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CALENDAR, SUMMER TERM, 1959

April

Tues. 28 Term begins.

May

- Sat. 9 1st XI v. Newbury Grammar School (h).
1st Tennis VI v. Radley College (h).
- Tues. 12 Field Day—C.C.F. and Scouts.
- Fri. 16 12.30 p.m. to Wed. 20th: Half Term.
- Wed. 20 1st VIII v. Sir Wm. Borlase's School, Marlow (a).
1st Tennis VI v. Culham College (h).
- Sat. 23 1st XI v. Magdalen College School (h).
1st VIII v. a Radley College VIII (a).
1st Tennis VI v. Magdalen College School (h).
- Wed. 27 1st XI v. Leighton Park School (a).
1st Tennis VI v. Leighton Park School (a).
- Sat. 30 1st XI v. Bloxham School (h).
1st Tennis VI v. Bloxham School (h).

June

- Wed. 3 1st XI v. a Common Room XI (h).
- Sat. 6 1st XI v. Solihull School (a).
Wallingford and Oxford Royal Regattas.
1st Tennis VI v. Berkhamsted School (a).
- Wed. 10 1st XI v. Berkshire Gentlemen (h), 11.30 a.m.
1st VIII v. Magdalen College School (a).
1st Tennis VI v. Pangbourne Nautical College (a).
- Sat. 13 1st XI v. Old Abingdonians (h), 11 a.m.
1st Tennis VI v. Old Abingdonians (h).
Reading Amateur Regatta.
- Sat. 20 1st XI v. City of Oxford School (h).
Marlow Regatta.
- Wed. 24 1st Tennis VI v. Staff VI (h).
- Sat. 27 1st XI v. St. Edward's School 2nd XI (a).

July

Wed. 1	1st XI v. King Alfred's School, Wantage (h).
Sat. 4	1st XI v. Abingdon C.C. (h).
Sat. 11	1st XI v. Oratory School (a). 1st Tennis VI v. Abingdon L.T.C. (a).
Wed. 15	1st Tennis VI v. Reading School (h).
Fri. 17	Annual Inspection of the C.C.F.
Sat. 18	1st XI v. R.G.S., High Wycombe (h). 1st Tennis VI v. R.G.S., High Wycombe (h).
Sat. 25	FOUNDER'S DAY.
Tues. 28	Term ends, 10.15 a.m.

Michaelmas Term begins Friday, 18th September, 1959.
(Boarders return Thursday, 17th September).

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April, 1959

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EDITORIAL

Mais heureusement certains comprennent
 Qu'un enfant de dix-huit ans
 Est adulte et pas phénomène
 Quoiqu'en disent les méchants.

So run the last few words of a French song—fortunately some people realise that a child of eighteen is grown-up and not something strange. But there are still many today who do not realise this, and one does not have to look far in newspapers and magazines before finding articles on 'The Teen-age Problem' or 'How to Understand the Adolescent' and so on *ad infinitum*, *ad absurdum* and *ad nauseam*.

We must not go to the other extreme and say that there is no problem at all—there is. But Youth has always existed, though it was not until recently that it acquired a capital Y, and in the past it has been accepted as an element, over-ebullient and tiresome at times, but human and to be tolerated. Nowadays, however, it receives a somewhat different approach; it is treated as almost an end in itself by many people who forget that they were young once and fail to see future men and women in the boys and girls of today's Youth. They are worried and form committees and sub-committees which decide that it would be nice to ask the local parson to 'say a few words' to the Youth Club, or to hold an 'Any Questions' on politics. In recent years, admittedly, there has been a rise in juvenile crime and delinquency which poses serious questions for which the answers must be sought; but we do not believe that, in a few generations, young people have changed so radically in their nature as to merit a different approach and a different treatment from that which they have received in the past.

In our opinion no small amount (though not all) of the trouble can be fairly attributed to the current, rather patronising, treatment of Youth with a capital Y as a Problem with a capital P by adults who are far too impersonal, statistical, analytical in their approach. Articles frequently appear in newspapers on Youth, illustrated by pictures of good youths and bad youths standing on street corners or going to church, dancing or fighting; moreover people under 20 often figure prominently in news items concerning every kind of crime; it would be better if such things were suppressed. For now that Youth sees itself in the limelight, not unnaturally it wants to stay there, it must maintain its bad reputation at all costs, even perhaps human life. If we were to see a note on the Headmaster's desk which said: 'The Editors of the Abingdonian are dangerous and scarcely human, they are members of a powerful gang which roams the streets armed with flick knives and bicycle chains; we must go all out to make them see the error of their ways, ask them to tea, make them attend chapel' and so on, our reaction (assuming there to be a grain of truth in the accusation)

would be to become more obstinate than before and to put up as much resistance as we could—such is human nature, and such is the nature of this publicity problem on a larger scale.

Criticism is one thing, offering a solution is another. But we suggest that, for a start, all those who maintain that the young people of today are 'crazy mixed-up kids' should come down off their pedestals and take another look.

W.B.

1879—1959

William Bevir was born on 6th May, 1879, the youngest son of Rev G. S. Bevir, of Pennington, Hants, and was educated at St. John's School, Leatherhead. He gained an Open Exhibition to Magdalene College, Cambridge where he read Classics and also learned his rowing. After graduating in 1901 he taught in preparatory schools for two years before going to Bridlington Grammar School. He spent most of 1907 in Paris studying the language and was appointed Classics master at Abingdon School under Mr. Layng in September 1908. It was typical of his versatility that under Mr. Grundy he took charge of the teaching of French—indeed most Old Boys will not realise that he was any other than "the French master" in the classroom.

In his younger days he was a most versatile games-player, appearing regularly on the soccer field or wielding a vigorous bat and bowling wily off-breaks. He was also in great demand at tennis parties, but his longest and last love was the Boat Club, where he obviously enjoyed imparting the rudiments with sound advice and caustic comment.

In the class-room he was a stickler for precision and neatness—and what better model could there be of beautiful handwriting—and his discipline was strict, so that boys probably regarded him with respect and some awe rather than affection; but when they came back as Old Boys and met him man to man liking soon ripened into deep attachment, and Bill was the focus of every gathering of Old Boys. He was a boy at heart, gifted with a real understanding of boys young and old and it is sad to think that his buoyant spirits and dry humour will never again enliven the company.

We all have our personal memories of Bill—trying to coach a four from horseback, bringing the house down at a Rag Concert with 'Turmut hoeing' or some other of his repertoire, going out to bat with W.M.G., or trying to appear martial in O.T.C. uniform, but always we come back to the one man. He had no use for fulsome epithets but of him, if of any one, it can be said, "He was a veray gentil knight."

His marriage in 1927, which at a stroke seemed to make him 20 years younger, was the beginning of a wonderful partnership. From the first Mrs. Bevir identified herself with all his interests and activities and the welcome awaiting any Old Boy at 'Bill and Germaine's' became byword. The deep sympathy of countless Old Boys and friends goes out to her in this irreparable loss.

SCHOOL NOTES

We congratulate the Chairman of the Governors, Mr. Stow, on his appointment as Joint Managing Director of Messrs. Whitbread. It has already been made abundantly clear that the increase in his responsibilities has in no way lessened his interest in the School.

As Alderman Gostling prepares to vacate the office of Mayor we thank him for the many acts of friendship he has shown the School during the last year; and we hope that he will find life a little easier than it has been for him during his term of office.

One of his last official acts as Mayor will be to attend our Chapel service, with the Mayoress, on the morning of 10th May. We had hoped (alas, in vain) that this visit could have taken place on Easter Sunday when the Choir sang one of his own descants.

We all heard with deep regret of the sudden death of the Vicar of Abingdon, which took place on Monday, 2nd February and our sympathy goes to Mrs. Hayton and his family. In the unavoidable absence of the Headmaster, the School was represented at his funeral on 5th February by Messrs Alston, Willis and Sawbridge, with a token contingent of senior boys, while the Chaplain was among the robed clergy. Subsequently the School sent the sum of £15 towards the Fund that was opened in his memory.

The death of Mr. Bevir, which took place on the morning of 21st April, was not entirely unexpected, but came as a great blow to all who knew him. An appreciation will be found on the preceding page. Here we would merely offer our deep sympathy to Mrs. Bevir. Cremation took place at Headington on Friday, 24th April, and a service was held at St. Helen's Church, Abingdon, the following day. Among representatives of the School were Mr. J. Hooke (representing the Chairman and the Governing Body), the Headmaster and Mrs. Cobban, the Bursar, Mr. D. O. Willis and many other members of the Staff, the President of the Old Abingdonian Club and other officers, and representatives of the School Prefects.

We congratulate our German friend, Herr Osteholz, on the birth of daughter, Renate (3rd February).

We were pleased to note that our friend and neighbour, Rt. Rev. G. F. Allen (who is preaching for us on Founder's Day) has been nominated by the Crown for election to the vacant see of Derby.

We are very grateful to Lord Glyn, who has offered us a long run of bound volumes of Punch for the Library; to Mr. F. E. Coates, and Messrs. Shepherd & Simpson, who has presented to the Library a large collection of valuable history books; to an Old Boy, J. E. Montgomery (1900), for the gift of a copy of a fifty-year-old 'St. James' Budget containing an illustrated article on the School; to Mr. T. G. Morris, father of this year's Captain of Hockey, who has offered to present us with a new house hockey trophy; and to an anonymous parent for a generous gift towards the funds of the Abingdon School Photographical Society.

Last term we welcomed, in advance, a new housekeeper to School House. Now we can say how much we appreciate all that Miss Cobball is doing to extend our repertoire and raise our standards. To produce around 140 poached eggs on toast, a welcome innovation, is no mean feat; and the installation of a deep fryer has added to the menu such luxuries as fried fish and chips.

Warm congratulations to P. J. Ford on the award of an Open (Grosvenor) Scholarship in Zoology at New College, Oxford—a particularly remarkable achievement in view of the fact that this was a trial run before he had even completed the 'A' level syllabus.

Congratulations too to G. S. Howlett and G. M. Morse on winning the special prizes offered by the Chairman for the best designs submitted for a new tuckshop; to C. J. Dean on being chosen for the third year in succession to be Head Chorister at the holiday course of the Royal School of Church Music; and to R. S. Green for his performance in the annual reading competition held by the Reading (ho, ho!) Branch of the Classical Association, where he won first prize in the Greek section of the competition and also the Gilbert Murray Prize for reading Greek Verse.

This is the close season for County Major Awards, but we hope that A. J. Costley's award from Berkshire is the harbinger of a good company.

The number of boys on the School Roll at the beginning of the Lent Term was 518, of whom 189 were boarders. This slight decrease is of course purely seasonal.

We rarely mention the health of individual boys. But some tribute must and shall be paid to the cheerfulness with which Richard Bailey is facing his long spell of inactivity in a plaster bed. We hope to have him back with us, completely fit, before the end of the summer.

Two Parents' Evenings were held during the past term, for Third Forms on 5th February and for Fifth Forms on 19th March, after the Ordinary Level Mock Certificate Examinations.

The written papers of the annual Entrance Examination on which our eleven-year-old entry is selected were held on 2nd March. It is of interest to record that this year we joined forces with our old friends at Magdalen College School and had common papers so that candidates applying for both Schools were saved from having to tackle two examinations—even if they did have to face two interviews afterwards. This co-ordination was experimental, but it seems to have worked so well that we shall hope to repeat it in future years.

Visitors to the School this term have included two German educationists, Herr Tlusty and Herr Lüdermann, on 22nd January: Miss Deas, I.M.I., on 2nd February: Mr. Stanwood Kenyon, an American exchange teacher, on 16th February: Dr. Ludwig Wohlgemuth, head of the Secondary School Section of the Austrian Ministry of Education, on 6th February: and Mr. Hugh Lyon, of the Public Schools' Appointments Bureau, on 24th March.

And we must not forget the ubiquitous Mr. Lowtime, of the County Fire Department, who gave so generously of his time to make a thorough examination of the School buildings.

Then during the holidays we had the pleasure of welcoming to the school, on 8th April, the members of the Easter Vacation Course held at Abingdon under the auspices of the British Council—upwards of twenty students from almost as many countries. We could cope with most of the names as given on the list of members, but Miss Ng was beyond us.

Conversely, the School has been represented at various external functions, including the Abingdon Drama Club's 'Triple Bill' in the Corn Exchange on 6th February, and the opening of the Ghana Exhibition in the County Hall, by H.E. the High Commissioner, on 1st April.

The meeting of the Friends of Abingdon on 20th February, when the Headmaster (newly risen from his sick-bed) spoke on 'Six Sons of Abingdon' was of particular interest to us as the chosen six included four men closely connected with the School—John Royse (of course), Peter Heylyn, John Lempriere (of dictionary fame) and Arthur Preston.

We note that four members of the School were among the team from the Abingdon Congregational Youth Club which won the competition on public speaking organised by the Berkshire Youth Forum. The finals were held at Reading on 14th March.

On 29th January we welcome an old friend, Mr. J. B. Calkin, who came over to talk to members of the fourth forms on 'Roman Britain.'

On 13th and 27th February two parts of a somewhat scarifying film on Civil Defence were shown, by courtesy of the County Civil Defence Officer, to many members of the staff and upper school. We hear

that during the holidays Mr. Mortimer, our own C.D. Officer, has been on a week's course at Winchester. So we are doing what we can to counter a situation which we hope will never arise.

On 26th February three students from Ripon Hall spoke to members of the Sixth Forms on vocation to the ministry seen from their own respective angles. A singularly effective way of presenting the challenge of the Church.

On 11th March, Mr. Horrex and Mr. Williams took a party of Six Form chemists round the Esso Research Establishment at Milton Hill by kind invitation of Mr. Stephenson.

Saturday evening entertainments during the term were as follows:

25th January: Mr. C. J. Allen, F.R.S.A., M.Inst.T., A.I.Loc.E., on 'The Alpine Wonderland—The Grisons.'

28th February: A piano recital by Miss Elizabeth Powell.

14th March: Mr. G. B. Spenceley, F.R.G.S., on 'South Georgia Discovery.'

Feature films shown on Saturday evenings were 'Reach for the Sky', 'Brothers-in-Law,' and 'Richard III.'

Then on Tuesday, 24th March, we had the pleasure of our long expected visit from Lieut-General Sir John Glubb, K.C.B., C.M.G. D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C., who spoke to us on 'Britain and the Middle East.'

The Play Reading Society has read the following plays this term: 'Caesar and Cleopatra': 'The Government Inspector': 'The Tempest': 'The Strong are Lonely': and (in conjunction with the Music Society) 'The Gondoliers.'

The terminal House P.T. Competition was held on Thursday, 26th March. We congratulate Reeves House, which came first, by a short head, in both the Senior and the Junior Competitions and thereby won the House Challenge Cup; and we offer our very warm thanks to Mr. Starmer Smith, the Chief Physical Education Officer for Oxford City who kindly came over to adjudicate the competition for us.

The following members of the School are attending Short Work Courses during the holidays: A. G. Dillabough—The English Steel Corporation; E. W. Firth—Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Company; D. G. Nurton—Saxone Shoe Company; C. A. T. Purrett—Lloyds Bank; M. J. Seymour—Lloyds Bank.

In addition, J. Brimble, B. D. Gibbs and J. R. N. Ogle are attending the Public Schoolboys' Holiday Course at Ashridge, and three of our members are spending the whole of the holidays at Outward Bound Courses (R. L. Antrobus and M. C. Tompkins at Aberdovey, W. G. Marchbanks at Ullswater); while we are represented by R. S. Green at the (First) C.A.C.T.M. Schoolboys' Conference at Jesus College, Oxford

We have it on good authority that the Lesser Scaup duly put in its annual appearance at Sutton Courtenay in January—it is becoming almost as frequent as Easter at school!

A less welcome visitor was the influenza which laid so many of us low during the first few weeks of the term. The germ was less virulent than eighteen months ago, but it showed even less respect for rank and station: and it was small comfort to us to learn that other schools were suffering even more severely. Congratulations and thanks to doctors, matrons and all who combined to keep things going.

Our campanologists continue to sound: and indeed they have promised that they will ring the bells of St. Helen's for us before the School Service on 28th April.

We note that the Borough has now received a full grant of arms from the College of Arms; and that one of the swans which support the shield stands (somewhat improbably) upon a wool-sack to commemorate the fact that Abingdon School was refounded in 1563 by John Roysse, a mercer, or textile merchant. It is pleasant of the Borough to commemorate our association in this way. Perhaps some day when we make an honest man (heraldically) of the School we shall be able to repay the compliment by appropriately differencing the arms of John Roysse.

Noticed among the Headmaster's morning mail this term were letters addressed to the Headmistress, Roysse's School for Girls: "The J. M. Cobban"; and the Head Teacher, Abingdon E.S.N. School: also one addressed to _____, School House, Waste School, Abingdon.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of magazines from the following schools (to 31st March): City of Oxford: Henley: Magdalen College: Pocklington: Radley: Reading: St. Batholomew's, Newbury: St. Helen's: Solihull: Wallingford: Windsor: and also from Britannia R.N. College, Dartmouth; and R.N. Engineering College, Manadon.

Perhaps this is the place too to record that our unofficial contemporaries continue to flourish. 'Octopus,' a shade more serious with advancing years, is a 'must' for all Top People (and, apparently, for lots of others). 'Gryphon' strikes out a line of its own, as magazine rather than as newspaper. '1-X Times' has discovered a pair of genuine humorists in Grahamstein and Timbolonski. 'The Model Boat Club Magazine,' beautifully produced, caters for a rather more specialised public.

Photographs in this issue are by courtesy of Mr. Milligan, Photographer; Mr. J. Blagden; R. J. Redknap and T. S. Barrett.

As usual in the Lent term, an informal Boarders' Concert was held on the last evening. While there was this year no one outstanding performer, no one item that will stick in the memory, the general level of the show was remarkably consistent. It was clear that the Head of the School had used his pruning-knife quite ruthlessly beforehand, which is just as it should be. The result was an entertainment that was very funny in parts, and was throughout presented competently and smartly.

That is our opinion. But we have practised a little consumer-research, and invited two middle-school boys to give us their candid opinion of the show, and here it is. In fairness to the Headmaster we ought perhaps to add that his 'co-operation' was unpremeditated—by him, at any rate. But he did go quietly up to the stage and was not carried there like some of the other involuntary collaborators.

"The Boarders' Concert this year surpassed its usual standard and a good atmosphere was created right from the start. The evening opened well with Moll's rendering of 'Pukka Sahib' with a helping hand from Martin and Shepard. Comfort and Martin then gave us a short and sweet recital on piano and banjo, faintly reminiscent of the 20's. One of the highlights of the show came third on the programme, a version of a typical study period among the senior officers of the school, presented by Corps, Utin, Morgan and Neilan, in which a promising new star, Medland, made his appearance. We shall mention two more items in the first half in particular; 'Toni' Howell's violin playing which was only surpassed by his playing of the guitar; and the high performance of the Semitones, inspired by Stockwell and A. P. H. Wood.

The second half was not quite as good as the first. Amongst the many items, the most outstanding were the Prefects' sketches of 'School life and all that', but we think that most of the credit ought to go to Leatham for his production of 'Removals.' Despite the Headmaster's co-operation in 'Beat the Clock,' we were frankly disappointed. After a few more turns the evening finished with a riotous sing-song with the Larkhill boys. The fact that all went away more than satisfied must be largely credited to the efficient organisation of Costley, without which the show might never have been a success.—R.S.C. and C.J.P."

THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SCHOOL

(A note by the Headmaster)

I write these words in a building that is faintly evocative of the days of the London blitz. As soon as the boys had gone the workmen broke down the walls in School and School House and we were able to explore the building that had grown up between them. Then they proceeded to take up the whole of the floor of the main entrance hall. I can reach my own room only by circuitous route or by unorthodox

means. It must have been a pleasant surprise for the Director of Education when he called on us yesterday to see Bursar and Headmaster leaping simultaneously from their respective windows to welcome him.

But it will all be very nice when it is completed. Meanwhile we must look forward to a term of some inconvenience. The entrance hall will of course be in use again, but the whole range of changing rooms in School House will be out of action and we in School House shall have to extemporise as best we can, encouraged by thoughts of the much more commodious and well-equipped accommodation we are going to enjoy in September. The one to carry the heaviest burden, I suspect, will be the School House Matron. It will be a stern test of her sangfroid to have boarders changing in the dormitories and workmen invading her domain.

The question of the siting of the next class-room extension is still under discussion. The point is that we must not use for this purpose land which ought to be earmarked now for projects of the (not too distant) future such as Assembly Hall or Tuckshop. We hope however, that we shall get this particular problem settled before the end of the school year so that we can then push straight ahead with the construction of the four class-rooms which we need so urgently.

Apart from major works, the repainting of the outside of the School is being completed this holiday, and the Strange Room (known to so many generations of Old Boys as the Chemistry Laboratory) is being redecorated. The Building Club has continued its good work, when weather permitted, throughout the term. The structure of the new fives court is now substantially complete, and it has been handed over to the builders for those finishing touches which no amateur in his senses would tackle. We are most grateful to all who have contributed so generously, in time and in money, to this project.

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More generally, I should like to add my own word of congratulations to Peter Ford who has picked up an 'Open' at Oxford at a stage in his career when such a feat is almost insolent. His success has redeemed what would otherwise have been, academically speaking, a dull year. I may add that we are at the moment giving much thought to the problem of raising the general standard of achievement in the School without on the one hand demanding too much from the average boy or on the other hand encouraging the brighter boy to specialise too narrowly. There is no reason why education in depth should not be combined with education in breadth—provided, of course, that the boy, whether boarder or dayboy, is prepared to throw himself wholeheartedly both into his work and his play, and to make the School the focal point of his life throughout the term.

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May I too add my own word of farewell to 'Bill' Bevir, of whose death we have just heard? I knew him only in his retirement, but it was not long before I shared in the affection that was felt for him by generations of Old Boys. Bill—it is significant that no one knew him as anything else—had devoted himself to the service of the School. His reward came when Old Boys crowded round him at Old Boys' Dinners or thronged his house afterwards. We salute him in his passing and we offer our deep sympathy to Germaine, most loyal of wives.

J.M.C.

THE QUATERCENTENARY APPEAL

Progress has naturally been less spectacular since our last report was written in January; but while the curve of the graph in the Entrance Hall has certainly been much less steep, it has continued to move in an upward direction.

That at any rate was the position until Budget Day, when the Chancellor announced that he was taking ninepence off the Income Tax. It is a curious quirk that what on the face of it appears to be an unmixed blessing should in fact be a serious blow to all those charities that use the covenant system. I can scarcely believe that the Chancellor intended to mulct the Fund to the extent of some £750; but that is the sum which we shall 'lose' over the years in repayment of income-tax on the annual contributions already covenanted. Two covenanters have already offered to make up the difference on their own subscriptions by an extra cash payment. We do hope that others will follow their example. Expert mathematicians inform me that for every net pound covenanted, an extra income of just over 2/- a year is needed to bridge the gap. If any covenanter therefore will send us a cheque for 15/- for each pound of his annual subscription, then this will cover the difference for the whole seven years. I hope too that any parent, Old Boy, or friend who has not hitherto responded to the Appeal will take this opportunity of doing so. It would be a pity if at this juncture the graph suddenly went into a short nose-dive.

Allowing for the revised rates of income-tax we find that the total sum 'covered' to date is just on £19,000. It is interesting to see how this is broken down between different groups—

Single donations	...	...	...	£3,500
Covenanted subscriptions (including estimated repayment of income-tax; £5,750)	...	...	...	£15,000
Other annual subscriptions	...	...	...	£450

The subscribers include 201 parents, 123 Old Boys, and 75 'friends of the School'—a generic title which covers Governors, Staff, and business firms, as well as 'plain friends.' To the two big contributions from business firms already recorded may now be added one of £350,

covenanted over seven years, from the Cowley Concrete Company. Many other business friends in Abingdon and the neighbourhood, many individuals, have contributed with proportionate generosity. To all we are deeply grateful.

Next term we shall be starting a 'follow-up' campaign. I should like us if possible to reach the half-way mark, and get £25,000 'covered', by Founder's Day of this year, the first anniversary of the formal launching of the Appeal. If we can do this, then I shall feel there is a reasonable chance of our reaching the full target figure in the next four years.

One ploy we are using at the moment is to put a 'sticker' on all the School bills, asking parents to round their cheques off to the nearest pound, or even five pounds, the balance being transferred to the Fund. I am encouraged to find that the great majority of the parents who pay their bills within a few days of receipt (curiously, a not inconsiderable number—they are better men than I am) have accepted this suggestion, even if they are already subscribing to the Fund in more orthodox ways. It all helps.

Finally, a special word of thanks to the indefatigable President of the Old Abingdonian Club, a busy man who is giving up a lot of his time to the job of seeing that the Old Boys play their part in responding to this Appeal.

J.M.C.

APPEAL FUND

Third list of subscribers: 1st January to 1st April, 1959.

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FOUNDER'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

Founder's Day this year will be celebrated on Saturday, 25th July. The provisional programme is as follows. It will be noted that we are starting the service in St. Helen's half-an-hour earlier than in the past so as to give us rather more room to turn round before the Prize-Giving.

- 11.0 a.m. Service in St. Helen's Church, Abingdon. Address by the Right Rev. G. F. Allen, M.A., Principal of Ripon Hall, formerly Bishop in Egypt, and Bishop-designate of Derby.
- 2.30 p.m. Distribution of Prizes in the Corn Exchange by A. D. C. Peterson, Esq., O.B.E., M.A., Director of the Oxford Department of Education.
- 4.15 p.m. The Headmaster and Mrs. Cobban will be 'At Home' at the School House to Parents, Old Boys and friends of the School (after which the School and the Grounds will be open for inspection and there will be displays of various School activities).
- 8.00 p.m. An Evening Entertainment in the Corn Exchange.

On Sunday, 26th July, the Chaplain will preach at Morning Service in the School Chapel (10 a.m.): and the Headmaster will preach at 6.30 p.m. at the Annual School Service in St. Nicolas' Church.

Invitations for 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 Mr. F. J. Sewry at the School.

There will be an additional performance of the Evening Entertainment at 7.30 p.m. on 24th July. Tickets for either performance can be obtained from Mr. Sewry, price 4/- and 2/6 (including programme). Parents who live locally are asked to come, if possible, on the Friday evening.

Old Boys' Day will be held this year on Saturday, 13th June. Details of the programme will be circulated later to all members of the O.A.

Club. Old Boys are also specially invited to attend Morning Service in the School Chapel on the following Sunday, 14th June; and subsequently to take coffee with the Headmaster and Mrs. Cobban in the garden of the School House.

VALETE ET SALVETE

Valete—left 19th December, 1958

Upper Sixth Form Arts: C. T. Denniford; J. A. Longworth; O. M. L. Rhys.

Form Sixth General: T. E. R. Evans (left 29th Nov.).

Form 5C: D. A. Beisly; R. W. Keep (left 10th Oct.).

Form 4C: W. E. Cox (left 26th Nov.).

Form 3A: A. R. Scott.

Salvete—came 16th January, 1959

Upper Sixth Form Arts: J. A. M. Carslaw (came 30th Jan.).

Form 3X: R. A. Warburton.

CHAPEL NOTES

The wanderings of Easter gave us this year the rare opportunity of celebrating Good Friday and Easter Day at School as a community.

Ash Wednesday was, of course, marked by an early celebration, and throughout Lent there were well-attended voluntary services at 6.0 p.m. each Thursday.

An early celebration was held each morning during Holy Week. On Good Friday this was replaced by Litany and Ante-communion (and it was pleasant to see the Chapel so well filled for this service). Later all boarders attended a special service of devotion for congregation and choir, 'The Cross of Christ,' at 10 a.m. This was arranged roughly on the lines of the Christmas Service of Lessons and Carols, readings alternating with singing, and it included four anthems. There was a voluntary service of meditation on the Passion at 2.30 p.m. and a shortened Evensong at 6.15 p.m., when the choir sang Vittoria's motet 'O my people.'

The Chapel was beautifully decorated for Easter Day when there were early celebrations at 7.30 and 8.15 a.m. The quality of a school's religion is not to be gauged by counting heads but it is worthy of record that the total number of communicants, 132, was far in excess of any previous figure. Morning Service included the Easter Anthems and the carol 'This joyful Eastertide.'

It should be added that on the Wednesday of Holy Week the Chora Society and the Orchestra joined with St. Helen's Church Choir and the Abingdon Musical Society to give a moving rendering of a part of Handel's 'Messiah' in St. Helen's Church. An appreciation follows these notes.

We should like to thank all those who in any way helped to make this such a profitable and enjoyable Easter; and especially the Chaplain, Mr. Sawbridge, and the Choir.

The Chaplain preached at the School Service held in St. Helen's Church on the first day of term, 16th January. The collection, which amounted (curiously) to the precise sum of £6, was given to the funds of the Church.

The contents of the alms box this term, £3 7s. 8d., were sent to St. Nicolas' Church. The retiring collection after the 'Messiah,' which came to £22 14s. 7d., was devoted to the fund established in memory of the late Vicar of Abingdon, whose recent death came as a blow to Town and to School.

Other collections for external causes this term have been as follows:

Sexagesima—Mission to Lepers	... ..	£10 1s. 0d.
Lent I—Student Christian Movement	... ..	£8 0s. 9d.
Lent III—British Council of Churches Refugee Appeal	... ..	£6 8s. 3d.
Lent IV—New Guinea Mission	... ..	£6 7s. 9d.
Palm Sunday—Royal School of Church Music	... ..	£7 10s. 6d.

In addition, the Lenten Savings Boxes distributed by the Chaplain enabled him to send a further cheque for £10 14s. 9d. to the Mission to Lepers; and the collections over the Easter weekend, amounting to £10 15s. 0d., which in accordance with pleasant custom were placed at the disposal of the Chaplain, have enabled him to present the Chapel with a set of cassocks of varying sizes. This means that the servers at Celebrations need no longer appear half-dressed, and we are indeed grateful to him.

We also acknowledge with deep gratitude several substantial gifts to the Chapel. Mr. and Mrs. Riggott have presented a solid silver chalice suitably inscribed in memory of their son Tony. A paten to match commemorates the parents of a member of the congregation. Another anonymous donor has given us two cruets, and to Mrs. A. W. T. Parks we owe a beautiful wafer-box. It is a great joy to us that we at last possess some silver worthy of the Chapel.

We congratulate C. J. Dean on being chosen as Head Chorister, for the third time in succession, for the R.S.C.M. M. A. Bisby and A. G. Fairlie also attended a course at Addington Palace during April.

We wish all good fortune to the recently founded St. Edmund's Society which we are sure will be a moving force in promoting the Christian Front in the School.

The opening of the Church Book Shop in Stert Street is a visible sign of the vigour of the Church in Abingdon. It carries a broad range of religious books, including paper-backs, and we commend it to all who want to learn a little more about their religion.

At a recent meeting of the Chapel Committee it was reported that the first two blocks of the Chapel were now equipped with new (and more substantial) kneelers, thanks to the generous gift of the collection at last year's Choir Festival at St. Helen's Church. It is hoped that the Chapel Furnishing Fund will be able to complete this particular project within the next two or three years. Then we shall be able to think of such further embellishments as a carpet down the aisle of the Chapel—an amenity which we have long desired.

The preacher at the School Service on 28th April will be the Rev. Leon Janes, M.A., R.N.V.R., Vicar of St. Barnabas', Oxford, and formerly curate-in-charge of St. Michael's, Abingdon. We are going to try to improve the singing and the responses at this Service by extracting members of the Choir from their forms and seating them in the Choir stalls (their proper place, after all). We hope that they will lead the congregation and not just relieve it of its responsibilities.

Other visiting preachers whom we look forward to hearing this term are as follows:

May 31st (Trinity I): Mr. B. H. C. Robinson, D.S.C., M.A., Headmaster of Witney Grammar School.

June 7th (Trinity II): Rev. Charles Stires, Ph.B., B.D., Rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, New York.

June 28th (Trinity V): Rev. Peter Symes, B.A., of St. Michael's Church, Abingdon.

July 5th (Trinity VI): Mr. E. R. Tucker, M.A., J.P., Headmaster of the Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe.

July 12th (Trinity VII): Mr. H. Loukes, M.A., Reader in Education in the University of Oxford.

On 3rd May, the first Sunday of term, the Chaplain will dedicate the new hymn-boards presented by his friends in memory of Rupert Sladden. We hope to welcome his parents to this service.

As we go to press we hear with great pleasure that the Rev. J. H. S. Dixon, M.A., Vicar of Huyton, has accepted the invitation of the Bishop of Oxford (patron of the joint livings) to become Vicar of Abingdon and Rector of St. Nicolas'. Mr. Dixon is no stranger to

Abingdon or the School (he twice came over to preach for us when he was Vicar of Kennington). We offer our own welcome to him and to Mrs. Dixon and we hope that his ministry in Abingdon will be long and fruitful.

Christening

On Sunday, 25th January, 1959, by the Chaplain, Jacqueline Vivienne and Gillian Yvonne, daughters of Gerald and Ann Smithson.

"THE MESSIAH"

We are indebted to Mr. W. G. Busbridge for the following comment upon the performance of Handel's "Messiah" on Wednesday evening, 25th March.

"The performance of Parts 2 and 3 of Handel's 'Messiah' in St. Helen's Church made a fitting Easter devotion and a worthy close for the term. The School Choral Society was reinforced for the occasion by a number of the members of the Abingdon and District Musical Society and of the choir of St. Helen's Church. The orchestra consisted, with the exception of five guest players, of school members and staff.

It was noticeable right from the start that the orchestra had been trained to follow the conductor's beat, and one never had the impression, which is far too common in performances of this work, that the pace was too hot for the players, and their facility in such difficult numbers as 'Why do the nations' was most commendable.

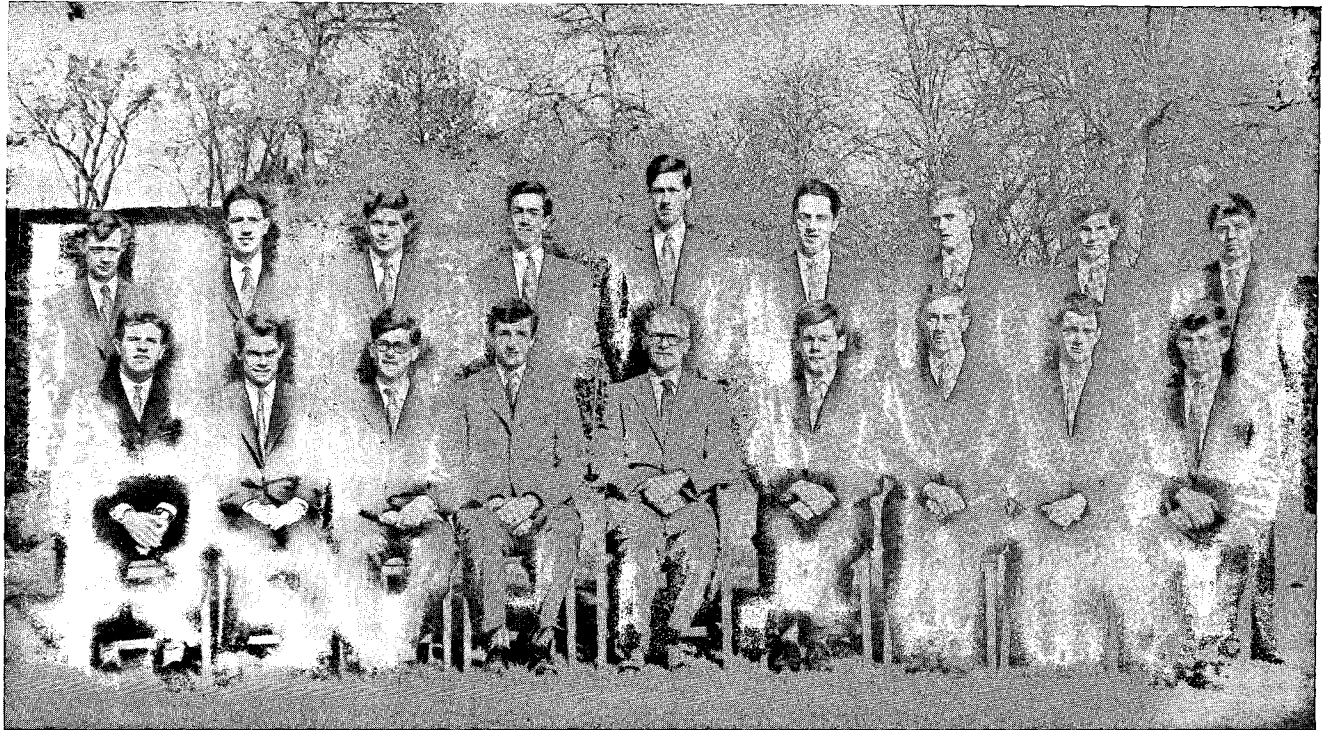
Mr. Sawbridge had his singers well under control, too, and apart from a few who, from sheer nervousness, entered a bar too soon in 'Behold the Lamb of God', the vigour and clarity of the leads, particularly those of trebles, was outstanding.

The alto parts were sung with great expression and decision by John Horrex. Whether a male counter-tenor has a suitable tone-colour for the alto solos is, perhaps, a debatable point. At the first performance of the 'Messiah' in Dublin on 13th April, 1742, Handel engaged the actress and singer Suzanna Cibber to sing the alto parts, and her performance excited tremendous admiration, and Handel gave the part to a female singer at all the performances which he conducted himself.

After Handel's death it became the custom to engage a male alto for the solos, and this practice lasted until the Handel Commemoration of 1859, when Miss Dolby started a tradition which has lasted to our own time.

No doubt the female voice was Handel's intention, but so many of his intentions, particularly in the orchestral accompaniment, have been obliterated by the hands of Hiller, Mozart and Ebenezer Prout, that only a purist could object to the use of a counter-tenor.

SCHOOL PREFECTS, LENT 1959



D. G. Morris, R. Dickenson, D. G. Darroch, P. E. Perry, D. E. Camplin, J. J. Day, C. D. Loukes, G. M. Crow, R. S. Green, D. S. Lees, J. A. Sheard, J. H. Thewlis, A. J. Costley, The Headmaster, A. J. Foden, C. J. Redknapp, D. H. Bragg, P. P. Wintle.

FIRST ELEVEN HOCKEY



D. M. Goodwin, Mr. T. R. Ward, G. M. Crow, T. I. Morgan, M. J. Neilan, P. J. Ford, P. D. Hossent, Mr. L. C. J. Griffin, J. R. Hurd,
J. T. Utin, R. J. Baldwin, D. G. Morris (Capt.), P. E. Perry D H Brass

Gerald Cooper sang the tenor with great competence, but the difficult acoustics of St. Helen's Church did not do justice to his voice, nor, indeed, to those of the other soloists, Judith Louis (soprano) and Frank Green (bass). With the last-minute availability of a trumpeter, the occasion was taken to add 'Behold, I tell you a mystery' and 'The trumpet shall sound', both of which were beautifully and dramatically sung by Mr. Green.

The performance was given before a closely packed congregation, and the proceeds of the collection were devoted to the fund in memory of the late Vicar of Abingdon, the Revd. Arthur Elgie Hayton, thus honouring another tradition established by Händel himself, who, when success burst upon him with 'Messiah' after years of poverty and misfortune, took no profit from it himself, but gave the proceeds of all the performances to help others."

W.G.B.

HOCKEY

This has been a season unfortunately marred by bad weather and illness. Despite these setbacks, however, the Eleven generally managed to produce a vigorous and often attractive brand of hockey.

The main strength lay in the defence where Camplin played well in goal and Perry and Bragg—both gaining their Colours—developed into a fine full-back combination. Crow and Morgan, too, at wing-half both improved steadily and were always hard working.

The attack was not so dependable. For the first two matches, and especially against Abingdon H.C., we produced what gave promise of being a solid and thrustful line. Unhappily, at this stage, Baldwin went down with 'flu' when at his forceful best and he never returned. Consequently, from this point onwards the forward line was a continuous experiment—Hossent in particular finding himself tried out in every forward position. The chief problem lay in making the inside-forwards play both in attack and defence. All too frequently, they would work extremely hard in defence and in marking their opposite numbers, but would then fail to move up in counter-attack. However, to their credit this was improved and, against Sandhurst, Utin at last emerged in the truly scintillating form that he had always promised but seldom produced. Neilan, too, showed what a force he could be next season.

All in all, a moderate season as regards results, but nevertheless an encouraging one with a young side—all the forwards except Utin will be here next year. By then, Hurd and Goodwin should have developed whilst Hossent and Ford should have added more finesse to their present thrust.

Finally, I would add my thanks to Mr. Griffin, Mr. Hillary and Mr. Ward for their help and encouragement and to all who played in the Eleven for their friendly spirit and keenness. That is why we enjoyed our hockey!

The final arrangement of the 1st Eleven was: Camplin; Bragg, Perry; Morgan, Morris (Capt.), Crow; Hurd, Utin, Ford, Neilan, Hossent.

The following have also played: Baldwin and Cross (4 times), Goodwin (3 times), Marchbanks, Martin, Hamilton and Graham (once each).

D.G.M.

Much of the credit for the enjoyment of the hockey this season is due to the Captain himself. By his quiet, calm leadership on the field and off and the example of his own thoughtful and skilful play at centre half, he was an inspiration to the rest of the team.

L.C.J.G.

FIRST ELEVEN MATCHES

v. King Alfred's School, Wantage (h). Wed., 28th January. Won 2—0.

This game was played after the School had had only two practice games because of bad weather, and the Wantage side had not played at all. The ground was frozen to such an extent that keeping a foothold was extremely difficult. The School immediately began to attack and dominated the play for the first 15 minutes during which several chances were missed, owing to the poor finishing of the forwards. Half way through the first half Utin, having beaten five Wantage defenders, scored the first goal for the School. In the second half Morris, playing at centre half, put a pass across the back of the circle from which Cross scored. This game, which was promising from the School's point of view, ended without further score.

v. St. Edward's School "A" XI (h). Sat., 7th February. Lost 0—4.

St. Edward's were the faster and more experienced side and began pressing from the start and were unlucky not to score on several occasions. At half-time the score was 2—0 and our forwards, on the rare occasions when they visited the St. Edward's circle, never really looked dangerous. In the second half St. Edward's added two more goals, but the School played better in this half, and with better finishing might have scored. In this game the School were weakened by the absence of their regular full-backs, Perry and Bragg, but their substitutes played well considering their lack of experience. Morris played an excellent game at centre-half and the other halves also played well. Camplin did good work in goal and but for him the score might well have been twice as high.

v. The Staff (h). Wed., 11th February. Won. 2—0.

In a game played in poor conditions, the School defence were the heroes, being kept busy for the greater part of the game by the Staff forwards. The School opened the scoring with a good goal by Neilan. In the second half the School pressed straight away and were unlucky

not to score from the bully-off. A few minutes later, after a high clearance by the goalkeeper, which the Staff backs failed to get away, Baldwin scored the second goal. Thenceforward, the Staff pressed hard and on several occasions were very unlucky not to score, but the School defence held on until the end.

v. Abingdon Hockey Club (h). Sat., 14th February. Won 2—1.

On a firm, hard ground, the School played a good fast game and deserved their victory. The Town opened the scoring with a clever goal by their inside left who beat several defenders. The School then began to attack fiercely, and it was not long before Baldwin equalised. After half-time the Town pressed, but the School defence played excellently and the forwards soon reasserted their hold on the game and after some good following up scored the deciding goal.

v. Solihull School (a). Sat., 21st February. Lost 1—3.

In a fast and comparatively open game on a perfect pitch, the School were well beaten, and missed the services of Baldwin at centre-forward. Utin opened the scoring with a high shot from just inside the circle, but Solihull soon equalised with a hard flick shot from their inside-right. Just before half-time, they scored again from a perfectly-taken short corner. The second half saw heavy pressure from the Solihull forwards, and despite the competence of the School defence, one more goal was added; also from a short corner. Thus the game ended with heavy Solihull pressure on the School goal, stretching the defence to its limits.

v. University College, Oxford (h). Wed., 25th February. Lost 0—5.

Against a side which included the Oxford University left wing and six Occasionals, of whom several had represented the University more than once, the School defence did well to keep the score against them down to five goals. The School forwards were never dangerous, largely because the insides hardly ever came up in attack. This gave the opposing defence much more scope in their attacking, since there were two fewer forwards to mark than usual, with the result that the ball was smartly returned to our own half of the field every time our defence got it away. The score at half-time was 1—0, owing to the College finding it difficult to settle down on a pitch which was not playing true. In the second half, however, their forwards combined effectively and added 4 more goals. Perry and Bragg played very well at full back and Camplin played well in goal.

v. Old Abingdonians (h). Sat., 28th February. Won 1—0.

Against a weak team, several of whose better players were obviously out of practice, the School just managed to scrape home by the odd goal. The whole team seemed to suffer from lethargy and there was little constructive play. Even so the forwards missed at least eight fairly easy chances of adding to the score. The one bright thing about the game was the promising play of Goodwin on the right wing. Otherwise a game best forgotten.

v. Hockey Association (h). Wed., 4th March. Lost 1—3.

As the 1st Eleven pitch was unfit, this game was played on the second pitch and conditions were far from good. Nevertheless, this was an enjoyable game, and one in which the School played well against much more experienced opponents. If the forwards had been a little more enterprising and taken the chances they had more quickly, we might well have drawn, or even won the match. The opposing defence,

though skilful, was rather slow, so that quicker movements on the part of our forwards could have penetrated more often. The School defence played a fairly sound game, though inclined to clear wildly on occasions, without looking for the unmarked man. The School goal came in the second half, scored by Perry following a short corner.

v. Wallingford Grammar School (a). Sat., 7th March. Lost 0—4.

The conditions for this game were quite appalling, the ground being very wet and muddy. The School, however, cannot blame its defeat on the conditions. Wallingford were a much faster side with a much more decisive forward line. They hit quicker and more cleanly and they were quicker on the ball. On the School side, there was far too much fiddling, indecisive play, when quick and accurate passing was what the conditions demanded. There was also too much unnecessary taking of the ball on the left, and general uncertainty about what to do with it when in possession. The basic fault, however, was slowness, both of movement and of thought.

v. Old College, Sandhurst (a). Sat., 14th March. Won 5—2.

The School deservedly won a rather scrappy game at Sandhurst largely due to the individual play at inside-left of Utin, who scored four of the goals and was mainly responsible for the fifth. The forwards as a whole played better than they had for some time, and were much more forceful. Utin opened the scoring with a good, hard shot from the left after about ten minutes' play, of which Sandhurst had the advantage. About ten minutes later he scored again from the same position. Sandhurst replied almost immediately with a goal following a short corner. Almost immediately after half-time Utin dribbled through most of the opposing defence but could not get in his shot; the ball went loose and Hurd banged it in. Sandhurst scored again soon afterwards from a fine individual effort by their inside-left, but the School raided the enemy circle again and two more goals were added.

SECOND ELEVEN

The final arrangement of the team was: Moll; Yarkoff (Capt), Martin; Marchbanks, Taylor, J. D., Bruce; Johnson, C. T., Warburton, Robey, Graham, Cook.

Also played: Goodwin and Hamilton (twice), Hossent, Hurd, Neilan (once each).

Results

v. Radley College 3rd XI (a).	Won 3—0
v. Solihull School (a).	Lost 1—3
v. Dettingent Coy., Sandhurst (a).	Won 3—1

House Matches

Blacknall v. Tesdale	1—0
Reeves v. Bennett	2—1
Final: Reeves v. Blacknall	2—1

R.J.B.

ATHLETICS

In spite of the weather, which restricted training in mid-term, this has been our most successful Athletic season since the war. Once more the value of Cross Country running to the middle-distance men has been shown—the improvement in our miling standard has been the outstanding feature of the season.

The Senior team has been unbeaten but the Juniors lost to Bloxham because of an extremely careless piece of relay running. Luckily the Seniors won their match by a sufficient margin to give us an over-all victory.

This year, for the first time, separate Inter-House Competitions were held for the Standards and Sports Day. The Standard Competition was run by Senior boys who were not athletes, and we do thank them for carrying out a difficult and tedious task so efficiently. The Competition was won easily by Tesdale House, who scored 301 points. Second was Bennett House (244 points), third Reeves (225 points) and last Blacknall with 198 points.

This year, too, we were unable to send a team to the Midland Public Schools' Meeting owing to a clash of dates with our first Sports Day. This was particularly unfortunate in view of our strength this season at middle-distance events, and we hope for better luck next year.

A word of thanks must go to Mr. Smithson and his staff for the way the War Memorial Field was marked out. It was superbly looked after and proved a very fast track. Further we must thank him for his work on the Long Jump run-up and High Jump fan. Their notorious looseness had almost been corrected by the end of term and competitors in future will doubtless reap the rewards.

During the term Full Colours were awarded to: K. R. Duly; G. G. Ganf; J. M. Milne and J. A. Sheard. Half-Colours were awarded to: M. P. Cross; P. R. Davis and R. B. B. Houghton.

MATCHES

v. City of Oxford School (h). Wed., 11th March.

The season opened with a Senior and Junior fixture against C.O.S. Performances on the whole were mediocre, though Harvey gave some hint of what was to come with a 4 min. 52 sec. mile in pouring rain. Houghton jumped extremely well to set up a new match record in the Senior High Jump.

Senior Match

100 yards: 1—Ganf, 11.6; 2—Jarman (O); 3—Houliston (O).
 220 yards: 1—Ganf, 25.6; 2—Jarman (O); 3—Houliston (O).
 440 yards: 1—Cross, 57.2; 2—Davis; 3—Williams (O).
 880 yards: 1—Eke, 2-10.5; 2—Moore (O); 3—Sheard.
 Mile: 1—Harvey, 4-52.0; 2—Duly; 3—Carslaw.

- Shot:** 1—Darroch, 45' 4" [Match Record]; 2—Ford; 3—Downing
Discus: 1—Darroch 104' 2"; 2—Eke; 3—Downing (O). (O).
Javelin: 1—Milne, 120' 2"; 2—Ford; 3—Strongetharn (O).
High Jump: 1—Houghton, 5' 3½"; [Match Record]; 2—Milne; 3—Coleman (O).
Long Jump: 1—Milne, 17' 10"; 2—Jarman (O); 3—Tuck.
Relay: Cancelled.

Junior Match

- 100 yards:** 1—Talbot, 11.8; 2—Smith; 3—Birks (O).
400 yards: 1—Smith, 60.5; 2—Burke (O); 3—Walcroft (O).
880 yards: 1—Luker, 2-23.4; 2—Matson; 3—Miles (O).
Shot: 1—Rosevear, 35' 7"; 2—Talbot; 3—Jarvis (O).
Discus: 1—Jarvis (O), 123' 8"; 2—Davis 116' 0" [School Record]; 3—Talbot.
High Jump: 1—Buller (O), 4' 8"; 2—Hoare (O); 3—Hall (T. I.).
Long Jump: 1—Stuart-Lyon 16' 5"; 2—Weaver (O); 3—Marsh.
Relay: Cancelled.

Abingdon—111 points; C.O.S.—42 points.

v. Bloxham School (h). Thurs., 19th March.

Performances in this match taken as a whole were extremely good. High-light of the meeting was the Senior Mile in which all three School competitors broke the School Record of 4 min. 49 secs. The Quarter-Mile produced a magnificent race in which Mence (B), just beat Eke (53.8 secs.) and Cross (54.0 secs.). It was a very great pity that an ankle injury, which had been troubling him all term, made this Eke's last race of the season.

Senior Event

- 100 yards:** 1—Ganf, 11.0; 2—Davis; 3—Brady (B).
440 yards: 1—Mence (B), 53.6 [Match Record]; 2—Eke; 3—Cross.
880 yards: 1—Mence (B), 2-09.2; 2—Harvey; 3—Langton (B).
Mile: 1—Harvey, 4-41.8 [Match and School Record]; 2—Sheard; 3—Duly.
Shot: 1—Darroch, 45' 3" [Match Record]; 2—Corringe-Smith (B); 3—Braithwaite (B).
Discus: 1—Tarratt (B), 104' 6" [Match Record]; 2—Wells (B); 3—Darroch.
Javelin: 1—Milne 147' 0" [Match Record]; 2—Knight (B); 3—Risk (B).
High Jump: 1—Beaty (B), 5' 4½" [Match Record]; 2—Simpson (B).
Long Jump: 1—Milne, 18' 4"; 2—Simpson (B); 3—Brady (B).
Relay: 1—Abingdon, 48.0; 2—Bloxham.
 [440x]

Junior Events

- 100 yards:** 1—Talbot, 11.6; 2—Smith; 3—Keane (B).
440 yards: 1—Smith, 58.8; 2—Hartup (B); 3—Talbot.
880 yards: 1—Luker, 2-14.2; 2—Braithwaite (B); 3—Matson.
Shot: 1—Scott (B), 36' 5½"; 2—Talbot; 3—Rosevear.
Discus: 1—Talbot, 138' 6" [School Record]; 2—Davis; 3—Langton
High Jump: 1—Scott (B) and Dady (B), 4' 8½"; 3—Hall. (B).
Long Jump: 1—Scott (B), 17' 5½"; 2—Keane (B); 3—Davis.
Relay: 1—Bloxham; Abingdon disqualified.
 [440x]

Abingdon—81 points; Bloxham—77 points.

v. Old Abingdonians (h). Sat., 21st March.

The O.A. team this year was perhaps not as strong as it has been in the past, and the School recorded an easy victory. R. W. Harvey caused the biggest surprise of the afternoon by defeating Pat Sale in the Half-Mile, and in doing so, setting up a new School Record. In the Mile Sale won in a splendid new Meeting Record time of 4 min. 39.5 sec. J. A. Sheard, who was placed second, was undoubtedly inside the School Mile record, and was probably close to 4 min. 40 sec. Unfortunately he was not timed.

- 100 yards: 1—G. G. Ganf, 10.7; 2—N. A. C. Darroch (OA); 3—P. R. Davis.
 440 yards: 1—M. P. Cross, 54.8; 2—D. J. Heavens (OA); 3—P. R. Davis.
 880 yards: 1—R. W. Harvey, 2-06.2 [School Record]; 2—P. R. Sale (OA); 3—R. C. Luker.
 Mile: 1—P. R. Sale (OA), 4-39.5 [Meeting Record]; 2—J. A. Sheard; 3—K. R. Duly.
 Shot: 1—N. A. C. Darroch (OA), 49' 3"; 2—D. G. Darroch; 3—R. G. Wooldridge.
 Discus: 1—N. A. C. Darroch (OA), 121' 10"; 2—D. G. Darroch; 3—G. Forbes Wastie (OA).
 Javelin: 1—P. J. Ford, 142' 0"; 2—J. M. Milne; 3—N. A. C. Darroch.
 High Jump: 1—C. Young (OA), 5' 3"; 2—R. B. B. Houghton; 3—J. M. Milne.
 Long Jump: 1—J. M. Milne, 18' 1"; 2—A. W. Thistlewood (OA); 3—M. D. Tuck.
 Relay: 1—School, 2-30.7 [Match Record]; 2—Old Abingdonians. [6 x 220]

School—55 points; Old Abingdonian Club—34 points.

v. Radley College "B" (a). Sat., 28th March.

Other commitments forced Radley to field a "B" team against the School—they had a match with St. Edwards on the same day. The match was held at Radley and a slow track and strong cross-winds did not make for good performances. The most thrilling of the races was the Senior Relay in which Radley's fine baton changing almost outweighed the School runners' superior sprinting ability.

- 100 yards: 1—Ganf, 10.9; 2—Stanger (R); 3—Sellar (R).
 220 yards: 1—Ganf, 25.9; 2—Sellar (R); 3—Davis.
 440 yards: 1—Cross, 56.3; 2—Davis; 3—Curtis (R).
 880 yards: 1—Harvey, 2-11.0; 2—Russell (R); 3—Luker.
 Mile: 1—Harvey, 4-58.0; 2—Duly; 3—Sheard.
 Shot: 1—Darroch, 44' 6½"; 2—Mackeown (R); 3—Wooldridge.
 Discus: 1—Bateman (R), 130' 1" 2—Darroch; 3—Elliot (R).
 Javelin: 1—Stokes (R), 153' 6"; 2—Mackeown (R); 3—Ford.
 High Jump: 1—Boase (R), 5' 0½"; 2—Houghton; 3—Milne.
 Long Jump: 1—Boase (R), 19' 1"; 2—Milne; 3—Stanger (R).
 Relay: 1—Abingdon, 48.6; 2—Radley, 48.6. [440*]

Abingdon—56 points; Radley "B"—35 points.

THE SCHOOL SPORTS

This year, for the first time, the new House running vests made their appearance at the Sports. They added considerably to the gaiety of the scene and were a great help to identification. It was a pity that the weather did not enhance the holiday mood of Easter Monday—the second and main day of the meeting. In spite of its uncertainty, however, a very large crowd watched the Sports. It was particularly pleasing to see so many Old Boys amongst the spectators.

For the fourth year running Tesdale House won the Ladies of Abingdon Challenge Cup. There are signs however that the other houses are beginning to close the gap—Tesdale's total this year was a little down on that of 1958.

The outstanding junior athlete of the Sports was J. M. Talbot, who in winning the Shallard Cup for the Junior Victor Ludorum with a maximum 25 points broke one School Record and equalled two others. G. G. Ganf again shared the Senior trophy, this year with D. G. Darroch, both of them scoring 14 points.

The weather cleared as the Sports ended and the Challenge Cups and Certificates were presented by Mrs. Holloway from the Pavilion beneath a blue sky, with the sun bringing a welcome touch of brightness to the closing ceremony.

Results

- 100 yards [U/12]: 1—Marsh, S. A., 14.1; 2—Topham; 3—Broughton.
 100 yards [U/13]: 1—Johnson, A. E., 13.0; 2—Ray; 3—Avery.
 100 yards [U/14]: 1—Blair, 12.2; 2—Marsh, V. A.; 3—Matson, I. W.
 100 yards [U/15]: 1—Talbot, 11.3 (Equals Record); 2—Marsh, T. A.;
 3—Hall, G. A.
 100 yards [Open]: 1—Ganf, 10.8; 2—Davis, P. R.; 3—Ford, P. J.
 220 yards [U/12]: 1—Marsh, S. A., 32.3 (Record); 2—Louth, M. R.;
 3—Roblin.
 220 yards [U/13]: 1—Johnson, A. E., 30.5 (Record); 2—James; 3—
 Fairlie, A. G.
 220 yards [U/14]: 1—Joseph, 28.2; 2—Blair; 3—Marsh, V. A.
 220 yards [U/15]: 1—Talbot, 26.1 (Equals Record); 2—Marsh, T. A.;
 3—Hall, G. A.
 220 yards [Open]: 1—Ganf, 24.9; 2—Davis, P. R.; 3—Cross.
 440 yards [U/13]: 1—Barrett, A. T.; 68.4 (Record); 2—Johnson, A.
 E.; 3—Moore.
 440 yards [U/14]: 1—Marsh, V. A., 63.6 (Record); 2—Matson, I. W.
 D.; 3—Rozier.
 440 yards [U/15]: 1—Talbot, 60.6; 2—Hall, G. A.; 3—Ford, M. S.
 440 yards [Open]: 1—Cross, 55.1; 2—Davis, P. R.; 3—Luker.
 880 yards [U/14]: 1—Marsh, V. A., 2-38.8; 2—Rozier; 3—Evans, R.
 J. M.
 880 yards [U/15]: 1—Crumly, 2-31.2; 2—Gresswell, C. T.; 3—Willey,
 M. E. F.
 880 yards [Open]: 1—Harvey, 2-07.6; 2—Duly; 3—Cross.

- Mile [U/15]:** 1—Gresswell, C. T., 5-35.6; 2—Crumly; 3—Kirby, R. M.
- Mile [Open]:** 1—Harvey, 4-43.1; 2—Duly; 3—Sheard.
- Shot [U/15]:** 1—Talbot, 38' 6" (Record); 2—Marsh, T. A.; 3—Ford, M. S.
- Shot [U/16]:** 1—Rosevear, 35' 8½"; 2—Winfield; 3—Davis, C. M.
- Shot [Open]:** 1—Darroch, 44' 1"; 2—Wooldridge; 3—Ford, P. J.
- Discus [U/15]:** 1—Talbot, 119' 11"; 2—Ford, M. S.; 3—Evans, M. J.
- Discus [U/16]:** 1—Evans, M. J., 103' 11"; 2—Nelson; 3—Ford, M. S.
- Discus [Open]:** 1—Darroch, 110' 4½"; 2—Ganf; 3—Eke.
- Javelin [U/16]:** 1—Evans, M. J., 106' 2"; 2—Matson, A. G. D.; 3—Nelson.
- Javelin [Open]:** 1—Ford, P. J., 136' 1"; 2—Milne; 3—Utin.
- High Jump [U/13]:** 1—Barrett, A. T., 4' 3" (Record); 2—Johnson, A. E.; 3—Bowthorpe.
- High Jump [U/14]:** 1—Blair, 4' 4¾"; (Record) 2—Barrett, A. T.; 3—Rozier.
- High Jump [U/15]:** 1—Cable, 4' 6¾"; 2—Hall, G. A.; 3—Blair.
- High Jump [Open]:** 1—Louth, G. D., 5' 1"; 2—Milne; 3—Neilan.
- Long Jump [U/14]:** 1—Cheary, 14' 3½" (Record); 2—Marsh, V. A.; 3—Rozier.
- Long Jump [U/15]:** 1—Hall, G. A., 17' 0"; 2—Ford, M. S.; 3—Marsh, T. A.
- Long Jump [Open]:** 1—Milne, 18' 5"; 2—Darroch; 3—Davis, P. R.
- Junior Relay (8 x 220 yards):**
1—Reeves; 2—Tesdale; 3—Bennett.
- Senior Relay (8 x 220 yards):**
1—Tesdale; 2—Reeves; 3—Blacknall.
Niether time taken by Recorder.
- Medley Relay (880; 440; 220; 220 yards):**
1—Tesdale; 2—Reeves; 3—Blacknall, 3-59.3.
- Inter-House Competition:**
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| 1—Tesdale | 189 points |
| 2—Reeves | 109 points |
| 3—Bennett | 91 points |
| 4—Blacknall | 48 points |

G.D.D.

CROSS COUNTRY

This has been another successful and memorable term for Cross Country, in spite of the fact that 'flu and injuries prevented us from ever fielding our strongest team.

As last year the match against Radley (A) was run in moderately thick fog which was disconcerting for runners and spectators alike. Eke and Harvey ran in 1st and 2nd after a keen tussle with Carter-Shaw, the Radley Captain, and we had strong hopes of victory when Sheard and Duly took 5th and 6th places, but our opponents packed strongly and managed to level the final scores when one of their runners just held off a late challenge by Libby. (Our other scorers were Jones-12, Libby 15).

The Berkshire Youths' Championships at Pangbourne coincided with our 'flu epidemic, and only Eke, who finished a very creditable 3rd, did himself justice in our sadly depleted team.

There followed an easy victory against Culham College over the Sunningwell course (29—51) when we had five out of the first six runners home. A few hundred yards from the finish, Eke injured his ankle but still managed to hold on to his lead to win fairly easily. His injury, though, was a sad blow and prevented him from doing any serious running for the rest of the season. (Scorers: Eke 1, Harvey 3, Duly 4, Sheard 5, Bett 6, Matson 10).

At Reading School we had a runaway win by 26 points to 58, all our eight runners finishing in the first eleven home. (Scorers: Duly 1, Harvey 2, Carslaw 3, Bett 5, Jones 6, Sheard 9).

It was a pity that examinations prevented Exeter and the Queen's Colleges from sending down their strongest teams for a triangular match as our runners, in fine fettle and revelling in the heavy going, beat their elders most convincingly. Queen's had the individual winner in Day who trailed Harvey round two-thirds of the course and then piled on the pressure over the flatter fields to win by about 100 yards. (Scorers: Harvey 2, Duly 4, Sheard 5, Jones 6, Carslaw 7, Bett 8).

On 14th March we had two fixtures; our "A" team competing in the Culham Road Relay, and an "Under 17" team in the Berkshire Schools' Cross Country Championships at Wantage. In the Relay, after an extremely fast first lap, the School were lying sixth, but urged on by a large crowd of supporters, we gradually worked our way up through the field to finish second, out of 11 teams, behind Swindon A.C. Our time of 44 min. 56 secs. for the 4 x 2½ mile course was faster than the winning time last year. (Team: Duly, Jones, Sheard, Harvey). Our "Under 17" team, although without Duly, ran creditably, finishing 4th out of 8 teams, only 14 points behind the winners. (Scorers: Libby 7, Bett 12, Matson 14, Riddick 30).

The club would like to extend their grateful thanks to all those who have helped them in any way this year—especially to those boys who have acted as markers and officials in home matches, and to those members of the Staff who have been so generous in lending their cars to transport us to and from the start.

The following have represented the club this term: Duly (6 times); Harvey, Matson, Sheard (5 times); Jones, G. W., Libby (4 times); Eke, Riddick (3 times); Bretscher, Carslaw, Luker (twice); Stuart-Lyon once). Jones, G. W. was awarded his Half-Colours for athletics.

R.H.B.

RUGBY FOOTBALL

Despite discouraging conditions—too much rain, unfit grounds and considerable illness—both Junior teams played quite well when they had the opportunity to do so. Two matches only were played at 'Under 15' level. We lost to Solihull but showed improvement on the Michaelmas Term's game against the same opponents whilst in beating Stoneham, the side was at its best. Weaknesses there were, especially in defensive covering and tackling, but also much that promises well—a good attacking pack, fast moving wings and a useful full-back among other things.

In the 'Under 14' side, Redgrave once again proved a most able captain and many other players improved in form, whilst all showed great spirit. The team played particularly well in the second half of the match against Headington Sec. School, almost defeating a good team which had dominated the game in the opening stages.

Results of matches were:

v. Stoneham School Under 15 (h).	Won 23—3
v. Solihull School Under 15 (h).	Lost 6—15
v. Solihull School Under 14 (h).	Lost 6—23
v. Hemley Grammar School Under 14 (h).	Won 49—0
v. Headington Sec. School Under 14 (h).	Lost 3—6

JUNIOR HOUSE MATCHES

The knock-out competition for the Bayley Cup was played off with great keenness if not always with the skill we have come to expect in these games. Nonetheless there was little that can be really criticised about the Bennett House side—in defeating Reeves 9—3 in the preliminary round and subsequently winning the final against Tesdale 14—6, they did their best to play rugger: the ball was kept moving behind the scrum and the forward battle, so characteristic of house matches, was avoided. In the other preliminary round, Tesdale had beaten Blacknall 15—0 in a mediocre game.

'UNDER 13' LEAGUE

Illness and postponements due to unfit pitches played havoc with the League time table and the number of matches had to be cut by half. It was possible, however, to play sufficient games to reach a fair decision and the Candy Cup was awarded to Reeves House, who gained 6 points as a result of three good victories over Bennett (6—5), Reeves (15—6) and Blacknall (17—3). Tesdale House, who on two occasions must have fielded the youngest ever House teams, were runners up with 4 points, having defeated Blacknall (11—10) and Bennett (3—0). Bennett House with one win over Blacknall (27—11) took third place with 2 points.

D.O.W.

ROWING

Extensive flooding, 'flu and fog provided the main opposition for the Boat Club this term, and indeed it was five weeks before the two eights were able to approximate to the final order and start serious training. Our tentative arrangement of a fixture with Bedford Modern School had to be abandoned, and it was decided to send only the 1st VIII to the Reading University Head of the River Race on 14th March.

In this event we started 23rd and finished 30th, equal with Westminster School in 15 mins. 58 secs. Times were faster than last year and we were nearly a minute faster than in 1958. We retained our 3rd position in the placing for the Bourne Cup for Public Schools. The winners were St. Edward's School, 15 mins. 30 secs., and second Magdalen College School, 15 mins. 55 secs. All things considered this was very satisfactory, particularly as the number of School entries had increased this year. The Isis crew retained the Headship in 14 mins. 55 secs.

1st VIII: Bow—C. D. Loukes; 2—T. A. Sewry; 3—P. P. Wintle; 4—B. D. Gibbs; 5—A. J. Costley (Capt.); 7—N. G. Mackenzie; Stroke—R. L. Antrobus; Cox—D. F. K. Smith.

Half Colours were awarded to C. D. Loukes who unfortunately leaves us this term.

Towards the end of term a 3rd VIII was formed. It would be possible for us to produce a 4th VIII, but all efforts to buy another shell boat have so far failed.

Our thanks are due to those O.A.'s who as always have helped us with their moral and practical support this term. It was good to see six Old Boys rowing at Reading. And finally we send best wishes to R. R. Bailey who was unable to row in the 1st VIII this term owing to illness.

R.G.M.

MINOR GAMES

Activity has been greatest during the Lent Term amongst those playing Fives, and although tennis trials have been held and a certain amount of senior practice done, the weather has restricted the use of the tennis courts. Fives has indeed very definitely come into its own and we are grateful to Mr. Vallance for the following report:

"Next season our new court will be in use and this year we have been reasonably successful in improving our standards so that we shall make good use of it. During the term, the seniors (Yarkoff, Kirby, Utin and Martin) played their first match—against the Common Room. It was very exciting and ended in a draw, 95 points all! The

play of Mr. Ward was outstanding for the Common Room (we are grateful for his help this term) while Yarkoff and Kirby made a good pair for the School, though they tend to be weak down the left hand wall.

The junior team is now 'Under 15' and had a successful season. We first played two pairs against Bloxham (away) and won a narrow victory (105—98), the match being very even throughout and a second pair excelling themselves. We then played Radley on their own courts, which we had gratefully borrowed so regularly for practice. On this occasion, an 'Under 14' pair also played and, being much too strong for their opponents, enabled us to win. Veysey and Marsh played well in this match and it was very pleasing to see them defeat the Radley first pair. The score was 155—129. The team was: 1st pair—Veysey (Capt.) and Marsh; 2nd pair—Rosevear and Fairlie, J.; 'Under 14' pair—Bailey, G. J. and Ford, C. C.

In the Junior Cup contest, a strong Bennett team beat Tesdale in the final; and G. J. Bailey won the Junior (U/14) Singles Cup, defeating Barrett, A. T., and was also top of the Junior ladder.

Finally, a word of thanks to the Fives Club at Radley. We hope to stand on our own court in future, but without the very generous loan of their courts this Lent term, progress would have been impossible."

D.H.B.

COMBINED CADET FORCE

The term has been noteworthy in two ways: a start has been made with the new C.C.F. hut at the bottom of Lacies Court garden; and for the first time we have enjoyed regular assistance with training, of the N.C.O.'s cadre largely, from an Old Boy, Lieut. D. J. Heavens, R. Berks.

Field Day was held in an otherwise uneventful term, in fine weather in mid-March. The size of the Corps and the patrolling requirements of the new Cert. A. syllabus make it desirable for 'operations' to be broken down and spread over several areas. This was again done with some success. The R.E. Section visited the School of Military Survey, the R.A. and Signals Sections combined to run (literally so, one hears, on the communications side!) a Command exercise. For Part 2 candidates and the N.C.O.'s Cadre, a patrolling exercise was arranged in which Lt. Heavens displayed much disruptive energy in command of a 'rover' patrol, bent on interference. Practical map reading, fieldcraft and section 'drills' were included in C. Coy's exercise on Wantage Downs, while D. Coy, on Shotover, practised more elementary things competitively.

The Field Day next term will again for Cert. A Candidates consist of a revision 'circus'. We hope that results, despite changes of syllabus and instructors, will be at least as good as those of recent years.

S.C.P.

ROYAL NAVAL SECTION

A term of little outstanding interest, in which most of the time was spent in working towards Proficiency Tests, and much more time than usual was given to signals in an attempt to get people through the test. If it did no more than emphasise the need for constant practice in order to reach the desired standard, it was not entirely wasted.

None of the candidates passed the written part of the Proficiency Test, a fact which we record with some displeasure, especially as the standard demanded is not very high and should be within the compass of every member of the section, if he is keen enough to supplement instruction with a little spare time work. All the candidates for the A.B.'s exam. passed.

Field Day was spent at Portsmouth to the surprise of some of the senior members of the Section, where we were the guests of H.M.S. Vernon, and spent an interesting day.

We have lost our two Senior hands this term, P.O. Camplin and Leading Seaman Loukes, both of whom are going to Dartmouth next term. Each of them has done the Section real service during the time he has been a member of it, and we shall miss them both. At the same time we wish them luck and success in their Service careers.

L.C.J.G.

SCOUTS

34th North Berks

Two new members this term were invested, bringing our numbers up to twenty-six, one less than at the annual census in April last year. Attendances at Monday meetings have been good but the weather prevented any further work on the tents, at least two of which still require reproofing before our Summer Camp—this will have to be tackled next term.

We have been much helped during the term by one of the Oxford student-masters, Mr. Malcolm Wright, who was always ready with a new game to fill in between activities. We are all happy to know that he hopes to visit us regularly during the Summer Term as well.

Field Day was held at Cothill, and we were very fortunate with the weather; during the afternoon Mr. Williams looked in on our activities. Camp this year we hope to hold during the first ten days of August, in the neighbourhood of Bath, by which time Mr. Blagden should be a warranted member of the Troop.

K.G.H.

SCHOOL LIBRARY

We are most grateful to Lord Glyn for his loan of a complete set of *Punch*, which we can keep in the reference section: to the anonymous donor of an important symposium, *Political Community and the North Atlantic Area*, published by the Princeton University Press, of which our American friend and benefactor, Colonel R. W. Van Wagenen, is editor and part-author: to Mr. F. E. Coates for several more volumes to enlarge the history section: to C. M. Dunman and R. H. F. Exon for 'leaving books': and to Mrs. David Green, W. A. Rudd, W. H. Stevens, O.A., and J. C. McPherson, O.A., for periodicals which are much appreciated.

G.F.D.

SCHOOL MUSIC

The main work this Term was the Passion and Easter music from "Messiah", a critique of which appears under Chapel Notes.

Again, small parties have attended the Oxford Subscription Concerts; and the Band and Orchestra tea was held as usual at the Bridge Restaurant on 28th January. Several instrumentalists and singers took part in the Abingdon & District Schools' Concert at Larkmead on 12th February, at which funds were raised for the combined performance of Handel's "Saul" at the end of May.

Elizabeth Powell gave a brilliant Piano Recital to a very large audience on 28th February, and right from the start she had everyone with her. Two Mozart Rondos opened the performance, which were followed by Bach's tricky Chromatic Fantasia and Fugue—here her alacrity and technique were superlative. The main work was Beethoven's "Pathétique" Sonata, and as though that had not enhanced her audience enough, Miss Powell followed it with Chopin's famous A flat major Polonaise. Having spent some time in South America, Miss Powell was well suited to play pieces by Mignone and Ville-Lobos, and after a long ovation, she played Poulenc's delightful "Mouvement Perpetuel" as an encore. She had pleased the musical; she had converted the Philistines; and possibly the audience's finest tribute to her was its complete lack of coughing—when the 'flu epidemic was at its peak.

In the Associated Board examinations, A. J. Williams has passed Grade V Theory, and D. Wiggins, Grade VI Theory. The other results will be printed next term. On 8th March, W. L. Snowdon, Esq., Director of Music at Haileybury College, adjudicated the Instrumental Solos in the House Music Competition. He was fair and most encouraging in his remarks, and one can be bold enough to say that he was impressed with what he heard.

Junior Strings:

- 1—T. H. Day (B); 2—F. R. Howlett (R); 3—A. M. Q. King and R. B. Topham (T).

Open Strings:

- 1—D. Wiggins (Bl); 2—G. S. Howlett and A. J. Williams (R); 3—N. P. Loukes (R).

Open Guitar:

- 1—A. L. Howell (T); 2—M. G. Ticehurst (R); 3—R. S. Haynes (B).

Junior Brass:

- 1—T. H. Day (B); 2—R. S. Haynes (B); 3—C. R. Llewellyn (Bl).

Open Brass:

- 1—A. P. Haynes (B); 2—R. G. M. Johnston (B); 3—J. A. M. Carslaw (B).

Junior Woodwind:

- 1—N. H. Finney (T); 2—J. Fairlie (R) and D. W. Penney (Bl); 3—A. G. Fairlie (R) and T. Furneaux (Bl).

Open Woodwind:

- 1—J. H. Thewlis (Bl); 2—M. P. Cross (Bl); 3—N. G. Mackenzie (B).

House points to date: Bennett—186½; Blacknall—177½; Reeves—160; Tesdale 125½.

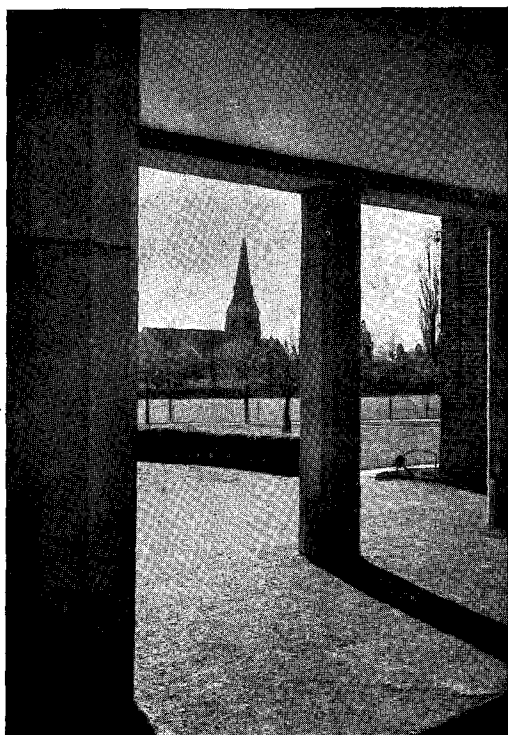
The Singing Solos, Compositions, House Choirs and Orchestras will be adjudicated by D. A. H. Youngman, Esq., Director of Music, Monkton Combe School, on Sunday, 7th June.

The Junior Orchestra took part in the North Berks Music Festival at Wantage on 21st March, and were given a very good report by Ivor James, one of the senior Professors at the Royal College of Music. The Junior Strings also participated, with their opposite numbers from other Schools.

E.H.F.S.

SKYE GROUP III

The Isle of Arran proved to be an excellent choice for the third expedition of the Skye Group. It was felt to be the most successful so far, so successful that we have decided to go there again next Easter. Geology was again the principal scientific activity and proved most satisfying; Arran shows great structural variety, yet it is sufficiently simple in places to make sense to the amateur. The climate too is milder than in Skye and the mountains less wild and lonely. Camping, however, is still a very uncertain proposition at this time of the year, and it is hoped that we shall be able to rent a house there on our next visit.



'UNDER THE
COLONNADE'
and
'THROUGH THE
WINDOW'





ISLE OF ARRAN
1959



The party had arranged to meet at Fairlie Pier on 2nd April in time for the morning ferry. About half the group arrived with just ten minutes to spare but everything was got aboard safely. This was our first appearance in strength wearing our new bobble hats knitted in the School colours, and they caused a good deal of amusement and interest. They were also extremely useful to the less hirsute members. The usual gambit they called forth from the onlooker was "Where are you playing today?"

Arriving at Brodick we had our first major evidence of Kirk's efficiency when we found our lorry waiting, already loaded with the heavy equipment. So we were briskly away along the coast northwards to Sannox, about eight miles distant. The tents were pitched and the whole camp ship-shape before our first rainstorm. No day in fact was free from rain but as it came mostly in showers we were not unduly worried. The camp site had been selected by Kirk in January and was conveniently situated near the Glen Sannox burn, and seemed to be in a very sheltered spot.

The general pattern of activities was much as in previous years, the day beginning with breakfast which for some reason tended to get earlier rather than later. It consisted of a large helping of porridge, very stiff, with about the same quantity of sugar and lubricated with condensed milk. The second course varied in every conceivable way but the tea was usually excellent, except when the cooks neglected to throw away the old tea leaves before making a fresh brew. Lunch took the form of sandwiches, either pilchards, corn-beef, cheese, honey or jam. For dessert we had a packet of dates, but these seemed less popular than last year.

Each day we attempted to deal with some specific geological feature; it involved chipping off rock specimens and labelling them, checking all the time with the geological maps. One of the more satisfying expeditions was the tracing of the Devonian-Carboniferous-Permian sequence along the beach from Sannox to Corrie. Here, in a distance of some two miles, we covered a sedimentation period lasting about 120 million years, all nicely exposed along the coast. Most exciting of all was to find real coal in a few seams near the abandoned Cock of Arran colliery. One seam was over a foot thick, rather shaly but showing any number of tree fern fossil imprints. A little was taken back to burn to make certain that it really was coal.

Members soon discovered that bicycles could be readily hired, it is quite a flourishing island business. These were used for longer expeditions to Drumadoon and Glenashdale. Redknapp cycled all round the island, a distance of about 60 miles, but in general the cycles were of uncertain vintage and the sound of an exploding tyre a commonplace, so that we did not venture too far from home.

We had been ensconced in Glen Sannox three days before Sunday's gale began to smash up the tents. It became quite impossible to keep them pegged down securely, so very reluctantly we looked for other accommodation. This we found as a result of the hospitality of Miss McKillop of Sannox, who wanted to put us up in her house for nothing, but in the end we accepted her offer of a large dilapidated workshop. This contained every conceivable type of junk including a car which, suitably adapted, provided Lewis with sleeping quarters. When cleared up, however, the shed provided just enough space for sleeping and cooking, and proved a great blessing.

The party consisted of Mr. Talbot and Mr. Blagden, R. J. Baldwin, R. M. Campbell, P. J. Ford, K. N. Haarhoff, A. L. Howell, G. W. Jones, D. P. Kirk, B. M. J. Lewis, C. J. Redknap, R. G. Simmonds, J. H. Thewlis and S. M. Womar. Peter Bretscher was prevented from attending by illness—a great pity in view of his keenness and brother Mark's association with the group from its beginning—but Peter will have his chance next year.

We should like to thank Dr. Brown once again for his continued interest and support; he gives us invaluable help and advice. Don Kirk too deserves thanks for his work as camp quartermaster; he is a credit to Scouting. Our thanks are due too to the School C.C.F. and Scouts and to the Harwell Scouts, from whom we borrowed many items of equipment, also to Mrs. Talbot for help with food supplies.

In conclusion it is worth mentioning that for the first time we have had to manage without the help of the founder members—and it seems that we have passed very successfully through a difficult phase. The experience of the past three years has made it progressively easier to organize the camp and there seems no good reason why the Skye Group should not continue to flourish.

J.T./S.M.W.

SPRINGTIME IN AUSTRIA

It was a tired party which alighted from the train at the imposing Westbahnhof in Vienna in the rain, but a party full of hopes and keen anticipation; and in them we were not disappointed.

Vienna is a splendid city. It has rebuilt itself so well that the scars of battle are scarcely visible, and there is a spaciousness about it which enables one really to see the many fine buildings it possesses. We saw quite a number of them—the Hofburg, the Belvedere and the Schönbrunn palaces—the last named seeming to some of us more beautiful than Versailles on which it was modelled. One of the most vivid impressions it left us was of the personality of the man who was almost its last occupant—Franz Josef I—a simple and kindly man. We were

shown the Schönbrunn and the Belvedere by an Austrian professor whom we had met, who told us a great deal about the architecture, and in particular about the Austrian painters whose works are hung in the Belvedere.

Austria has been described as the home of Baroque—exuberant Baroque—and this was certainly apparent in its architecture, particularly churches. Both in Vienna and around Iglis, the churches seem to be lavishly decorated—even the Gothic of St. Stephen's cathedral has been overlaid with a coating of Baroque, though amidst all the over-decoration Anton Pilgram's pulpit stands out as an example of what a craftsman can do with pure stone, without the aid of gilt and gaudy colours.

Vienna is also a city of music, and it is of its music that some of us retain our most lasting impressions. Three things stand out—the Opera, in the beautiful Opera House which was lovingly rebuilt just as it had been before it was destroyed during the war—the exquisite singing of the Vienna Boys' Choir at Mass in the Hofburg chapel—and perhaps the most moving experience of all, the sound of Beethoven's own piano, and of others belonging to Haydn and Schumann, and one of the time of Mozart, played to us by special request by the Director of the Museum of musical instruments.

It was a crowded but wonderful week and we were all of us sorry to leave Vienna when the time came. The weather, fortunately, was gloriously sunny for our journey across Austria and we had some impressive scenery to admire.

There could hardly be a greater contrast between the bustle of Vienna and the serenity of Iglis. Perched on a shelf a thousand feet above Innsbruck and nearly three thousand above the sea, it is, like Clunton and Clunbury, one of the quietest places under the sun. The sun was shining brilliantly when we arrived and we were able to see the village at its best. It is, as one would expect, reminiscent of Switzerland—high mountains, pine woods, chalets; but there are differences—the Tyrolese love carving wood, and all the pumps are adorned with carved figures on top; they also like to have the walls of their houses painted with historical scenes or scenes from fairy tales. The people themselves are different, more relaxed, a little more merry.

The sun continued to shine for two and a half days—then it disappeared and has not been seen since. During those days of sunshine, some of the party climbed the Patscherkofel, in spite of the snow, and all of us went over the border into Italy, to Cortina d'Ampezzo. That day was the highlight of the whole trip. The mountains were at their best and we went right up into them, to a height of six thousand feet, only two thousand feet below their summits. These were the Dolomites,

unlike the rest of the Alps in being more precipitous and jagged and of an attractive red colour.

Our trip into Germany—to Oberammagau—was unfortunately spoilt by the weather which was of the sort that limits views to such an extent that if someone had not told us there were mountains around Garmisch we should never have known. Our impressions of this day are of the Passion Playhouse at Oberammagau, where we were shown the stage and the costumes used for the Play, and of the excellence of the cakes at Garmisch.

It has been a good trip—and we shall be sorry to leave Iglis and Austria, even if the rain continues to fall as steadily tomorrow as it has today.

L.C.J.G.

Iglis: Saturday, 18th April, 1959.

SCHOOL SOCIETIES

ROYSSSE SOCIETY

This term we have had read three extremely provoking and varied papers. The first meeting was on Wednesday, 28th January, when D. T. L. Eke considered the question "Russia—Is Time on Our Side?" He dealt briefly with the history of Communist Russia, paying particular attention to the life of Lenin; and then outlined the amazing expansion of Russia's economy during the past few years, illustrating his points with the latest statistics. A consideration of the Communists' social framework, however, led the reader to believe that time was on the side of the Western Powers. Discussion was centred around this view, with education and sport provoking the most argument.

Three weeks later, A. P. Haynes talked on "Music—Its Appeal to the Average Man", and illustrated his talk with a tape-recorder which added considerably to the enjoyment of the evening. The reader stated that all music possessed the qualities of melody, rhythm, and harmony—varying emphasis producing different types and moods of music. Illustrations were taken mainly from the established Classical composers, with the established Star of the Hit Parade and Traditional Jazz sounding briefly. At least three-quarters of the discussion time was taken up by a lively but fruitless argument on the sincerity of a highly-paid crooner singing a religious song; but I suppose we can pride ourselves on limiting the discussion to the appeal of music to the *average* man.

I. J. Kirby read the paper at the last meeting of the term which was on Wednesday, 11th March. He chose the vast subject of "The Advances of Physics during the present century", but sensibly limited himself to two aspects of this—the harnessing of Atomic Energy, and the Theory of Relativity. The reader wisely made no attempt to sweeten the scientific pill, but although many of us were at times out of our various depths the discussion afterwards proved that all had gained some food for thought from the paper. Once again, discussion centred around one theme: "In what sense does time slow down as the speed of a body increases?" The possibilities for argument here are endless, and many had things to say long after the meeting had officially finished.

No report of the meetings would be complete without mention of the continued hospitality of the Headmaster and Mrs. Cobban. Once again—Thank-you very much!

J.A.S.

TURNOR SOCIETY

Owing to a lack of outside speakers, only two meetings were held during the Lent Term. Both of these, however, were very popular and attendances have again been encouraging.

The first meeting was held on 6th February when Mr. R. K. Spriggs, of the London School of Oriental Studies, gave a talk, illustrated with slides, on "Seven Weeks in Tibet." He was one of the last Europeans to visit Tibet before the Communist occupation and he showed us many slides of the people, the countryside and the village life. Finally, Mr. Spriggs displayed for us a Tibetan nobleman's costume as well as a number of curios. This ended a most interesting and amusing meeting and we were left wondering what the future holds for these peace-loving if incredibly backward people. Little did we guess how soon they and their ruler were to hit the head-lines of the world!

At the second meeting on the 6th March, Mr. T. R. Ward from Univ. (Oxford) talked to us on University life as he saw it. He began by stressing the essential difference between Oxford and Cambridge and then spoke of the academic life, advising future University members to keep a careful balance between work and pleasure and to be selective in the choice of lectures. Finally, he emphasised the importance of the social life as a part of University education.

D.H.B.

LITERARY SOCIETY

At the first meeting, a sort of literary quiz was held. The secretary produced some quotations out of a book called 'Who Wrote That?' by Hubert Philips, and the fare was varied by readings of Wordsworth's 'Ode on Intimations of Immortality' and Keat's 'Ode to a Nightingale.' The substance of some of the quotations was also discussed.

Robin Dickenson gave a very interesting talk at the second meeting on 'An Evaluation and Examination of Aristotle's "Poetics".' The general conclusion reached from a lively discussion was that, considering the very limited amount of drama at Aristotle's disposal, his conclusions had been pretty shrewd, though they were not all applicable today.

The final meeting was once again a hotch-potch. The ingredients varied from an extremely unfavourable criticism of Shakespeare by Tolstol to some poems by John Betjeman.

The Society is, as always, extremely grateful to all who have acted as hosts.

R.S.G.

DEBATING SOCIETY

The Society held only one formal debate during the Lent Term at which Mr. M. C. Wright and J. A. Sheard proposed "This House is of the opinion that women are a necessary evil." The motion was opposed by Mr. T. R. Ward and J. S. Kelly. As a result of a lively and hotly contested debate the motion was defeated. It is hoped that a debate, such as this one, at which members of the Staff are the principal speakers will become an annual event.

Prior to this debate, two meetings had been held. At the first of these, an impromptu debate took place on a variety of subjects including

Communism and bird watching. At the second meeting, a panel consisting of R. Dickenson, D. Heather-Hayes, I. A. Martin and C. T. Pollard faced a barrage of questions from the floor. Most of the questions were afterwards thrown open to the House and debated at length.

C.T.P.

ST. EDMUND SOCIETY

This term a new Society has been formed with the Chaplain as Sponsor and the Headmaster as President—a Society dealing with religious topics, and it has very appropriately been named the 'St. Edmund Society' after our local Saint. A meeting of all interested was arranged at the beginning of term at which a film of the 1958 Lambeth Conference was shown. This colour film, very well shot, dealt with varied aspects of the Conference, and was followed by questions of general interest about the Conference, which the Chaplain answered. An election for two members of the Committee was held at which J. J. Day and J. A. Sheard were elected. R. S. Green, R. W. Harvey and C. J. Redknapp were later invited by the Headmaster and Chaplain to serve on the Committee, and Harvey was elected Secretary. A second meeting was held on Maundy Thursday at which the Headmaster gave a short but full account of the life of St. Edmund, J. J. Day delivered a detailed talk on 'Sunday Observance' which was followed by a short discussion, and C. J. Redknapp spoke on the 'Causes and Results of Unpopular Clergy'—quite impersonal!—which gave rise to an interesting discussion which had, unfortunately, to be brought to an untimely end owing to shortage of time. This was followed by a claim from R. W. Harvey that 'Monasteries are out-of-date', which was opposed by Mr. Prosser—who has himself spent some time in a monastery. To end this very successful meeting, R. S. Green and J. A. Sheard spoke on 'Two Aspects of Easter'—the former on the Sanctity of Good Friday, the latter on the question of Belief in Christ. The attendance was not quite as high as had been hoped for, but we are looking forward to an increase in interest next term, and in the terms to come. Three meetings have been arranged for the Summer Term—a visit by Father Triffith of the Society of St. John the Evangelist, a film, and a discussion,—all of which, we hope will be as successful as this term's two meetings were.

R.W.H.

MUSIC SOCIETY

During the term three gramophone recitals were given, in the first of which was heard the 2nd of Liszt's Hungarian Dances, Tschaiakowsky's Nutcracker Suite and Rossini's Overture to William Tell. Beethoven's 8th Symphony and Vaughan Williams' Fantasia for Organ and Orchestra were played at the second meeting and the Dvorak Cello Concerto at the last meeting of the term.

On 15th February, the Society joined the Play Reading Society in a performance of 'The Gondoliers', which was enjoyed by both participants and listeners alike.

J.T.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

At the first meeting of the term, Mr. J. J. Horrex spoke on "Astronomical Observations." This was the second talk he had given this year for the benefit of those using the School telescope and in his usual style he made it very enjoyable. The School telescope incidentally has been in use on most fine evenings and we are very grateful to Mr. Horrex for giving up so much of his time to supervise the viewing sessions.

Mr. W. G. Busbridge was the guest speaker at the second meeting. He gave a lecture on "The Properties and Uses of Radioactive Isotopes" which proved extremely interesting as well as, at times, very amusing.

A third talk was given by the Secretary on "Computers" whilst the term finished with a film show including a film on oil drilling and one on the history of the Nuremburg racing track.

I.J.K.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

The shooting of this year's film, "Three's a Crowd" is now nearly complete, with only a few exterior shots to be taken.

We are most grateful to the proprietors of "The Mousehole" and Smith's the Chemists and to Mr. F. Elkes, the owner of what was a deserted house in Shippon. They have kindly allowed us to film on their respective premises and have agreeably put up with the inevitable troubles caused by a horde of semi-busy and moderately inefficient schoolboys manipulating a quantity of cine and electrical equipment.

"Three's a Crowd" will be the first film produced by the Society to have a synchronous sound track. This is possible now that the School has purchased a projector which can deal with the new magnetic sound tracks as well as the standard optical ones, and we are hoping that the combination of 'son' with 'lumière' will add to the intelligibility and enjoyment of the resulting film.

T.J.B.

"THE FORUM"

For the first meeting of this term we departed from our normal discussion to hold an "Any Questions?" The panel was A. J. Foden, J. S. Kelly, R. T. Moll and R. Dickenson. D. H. Bragg took the chair, and the panel answered questions ranging from coloured policemen to smoking.

At the next meeting the chairman presented topics for discussion which included university education, the shortage of clergymen and Mr. Macmillan's visit to Russia. Much of the meeting was occupied by the second topic, and some interesting theories as to the reason for the shortage of clergymen were put forward.

At the last meeting we again held a discussion when we talked about anti-semitism, television advertising, school cadet forces and colonial responsibilities. All four subjects aroused very hot argument, and it was felt that much value had been gained from this exchange of opinions.

The Society has now held eighteen meetings, and we feel confident we are fully established and serving a useful purpose. It is encouraging to notice that attendance at meetings this term has been good, and the level of discussion has been very high.

R.D.

MODERN LANGUAGES SOCIETY

As several of our members had important scholarship commitments, only one meeting was held during the term. On this occasion, the Secretary read a paper on "French Civilization" which was followed by an interesting discussion enriched by the contribution of Mr. Parker, whose comments dealt with his knowledge of pre-war Paris.

Our thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Hasnip who provided hospitality for the meeting.

J.J.D.

MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY

The first meeting of the term took the form of a debate, at which the motion was "School Mathematics is Useless." The motion was defeated by nine votes to two, there being six abstentions.

On Friday, 13th February, Dr. J. Howlett gave a talk to the Society entitled "The Calculus of Finite Differences." Members were given an insight into this specialised branch of mathematics and though interesting, the talk was hard to follow at times.

On Thursday, 26th February the Society was visited by Mr. Murdoch and Mr. Tibbing of the Prestcold division of Pressed Steel. Mr. Murdoch gave an enlightening talk and illustrated it with a working model of the engine of a refrigerator.

The next meeting consisted of a film show and a business meeting. Owing to the departure of the Secretary at the end of the term, G. L. Griffiss was elected Secretary and T. P. Henson was elected Assistant Secretary. The film shown was "The Cardioid," which proved to be more interesting than the title suggests.

D.C.

FIELD CLUB

The Club had one meeting on Friday, 6th March, and was fortunate in having Mr. Southern of the Oxford Bureau of Animal Population to give a talk on the mammals of, and the problems facing, the South African National Parks. He pointed out that when the checks on animal populations are removed the numbers in the populations increase and the effects of such increases are felt in many different ways. He backed up his points by illustration with a fine colour film which had been taken while he was in Africa.

P.J.F.

LOCOMOTIVE CLUB

The Club was re-founded in the Summer Term, 1958, as part of the Field Club. During that term, as an Excursion Day outing, the Club visited the Locomotive Depots at Stratford and Kings Cross, in London. The outing was led by Mr. M. N. Williams, on the 22nd July.

With the temporary departure of Mr. Williams from the School, the Club became a separate club under the sponsorship of Mr. Blagden. During the Michaelmas Term a film show was held. This term we visited the Locomotive Depot and the Maintenance Depot at Swindon on the 15th March. In addition, much train-spotting has been done by individual members.

The Club now has twenty-four members, and further increases are hoped for at the beginning of the new school year.

R.S.P.

JAZZ CLUB

We have had four meetings this term, all in the Traditional vein.

At the first, M. Hart gave a talk entitled "Really the Blues." With the aid of records we learnt something of the history and characters of the Blues.

M. Yarkoff at the next meeting gave a cross-section of "Jazz of the Twenties." All types and styles were represented from big-band to boogie.

British Traditional bands were the subject of a talk given by R. C. Watts. These were not however the usual ones but those less well known—Terry Lightfoot's Jazzmen and the Zenith Six and in spite of poor recording in places some interesting sounds were heard.

The last talk was on Louis Armstrong and was given by A. H. Smith. He followed Armstrong's career from the Hot Five to the present All Stars and we heard some very good jazz.

A.F.P.

BUILDING CLUB

Despite the predictions of many pessimists the Club has completed its part in the building of the Fives Court. It now remains for a roof to be fitted! This and the plastering however, will be done by professionals.

The project has taken just a year to complete during which time sixteen thousands bricks have been laid, and some twenty boys have been working in two shifts on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons as well as on games-days.

Tentative proposals have been made for further projects so it appears that the Building Club is going to live on.

M.A.C.S.

JOINT CLUB

Owing to the assault of the 'flu germ on St. Helen's School and ourselves, we were unable to start the Joint Club again until the second half of the term. However, in spite of this, two meetings were held.

On 7th March the Club joined with the boarders in the Gym. for the film "Richard III", and although a few of us had seen it before, we enjoyed it very much. Afterwards we adjourned to Lacies Court for refreshments and a short "social."

Our annual visit to the theatre took place on 21st March. We assembled at St. Helen's for coffee before setting out for the New Theatre in Oxford. There we saw "Murder on Arrival" with Margaret Lockwood playing the lead, which, besides having a gripping plot that kept us all guessing, was also a change from the Shakespeares of previous years.

After the performance we arrived back in Abingdon soon after 10 p.m., and the evening was voted a great success.

A.J.C.

HOLIDAY CLUB

During the Christmas vacation the Club had two fixture. We lost the soccer match against Abingdon Minors, rather unluckily, 3—2, and in the rugby match versus a strong Abingdon Town XV on Boxing Day we lost an enjoyable game 18 points to nil.

In the New Year, the Club held its annual social evening, the success of which was enhanced by the very large attendance. We should

like to thank all those who helped to make the evening so enjoyable, especially Mr. Brampton, who kindly allowed us the use of Caldecott House Hall.

A rugby fixture and a football match have been arranged for the Easter Holidays.

D.H.B.

CAMBRIDGE LETTER

Dear Sir,

With eight O.A.'s now at Cambridge we feel confident enough to send you our first letter.

Roger Packer (Pembroke), David Dunkley (Fitzwilliam House) and Stephen Woodley (Jesus) are all in their second year.

Roger and Stephen will be taking Part I of the Tripos exam—their first main hurdle—this summer, Roger in History and Stephen in English, while David took his Part I last summer and now has two leisurely years in which to work for Part II. Stephen has achieved considerable sporting fame and enjoyed touring Germany with the Cambridge University Badminton Club at Christmas, while Roger is as keen as ever on his music.

Abingdon really established itself in Cambridge last October with five freshmen: Martin Scott-Taggart is reading moral philosophy at King's and with only two lectures a week is calling out for more work.

The scientists find work somewhat harder; at least a timetable of 25-hour lectures and practicals a week would indicate this. Martin Broadway, who is reading mechanical science, rows for the Clare 1st eight, while Mark Bretscher has turned—we hope temporarily—from the physical exertion of Cross-Country to the mental exertion of Chess and has played several times for Caius. He also plays the violin in the University second orchestra. Mark Dunman, who is reading biology at King's, has little time for sport as much of it is taken up with political agitation. Peter Gray, like Mark Bretscher, is reading physics and chemistry, and is at Queens'. He plays Badminton and is active in the College Debating Society, Queens' being one of the few Colleges to have its own such society. Apparently many maiden speakers at Queens' are, much to their surprise and horror, whisked off to speak at the Union, so we may hear of Peter in the Union later on.

Unlike the Michaelmas term with 5th November and Poppy Day, last term saw nothing spectacular except perhaps for the anti-ugly campaign protesting against the new Emmanuel building and the arrival of a Cannon from Sandhurst.

I am sure we all join in wishing you a happy and successful term and look forward to seeing a new batch of freshmen next October.

I remain, sir,

Your Cambridge Correspondent.

O.A. NOTES*Births*

GRIFFITHS. In January 1958, to Barbara, wife of M. J. C. Griffiths (1952), a son, Douglas James.

Marriages

BANFIELD-MATTHEWS. On Saturday, 28th March, 1959, at Swanage Parish Church, David L. Banfield (1953) to Jennifer Matthews.

PULSFORD-BRAGGER. On Saturday, 7th March, 1959, at St. Helen's Church, Abingdon, J. Martin Pulsford (1955) to Trudy Bragger, of Thurgan, Switzerland.

WOOD-CLARK. On Thursday, 5th March, 1959, at St. Leonard's Church, Eynsham, John A. Wood (1952) to Valerie Ann Clark.

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S. D. Plummer (1931), President of the O.A. Club, eschewing a tempting offer of an appointment in the High Court, has accepted a post as legal adviser to Wakefields Ltd.

A. L. Edwards (1909) has retired after more than 40 years schoolmastering, and is living at Bournemouth.

Colin Leigh (1941) has returned to Nairobi from the Mombasa Office he was running and the change of climate is most welcome, particularly to his wife.

Cmdr. T. T. Theophilus (1925) has retired from the Navy and has the post of secretary to W. J. Hall Ltd., a firm of Contractors at Goring-on-Thames.

H. J. Clarke (1941), last heard of in Iraq four years ago, is just finishing a drilling assignment in Senegal. A hole over two miles deep sounds fantastic, but apparently is quite normal and very interesting. His wife and family, two boys and a girl, are living in Glasgow and he hopes to be home to join them soon.

M. J. C. Griffiths (1952) writes from New Guinea where he is an Assistant Agricultural Officer in the Sepik District, trying to teach semi-civilized natives the principles of good husbandry, or rather how to grow coffee and groundnuts. Since arriving in Australia 6 years ago he has taken his Diploma of Agriculture, travelled over the N.W. Territory woolclassing—and got married. New Guinea is a very large island but he might meet Gordon Brown.

We congratulate Stephen Woodley (1957) on his Half Blue for Badminton at Cambridge, and hope he will achieve the Full Blue for lawn tennis. Congratulations also to Brian Smith (1957) on passing 2nd M.B.

Philip Kemp (1954) is assistant to the General Sales Manager of Boots Pure Drug Co. at Nottingham. He has lately been engaged on incentive schemes for 25,000 retailers. His other activities include a B.Sc.Econ., Vice-Captaincy of the Firm's 1st XV and membership of the S. Notts Hussars T.A.

M. K. C. Grigsby (1955) recently wrote and directed for Unit Five Seven a film 'Enginemen', of which Michael Sale (1954) was the Sound Editor. This film was shown by the National Film Theatre and very favourably received by *The Times* and *The New Statesman*; and won for M.K.C. on television.

A. T. Aitchison (1958) has completed his initial training for the Customs and Excise Service and been posted to Dover Collection. We felicitate him on his engagement to Miss Rosemary Tinson of Sutton Courtenay.

Also recently engaged is J. T. Page (1955) who is at Lloyds Bank, Wallingford.

In a letter to 'Time and Tide' recently, Norman Shurrock (1953) put up a spirited defence for British Railways.

Gerald Nicholls (1953) has secured a post with the Marley Tile Co.

Jack Trenaman (1958) is with Orion Insurance Co.

Tom Glucklich (1952), after graduating at Oxford is taking a one-year post-graduate course at London School of Economics and hopes later to take a business degree at an American University.

Colin Brown (1953) is taking a Diploma in Technology at the Northern Polytechnic.

P. S. Horrey (1958) and Richard Morse (1957) are both with Stanley Schofield Productions, Bond Street.

J. E. Knight (1958) has the good fortune to be an articled pupil with Basil Spence, President R.I.B.A., and architect of Coventry Cathedral.

Mark Rhys has sailed as Cadet Purser in an Elder Dempster liner, while John Longworth is in the London office of Blue Funnel Line.

Tom Denniford is articled with Bidwell & Son, Land and Estate Agents of Cambridge.

D. C. J. Emmett (1956) out of the Army, is teaching at The Old Ride, Bletchley, a preparatory school.

Old Boys were well represented at the Reading Head of the River race. Ian Oliver was stroking Queen Mary's College I, Martin Broadway 7 in Clare II, N. A. J. Antrobus in R.M.A. I, Pat Sarsfield-Hall in Cirencester College I, R. K. Le Voi in King's College, London I, Martin King in Reading University II and John Hall coxing a Southampton University crew.

THE SERVICES

To perpetuate the memory of Tony Riggott his family have presented a beautiful silver Chalice to the School Chapel. We have also received a most touching tribute to Tony, as a person, from a former lecturer at Sandhurst who knew him well.

Lt. David Jones (1955) returned recently from Cyprus with the Royal Berkshire Regt., and we look forward to seeing him carrying the Colours at the Ceremonial Parade of the Regiment at Abingdon prior to the amalgamation with the Royal Wiltshire Regiment.

Capt. Beville Stevens (1951), R.A.S.C., is at Celle in charge of a Field Ambulance Unit transport. He would be glad to contact any O.A. visiting the N.A.T.O. ranges at Hohne.

Capt. A. H. Cherrill (1948), R.A.P.C., has been posted to B. West Indies.

2nd Lt. Ian Ashworth (1955), R.M.P., has joined the Berlin Provost Coy.

Clayton Armstrong (1952), R.A., and Peter Kibble (1956), R.Sigs., have both passed W.O.S.B.

Christopher Coble is enjoying life at Dartmouth. He is now mid-shipman, in charge of boat work for his Division and looking forward to the promised formation of a rowing club.

At R.M.A. Sandhurst, Walter Phipps has been on tour in B.A.O.R. and Berlin with the hockey team, and Nick Antrobus rowing in the 1st VIII.

Fl.Lt. J. A. Pressland (1934) is stationed at Coltishall, Norfolk.

J. C. Carr (1957) is at the Army Apprentices School, Chepstow, training as a draughtsman prior to joining R.E.

O.A. CLUB NOTES

The 11th London Dinner was held on Friday, 13th March, 1959, at the Constitutional Club, Northumberland Avenue and proved a most successful and enjoyable function marred only by the serious illness of Stanley Paige, the organiser, who was struck down by pneumonia ten days earlier. Recovery has been slow but we send him our best wishes for restoration to his usual rude health. In his absence John Paige carried on the arrangements excellently and we are most grateful to him.

Nearly 70 members and guests attended and the President, S. D. Plummer was in the Chair, supported by the Headmaster and a good number of past presidents, and once again a large body of very young Old Boys rallied to the function.

After the Loyal Toast the President proposed the health of the School with his customary felicity and the Headmaster in his reply stressed the fact that he would do his best to see that the School did not outgrow itself so as to lose the personal contacts. Mr. Talbot proposed the health of the Club to which J. O. Bury replied in his usual rumbustious style. If this is to be the last occasion when we shall meet at the Constitutional Club there could not have been a happier finale.

Old Boys Day, with Cricket and Tennis Matches, the Annual General Meeting and the Annual Dinner will be held on Saturday, 13th June.

Rugger Match and Dance on Saturday, 28th November.

The usual notices will be despatched in May.

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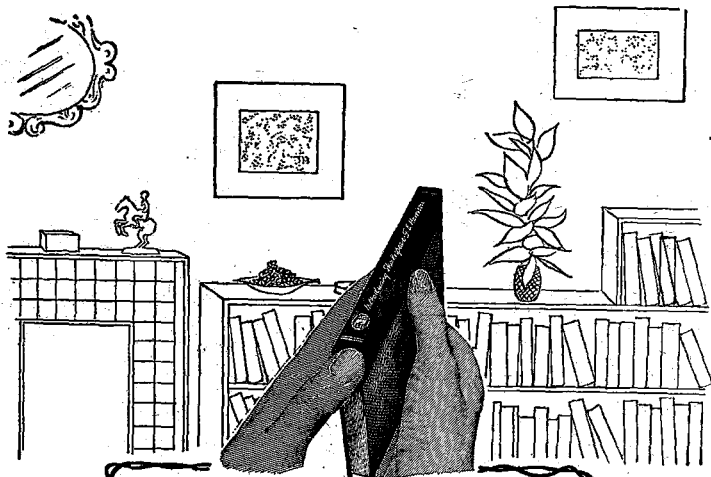
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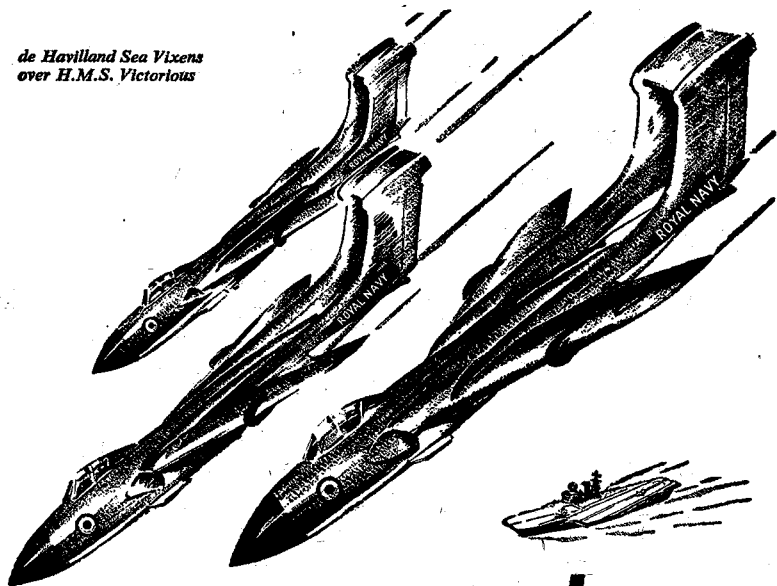
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