centres well, though he should learn to moderate the speed of his centres which are sometimes too hard.

J. A. WINTER (Half Colours 1950, Goalkeeper). Has played well. His positioning is good, he knows when to run out and kicks well. Has courage, determination and the necessary aggression.

Match Reports 1950

Of the 12 Fixtures it was only possible to play 8, of which we Won 1, Drew 2, and Lost 5.

v. Culham College (A); Lost 1—3:

The School, playing its first game of the season, lost by 3 goals to 1. The ground was very hard and the ball tended to rise. The College side were faster on the ball, but otherwise the teams were evenly matched. In the first half the College were leading by 2 goals to 0, both goals having been scored by the Culham centre-half, the most outstanding player on the field. Early in the second half the School replied through Bateman, after a good movement by the School forward line. After a while the College scored their third goal. During the remainder of the game the School attacked hard, but were not able to score again.

v. Wallingford G.S. (A); Won 7—1.

The School played a much improved game in this, their second game of the season. The forwards were much faster on the ball and when in the circle their shooting was hard and quick. The ground was very hard, and at times both sides tended to over-hit. During the first half the School forwards broke through time after time, and on one occasion the School centre-half, Inwood, scored: Allen (2), Bateman, Millichap and Riggott also scored, bringing the half-time score up to 6—0. After the interval the Wallingford attack brightened up, and Davis scored with a good shot. A little later Riggott scored again for the School after a struggle in the circle.

v. Abingdon Hockey Club (A); Lost 0—3.

Playing on a sloping pitch with a wet surface the School could not hold the fast Abingdon forward line. The School half-back and forward line had been changed and the combination of the School side was not very noticeable. The Abingdon side scored through Vowles (2) and Packer.

v. Radley College 2nd XI (H); Drawn 1—1.

This was one of the fastest games of the season, both sides continually attacking. The Radley defence were very fast and were thus able to mark very closely. The School scored through Perry who shot one of the best goals of the season. Riggott captained the team in the absence of Venables.

v. Military College of Science (A); Drawn 1—1.

This game was spoilt by players from both sides tending to disregard the rules. One or two of the College team were obviously good but they were not backed up by the rest of the team. Millichap scored for the School and was very unlucky not to score more. The School defence stood up to a good deal of pressure but cleared well.

v. Lincoln College (H); Lost 1—7

Despite the score, this was one of the best games of the season. The College played very good Hockey, and one can only hope that the School will one day reach the same class. The only school goal was scored by Millichap after a good forward movement. Wooldridge played a good game.

v. Old Abingdonians (H); Lost 3—8.

The score in this game shows that the standard of Hockey in the School is not very high and that there is plenty of ground to be made up. Once more the composition of the School forward line was changed and the team's combination suffered accordingly.

v. Douai School (A); Lost 1—3.

This was a new fixture and one which we hope will be carried on in the future. Owing to illness only five members of the regular team were available, Riggott captaining the team in the absence of Venables. As has happened throughout the season, the rearranging of the forward line interfered with the combination of the team. Andrews, who was always ready to score, took the opportunity when it came to him. The reserve goalkeeper, Grant, playing in goal for the first time deserves special mention for a courageous display.

Berkshire Schools' Tournament at Arborfield

v. Army Training School, Lost 1—2.

v. Douai School, Lost 0—1.

v. Wallingford G.S., Won 1—0.

2nd XI

Potentially a good team, the 2nd XI did not fulfil their promise. The defence was much too slow and the forwards lacked ball control and combination.

Match Results

- v. King Alfred's School, Wantage (A), Lost 1—6.
- v. Wallingford Grammar School (H), Lost 1—3.
- v. Douai School (H), Won 2—1.
- v. Stowe School (A), Lost 2—5.

Schools' Tournament:

- v. King Alfred's School 1st XI, Lost 0—4.
- v. Windsor County School, Lost 0—2.
- v. Ranelagh School, Lost 0—3.

Team:— Free (Capt.); Cowles i, Pickford i; Wiggins i, Berry, Field; Rabson, Full, Hamer, Taylor i, Furby i, Candy i.

Junior Hockey

A Junior Hockey game was started during the last month of the term and some 90 boys have been taught the essentials of the game. Many of them show good promise for the future and provided Junior Hockey is kept up every year we shall soon be able to compete in the Schools' Hockey Festival which is held every year in Oxford.

ROWING

This has been a mixed term for the Boat Club. The floods and consequent difficult conditions early on hampered training to the extent of making it impossible to allow the raw recruits to get afloat. The old hands, however, were able to practice normally and soon two crews were rowing in slides, the policy this year being to have the 1st and 2nd IVs on slides. Provisional 1st and 2nd Crews were eventually selected. Unfortunately both races arranged — against the O.A.s and Culham College — were cancelled, our opponents being unable to raise crews.

Then came the influenza, and during the last few weeks scratch crews only went out. The chief handicap this term was the absence from the crew of the Captain of Boats, J. T. Cullen, who was under doctor's orders to nurse his damaged elbow. He was able to put in some good work coaching, however, and should be completely fit for the summer.

Now to count our blessings. The "tub pair" purchased from Eton College in the Christmas Term has already proved of enormous value, and if some members of the club have not yet been out in it, shortage of time and indivisibility of coaches are alone to be blamed. We are extremely grateful to the Warden of Dr. Barnardo's Home, Caldecott House, for allowing us to use their boat house as a temporary shelter for the 'tub'. Further improvements to the raft have been carried out, and the boats are in good trim, considering their age, for next term's racing.

R.G.M.

C.C.F. NOTES

Army Section

The Lent term is generally, one of 'hibernation'. This year, however, we have been fortunate in that it has never once been necessary to hold the whole of a parade indoors. This, with our numbers standing at 158, is fortunate indeed: the Scouts parade at the same time as we do, and the problem of housing, in the rooms available, so many people, divided for training into so many small groups, is well-nigh insoluble, physically. Against this climatic good fortune must, of course, be set the epidemic of 'flu, which has greatly depleted the ranks over the last month.

At the beginning of term, J. T. Cullen and M. A. C. Heavens, who had then served for more than a full year as C.S.M. and C.Q.M.S. respectively, received the recognition due to such 'old hands',—they were promoted to be under-officers. This is only the second time in recent history that the Corps has had any Cadets of this rank.

The following consequential promotions were also made:—

To be C.Q.M.S.—Sgt. Riggott, A. W. H.

To be Sgt.—Cpls. Draisey, J. S.; Hamer, R. F.; Heavens, D. J.; Juggins, I.; King, A. G. B.

To be Cpl.—L/Cpls. Austwick, M. J.; Bateman, M.; Darroch, N. A. C.; Millichap, M. D.; Tompson, C.

An innovation this term has been the award, to Cadets below N.C.O. rank, of a Merit Stripe—(to be worn like the L.S. and C.G. stripe)—for 'distinguished service'. The first of these has been awarded to Cadet Bartlett, F. E., for a meritorious performance in Cert. 'A'.

We have been fortunate in retaining the services of C.S.M. Flitney, 4th Bn. Oxf. & Bucks. L.I. (T.A.) as our instructor on the Bren. At the Small Arms School, Royal Marines, during our course over the Xmas holiday, instructors commented on the high standard of Bren training

displayed by the Cadets. We are happy to record this unsolicited testimonial to the good work C.S.M. Flitney has been doing, for more than a year. . . . We have not had as many outside lecturers this term as on some occasions in the past, but we *have* had—what is more valuable from a training point of view—regular fortnightly visits from one such instructor, Capt. P. H. E. Borwick, O.C. 15 Cadet Training Wing, Salisbury Plain District. This Officer has prepared Cert. 'A', Part 2, classes in subjects previously taken by the C.O.—to the satisfaction of all concerned!

A feature of the training has been the work of the newly-formed Demonstration Squad, of Post Cert. 'A' Cadets. This squad has, under the guidance and orders of Mr. Baynes, laid on a series of simple, effective, demonstrations, the value of which has been seen already, in the training of junior Cadets.

Field Day was held on Tuesday, 14th March, with a force reduced by 'flu to little more than half strength. A good day—apart from the bitter wind that assailed us when we sat down to our haversack rations; and in many ways an instructive one. It must, however, go on record that the morning's exercise, organised on this occasion by the *under-officers*, was sadly misdirected by the C.O. who, as Chief Umpire, was much confused as to the respective tasks of the forces engaged! Much manoeuvring was required, in the event, to bring them into battle. Some "experts" among us maintain that this confusion in high places gave a more realistic 'battle picture' than we get normally . . . !

The afternoon was devoted to Section 'battles' for junior cadets, and a map-reading scheme for Cert. 'A' candidates.

We still have not secured the P.S.I. of our dreams—or indeed any P.S.I. at all!—but we have reasonable hopes of being 'fixed up' in this respect before long—at any rate, before the Camp season comes round. We are looking forward also to next term, for a 'Whitehall' inspection which is to be carried out by Lieutenant-General Sir Leslie Hollis, K.B.E., C.B., Commandant Gen., Royal Marines. It is a happy thought that we have already 'made friends' with the Marines, and that some of us wear their badge—presented after the course at Xmas—on our sleeves.

R.N. Section.

At the beginning of the Lent Term we were very pleased to welcome to the Section Mr. Barker, who served in the Fleet Air Arm during the war. He has already given very valuable help in many ways and we are looking forward to the time when he is Sub-Lieutenant Barker once again. (STOP PRESS: He now is. Ed.).

We have also had the able assistance of P.O. Beathan from R.N.A.S. Culham, to whom we are very grateful.

Ten members of the Section took the examination for Leading Seaman at the end of term, and we are still awaiting the results.

Field Day was spent at the Air Station, Culham, where a varied programme was carried out and enjoyed by all those who were well enough to go—a total of eight.

We have said goodbye, with regret, to D. E. Allen and M. H. Venables, who have left this term, the former to join the Merchant Navy as an apprentice, and the latter to join the Royal Navy for National Service. We wish them both the best of luck in their new life.

ROYSSSE SOCIETY

During the Lent Term the Society held two meetings, and welcomed the following new members, who were invited to join us. They were D. E. Allen, M. Bateman, R. Klein and A. W. H. Riggott.

At a meeting on Wednesday, 8th February, M. A. C. Heavens read an interesting and illuminating paper on "Abingdon Architecture". A discussion on 'Gothic' shop-fronts and the beauty of the Corn Exchange subsequently arose.

On Wednesday, 8th March, R. F. Hamer read a paper on "T. S. Eliot". This was the first strictly literary paper that the Society had heard and dealt with T. S. Eliot's philosophical themes and style, illustrated by quotations from his poems and plays. The ensuing discussion was lively, if one-sided, Mr. Eliot finding a whole-hearted supporter only in the reader.

At both these meetings we were again indebted to the Headmaster and Mrs. Cobban for their hospitality.

R.F.H.

DEBATING SOCIETY

During the Lent Term, the Society held five meetings. At the first of these, the President was in the Chair. The motion before the House was "That Fagging is an essential part of school life." Mr. Bateman and Mr. Riggott proposed the motion and they were opposed by Mr. Heavens and Mr. Cullen. Debating was of a high standard and there was keen discussion from the floor of the House. The motion was defeated by nine votes.

The next meeting showed that the House was incurably romantic. The motion "That Modern Life is unromantic" was proposed by Mr. Hamer and opposed by Mr. Leach. Mr. Wiggins spoke third and Mr. Field fourth. After an amusing debate, the House decided that modern life is romantic by an overwhelming vote.

At the third meeting the House debated the motion "That Religion at the present time requires a New Look." The motion was proposed by Mr. Leach and opposed by Mr. Cullen; whilst the third and fourth speakers were Mr. C. S. Wiggins and Mr. Heavens. It was decided that Religion did not require a New Look, the voting being very close.

The fourth motion was a political one, "That the British Empire is more important to the United Kingdom than Western Union", and was carried after a somewhat desultory debate. Mr. Millard and Mr. Boddington supported the motion and Mr. Richardson and Mr. Bate-man opposed it.

The last debate also had a political flavour. The motion was "That Ethelred the Unready was directly responsible for the rise of the Labour Party." Mr. Willson, seconded by Mr. Hamer, proposed the motion and Mr. Westall, seconded by Mr. Leach, opposed it. In spite of a tendency towards flippancy on the part of certain members, the debate was soberly conducted throughout and the House ultimately realised the unalterable truth of the proposition.

R.F.H.

TURNOR SOCIETY

Although there was only a small number of meetings last term, a high standard was retained throughout and we enjoyed a most instructive and entertaining series of talks. All were based upon Geography—the first with France, the second with the West Indies and the third with Australia. M. A. C. Heavens spoke first upon France and the French, basing his talk upon his own experiences in that country last year. His approach was varied and intimate, dealing principally with those things which struck him as odd and "typically French". Mr. Kitson, a native of the West Indies, also spoke intimately of Trinidad and the neighbouring islands. In his talk, he tended to disregard the semi-modern and uninteresting Port of Spain and to deal more fully with the lesser known and more primitive interior. Mr. Kitson left a number of old West Indian newspapers behind him which showed, perhaps more clearly than any talk, the way of life in the islands.

The term's meetings were wound up by Mrs. Irene Offenburg who spoke charmingly and competently upon Australia and the Australian way of life. Her intimate and sympathetic account of the aborigines and their problems proved particularly interesting and it was with great regret that we realised her talk was over.

The term's activities ended here and we hope that its high standard of speakers may be carried on into next term, but the difficulty of securing outside speakers becomes increasingly greater.

A.E.W.

GRAMOPHONE SOCIETY

President—The Headmaster Vice-President—J. F. H. Barker, Esq.
Hon. Secretary—M. H. Venables.

In the Lent Term a Gramophone Society was inaugurated for those who were interested in serious music. Four meetings were held during the term.

At the first meeting we heard excerpts from Tchaikovsky's Ballet Suite, "The Swan Lake", and from "The Nutcracker Suite", introduced by M. W. Matthews and P. C. Richardson.

The second meeting, introduced by C. W. Crockford, included excerpts from "Peer Gynt" by Grieg, "Ballett égyptien" by Luigini, and the first movement of Piano Concerto in A Minor, Opus 16, by Grieg.

The third meeting, held in the Bennett Room, was made up of works by Mozart, introduced by Mr. J. F. H. Barker and M. H. Venables. The programme included Overture to "The Magic Flute", Violin Concerto in D Major (K.218), the Duet "Reich mir die Hand" from "Don Giovanni", and Symphony No. 39 in E Flat (K. 543).

The last meeting consisted of the Piano Concerto in A Minor by Schumann, and the first and third movements of the Piano Concerto No. 2 in C Minor by Rachmaninoff. This programme was introduced by J. T. Cullen.

So ended a most successful and enjoyable series of meetings, and we hope for even better meetings in the future.

R.F.H.

HOLIDAY CLUB

The activities of the Club during the Christmas holidays were varied if not numerous.

On Sunday, 18th December, we attended a Carol Service organised by the local Youth Advisory Committee. Mr. Gordon Holdom conducted and the music was provided by the Abingdon and District Musical Society's String Orchestra.

On Tuesday, 20th December, a table tennis team played the 2nd North Berks Scouts and lost by 12 games to 3.

On Sunday, 1st January, a Hockey XI played the M.G. Social and Athletic Club and lost by 7 goals to 1.

Several other fixtures had been arranged but, because so many people were away from the town, it was found impossible to keep them.

M.A.C.H.

SCOUT TROOP

Last September, the Troop began with a new Scoutmaster, Mr. H. Johnston, new Patrol Leaders and a large number of new boys. Since then the Troop has been settling down and several of the new Scouts are well on the way to passing their Tenderfoot. Unfortunately, however, the Patrol Leaders have been so busy training the new Scouts that they have had little spare time to devote to their Second Class work.

Early in the Lent Term, Mr. Bailey, the District Commissioner, paid a visit to the Troop during which he invested Mr. Burgess and Mr. Johnston with their warrants as Cubmaster and Scoutmaster respectively.

During the Summer Term it is hoped that fine weather will spur all Scouts on to greater efforts and enable much more progress to be recorded in the next report.

O.A. NOTES.

Births

LAYBOURNE. On 8th January, 1950, at the City of London Hospital, to Dorothy Joan, wife of Dr. Maxwell N. Laybourne (1933), a daughter.

WOOD. On 12th February, 1950, at Surbiton, to Cynthia, wife of Peter R. Wood (1935), a brother (Nicholas) for Michael.

Marriages

BETTERTON-GRANT. On 10th April, 1950, at St. Helen's Church, Abingdon, A. J. Betterton (1945) of Dry Sandford, to Pamela, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. M. Grant, of 18 Park Road, Abingdon.

DREW-OUTRAM. On 25th March, 1950, at Grove Methodist Church, Horsforth, Leeds, Ray Martin Drew (1932) of Corner House, Kingston Bagpuize, to Enid Mary Outram, of Horsforth.

EMMETT-KENNEDY. On 4th March, 1950, at St. Mary's Church, Worplesdon, Surrey, John Edward Emmett (1932), to Margaret, only daughter of Mr. & Mrs. J. W. M. Kennedy, of Heath End, Crasbeck, Woking.

SIMS-GILL. On 2nd February, 1950, at St. Helen's Church, Abingdon, Lieut. Kenneth R. Sims (1943), to Miss J. Gill.

WATERFALL-LAMB. On 1st April, 1950, at St. Martin's Church, East Horsley, Surrey, Malcolm Derek Waterfall (1945), to Patricia Constance, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Lamb, of Norrels Ridge, East Horsley.

Deaths

ELLIS. On 1st April, 1950, suddenly at his home, 32 Bostock Road, Abingdon, Aubrey Ellis (1915), aged 50.

HUGHES. On 17th February, 1950, at Ludlow, Rev. Harold Hughes (1903) aged 66.

Aubrey Ellis came to the School in 1910 and coxed the 1st IV in 1911. In 1915 he was a member of both the Soccer and Cricket XIs, but he left in that year to join the Royal Navy as a Boy Artificer. He spent the next 30 years of his life in the Navy, serving in both World Wars, and in the period between spending much time on foreign Stations. He retired in 1945 and had since been acting on the maintenance staff at Culham Air Station.

Harold Hughes was the son of H. H. Hughes, of the Market Place, Abingdon, and he spent nine years at the School 1894—1903. He rowed in the 1st IV for three years and was Captain of Boats 1902-3. In that year he was awarded the Pembroke Scholarship, and at College he continued to distinguish himself on the river, rowing in his College Torpid in 3 years and in 1905 in the VIII. At the same time he was reading Honours Mods. and Greats. After taking his degree in 1907 there followed 23 years as a schoolmaster and another 19 as Parish priest. He was assistant master successively at Hereford Cathedral School, Clifton College (where he was also Chaplain) and King's School Worcester, and finally was appointed Headmaster of King's College, Taunton, a post which he held for 11 years. Meanwhile he had been ordained in 1913 and was appointed Minor Canon of Worcester Cathedral in 1917. When he resigned the Headmastership in 1930 he became Vicar of Godney, near Wells, and in 1934 of Pilton, Somerset. In 1945 he returned to this neighbourhood as Vicar of Benson, but was compelled to relinquish the benefice in 1949 owing to ill-health, and since then had been living at Ludlow. He was President of the O.A. Club in 1928.

His elder brother, Harry George (1881-86) received into the Roman Catholic Church as Priest in 1892, and author of the pleasant little book 'Going Fishing', died in 1943.

Those who remember Mr. R. C. Bateman will be interested to know that he is now Senior Housemaster at St. Albans School, where he has been a member of the Staff since 1942.

Capt. L. S. Mathias (1904) another Schoolmaster, has a School down in Sussex while his brother, Rev. H. S. Mathias (1904) is Vicar of Alfriston, nearby, and Rural Dean of Seaford.

Alan Smith (1931) has now moved from Papworth to become Secretary of the well-known Enham-Alamein Village Centre for disabled ex-Servicemen.

Another hospital administrator is K. G. Walker (1942). After taking his degree at Pembroke College in 1948, he acquired a knowledge of hospital management at the Radcliffe and other Oxford Hospitals, and about a year ago was appointed Administrative Assistant at the Royal Bucks. Hospital, Aylesbury. The National Health Service gives him plenty of hard work and headaches, but otherwise we are delighted to hear he is in sound health.

S. M. B. Lane (1939) who is an Officer in B.O.A.C. has been transferred—to his regret—from Flying boats to Constellations. This has meant a course of conversion training at Bristol, but as some compensation he may in future be flying over the Western Hemisphere after several years over the Eastern on the run to Australia.

Congratulations to W. G. Bradfield (1941) on passing the Final Examination of the Society of Incorporated Accountants and Auditors.

Capt. Lionel Lacey-Johnson (1944) is at present doing a course at Nuneham Park in Photographic Interpretation which fortunately enables him to live for a time in Abingdon with his wife, with the prospect of a more prolonged appointment as Instructor.

As we go to press we hear that that versatile O.A., O. J. Couldrey, has had a picture accepted for the Summer Exhibition of the Royal Academy. The review of his latest book 'The Phantom Waterfall' has unfortunately had to be held over until our next issue.

A. B. Blackmore (1928) is farming at Woodcote, near Reading and his brother John (1933) is settled in Liverpool, where he is Managing Director of a firm dabbling in Concrete. Both are happily married, and both have a son and daughter.

Barry Williams (1946) writes from Toronto, where his family is now established. When he arrived in Canada, four years ago, he went to Upper Canada College, and then studied advertising at the University of Toronto. Apparently he is now in the advertising department of the 'Toronto Daily Star', and as a spare-time hobby 'drums' in a dance band. He is now becoming acclimatised to Canadian winters—and summers—but hopes to visit England before long.

R. M. Drew (1932) whose marriage we announce elsewhere is now Manager of Harris and Matthews' branch at Didcot.

C. S. Cullen (1947) has been rowing regularly in a Thames R.C. crew and took part in the Head of the River race.

Norman Parker (1948) has been granted a short-service Commission as Pilot Officer in the R.A.F. His branch is Fighter Control, and he meditates making a permanent career in the R.A.F.

J. R. Wake (1947), is stationed at Chatham and another R.E., A. L. G. Milligan (1949), is now at Longmoor in the Railway Section Training Unit.

Other recruits to the Services are G. S. Strachan (1949) and M. D. Millichap (1950) to R.A., H. D. Baecker (1949) to R.A.F., and M. H. Venables (1950) to R.N.V.R. at Chatham.

D. E. Allen, who left in February, is a Cadet with the Frank C. Strick Line, which specialise in tanker traffic with the Persian Gulf.

Old Abingdonian Club

The following new members have been elected:

- M. L. Awcock, 12/49, 17 Exbourne Road, Abingdon.
- J. Bond, 7/12, 86 Fairacres Road, Headington, Oxford.
- T. M. Carter, 12/49, 43 Netherton Road, Appleton, Abingdon.
- D. A. Greenman, 12/49, 41 Wytham Street, Oxford.
- R. Hobday, 12/49, 31 High Street, Sutton Courtenay, Berks.
- F. C. Lucas, 12/49, 'Copper Beeches', Watchet, Slough, Bucks.
- A. E. Reeve, 3/48, c/o 'Mr. Warrick's Arms', Ock Street, Abingdon.
- G. S. Strachan, 12/49, 29 South Avenue, Abingdon.
- J. B. Walker, 12/49, 69 Swinburne Road, Abingdon.

Changes of Address

- A. B. Blackmore, 12/28, The Croft, Woodcote, Nr. Reading.
- J. C. Blackmore, 7/33, Midmar, 9 Eaton Rd., Cressington Park, L'pool, 19.
- Rev. F. W. Burgess, Abingdon School, Berks.
- L. G. Cather, 3/36, 48 Sandall Close, Ealing, London, W.5.
- S. M. B. Lane, 12/39, 67 Hodford Road, Golders Green, London, N.W.11.
- Major H. L. G. Livingston, 7/35, Coopers Wood, Felbridge, E. Grinstead, Sussex.
- L. S. Mathias, 7/04, Wargroves, Hurstmonceux, Sussex.
- A. C. Smith, 7/31, The White House, Enham-Alamein, Andover, Hants.
- J. R. B. Williams, 12/46, 902, Bathurst St., Toronto 5, Canada.
- D. C. K. Wright, 7/27, 'Hillcroft', Ridgeway, Broadstone, Dorset.

OLD ABINGDONIAN TRUST FUND

It is two years since the last report on the O.A.T.F. appeared in the Abingdonian but in the more settled conditions existing a statement of accounts and progress report will be published regularly each year.

During the current year the Trustees have accepted with very real regret two resignations. E. G. Langford, one of the original Trustees, finds that pressure of business (and for the Secretary of the British

American Tobacco Co. that must be very great) makes it very difficult for him to carry out the duties of Trustee as he would wish. His great experience and assistance will be much missed, but R. W. Snell has agreed to fill the vacancy, and the remaining Trustees—J. D. Wood, G. F. Powell and R. E. Eason—welcome the addition of an accountant to their number.

The other resignation is of Mr. Ross Barker who has been Treasurer of the Fund since its inauguration. It is in very great measure due to his efforts that the Fund is in its present satisfactory state. He nursed it through the difficult early years, cared for it single-handed during the war years when the Trustees were absent on service, and it is now with reluctance that he giving up what has been a labour of love. However, as he is now finding the work rather a tax upon his time and strength the Trustees can only offer him their profound thanks for all he has done and agree that he has more than earned a respite. G. F. Duxbury will succeed him as Treasurer, and also act as Secretary to the Trustees, and all subscriptions and queries relating to the Fund should be sent to him at the School.

As will be seen from the attached accounts for the last two years, the Fund has made steady, if unspectacular, progress. There are at present 187 subscribers of whom 72 have signed Banker's Orders and 27 Forms of Covenant. If and when the proposed reorganisation of the finances of the O.A. Club and the O.A.T.F. (a measure which has the full support of the Trustees) is approved at the Annual General Meeting of the Club, and the Fund thereby ceases to be so closely interlocked with the Abingdonian, it will be even more desirable that the number of regular subscribers should be increased; but present subscribers are again assured that they will be in no way adversely affected by the new proposals.

There are two questions, frequently asked, which may properly be answered here. The first is—'How have the monies in the Fund been employed hitherto?' The answer is as follows. During the early years of the Fund the accumulated balance was usefully employed as a set-off against the overdraft of the Waste Court account, and more recently has again been so employed to cover a temporary overdraft incurred by certain structural alterations and improvements. It is only comparatively recently that the Fund has reached such proportions that its allocation needed to be seriously considered, but at the present moment the Trustees have under consideration two suggestions for its immediate employment, of which information will be given at the earliest opportunity.

The second question is—'Why need there be a Trust Fund outside the funds of the O.A. Club?' The answer is that while the O.A. Club exists and functions primarily to promote the interest of the Old Boys,

the Trust Fund, while administered and supported by loyal Old Boys, exists for the benefit of the School, and is one of the most valuable potential supports of the financial independence which the School at present enjoys. The Governors do all that is humanly possible—and sometimes even more—with the financial resources at their disposal to promote the well-being and extend the amenities of the School, but there are several 'essential luxuries' which only a fund such as this can provide.

The audited Accounts for the last two years follow.

1948

Receipts				Expenditure			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Cash at Bank 1/1/48	658	1	2	Sch. Mag. expenses			
Donations and Subs.	72	18	3	and Subsidy	33	7	0
O.A. Club Share of				Printing Bankers' Orders			
new members' subs.	4	8	0	& Covenant Forms	3	16	0
Inland Revenue. Refund				Postage, Stationery	1	2	8
Income Tax on Cov-				Cash at Bank			
enants	12	15	10	31/12/48	709	1	2
				Cash in hand			
				31/12/48		16	5
	<u>£748</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>		<u>£748</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

1949

Receipts				Expenditure			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Cash at Bank 1/1/49	709	1	2	Sch. Mag. expenses			
Cash in hand do.		16	5	and Subsidy	34	3	0
Donations and Subs.	90	7	0	Postage, Stationery	1	2	5
O.A. Club Share of				Cash at Bank			
new members' subs.	1	0	0	31/12/49	785	7	4
Inland Revenue. Refund							
Income Tax on Cov-							
enants	19	8	2				
	<u>£820</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>9</u>		<u>£820</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>9</u>

Since the last issue of the Magazine Bankers' Orders have been received from: R. Hedger, G. R. Kirby, R. P. E. Mills and L. P. Mosdell.

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

'The Abingdonian' is also sent without further charge to all subscribers of a MINIMUM of Five Shillings to the Old Abingdonian Trust Fund. Banker's Orders (and Forms of Covenant to pay One Pound or more per annum for seven years, bringing nearly double their value to the O.A.T.F. by recovery of Income Tax) may be obtained from G. F. Duxbury, Abingdon School, to whom all subscriptions and queries relating thereto should be addressed.

Single copies of 'The Abingdonian', if available, may be obtained price 1/4d. post free, from the Editor.

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