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## OFFICERS OF THE SCHOOL

*Summer 1960*

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## EDITORIAL

I wonder to what extent the spirit of gallantry and chivalry so prevalent among our not so distant ancestors survives today? It would seem that Modern Youth is sadly lacking in the basic virtues of respect, courtesy and good manners. Perhaps this is due in part to the tendency of education nowadays to concentrate primarily on academic achievement, and in part to the social changes that have affected our community. This is the Age of the Middle Class. On balance this levelling process is a good thing. But dare we suggest that some of the more desirable aristocratic virtues have been swept down the plug-hole together with the bathwater of empty snobbery and outdated conventions?

One of the main advantages of the Direct Grant School is that it draws its members from all classes of the community and thus both reflects and stimulates the levelling tendencies of the day. We are indeed fortunate to have the opportunity of being educated in such a milieu. Let us hope that as a result our social outlook is so much the broader. But this does not mean that we no longer subscribe to the age-old qualities of courtesy and manners. We come to School to be educated, but a knowledge of the Classics or of the atomic structure of matter does not in itself produce the well-rounded man. Nor can it be pretended that a man's behaviour, like his religion, is his own private affair. We flatter ourselves that at Abingdon we are fully aware that good manners is something which can and should be learnt at School as well as required and practised in the home, in the street, on the train, regardless of rank, race or colour.

To some the very word of gentleman may reek of snobbery. But is it snobbery to help the weak, to observe the common courtesies of life, to put the comfort of others before your own? A gentleman is defined by his behaviour not by his clothes. Bowler hat, rolled umbrella, *The Times*, may mark a Top Person, but not necessarily a gentleman. Conversely perhaps even some of those tapered youths with long and well-oiled locks possess the qualities of a gentleman, although it may be argued that a little less attention paid to their coiffures and a little more elegance in their behaviour would profit both themselves and the community.

Manners maketh man, goes the old saying. Let us hope that the age of chivalry has not died with the coming of the Juke Box.

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## SCHOOL NOTES

The School joined in the general rejoicing at the birth of the infant Prince. Indeed it was the ringing of the School bell (very much *extra ordinem*) which announced his arrival to many of the inhabitants of Abingdon. There followed a minor amnesty; and (in conjunction with St. Helen's) we celebrated the event more generally with a half-holiday on Thursday, 17th March. Now we look forward to another holiday, a whole one this time, on the day of the Royal Wedding, 6th May.

The death of Mr. H. J. Thomas, which occurred on 16th February, came as a merciful release after his long illness. As Governor (1942-1959) and Vice-Chairman of the Governing Body (1945-1957) Mr. Thomas gave devoted service to the School. We remember him with gratitude, and to Mrs. Thomas we offer our sincere sympathy.

It is pleasant to record that Lord Glyn's first excursion after his recent illness was to visit the School and assure us of his continued—though now, alas, unofficial—interest.

We congratulate the Chairman of the Governors, Mr. C. G. Stow, on his election as a member of the Committee of the Governing Bodies Association.

As Alderman Sparkes draws to the end of his year of office as Mayor we thank him for the goodwill he has shown towards the School and we wish him a rather less busy life in the future.

We were much interested to hear that the Governors had co-opted an Old Boy, Mr. J. F. Sinclair, to fill Mr. Thomas' place on the Governing Body. Mr. Sinclair, like his younger brother George (of Cyprus fame), won the Abingdon Scholarship to Pembroke College, Oxford. After reading Greats, he entered the oil industry, and he now holds a senior appointment in the Royal Dutch Shell Group. We welcome him as a Governor and we look forward to seeing him on many official and unofficial occasions.

A staff rally took place at Elstow on 18th April, the occasion being the marriage of Mr. Barry Montague and Miss Margaret Pilgrim. To both, our warm good wishes for the future.

We welcome (belatedly) Miss Peachell, who joined School House as assistant house-keeper in January; and Mr. Jaunet who with some years of experience at Kneller Hall and with the BBC behind him has come to take some of the burden of the brass from Mr. Clack's shoulders. In welcoming Mr. Jaunet it would be ungracious not to say how much we appreciate the indefatigable way in which Mr. Clack has for so long coped alone with a commitment that has become steadily more exacting.

It is never pleasant to say farewell; and it is with a sense of real loss that we do so to Mr. Gerald Cooper as he leaves us to take up the appointment of Head of the Art Department at King's School, Bruton. Mr. Cooper came to Abingdon in 1949 and in the intervening ten years his influence on the cultural side of the School has extended far

beyond his own department. He will be much missed and we wish him well.

We are very grateful to Mr. F. H. Potter, formerly of Whitgift School, who is filling Mr. Cooper's place during the Summer Term, pending the appointment of a permanent successor.

Farewell too—and thankyou—to Miss Anderson, who is transferring to Felsted so as to be nearer her own home. We have no doubt that Essex will be as appreciative of her cooking as Berkshire has been.

We welcome Mr. K. Ellis, B.Sc.(Econ.), of Westminster College, who will be spending the month of May at the School on teaching practice; and Messrs. A. J. Palmer and R. R. Yearly, of Culham College, who will shortly follow him.

On the War Memorial Tablet in the Chapel will be found the names of two brothers, D. G. E. and M. H. Holme. Their widowed mother died recently, and her nephew, Mr. W. B. Edmonds, has very generously sent to the School two handsome cups bearing the School Crest which must have been won by one or other of the boys. These cups will be suitably inscribed and used as challenge cups respectively for House Senior Fives and for the Junior High Jump.

We are grateful also to F/Lt. L. Henson, D.F.C., who has presented a cornet and three mouth-pieces to the Band; to Mr. K. M. Hart, F.R.I.C.S., for the gift of records of Dvorak's Fourth Symphony; to M. P. Hart, who has presented the Music Library with records of Tchaikovsky's 'Pathétique' Symphony; and to J. A. T. Saywell (OA) for the gift of a magnificent challenge cup for the Open 220 Yards.

The number of boys on the School Roll at the beginning of the term was 522, of whom 193 were boarders.

Congratulations to G. L. Griffiss on being awarded an Essex County Major Exhibition; and to G. S. Howlett and T. Davies on Berkshire County Major Awards (the first, we hope, of many).

Visitors to the School from overseas have included Professor Arno Ballack, who holds the Chair of Education at Columbia University, USA (4th March) and Mr. A. M. Buzcugil, Head of the Boarding Schools Section of the Turkish Ministry of Education (28th March). Among less exotic visitors have been Mr. Newby-Robson, of the Public Schools' Appointments Bureau (11th February) and Mr. J. L. Creed, of the Department of Classics at Reading, who spoke to the Classical Sixth Form on 14th March on 'Plato and Athenian Democracy'.

On 22nd February the Fifth Form heard a very interesting lecture, illustrated with films, by Mr. A. B. S. Soper, of Cables and Wireless, Ltd., on 'International Communications'; and on 3rd March Colonel Lane, of Rolls-Royce, spoke to a cross-section of Middle School on 'Careers in Engineering'.

It is not often that we have the opportunity of listening to such a busy and distinguished speaker as Mr. Tom Driberg, MP, and we are very grateful to him for prolonging his visit to the St. Edmund Society

on 17th March in order to speak to the Sixth Forms the following morning on the present political scene. His visit was particularly opportune in that it came just after the historic meeting of the Labour Party Executive held to discuss 'Clause Four': and we admired the forthright way in which Mr. Driberg dealt with the searching questions that were thrown at him.

A select body of *cognoscenti* attended a series of five lectures on Atomic Physics, given during the earlier part of the term under the auspices of the Reading University Department of Physics. A more literary contingent journeyed to Oxford on 20th March to see an excellent production of Ibsen's 'Hedda Gabbler' at the Playhouse, starring June Greenwood and André Morell.

Modern linguists gaddied to Oxford on 18th February to see the O.U. French Club's production of 'Andromaque': in lighter mood, they joined with the Historians and Geographers, two days before the Ides of March, to defeat the Classical Sixth, after an epic struggle, on the hockey field.

Other outside activities at which the School has been represented have included two lectures arranged by the Friends of Abingdon (Mr. Christopher Lloyd on 15th February on 'The Architecture of the Royal Naval Hospital at Greenwich' and Mr. P. S. Spokes on 25th March on 'The Domestic Architecture of Abingdon'); Abingdon Drama Club's production of 'The Matchmaker'; and Culham College's production of 'Murder in the Cathedral'. In addition, some senior members of the School went over to Oxford to hear a talk given under the auspices of CEWC by Dr. Erasmus, the Director of Information at South Africa House, who put the case for *Apartheid*. Our own subscription concerts are covered elsewhere.

Two Parents' Evenings were held during the past term: for Third Forms on 18th February and for Fifth Forms on 17th March, after the Ordinary Level Mock Certificate Examinations.

On Sunday, 21st February, the Band was given honorary Guide status so as to enable it to lead the parade in the march past of the local Girl Guides after their jubilee celebration service.

The written papers of the School Entrance Examination were held on 3rd March. Interviews followed on 14th, 17th and 24th March in Lacies Court. Once again we united for the written examination with Magdalen College School, Oxford, our old friends and rivals.

At the request of P. J. Ford and K. N. Haarhoff, our two open scholars, the half-holiday given in their honour was held on Tuesday, 8th March.

Our next batch of arduous trainees (a horrid but useful term) spent the weekend of 19th March limbering up on the Downs in preparation for their Great Trek next summer. But more of this anon.

A dozen volunteers from the School have been winning modest fame for themselves (as, at least, we hope) by playing walking-on parts in a

documentary film on 'Confirmation' that is being made by R. Carado Evans, starring, as they say, our own Roger Havelock. Doubtless their efforts will eventually be seen and assessed by that most critical of all spectators, the schoolboy.

The Inter-house P.T. Competition was held on 24th March, and we are very grateful to Mr. Stoughton Harris, from Radley, who came over to adjudicate. Congratulations to Blacknall, who snatched the cup of victory from the hands of Reeves that had held it so long.

Saturday evening entertainments during the term were as follows:-

23rd January: Mr. Robert Fabian on 'Behind the Scenes at Scotland Yard'.

6th February: A puppet entertainment by Mr. Walter Wilkinson

27th February: Mr. Colin Ronan, O.A., on 'The Problems of Space Flight'.

Feature films were: 'A Day at the Races', 'Seven Brides for Seven Brothers', 'A Night to Remember', and 'The Red Balloon'; while on 24th and 25th March the film of the Lions' Tour of Australia and New Zealand was shown, attracting considerable support from rugby enthusiasts.

The usual informal concert was organised by the Boarders on the last night of the term. Not perhaps a vintage year as far as talent is concerned; we hope Leathem will forgive us if we say that his natural clowning was the success of the evening. A special word of thanks and appreciation too to Perry who organised and compered the evening so smoothly and efficiently.

Five of our members are spending the greater part of the Easter holidays at Outward Bound Courses—C. M. Davis and J. M. Talbot at Aberdovy; M. O. Mogeys and C. J. Pickup at Eskdale; A. A. Venn at Moray Firth.

The following are attending Short Works Courses: I. M. Cunningham (Lloyds Bank); C. B. Gosling (B.O.A.C.); D. F. Perkins (Steel Company of Wales); A. H. Smith (B.T.H.); C. D. Turnbull (Mather and Platt, Ltd.); R. C. Watts (British Railways).

In addition, we are being represented at the C.A.C.T.M. Schoolboys' Conferences at Jesus College, Oxford, by R. W. Harvey, D. P. Heather-Hayes, T. A. Libby and P. J. Willis; I. M. Cunningham and J. D. Sabel will be attending a Scouters' Course at Gilwell Park; P. D. Hossett an Army P.T. Course; and C. F. Johnson a Naval Aviation Course at Lee-on-Solent.

For stay-at-homes, the voluntary Ordinary Level classes in French, Latin, Mathematics and Physics are proving a big attraction. It is reported that more than fifty volunteers turned up one day at the feet of Mr. Tammadge (now, happily, recovered from his bout of mumps). Then there are Mr. Smithson's coaching sessions for the cricketers . . . and they call this a holiday.

A new subject has crept unheralded into the time-table during the past term. Good wishes to Ford and Haarhoff, pioneers in the study of Russian.

Respectful record too should be made of the fact that the day after winning the Heber-Clarke Trophy at the Sports the Head of School House (and friend) did a night hike of upwards of thirty miles. Their own idea. And they were on parade as usual the next day. Madness—but the right kind of madness.

Our last bouquet is for our campanologists who are being pretty well extended in keeping up with events domestic and royal. Several of them played their part in welcoming the royal infant on the evening of February 18th on the bells successively of St. Nicolas and St. Helen.

Talking of bells, we say good-bye with regret to the magnificent ship's bell of H.M.C.S. Loch Morlich (1944) which for many years has served as the 'inside bell' for School House. Generations of house-prefects have succeeded in cracking it beyond repair. We hope to replace it eventually with something of the same kind. Meanwhile a naval fire bell preserves the nautical connection but with less lustre and less solemnity of tone.

We thank the editors of our contemporaries the *Albatross* (the name is evocative) and the *2X Times* for sending us copies. It is pleasant to think that Grahamstein and Timbolonski may some day be editors of *The Abingdonian*: we hope the passage of years will not stale or blunt their spirit.

The photographs in this issue are by courtesy of Mr. Milligan, Photographer; T. J. Barrett, G. D. Louth and D. W. G. Riddick.

We acknowledge the receipt of magazines from the following Schools (to 29th March): Aldenham; City of Oxford; Forest; King's (Worcester); Magdalen College; Pocklington; Radley; Reading; St. Bartholomew's (Newbury); Southfield; Stamford; Wallingford; and also from R.N. College (Dartmouth); R.N. Engineering College (Manadon); R.M.A. (Sandhurst).

## THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SCHOOL

(A note by the Headmaster)

We have reached the stage at which we find it difficult to remember what life was like in School House—cribb'd, cabin'd and confin'd—before our recent extensions. Now the curtains are up in the new Reading Room and the telephone booth has been suitably equipped we can regard this particular project as completed. Almost, that is, for we have yet to discover a paint for the changing rooms which will be unaffected by condensation. A difficult technical problem for the School Architect.

The most obvious change that will be seen inside the buildings when School reassembles will be the new range of notice-boards extending

most of the way down Lower Corridor. This improvement will make it very much easier for boys to get within sight of the notices which are of particular interest to them. It will also do much to disperse that seething mass of humanity which at present makes access to the office a hazardous enterprise at peak periods of the day. The installation of fluorescent lighting along the corridor is a helpful concomitant. We are also having the Music Room completely redecorated—to brighten up Mr. Sawbridge's last term with us.

Outside the School good progress is being made with the four Staff houses on the Faringdon Road. Barring unforeseen delay, they should certainly be ready for occupation by September. Work started on the new (in Forsyte language, the Very New) Class-room Block on 8th February, and the framework of steel girders is now apparently complete. The contractors have just begun digging the foundations for the adjoining School Shop which is being kept one lap behind the classroom block in accordance with a phased programme. It is inevitable that Lacies Court should look pretty untidy at the moment, but when the present buildings are completed the general affect should be uncommonly pleasant. We are particularly grateful to a group of Old Boys of the 'twenties who produced at the London Dinner a generous and imaginative offer to make themselves responsible for some part of the task of beautifying the precinct enclosed by the new buildings.

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We can look back on an uneventful term. *Post hoc non propter hoc*, and all that, but it can scarcely be a coincidence that the term after we had practically all been inoculated against influenza should prove to be one of our healthiest. Indeed, I do not think we ever had more than three boys in the Sanatorium at any one time. Though further scholarships eluded us, we secured a couple more Oxford vacancies for the coming year (Graham Howlett to read Mathematics at Magdalen, Richard Harvey Theology at St. Edmund Hall). But our main triumphs were on the river, where the Boat Club did uncommonly well in the Reading Head of the River Race, and on the running track, which saw so many established records well and truly broken. As a miler, Richard Harvey would be good by any standards. It will be interesting to see how he fares at Oxford.

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And now we look forward to a happy summer term culminating, for so many, in a new examination. In some ways the Joint Board is more demanding; we can only hope that all candidates will rise to the occasion. Arrangements for Founder's Day are not yet quite firm, but the date will be Saturday, 23rd July, and the times will almost certainly be as last year, with the extended luncheon break which so greatly eases the burden of the programme. The evening entertainment will again be a combined effort by the choir, the orchestras, and the Dramatic Society. Messrs Griffin and Sawbridge have planned a most attractive



programme. Formal invitations will be sent to all parents. Old Boys are asked to accept this invitation in lieu thereof. Their own day will be on Saturday, 18th June, when we hope to welcome more of them than ever.

Perhaps I can mention one innovation we plan to make in connection with the traditional service in St. Nicolas' Church on the last Sunday evening of the term, 24th July. There is no historical or other justification for 'packing' the church with the boarders. It will make the service far more meaningful if we invite to it only those boys who are leaving—whether boarders or dayboys—together with their parents. That is what we propose to do, and we hope very much that there will be a full turn-out.

Henley? That is something we shall have to decide at the beginning of the term when we see how the Eight is going to turn out. We shall only enter if we are pretty sure that our performance will be at any rate creditable. If we do, it will fulfil an ambition which so many of us have nursed for many years.

J.M.C.

### CHAPEL NOTES

The Old Boys have expressed a wish to erect a plaque in the Chapel to the memory of E. J. P. Ross Barker who died in 1950. Even those who did not know him personally will have heard of his long and faithful services to the School, and this will be a fitting tribute to his memory. We hope that the plaque will be in position in time for dedication on Old Boys' Sunday (19th June).

Ash Wednesday was, of course, marked by an early celebration, and throughout Lent there were short voluntary services at 6 p.m. each Thursday.

On the last Sunday of term, Evening Service took the form of a Devotion for Congregation and Choir—'God So Loved The World'. The service was arranged roughly on the lines of the Christmas Service of lessons and carols, readings alternating with singing, and it proved extremely moving.

The Chaplain preached at the School Service in St. Helen's Church on the first day of term, 15th January. The collection amounting to £6 17s. 6d. was given to the funds of the Church.

Other collections to outside charities this term have been as follows:

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| Epiphany II—British Empire Leprosy Relief Association | £8 15s. 0d. |
| Epiphany IV—Student Christian Movement ... ..         | £7 16s. 0d. |
| Sexagesima—Royal School of Church Music ... ..        | £9 5s. 2d.  |
| Lent I—New Guinea Mission ... ..                      | £10 3s. 4d. |
| Lent III—World Refugee Year ... ..                    | £10 0s. 1d. |

In addition, the contents of the alms box this term and of the Lenten Savings Boxes, and the collection at the performance of Sacred Music and Drama held in St. Helen's Church on the 26th March, an apprecia-

tion of which follows these notes, were all devoted to the School's appeal for World Refugee Year.

Visitors to the Chapel will notice that the First World War Memorial Plaque, which was beginning to appear very tarnished, has been cleaned and now looks more worthy of its opposite number.

The preacher at the School Service on 26th April will be the Vicar of Abingdon. Other visiting preachers whom we look forward to hearing this term are as follows:

22nd May—Rev. Richard Busch, MA, of Tennessee, USA.

3rd July—John Ounsted, Esq., MA, Headmaster of Leighton Park School.

10th July—Rev. Dr. D. W. Nicely, BA, BD, of Colorado, USA.

17th July—Rev. L. P. Smith, MA, of Culham College.

During the term the Choir sang the anthems 'Let thy merciful ears O Lord' (Weelkes); 'O Worship the Lord' (Travers); 'O Saviour of the World' (Goss). In addition we sang on several occasions with some success settings for Choir and Congregation of the Benedicite (Naylor), and the Te Deum (Stanford).

It was a joy to see so many people attending the Chapel Council meeting held in Lacies Court on the 17th March. The Chairman reported on the activities of the Chapel Committee, and some light discussion took place on the prospect of a fitted carpet for the apse. Mr. Baker also brought us up to date with the World Refugee situation in the School. One of the matters arising from the meeting was the question of Chapel flowers. We propose next term to experiment by asking school societies and bodies, such as the St. Edmund's Society and the Prefects' Common Room, to provide the flowers each week instead of forms by rota, as has hitherto been the practice. This will add a personal touch to what has tended to be looked upon as a weekly chore.

At the suggestion of the New Guinea Mission, we have agreed to adopt, so to speak, a New Guinea boy. We are informed that a mere £10 will pay for his education and living expenses for a year—impecunious parents might like to take note. Perhaps we shall be able to say a little more about our coloured friend when we receive photographs and full particulars about him from the Mission.

### CHRISTENING

On Sunday, 28th February, by the School Chaplain, Deborah Anne Tammadge, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Tammadge.

T.A.L.

### A PROGRAMME OF SACRED MUSIC AND DRAMA

We are indebted to Mr. A. W. Westall for the following appreciation of the performance of Sacred Music and Drama on Saturday, 26th March.

"Only those who deal intimately with school music and drama are aware of the considerable difficulties which must be faced when a

serious production is entertained. The calls of the academic and sporting interests, the constant change in society membership and the elusiveness of youthful zeal and enthusiasms, all tend to create problems which are not found in adult groups. In a school, musical and dramatic tradition can only be formed by careful and considered teaching over a long period so that discipline, humility and good standards are inculcated. The Abingdon School Choral and Dramatic Societies are to be congratulated for showing those very qualities so clearly.

The well disciplined choral section gave excellent renderings of 'Rejoice in the Lord alway' (Purcell), 'O Saviour of the World' (Goss) and 'Let Thy merciful ears O Lord' (T. Weelkes), showing considerable ability in the management of the restrained, quiet passages, cadence and phrasing. Beautifully controlled, well balanced chording, a clear treble line and carefully modulated lower voices gave a performance which was most moving. The quartette section should receive special praise. In the more difficult *Te Deum* (Purcell) the cadences and crescendo passages were well managed; there was an intensity and firmness in the quieter moments; the movement was well sustained but towards the end there was a slight loss of pitch and some chording was not true. The tenors were a little too forceful in 'How Lovely are Thy Dwellings Fair' (Brahms) and pitch, time and balance were momentarily lost, but the firm bass line and the reliable trebles overcame the difficulty and the rendering had much to commend it. 'Zadok the Priest' (Handel) was well performed and the separate and collective intonation was delightful. There was a firmness in chording and the points of climax successfully reached. Generally speaking the choir is very well trained and disciplined; it recognises tonal beauty, considered phrasing, exact pronunciation and enunciation of words, strict rhythm and time.

The remarks made in the opening paragraph concerning difficulties applies more markedly to school orchestras. Much more is expected of the individual, and the Orchestra can be congratulated on its personal and collective achievement. Two movements from Bach's *Sinfonia in D* were played with good rhythmic and tonal qualities. All sections showed ability; the violins giving a firm line, well supported by the lower strings and the wood, brass and percussion showing zeal and reliability. It was pleasant to hear the orchestra in its task of accompaniment, for by well modulated and controlled playing it allowed the choir pride of place yet gave it strength, guidance and support. The organ was used skilfully and effectively, ever present, ever accurate, yet never obtruding. The orchestra and the choir were under the control of a conductor whose beat was clear and incisive, whose intentions were unmistakable, and who carried them successfully over the pitfalls which beset the way.

The Drama Society set itself a formidable task in presenting 'The Princes of this World' (Dorothy Sayers) by means of a 'fourth-hand'

broadcast. It was obvious that the recording had been made in a small room and sufficient consideration had not been given to the variety of hard surfaces, the nooks and crannies, the wooden pews and screen or the size of St. Helen's Church. The recorder and subsequent microphone and speaker production cruelly and irrevocably exaggerate the deficiencies of speech, 'sounds off' and 'crowd' scenes. Thus, speech appeared to be too rapid, that excellent means of emphasis, the pause, lost, and the determination of characters by sound, difficult. There were disconcerting periods when the listener could not discover if the 'fade' was a means of closing a scene, the alteration of the position of the microphone or a sudden attack of laryngitis on the part of the speaker. Variation in the strength of the voice and depth of tone was worrying. But this criticism is of the mechanical means of production, and, while it might be agreed that the theme was too long, the very good points must not be lost. Speech was clear and incisive; pronunciation and enunciation very good; some voices showed excellent individualistic qualities especially that of the speaker who bridged the episodes. The emphatic declamation alternating with the quieter exposition saved the whole from dullness and while the attention of the hearers was not held the whole while one could admire the beauty of the spoken word and understand the mood intended. Doubtless the Society will have learnt much and will go forward to conquer the 'broadcast' technique and so in time equal the skill in production which has been shown so excellently in the 'live' performances of the School."

A.W.W.

## VALETE ET SALVETE

*Left 18th December, 1959*

Upper Sixth Form Arts: J. A. M. Carslaw; D. G. Darroch; D. G. Morris; G. M. Morse; J. R. N. Ogle.

Upper Sixth Form Science: R. A. N. Bolton (7th October); B. M. J. Lewis; M. A. C. Stockwell (7th November).

Form Sixth General: R. J. Morgan; M. J. Stockwell.

Remove: M. G. Ticehurst.

Form 5B: R. A. Stewart.

Form 5C: P. Dier; A. G. Fisher.

Form 3A: A. G. Roberts (22nd October).

Form 3X: P. Fry (21st September); P. R. Porter (29th October).

*Came 15th January, 1960*

Form 3X: P. N. Atkins.

Form 1Y: R. J. Myers (29th February); J. J. Rawlins.

## QUATERCENTENARY APPEAL

The sixth list of subscribers, which is appended below, is inevitably a short one; but although the initial momentum of the Appeal has slackened the graph in the Entrance Hall continues to rise very steadily. By the time these words are read we should have passed the halfway mark by 'covering' £25,000. The next half of the course is bound to be more difficult but there is no reason why we should not complete it. What is especially cheering is not only the widespread nature of the response to date but also the willing generosity which has been shown by so many who, I suspect, have found that their subscriptions have involved them in real sacrifice.

Meanwhile the Appeal Fund has already shouldered its first commitment—the School Shop, which should be completed by September, and will have to be paid for before very long. Apart from its value as a long-needed amenity, the Shop will in itself act as a very potent advertisement for the Appeal, and will show everybody that the Committee means business.

The play with the sticker-stamps on the bills continues to be remarkably successful. It is providing the Fund with a small but steady income, I hope without inflicting noticeable pain on the parents. Anyway, they are all being very forbearing about it.

So now—on to the next £25,000!

J.M.C.

### APPEAL FUND

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## WORLD REFUGEE YEAR

The School has now raised £137 towards our target of £150 for the World Refugee Year Appeal.

This term we have sold a further £8 worth of sticker stamps (bringing our total from this source to over £50), while a week's Chapel Collections amounted to £10, and the collection after the School concert in St. Helen's Church brought in £21 12s. Od. Lenten Savings Boxes and the Alms Box have also brought in a substantial amount.

Some masters have been offering to give a certain sum should more than half their form get full marks in a test. Boys have responded to

this well, and W.R.Y. has benefited both from the masters and from the self-imposed fines paid by those boys who failed to get 100%.

Just as we were launching an appeal for clothing, we received a letter from a parent who had recently been working among refugees in Hong Kong. She gave a vivid description of the terrible conditions, stressed the urgent need for warm clothing and blankets, and asked us not to waste money by sending out unsuitable clothes such as flimsy dresses and high-heeled shoes. An appeal was sent out to the parents of all dayboys, as a result of which over a dozen large sacks were filled and taken to the collection centre in Oxford. Nearly all the clothes were in excellent condition, and some people had obviously gone to the trouble of having shoes soled and heeled before bringing them along. We are most grateful to all those who responded so well to our appeal.

We are hoping that every boy in the School will come back for the Summer term having *earned* half-a-crown from his family for W.R.Y., by cleaning the car, doing the washing-up, getting early morning cups of tea, mowing the lawn and by doing other jobs of this nature.

We hope to devise further ways and means of helping right up to the end of World Refugee Year in June.

R.H.B.

## HOCKEY

### FIRST ELEVEN

The bad weather which is a normal feature of the Lent term played its part this term also in causing the cancellation of two matches and a great number of practice games. Despite this, however, the first eleven always produced good spirited hockey, which gave enjoyment to their opponents, spectators and themselves alike.

The forwards from the beginning of the season looked a promising line, and appeared to have much more thrust than previous years had produced. This promise they only partially fulfilled, though in the games against Wantage, Radley, the O.A.'s and Sandhurst they were very convincing. In the game against Wallingford, when they were given far less time and room to move, they were made to look very slow.

The two outsides, Bampton and Johnson, played well throughout the season, and their hard and well-placed passes resulted in many a goal. The outstanding forward was undoubtedly Goodwin at inside left, who with a hard shot, and a scheming mind was several times the architect of victory, and deservedly gained his colours. He was well supported by Ford, a much improved centre forward, and Long, who, with more experience, should make an effective inside right.

Brice at half and Martin at back developed into an effective combination on the right of the defence, though Brice was occasionally rather slow to pass the ball, and Martin showed an alarming tendency

to clear across his own goal. Both, however, are very promising players, who have continued to improve throughout the season. On the left Weir, who came straight into the first eleven without ever playing in the second, showed considerable promise, and he too improved visibly as the season progressed. Taylor, at centre half, played with courage and determination, and tackled well, though his passes were occasionally rather desperate and lacked power. Nurton in goal played well and occasionally brilliantly, with a fine sense of timing in advancing to the edge of the circle.

The defence as a whole played well most of the time, though they too were made to look very slow when they were faced with a fast and well organised attack. The whole team needed to develop greater speed, both in passing and in moving on to the ball.

As far as results go, the season was moderate, but considering the number of practices lost, satisfactory. A number of the team will be here next year, and with some promising players in the second eleven the prospects are reasonably bright.

Finally I should like to thank Mr. Griffin and Mr. Hillary for their help and encouragement, and the eleven for their good spirit which enabled us to enjoy our hockey.

P.E.P.

The outstanding player on the field was Perry himself whose calmness and skill were a great inspiration to the rest of the side. As captain too his quiet leadership went a long way towards giving the team their good spirit.

The final arrangement of the First Eleven was: Nurton; Martin, Perry (Capt.); Brice, Taylor JD, Weir; Johnson CT, Long, Ford PJ, Goodwin, Bampton RWJ.

The following also played: Neilan (three times), Robey (twice) and Hossent (once).

Full colours were awarded to D. M. Goodwin.

L.C.J.G.

### FIRST ELEVEN MATCHES

*Wednesday, 27th January v. King Alfred's School, Wantage (a).  
Won 4—2.*

Abingdon went into the attack from the start; Wantage breakaways, looking dangerous at times, being ruined by unnecessary offside and poor shooting inside the circle. After ten minutes, the School deservedly took the lead when Brice pushed the ball to Hossent, who scored with a lob shot from an acute angle. The School kept up the pressure, and within five minutes had scored again through Neilan, who hit the ball through a crowd of players from the edge of the circle.

After this Wantage hit back, but the school's defence held firm. Following a few anxious moments, Perry cleared down the right wing, whence a square pass found Goodwin unmarked, and he scored the School's third goal with a hard shot which gave the goalkeeper no chance. From the bully-off, Southern, the Wantage captain, had a fine solo run and scored.

The second half saw play divided more equally between the two sides. Perry and Brice figured prominently in breaking up dangerous Wantage attacks. Midway through this half Ford pushed the ball into an opening and Neilan scored as the goalkeeper advanced. By this time Nurton was playing splendidly in the school goal, but did not manage to stop a fine shot from the inside right. Although the School had many more scoring chances, there was no further score.

*Saturday, 30th January v. St. Edward's 'A' (h). Lost 0—2.*

St. Edward's went immediately into the School's circle, and the defence was kept alert by the speed of the opposing forwards. Inevitably, so it seemed, St. Edward's took the lead within two minutes—a fine movement which split the home defence wide open. The School, however, recovered from this bad start and attacked in their turn, coming near to scoring on several occasions. Play swung from end to end and just before half time St. Edward's scored a second goal (a scrambled affair after Perry had miraculously saved his side when he stood alone between the empty goal and the opposing forwards).

After half time play was shared more equally and both sides wasted many chances. Although the stickwork and tactical play of St. Edward's were superior, the determination of the School defence was particularly worthy of praise.

*Saturday, 6th February v. Abingdon Town H.C. (h). Lost 0—3.*

It is perhaps somewhat ironical that all of the Town's goals were scored by members of the Staff. The Town swept into the attack from the first bully-off. Their forwards showed themselves to be extremely dangerous, especially with their use of long sweeping passes.

However, this first attack was repulsed, and the ball was then switched rapidly from one end of the field to the other, and this form of play was maintained throughout the match. The Town's first goal came about half-way through the first half. A long pass sent their right wing through to the edge of the circle where a scuffle developed. From this the ball was passed suddenly right across the back of the circle to the inside-left, Mr. Hillary, whose shot narrowly escaped the goalkeeper.

After half time the School used the long cross-pass and both sides had a fair share of the ball. The Town side did not tire, but instead pressed home their advantage and two goals, one from Mr. Tammadge, and another from Mr. Hillary, followed in quick succession.

*Saturday, 20th February v. Radley 2nd XI (a). Won 3—1.*

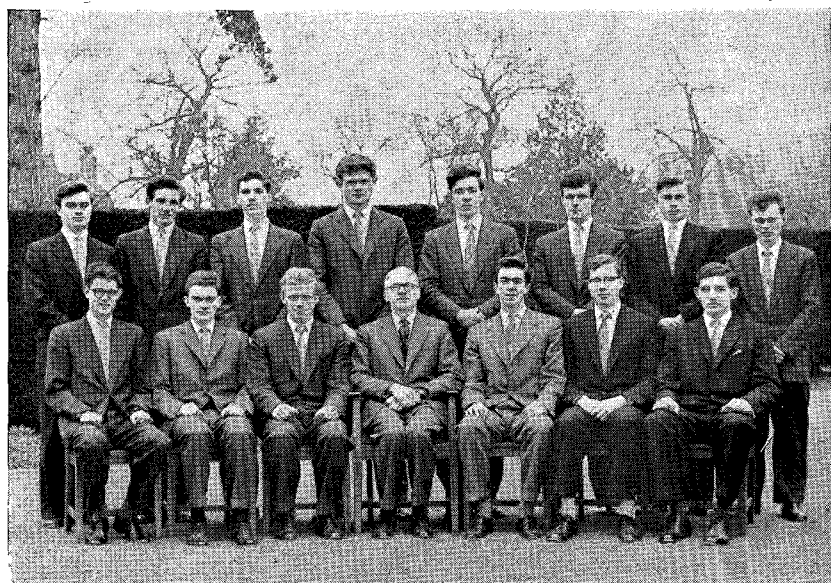
An unchanged School eleven took the field, as a mixture of rain and hail, which continued for about ten minutes, swept into their faces. The School spent the majority of the first half in the attack, but were unable to score.

After half time the School swung into action. By a more skilful use of the cross pass and altogether quicker passing the forwards cut through the Radley defence and forced a long corner. From the resulting scramble Goodwin hit the first goal. Shortly afterwards the ball was taken down the right wing, then Johnson hit it back to Goodwin who shot past the stranded goalkeeper.

The half backs were now pushing the ball through accurately to the forwards. Goodwin collected the ball from Brice and pushed it past the goalkeeper for the School's third goal and his hat-trick.

From then on the School seemed content to let Radley wear themselves out on the mud-churned pitch. Their attacks were always disrupted by Perry and Martin. The Radley goal was scored with the

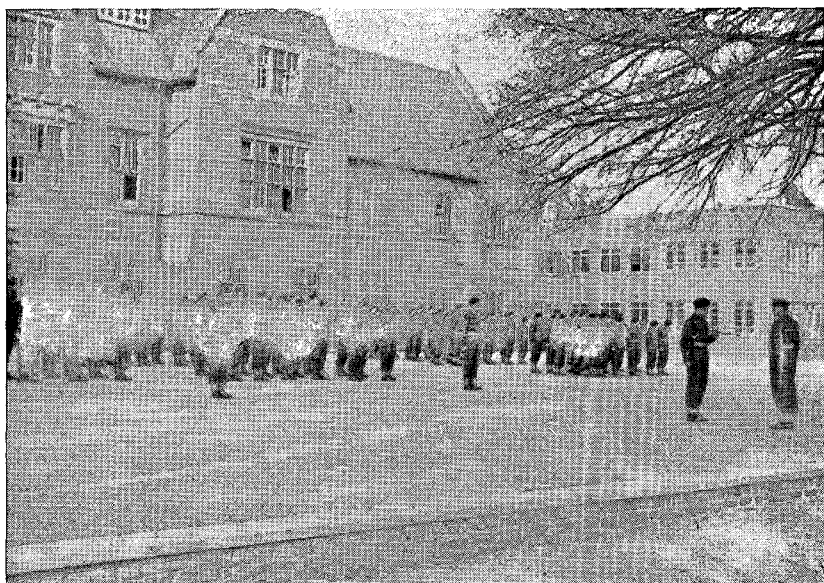




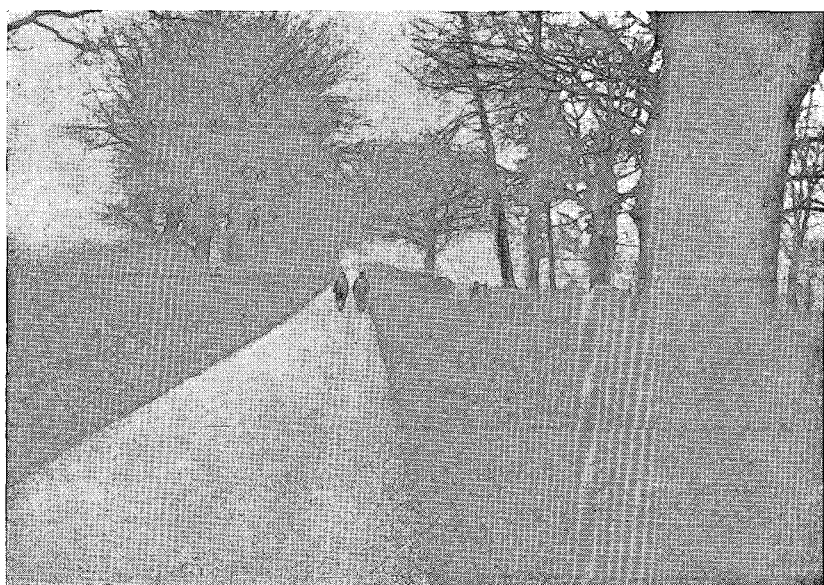
THE SCHOOL PREFECTS



THE HOCKEY FIRST ELEVEN



ALL PRESENT ON PARADE



— BUT TWO ARE ON MORE ARDUOUS TRAINING

last shot of the match; an oblique shot somehow finding its way between Nurton and the post.

*Saturday, 27th February v. Wallingford G.S. (h). Lost 0—2.*

Wallingford, an unbeaten side so far this season, beat the School by two clear goals; but had it not been for the excellent goalkeeping of Nurton the score might easily have been trebled.

Wallingford went straight into the attack from the first bully-off, and kept up an almost continuous attack on the School goal, during which time the ball rarely found its way to our forwards. Half time came and for some unknown reason there was still no score. Wallingford had missed two easy chances, and the school, too, had been very unlucky.

Immediately after half time, Wallingford swept into the School circle, where a rather unsettled School defence gave away a number of corners; the Wallingford centre forward emerged from the struggle and put the ball past Nurton.

The School defence, though a goal down, still played well up field. Martin and Perry positioned themselves on the half way line and thwarted many opposing attacks by putting the Wallingford forwards offside. However Wallingford scored a second goal some eight minutes from the end when the centre forward intercepted a clearance, and having beaten two defenders, scored a magnificent goal.

*Wednesday, 2nd March v. University College, Oxford (a). Lost 1—8.*

As the match against the Hockey Association earlier this term was cancelled, this proved the hardest game that the School had to play. The College side contained one Blue and several Occasionals and played the high standard of hockey one might expect. After ten minutes University College scored two quick goals, both individual efforts by the centre forward. The School's solitary goal was scored from an attack down the right wing. Johnson took a pass from Brice, and having dribbled round the left back bundled the ball into the net.

After half time, at which the score stood at 3—1, University College swept straight into the attack and scored three goals in quick succession. Inevitably they added two more goals before the end, and obviously deserved their convincing win. In spite of the score, the School did not play badly, and although outclassed by the superior speed and skill of their opponents, never gave up trying.

*Saturday, 5th March v. Old Abingdonians (h). Won 5—1.*

Undaunted by their 8—1 defeat of the previous Wednesday the School fielded an unchanged side. On a firm pitch the School went into the attack, which was repulsed by the O.A.'s, who then began a series of attacks down the left wing. After both sides had settled down, the School forced a short corner from which Goodwin scored. Hardy and Walker then took the ball down the right wing and forced two successive corners for the O.A.'s, which were, however, pushed away. The School then gradually asserted their superiority and Goodwin scored two more goals, thus completing his hat-trick.

Immediately after half time came the O.A.'s only goal, Utin scoring through a crowd of players; the School having been rather slow to settle down. The School continued to have more of the play and Goodwin added two more goals, both from openings engineered by Ford. The Old Boys obviously had a number of good individual players, but lack of practice together meant that they rarely became a team.

*Saturday, 12th March v. Old College, Sandhurst (a). Won 5—2.*

The School's visit to Sandhurst occurred a week after any serious hockey practice had taken place, which fact probably accounted for the School's slowness on the ball. With only ten men, Old College nevertheless kept up a determined pressure on the School, and were the first to score five minutes from the start. At this the School fought back, and play was gradually pushed into the opposing circle. Johnson soon found Goodwin unmarked at the back of the circle and he shot past the goalkeeper to bring the scores level. For the remainder of this half play was dominated by the School, Goodwin scoring twice more. The score might have been greater but for the determined resistance of the home goalkeeper.

The second half found the School once more on the attack, and after a short corner Perry pushed the ball to Goodwin who found an empty goal at his mercy. Old College then retaliated and their inside left saw his shot deflected past Nurton for their second goal. From the bully-off Robey pushed the ball through to Neilan who in turn passed it to Goodwin who scored without a single Sandhurst player touching it. Poor finishing on the part of the School meant that there was no further score.

## SECOND ELEVEN

The Second Eleven had a fair season under the leadership of Hamilton, only losing the matches in which they failed to draw by a single goal.

*Saturday, 30th January v. St. Edward's 'B' XI (h). Drawn 2—2.*

*Saturday, 20th February v. Radley College 3rd XI (a). Lost 1—2.*

*Saturday, 27th February v. Radley Coll. 3rd XI (h). Drawn 0—0.*

*Wednesday, 2nd March v. Henley Grammar School 1st XI (h).*

*Lost 5—6.*

The final arrangement of the team was: Moll; Hamilton (Capt.), Wood APH; Marchbanks, Parsons RWJ, Warburton; Hurd, Veysey, Robey, Neilan, Hossent.

The Inter-House Hockey Cup was won by Reeves who won a very scrappy replay following a goalless draw.

M.J.N.

## ATHLETICS

A very great improvement in the standard of athletic performance at all ages has been the distinctive feature of this season. No less than sixteen records went by the board in the Sports Days' events alone. Once again middle distance running has been our greatest strength—Cross and Eke over the 440, Eke and Harvey over the half mile and, almost in a class on his own, Harvey in the Mile: but amongst the Juniors, Blair and the Marsh brothers are full of promise over the shorter distances and in Talbot we are likely to find a worthy successor to Darroch in the Shot.

Against other clubs, we can record comfortable victories over the O.A.'s and the City of Oxford School and a fairly narrow defeat at the hands of Bloxham, whose Seniors proved too strong for us in that their second strings were much better than ours. In the School Sports, the Standards Competition was again held separately from the events of Sports Day and this year was won by Reeves House with a total of

493 points. Bennett House were runners up with 437 points, followed by Blacknall House with 395 points and Tesdale House with 390.

Altogether the term has been most successful in spite of some bitterly cold weather for our meetings. The track on War Memorial Field was in excellent condition—thanks to Mr. Smithson—and this time, home coaching was supplemented by the enthusiastic and practical training provided by Messrs. Whitworth and Gilligan, two student masters, to whom we record our thanks.

## MATCHES

### *v. Old Abingdonians (h). Sat., 12th March.*

The most notable feature of this meeting was the fine win in the Half-Mile by Eke whose time of 2 min. 3.4 secs. not only beat the match record held by Pat Sale but secured new School and track records also. It was pleasant to see Tony King (OA) making a come-back in the Discus.

- 100 yards: 1—Darroch, NAC (OA), 11 secs.; 2—Talbot; 3—Ford, PJ.  
 440 yards: 1—Eke, 54.3 secs.; 2—Cross; 3—Bowen, HC (OA).  
 880 yards: 1—Eke, 2-03.4 (School and Match Record); 2—Duly, KR (OA); 3—Johnson, CF.  
 Mile: 1—Harvey, 4-30.4; 2—Sheard, JA (OA); 3—Bett.  
 High Jump: 1—Nelson, 5' 3"; 2—Houghton; 3—Woodward, AE (OA).  
 Long Jump: 1—Carpenter, 18' 1½"; 2—Woodward, AE (OA); 3—Cross.  
 Shot: 1—Darroch, NAC (OA), 46' 8½"; 2—Talbot; 3—Ford, PJ.  
 Discus: 1—King, AGB (OA), 137' 7"; 2—Darroch, NAC (OA); 3—Eke.  
 Javelin: 1—Redknap, RH (OA), 121'; 2—Nelson; 3—Ford, PJ.  
 Relay: 1—School; 2—O.A.'s. 2-34.  
 (6 x 220)

School—55 points; Old Abingdonians—34 points.

### *v. City of Oxford School (a). Wed., 16th March.*

Conditions were damp and cold and the track heavy, but several good performances were seen. Eke and Harvey gained Match records in the 880 and Mile respectively; Cross secured a double in the 220 and 440 and Talbot in the Sprint and Discus.

## Senior Match

- 100 yards: 1—Talbot, 11.5; 2—Ford, PJ; 3—Cousins (O).  
 220 yards: 1—Cross, 25.7; 2—Cousins (O); 3—Talbot.  
 440 yards: 1—Cross, 55.2; 2—Smith, RD; 3—Tyndall (O).  
 880 yards: 1—Eke, 2-07.6; 2—Moore (O); 3—Matson, AG.  
 Mile: 1—Harvey, 4-46.5; 2—Bett; 3—Moore (O).  
 High Jump: 1—Nelson, 5' 2"; 2—Houghton; 3—Davies (O).  
 Long Jump: 1—Weaver (O), 18' 3½"; 2—Stuart-Lyon; 3—Cross.  
 Shot: 1—Downing (O), 39' 10½"; 2—Talbot; 3—Coleman (O).  
 Discus: 1—Talbot, 105' 10"; 2—Downing (O); 3—Eke.  
 Javelin: 1—Ford, PJ, 132' 4"; 2—Strongitharm (O); 3—Davies (O).  
 Relay: 1—C.O.S.; 2—Abingdon.  
 (4 x 110)

*Junior Match*

- 100 yards: 1—Hall, GA, 11.6; 2—Marsh, TA; 3—Jackson (O).  
 440 yards: 1—Bunce, 58.5; 2—Jones (O); 3—Blair.  
 880 yards: 1—Bunce, 2—17.5; 2—Crumly; 3—Fryer (O).  
 High Jump: 1—Cable, 5'; 2—Hoare (O); 3—Johnson, AE.  
 Long Jump: 1—Hall, GA, 16' 9½"; 2—Davies, CM; 3—Willetts (O).  
 Shot: 1—Ford, MS, 38' 5"; 2—Downing (O); 3—Marsh, TA.  
 Discus: 1—Downing (O), 98'; 2—Davis, CM; 3—Marsh, TA.  
 Relay: 1—Abingdon; 2—C.O.S.  
 (4 x 110)

Abingdon—125 points; C.O.S.—76 points.

*v. Bloxham School (a). Sat., 19th March.*

Five records were beaten in this meeting. Bloxham secured both the Senior and Junior sprints and so got off to a good lead which the fine running of their second strings ensured despite the six Senior and six Junior first places gained by the School. In a 1500 metre Steeplechase, not included in the match scoring, the School had the first three men home: 1—Harvey; 2—Bett; 3—Johnson, CF.

*Senior Match*

- 100 yards: 1—Mence (B), 10.3 (match record); 2—Butler (B); 3—Neilan.  
 440 yards: 1—Cross, 53.9; 2—Butler (B); 3—Reynolds (B).  
 880 yards: 1—Eke, 2—02.2 (match record); 2—Scott (B); 3—Langton (B).  
 Mile: 1—Harvey, 4—33 (match record); 2—Mence (B); 3—Bett.  
 High Jump: 1—Houghton and Beaty (B), 5'; 3—Sadler (B).  
 Long Jump: 1—Scott (B), 18' 11½" (match record); 2—Keane (B); 3—Carpenter.  
 Shot: 1—Talbot, 40' 7"; 2—Beaty (B); 3—Sadler (B).  
 Discus: 1—Tarratt (B), 118' 2" (match record); 2—Talbot; 3—White (B).  
 Javelin: 1—Ganf, 128'; 2—White (B); 3—Langton (B).  
 Relay: 1—Bloxham; 2—Abingdon. 1—37.7.  
 (4 x 220)

*Junior Match*

- 100 yards: 1—Prakash (B), 10.9; 2—Long (B); 3—Marsh, TA.  
 440 yards: 1—Bunce, 57 secs.; 2—Johnson (B); 3—Prakash (B).  
 880 yards: 1—Bunce, 2—11.5; 2—Clark (B); 3—Ahern (B).  
 High Jump: 1—Cable, 4' 8"; 2—Fowler (B); 3—Johnson, AE.  
 Long Jump: 1—Hall, GA, 18' 2½"; 2—Harvey (B); 3—Lilwall (B).  
 Shot: 1—Marsh, TA, 34'; 2—Davis, CM; 3—Marston (B).  
 Discus: 1—Marsh, TA, 119' 5½"; 2—Marston (B); 3—Davis, CM.  
 Relay: 1—Bloxham; 2—Abingdon.  
 (4 x 220)

Abingdon—71 points; Bloxham—87 points.

## THE SCHOOL SPORTS

The warm sunshine which we enjoyed on the preliminary Sports Day, Wednesday, 23rd March, inspired the competitors to break records—four Junior records, two Under 16 and one Senior record were bettered during the afternoon, most noteworthy being the new distance

of 48ft. 10ins. by Talbot in the Under 16 Shot, an increase of well over six feet upon the previous best. This record breaking habit was continued on Sports Day, 26th March, itself although the weather turned unkind so that a bitter wind chilled spectators and athletes alike. On this day, a further five Junior, three Senior and one Under 16 records were beaten and if we single out Harvey's Mile in 4 min. 28.6 secs. for special mention, it is not because we think any the less of the others, but because this is quite an outstanding performance for a schoolboy. It must be placed on record, too, that in running his half-mile leg of the Medley Relay, Harvey clocked 2 mins. 2 secs., which is of course 1.4 secs. better than the School Record.

The Ladies of Abingdon Cup was won this year by Reeves House after a close fight with last year's victor, Tesdale House. The Heber Clarke Cup for the Senior Victor Ludorum went appropriately to the Captain of Athletics, D. T. L. Eke, whilst the Shallard Cup for the best Junior athlete went to V. A. Marsh who just beat P. F. Blair by the odd point.

At the conclusion of the Sports, the Challenge Cups were presented by Mrs. Hasnip from the steps of the Pavilion.

### Results

- 100 yards (U/12): 1—Hassett, 13.6; 2—Burn, JFF; 3—Painton.  
 100 yards (U/13): 1—Marsh, SA, 12.8; 2—Evans, PG; 3—Davis, RB.  
 100 yards (U/14): 1—Jennings, 12.1; 2—Johnson, AE; 3—Akinbiyi.  
 100 yards (U/15): 1—Blair, 11.4; 2—Marsh, VA; 3—Joseph.  
 100 yards (Open): 1—Neilan, 11.1; 2—Talbot; 3—Parsons, RWJ.  
 220 yards (U/12): 1—Hassett, 31.1 (Record); 2—Burn, JFF; 3—Painton.  
 220 yards (U/13): 1—Marsh, SA, 28.5 (Record); 2—Denny, CW; 3—Evans, PG.  
 220 yards (U/14): 1—Johnson, AE, 27 (Record); 2—Jennings; 3—Cox.  
 220 yards (U/15): 1—Blair, 24.6 (Record); 2—Marsh, VA; 3—Joseph.  
 220 yards (Open): 1—Neilan, 23.8 (Record); 2—Cross; 3—Ford, PJ.  
 440 yards (U/13): 1—Marsh, SA, 64.6 (Record); 2—Denny, CW; 3—Evans, PG.  
 440 yards (U/14): 1—Barrett, AT, 64.9; 2—Crouch; 3—Booker, RD.  
 440 yards (U/15): 1—Marsh, VA, 57.7; 2—Blair; 3—Joseph.  
 440 yards (Open): 1—Eke, 53.8; 2—Cross; 3—Johnson, CT.  
 880 yards (U/14): 1—Crouch, 2-26 (Record); 2—Avery; 3—Moore, TB.  
 880 yards (U/15): 1—Marsh, VA, 2-23.8; 2—Gregson; 3—Blair.  
 880 yards (Open): 1—Harvey, 2-3.5; 2—Eke; 3—Cross.  
 Mile (U/15): 1—Marsh, VA, 5-27.8; 2—Gregson; 3—Newbold.  
 Mile (Open): 1—Harvey, 4-28.6 (Record); 2—Eke; 3—Bett.  
 Shot (U/15): 1—Bosley, NAH, 34'  $\frac{3}{4}$ "; 2—Flint, IR; 3—Joseph.  
 Shot (U/16): 1—Talbot, 48' 10" (Record); 2—Ford, MS; 3—Marsh, TA.  
 Shot (Open): 1—Talbot, 39'  $2\frac{1}{2}$ "; 2—Rosevear; 3—Louth, GD.  
 Discus (U/15): 1—Mackenzie, JJ, 98' 5"; 2—Barrett, AT; 3—Flint, IR.  
 Discus (U/16): 1—Talbot, 149' 5" (Record); 2—Marsh, TA; 3—Ford, MS.





Half a mile from the finish he shot into the lead, so demoralising the Reading runner that three more of our team also passed him and followed Harvey home.

Then followed a triangular match with Kimbolton School and R.A.F. Henlow at Kimbolton. The School Course proved to be  $4\frac{1}{2}$  miles of pretty heavy going all the way. Our inexperience over such a length of continuous mud was shown up by the first class Kimbolton team which gained five places out of the first six.

We entered two teams for the Berkshire Schools' Championships at Sunningdale. The opposition was very weak in the Under 19 age group and all our six runners finished well ahead of the rest of the field. About seventy runners started in the Under 17 age group and although we took no individual honours, the team packed extremely well and we are now the first holders of the newly presented 'Elam Cup'.

Both our teams found the attractive Douai course much to their liking, and romped home to easy victories—the first team winning by the absolute maximum.

The Culham Road Relay is becoming a really important event. This year 21 teams took part including ones from Oxford City A.C. and from several Oxford Colleges. As in previous years we were the only school competing. Our 'A' team, although without Harvey, ran steadily to finish 7th while our 'B' team which finished 12th was only a minute behind.

Throughout the term R. W. Harvey has been quite outstanding, and it has been good to see D. T. L. Eke rapidly returning to form after the operation on his ankle. Of the others, G. W. Jones and M. J. Bett have been running consistently well; A. G. D. Matson has greatly improved and has earned his half-colours for Athletics; T. A. Libby's long services to the club were rewarded in the same manner; M. P. Cross and C. F. Johnson ran well on occasions; P. A. Holmes and J. M. Bunce are both very promising runners and should do well next season.

### Results

#### *v. Culham College (h). 23rd January.*

1st—Abingdon 'A' 21 pts.; 2nd—Culham 40 pts.; 3rd—Abingdon 'B' 69 pts.

(Scorers: Harvey 2, Bett 3, Jones 4, Johnson 5, Holmes 7).

#### *v. Radley & St. Edward's (at Radley). 4th February.*

1st—Radley 33 pts.; 2nd—Abingdon 35 pts.; 3rd—St. Edward's 58 pts.

(Scorers: Harvey 1, Johnson 6, Jones 7, Eke 8, Cross 13).

#### *v. Reading School (a). 10th February.*

1st teams: 1st—Abingdon 24 pts.; 2nd—Reading 59 pts.

(Scorers: Harvey 1, Cross 2, Eke 3, Jones 4, Matson 6, Johnson 8).

2nd teams: 1st—Abingdon 15 pts.; 2nd—Reading 44 pts.

(Scorers: Bett 1, Holmes 2, Bunce 3, Watts, RC 4, Nelson 5).

*v. Kimbolton & RAF Henlow (at Kimbolton). 17th February.*

1st—Kimbolton 32 pts.; 2nd—Abingdon 60 pts.; 3rd—RAF Henlow 97 pts.

(Scorers: Harvey 1, Bett 8, Jones 9, Eke 13, Johnson 14, Matson 15).

*Berkshire Schools' Cross Country Championships. 20th February.*

Under 19: Harvey 1, Bett, Johnson, Eke, Jones, Cross, all = 2.

Under 17: Matson 4, Holmes 5, Bunce 8, Bretscher 23, Nelson 34, Riddick 37.

*v. Douai School (a). 24th February.*

1st teams: 1st—Abingdon 21 pts.; 2nd—Douai 69 pts.

(Scorers: Harvey, Jones, Bett, Matson, Eke, all = 1, Johnson 6).

2nd teams: 1st—Abingdon 21 pts.; 2nd—Douai 65 pts.

(Scorers: Bunce 1, Marchbanks 2, Holmes 3, Watts, RC 4, Bretscher and Cunningham = 5).

*Culham Road Relay. 5th March.*

1st team: Eke, Bett, Matson, Cross.

2nd team: Johnson, Holmes, Libby, Jones.

The following have represented the Club this term: Bett; Johnson, CF; Jones, GW; Matson, AGD (7 times); Eke; Harvey; Holmes; Libby (6 times); Cross, Cunningham (5 times); Bretscher, Riddick; Watts, RC (4 times); Bunce; Nelson (3 times); Griffiss (twice); Davis, CM; Gresswell; Marchbanks; Smith, MJ (once).

R.H.B.

## RUGBY FOOTBALL

Lent Term rugger, as so often happens, suffered from the vagaries of the weather and unplayable pitches. Nevertheless, the teams played well and showed considerable enthusiasm in their training, the Junior Fifteen especially giving the appearance in its two matches of a well knit, efficient side. As an innovation this term, we tried out a Junior 'A' Fifteen, comprised of those boys who normally provide the opposition in the Junior practice games. The experiment was worthwhile and gave us some idea of the strength of a reserve side. The team was well captained by Barrett, AT and Kandiah distinguished himself as its scrum half.

The three Fifteens played only two games each. Results were as follows:—

Junior Colts *v. Newbury Grammar School (h). 23rd Jan. Drawn 6—6*  
*v. Henley Grammar School (h). 6th Feb. Won 15—3.*

Juniors *v. Newbury Grammar School (h). 23rd Jan. Won 15—0.*  
*v. Radley College (h). 3rd Feb. Won 9—0.*

Junior 'A' *v. St. Birinus' Sch., Didcot (h). 30th Jan. Drawn 6—6.*  
*v. Cokethorpe Park School (h). 13th Feb. Won 38—0.*

The Junior 'A' Fifteen was selected from the following players: Akinbiyi; James, PG; Partridge; Kandiah; Morris, TR; Tinder, CP; Bent; Stiff; Bisby, MA; Barrett, AT (Capt.); Henderson; Marsh, SA; Cox; Bowthorpe; Jennings; Booker; Gregson; Louth, MR; Moore, TB; and Johnson, AE.

### JUNIOR HOUSE MATCHES

The Robinson Cup for the knock-out competition went for the second year running to Bennett House who proved superior in all aspects of the game when they defeated Tesdale 19—0 in the opening round and subsequently disposed of Reeves in the Final by two goals to nil (10—0). In the Final, both Bennett tries were scored by the strong running of Mackenzie, whilst Bent made sure on both occasions of the extra points. The game between Reeves and Blacknall had earlier ended in a crushing victory for Reeves, 28—6.

#### *'Under 13' League*

Once again, we had to be content to play a minimum number of matches to reach a decision, unplayable pitches being the chief handicaps to a full league programme. The Candy Cup was ultimately won by Blacknall House who scored 6 points by defeating the other three Houses in turn. Reeves House were runners up with 4 points, having beaten Bennett and Tesdale. Tesdale House, whose players seemed to be so much smaller in size than their rivals, had to be content with the bottom of the league since Bennett by virtue of their single victory over Tesdale managed to gain third place with 2 points.

D.O.W.

### ROWING

The Lent Term is often one in which the fates are unkind to oarsmen, and this has been no exception. After the first fortnight, during which various trial crews were afloat, severe flooding brought our activities to a standstill for ten days. Thereafter, a series of casualties in the 1st and 2nd VIII's hindered training very seriously, particularly for the 2nd VIII. At one time it seemed doubtful whether these two crews would be able to enter for the Reading University Head of the River Race, but it was decided that it would be a pity to miss the valuable experience afforded by this type of race. Indeed, up to and including the race, the 1st VIII had only 18 out of a possible 37 outings in the eight, and only three members of the crew had taken part in all of these. The 1st VIII which raced was only together on seven occasions before the race: the 2nd VIII suffered as severely.

It was therefore pleasantly surprising that the 1st VIII was 2nd to St. Edward's School in the Bourne Cup for Public Schools, out of 19, finishing 29th in the overall placing out of 96.

The 2nd VIII moved up 20 places, finishing 74th.

The performance of the 1st VIII was very good and it should be faster than last year.

During the course of the term we took delivery of the new eight from Messrs. Sims. This boat has not yet been used: it is so beautiful we do not want to get it wet until there is a good reason for so doing!

It is hoped that we shall be racing a 3rd VIII and a Colts' VIII for the first time this season. Progress continues.

Crews for the Reading Head were:

1st VIII: Howell, Gerring, Howlett GS, Sewry TA, Haarhoff, Gibbs, Mackenzie AJ, Antrobus, Smith DFK.

2nd VIII: Griffiths, Lucas, Pollard DC, Willis PJV, Bickers, Nash, Johnston RGM, Woodham, Hann.

R.G.M.

## FIVES

This term has been an active and interesting one. History was made when the New Court was used for a match for the first time when the Colts IV played Bloxham.

However the game is, as yet, not fully developed in the school, and our Colts four was our Senior team as well. As Seniors they had a satisfactory season, defeating the Common Room and the O.A.'s and playing quite well against the stronger opposition of Mr. Vallance's IV. Veysey and Ogg had by this time settled down to be a steady first pair: Ogg—only in his first season—is, of course, unexperienced as yet, but promises well. Veysey is a shrewd player, but still lacks height and weight. Marsh, TA, and Rosevear provided a hard-hitting second pair, though they lack subtlety. Playing as Colts against Bloxham early in February they did not do so well, though this was partly due to inexperience. It was, unfortunately, impossible to play the Colts match against Radley.

The Junior Colts were a strong team—though young—and promise well. In fact their captain, Bailey, GJ, won the Holme Open Challenge Cup, presented for the first time this year. Ford, CC won the Junior Challenge Cup, beating Barrett, AT in an excellent final. Davis, PH a left hander, was a good partner for Barrett in the matches and this team had excellent results, beating Bloxham and, later, a weakened Radley side by 120 points to 27. The Junior IV also won a close match at Radley.

Nearly 100 boys have played Fives this season, and standards are improving all round. We look forward to further progress next season.

### Results of Matches

|           |                             |      |        |
|-----------|-----------------------------|------|--------|
| Senior IV | v. Old Abingdonians (h).    | Won  | 120—46 |
|           | v. The Common Room (h).     | Won  | 106—70 |
|           | v. M. W. Vallance's IV (h). | Lost | 79—104 |
| Colts IV  | v. Bloxham (h).             | Lost | 96—69  |

The following represented the School as the Senior and Colts IVs: Veysey; Ogg; Marsh, TA; and Rosevear. Also played: Martin (once).

Junior Colts IV v. Bloxham (a). Won 107—92

v. Radley (a). Won 120—27

The Junior Colts team was: Bailey, GJ; Ford, CC; Barrett, AT; Davis, PH. Also played: Davis, RB (once).

Junior IV v. Radley (a). Won 101—86

The Junior team was: Davis, RB; Avery; Roblin, PAC; Havelock, PB.  
M.W.V.

## COMBINED CADET FORCE

This term has been the usual quiet Lent Term, with only three events in it that call for record.

Firstly a week-end was spent in Arduous Training, a trial run in preparation for the Big Thing in July. Of this a separate account appears below.

Secondly the N.C.O.'s Cadre benefitted on one parade day from a visit to the Parachute School at R.A.F. Abingdon. Here they saw the experts make a number of impressive jumps, and later themselves jumped indoors from a cage 40 feet up.

Field Day, the third noteworthy item, was held on 15th March, in spring-like weather. B Coy., with an eye to the impending Army Proficiency exams, carried out a Patrol exercise in the Benson area, which met with varied success. C Coy. worked on the Wantage Downs and enjoyed—we hope—a tiring day. Recruit Coy., out for the first time, found the Shotover area quite extensive enough for their tests of individual fieldcraft.

Once again we have been indebted to instructors from O.U.O.T.C. and the School of Survey for training our R.A., R.E., and Signals sections.

Camp this year will be based on the Depot of 6 Training Battalion, Yeovil, Somerset. There seems little danger of a change in venue, and a good camp should be had by all. ALL, we hope, will this year mean twice as many cadets as the 40-odd who did their duty in '59.

S.C.P.

## ROYAL NAVAL SECTION

The most important item of news this term is that the section is at last in occupation of the new headquarters in the old armoury. The interior has been converted into two instruction rooms and an office-cum-store and by the time these notes are read we hope that the electricians will have finished re-wiring so that we shall have efficient lighting and heating. Members of the section have already done valuable work in preparing for redecoration which we hope will be completed next term in time for Inspection Day.

Field Day was a complete change this term. The section was split into two halves, the junior half paying a visit to the R.A.F. where we spent an interesting day. We were shown over the parachute school in the morning, and enjoyed a brief trip in a Beverley in the afternoon. The senior half went off on bicycles on an initiative test, which took them around the Cumnor area. Reports indicate that it was enjoyed, and it was carried out efficiently by the majority of participants.

We should like to record our gratitude to Wing-Commander E. J. Brice, O.B.E., and to Flight-Lieutenant P. A. Lyons for arranging our visit to the R.A.F.

On the last parade of term a supplementary Able Seaman's exam. was held, which four out of the five candidates passed.

We cannot allow Mr. Cooper (Sub-Lieutenant Cooper) to leave us without saying thank you to him for all he did for the section while he was one of its officers. Perhaps my own most vivid memory is of the heroic way in which he battled against the Spaniards and found seats for us in a very overcrowded train in Madrid when we were on the way to Gibraltar, but there were many occasions on which I was very grateful for his help. We wish him well.

L.C.J.G.

### ARDUOUS TRAINING

In preparation for the expedition to be held in the summer holidays, an 'Arduous Training' weekend was held from 18th to 20th March. The aim was two-fold; to enable Lt. Montague to have a reasonably large group from which he could select members of the Summer expedition, and also to give potential candidates first-hand knowledge of the conditions under which they would be living.

Equipment was kindly lent by the local Paratroop Regiment, and a truck was borrowed for the outward journey from the A.C.F. On the Thursday before, the trainees met at the stores where they were given a general briefing and shown how to use certain items of equipment. The following afternoon we again met at the stores after a meal; were given a general briefing, and set off for the Wantage memorial, a distance of some twelve miles. For the journey out the party was divided into four patrols, each led by an N.C.O. The patrols left school at ten minute intervals, the first setting off at 5.10 p.m.

All the patrols followed roughly the same route, along the old Berks-Wilts canal, until they branched off and headed along tracks and paths to the village of Ardington. From here a track was followed which led almost straight to the camp. It was already dark when the first patrol reached Ardington, but all four patrols reached camp between a quarter to, and half past, nine where they were greeted by a hot cup of 'Army' tea. The groups did not reach the camp in the order in which they set out for No. 2 patrol arrived first, about fifteen minutes ahead of No.1 who had been forced to make a detour. The other two patrols arrived simultaneously.

Everyone was thankful that Lt. Montague and Sgt. Barrett had pitched all the tents, and shortly before ten o'clock we all went to bed. To say 'to bed' is euphemistic; we all spent a rather uncomfortable night in small sleeping bags in smaller tents on hard bumpy ground.

Reasonably refreshed we awoke early the next morning and soon a savoury smell of baked beans arose above the smell of two small primus stoves. Fortified by the beans and more 'Army' tea, we were soon ready to set out on the day's exercises.

Again we divided up into four patrols, led by Sgt. Barrett, Sgt. Bampton RJC, Cpl. Whitton, and Cpl. Venn. Sgt. Bampton RWJ stayed to guard the camp and to produce something against the time when fifteen weary boys should stagger or limp back.

The aim of the exercise was to discover the names of various churches, and involved a journey of about 25 miles. Cpl. Whitton's patrol, consisting of Mcpherson, Lockton and Webb, had Hungerford as its farthest objective. The destination was reached by 12.40 p.m., after the names of the churches at Chaddleworth and East Shefford and the parish church of Hungerford had been found.

After a stop for lunch a re-start was made at 1.50, and it was soon evident that the morning's brisk walk had taken effect. The pace was slower, but the patrol stuck gamely to its task. It achieved its object of finding out some more names of churches, at Knighton, Eastbridge, and Fawley. Although the going became harder and the route back was longer, Whitton kept his patrol moving, but when they arrived back at 11.10, they had been out for over fourteen hours.

The 4th patrol covered the same route—from the opposite direction. Budden, Winfield and Bampton, RJC, made good time to Fawley, but there disaster overtook them, for owing to slack map-reading and inaccurate information from the locals they made a detour of about six miles, and consequently reached their next stop about two hours behind schedule. They continued on their way and had their lunch near the village of Knighton. Here their hostility to the locals lessened when they were offered, and accepted, a cup of tea. The patrol eventually reached camp at about 10.45, the third patrol to arrive back.

Patrol 1 left camp at the same time as the others, and Sgt. Barrett, Sgt. Woodham, Moss and Taylor made good time to Brightwalton. However, a mile from Welford, their next objective; they encountered an obstruction across their path in the shape of an Arms Depot. Again false directions lost time, and it was getting late by the time the patrol reached its correct position. The required information was obtained by telephone, and friendly vicars supplied the names of the necessary churches. As a result the patrol covered only 20 miles and was the first to arrive back at about 7.30 p.m.

The other patrol led by Cpl. Venn consisted of Paige and Goodman, accompanied by Lt. Montague. They took the same route as Patrol 1, but in the opposite direction. Their furthest objective, Chilton Foliat,

was reached at 12.45 where they ate a welcome lunch. Lt. Montague waited at Chilton Foliat for another patrol, while his troop headed back to camp. They encountered the same obstruction as Sgt. Barrett's patrol, and were questioned by the Military Police. This stout body of disciplinarians proved friendly and directed them back to camp. They arrived back in darkness at 7.45 to be welcomed by a roaring camp-fire and hot stew.

A visit at 11 o'clock from the Headmaster and Mr. Talbot with news of the outside world was much appreciated. Shortly after they had left, the last patrol arrived and when they had eaten, and blisters, which were as much in evidence here as when we visited Wales, had been treated, we once again retired to our sleeping bags.

The next day we rose bright and early, feasted on sausages, and then got down to the job of breaking up camp. This was accomplished in a remarkably short time, and before 9.30 a column of heavily-laden boys, carrying all their kit, sleeping bags included, was advancing on Abingdon.

The journey back was uneventful, except for a few slipped loads. The route was the same as that by which we had come, and the first group arrived back at school shortly before 2.00 p.m.

R.J.C.B.

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To sum up briefly: the course was a success and gave a relatively large number of boys the opportunity of trying out items of equipment not normally used. I would emphasise that the composition of the party in the summer has not been decided on as yet, as we hope to run another weekend course in the Summer term. The competition for places is fierce. Sign on right away.

B.J.M.

## SCOUTS

The high spot of the term was the visit of the District Commissioner on Field Day. His main duty was to present a warrant as Assistant Scoutmaster to G. L. Griffiss. This is the first time that a warrant has been held by a senior boy in the troop. Congratulations!

Because of the D.C.'s visit, the whole of Field Day was spent inside the grounds. The programme included the construction of aerial runways in the dell—a headache this for some P.L.'s, but in the end all patrols were safely transported across.

Earlier in the term the troop had spent an afternoon at Cothill. Patrol activity included finding treasure with a wrongly magnetised compass, and the tracking of a foreign spy—Mr. Hasnip—and preventing him from blowing up his objective.

M.N.W.



## MUSICAL MOMENTS

First and foremost, we welcome Mr. M. A. Jaunet as Mr. Clack's assistant. His coming has enabled the latter to take the Trumpets and Cornets individually—for the first time—while Mr. Jaunet himself takes all the other Brass and Drums individually. He also takes Band Parades, and before very long we can expect great things from the Clack/Jaunet ministry.

— Though the Lent Term is shorter there has been as much musical activity as there is in the longer terms. Small parties went to the three Oxford Subscription Concerts and our two Subscription Concerts were most worthwhile. On 7th February Alan and Frances Kitching gave a Folk Song and Guitar Recital. They gave us a varied fare: English, Scottish and American folk-songs with some Handel and Purcell 'interludes'—accompanied on the Virginals. The audience joined in the choruses of some of the more amusing songs and we enjoyed their repartee which prefaced each item. Joseph Ward was ill on Sunday, 13th March, and at only forty-eight hours' notice his place was taken by David Franklin who gave an extremely versatile and witty discourse on 'The Singer and his Workshop'. His facial expressions were marvellous, and the songs he chose as examples to his Talk were first rate. Some of us have had the added advantage of hearing him each week this term in his broadcasts on Opera.

During the Christmas Holidays D. D. Allen and A. W. Willis attended the RSCM Course at Addington Palace, and both completed it with flying colours. Some of the Chapel Choir will be visiting Addington at the beginning of May, spending a night there.

The Band has 'appeared' twice this Term—once invisibly. This was on the occasion of the Abingdon Drama Club's performances of 'The Matchmaker' when they supplied the Band Music in Act I: favourably commented upon by the audience! The second time was on February 21st, when they played past the Jubilee Parade of the Berkshire Girl Guides at the County Hall—some Brownies at the rear of the parade were almost doubling past.

Professor Westrup, Heather Professor of Music in the University of Oxford, adjudicated the House Music Solos on 6th March. In the eliminating Rounds the previous week some 85 entrants were heard, but he had only to hear about 40. Though his comments on the whole were brief, he was obviously impressed, and especially so by R. G. Johnston's 'Hunter's Moon' and A. J. Williams' performance of Beethoven's Romance in G—by heart. The standard throughout was higher than in previous years and Senior Woodwind next year should be very hard to judge.

Not taking into account the House Choirs and Orchestras next term (probably on Sunday, 22nd May—Adjudicator: D. W. M. Paine, Esq., Precentor of Radley College), House Points at present are: Bennett

381; Blacknall 234½; Reeves 401½; Tesdale 195½. Winners were:

Unbroken Voices: A. G. Fairlie (R).  
 Junior Brass: F. A. Light (R).  
 Junior Woodwind: N. H. Finney (T).  
 Junior Strings: F. R. Howlett (R).  
 Broken Voices: J. A. R. Willis (B).  
 Senior Brass: R. G. M. Johnston (B).  
 Senior Woodwind: R. M. Johns (R).  
 Senior Strings: A. J. Williams (R).

A section of the Chapel Choir sang at the Baptism of Deborah Tammadge on 28th February, and the Chapel Choir, Choral Society and Senior Orchestra have been very busy this Term. A critique of the Concert on 26th March by A. W. Westall, Esq., appears elsewhere. The Chapel Choir sang in 'God so loved the world' (an RSCM production for Choir and Congregation) on the last Sunday evening of Term.

F. A. Bisby and A. L. Howell passed the Grade V Theory Examination of the Associated Board in March.

Last and by no means least, three 'Thank You's'. One to Mr. Mosback and Mr. Whitworth who have given gallant support to the Choral Society during their Student Term here. One to Mrs. Searby for coming as Accompanist in the place of Mrs. Wilson whose husband has been posted to Winfrith, and to whom we are most grateful. And, alas, a farewell thank you to Mr. Cooper who is taking up a post at King's School, Bruton. That concerts and operas have been successful is in no small measure due to his excellent lead as solo tenor and actor. He and his voice will both be sorely missed, but one will always have the memory of such rôles of his as the Defendant in 'Trial by Jury'; Ralph in 'Pinafore'; Nanki Poo in 'The Mikado'; the Evangelist in the Schütz St. Matthew Passion and the Bach Christmas Oratorio; and as Tenor soloist in 'The Creation', 'Messiah' and numerous anthems and quartets. Perhaps he will visit us in the not-too-distant future as Guest Artist? In any case, our deep gratitude and very best wishes go with him.

E.H.F.S.

## RETURN TO SKYE

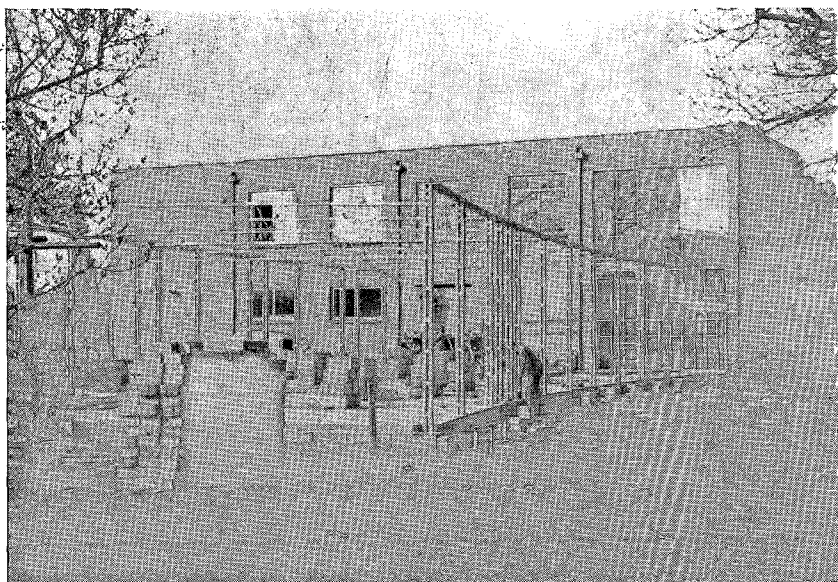
This year the Skye Group decided to return to Camasunary Bay on the Isle of Skye, the site of the first expedition in 1957. It was felt that a return visit would be profitable because of the ideal situation of Camasunary in relation to the study of the geology and biology of the area. The members who went on this, the fourth expedition, were: Mr. Blagden, Mr. Williams, Peter Ford, Godfrey Jones, Robin Simmonds, Peter Bretscher, Gerald Farrington, David Louth, Eric Campbell, Anthony Dillabough, and Peter Booth.

**R. W. Harvey — first in  
the Mile (Open).**



**D. T. L. Eke winning the  
Quarter-mile from  
M. P. Cross.**





HOME —



— AND AWAY  
(Skye 1960)

The masters and three of the boys drove to Fort William in private cars, the remainder hitch-hiking in pairs. We all arrived at Fort William on Wednesday evening and caught the train to Mallaig at 10.20 on Thursday morning. The weather was fine and we enjoyed the rail journey and the subsequent calm steamer crossing to Armadale. From there we travelled by private coach to Strathaird where we unloaded our equipment and carried it across the peninsula to Camasunary along a winding path. That evening we erected our tents and cleared up the huts we found there. These were nissen type huts, and the end of one had been converted into a climbing hut. We used the two rooms in it for cooking and eating in, as well as drying clothes when we had found some coke for the stove there.

We spent Friday settling in, bringing the rest of the equipment from Strathaird and making ourselves at home. We covered the windows with polythene, pinned our geological maps on the walls, fitted lines for wet clothes over the stove and made tables from boards and boxes washed up on the beach.

We had a radio for listening to weather forecasts, and it proved its worth on Monday as we had a gale warning. We made preparations for the storm, and survived the wind. Then a flood came nearly up to the tents, but after some desperate trench digging we were safe. The weather was bad for most of our stay, but despite the rain we all enjoyed the expedition.

The activities of the Group were again mainly geological. The nearby Black Cuillin Hills are the remains of a vast underground reservoir of rock of a volcano, formed of hard gabbro which has weathered into jagged bleak peaks of majestic beauty. The Red Cuillins, being of later origin and having cooled quickly, are formed of granite which has been weathered into smooth rounded hills. Several expeditions were made to the Strathaird peninsula where good examples of sedimentary deposits were found. These sediments were protected from erosion by a sheet of hard basaltic lava which covers the centre of the peninsula.

We were able to study both sedimentary and igneous rocks without having to move far from camp. Several members turned their attention to palaeontology, and found trilobites, belemnites and many other interesting fossils in the sediments near Elgol.

The biologists concentrated on mosses, liverworts and ferns as Skye has an abundant variety of these. They also did some work on small mammals in the area. They set six traps baited with oats in various parts of the valley, but our brand of oats was not liked and we only caught one small terrified mouse and one very small shrew. The shrew was dissected and pickled, but no one could bring himself to kill the mouse to whom we had become very attached, so it was released and ran into the tent much to the consternation of the occupants.

This year our quartermaster, Farrington, himself a keen climber, led several expeditions into the Cuillins for the benefit of the geologists who

were interested in climbing. We all climbed Sgurr na Stri, overlooking the camp, and we had a fine view of the main Cuillin ridge from the summit. One party completed the Clac Glas traverse after some difficult ropework on Arch Gully. Another party climbed Sgurr Dubh Beog, but were prevented from reaching the main ridge by descending cloud. We all climbed Blaven in an afternoon. Some geologists also climbed Mårsco to collect granite samples. We found examples of cone sheets, sills, dykes, and banding of the rocks caused by the fractional crystallisation of the liquid rock as it cooled.

We all enjoyed the peace and solitude of Camasunary and were moved by the beauty of the Cuillins hovering over us. The sea was crystal clear, and often tempted us in, but it was colder than it looked and no one stayed in very long. Dillabough had a septic foot towards the end of our stay which kept him in camp. It was most unfortunate for him but he was always cheerful and never complained about it.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Blagden and Mr. Williams for their encouragement and support, Dr. Brown of the Oxford Department of Geology for his continued interest and help, Angus Morrison for co-operation and help on the Island, the School C.C.F. and Mr. Joyce and the School Scout Troop for the loan of tents and equipment.

No film was made this year, but many members took photographs and colour slides of our activities which will be included in the Group Display on Founder's Day, to enable prospective members to have some idea of what the Group has done. We have come to the conclusion that the best possible place for the Skye Group to continue its activities is on Skye, so we propose to visit Camasunary again next year.

G.W.J.

## VENICE 1960

Our party arrived in Venice, having travelled, for the most part in glorious sunshine, through the Alps and over the St. Gotthard in the early evening of Friday, 8th April. Our first impression, as we left the station, and came upon the view of motor boats and gondolas jostling each other, was one of bustle and activity; and, although other impressions quickly crowded in on us, the first one still remains.

Our first visit was to St. Mark's, a fantastic building which has to be seen many times to be enjoyed, and is here seen, as some of us saw it on Good Friday, and others of us today, Easter Day, as a living church, full of people, with a service in progress.

The Palace of the Doges, which we next visited, left us with some idea of the splendour of Venice at the height of her glory, which is reflected in the magnificent decoration of the building, while at the same time the stark coldness and darkness of the dungeons was a grim reminder of the other side of the picture.

There is much more that we have seen—the Ca d'Oro, said to be the most beautiful Gothic house in Venice, the Rialto, some of the

other Churches, the statue of Bartolomeo Colleoni, and always the Grand Canal, with its innumerable old Palaces; and the little canals and the gondolas.

We have been out of Venice too—to Murano, where we saw a glass factory, and the delightful church of S. Maria e Donato—to the Lido, to sample the delights of a swim in the rather grubby Adriatic, and to be left wondering why the beach is so fashionable—to the Dolomites, where we walked through banks of snow to the Passo di Rolle at 6,500 feet, and enjoyed the thrill of a chain lift to 7,700 feet; within two thousand feet of the summit of the mountains, where despite the cloudy weather the view was impressive.

The two towns outside Venice which we have visited, Verona and Padua, were in considerable contrast to each other; Padua, with its colonnades, reminded us of an Austrian town, while Verona was more typical of Italy. It was indeed Verona which won our hearts, despite the fact that we saw in one day what would take a week to appreciate properly—the Roman theatre, the amphitheatre, the old castle, the church of San Zeno, surely one of the loveliest of all Italian Churches. Padua, although the frescoes in the Scrovegni Chapel, and the Basilica of St. Antony, full of pilgrims laying their hands on the tomb of the Saint, were impressive and beautiful, did not have the same charm.

But, after all, it is in walking through the streets, mingling with the people and trying to see how they live that one gets the best impression of the Venice of today. We found it full of contrasts: the brilliantly lit streets of shops, the dark narrow alleys leading to houses and hotels; the simplicity of our own service in the English Church, and the complexity and magnificence of High Mass in St. Mark's celebrated by the Cardinal Patriarch; the slow moving, noiseless gondolas and the fast and noisy motor boats; the beauty of the palaces, and the squalor and smell of some of the back streets. There was also one sound among many which will always be a memory of Venice—the sound of a large crowd walking and talking in St. Mark's Square—a sound which, almost anywhere else in the world, would be drowned by the roar of traffic.

Soon we return home, but we shall always remember Venice as a charming and beautiful city.

## LIBRARY

Good progress has been made with the new shelf card-index catalogue thanks to the enthusiasm of Fourth Form assistants, particularly F. C. A. Exon, who under Mr. Hasnip's direction have done much useful work. It is a very good thing for future Library assistants—and indeed for all in general—to become familiar with the organisation and working of the Library at an early stage. Once again we must appeal to Seniors to observe the rules about withdrawal and return of books. Many are far too slack at present.

G.F.D.

## SCHOOL SOCIETIES

## ROYASSE SOCIETY

At the first meeting of the term the Headmaster welcomed three new members to the Society—P. E. Perry, R. T. Moll and G. L. Griffiss—before introducing the reader of the evening's paper A. F. Pritchard. Taking the rather forbidding title 'The Unity of Mystical Experience' Pritchard attempted, largely successfully, to show how mystical experience comes to men in the same way, regardless of creed or race. If some of his remarks were outspoken, his sincerity and erudition justified him, and his extensive reading enabled him to produce many relevant quotations from the Chinese Taoists, Christian Saints and contemporary theologians, giving first-hand accounts of mystical experience and how to attain it. Members seized on the apparent uselessness and selfishness even escapism, of taking up the life of a mystic, and this subject was discussed at length, if somewhat inconclusively.

The second meeting gave us something a little more concrete: G. S. Howlett in his paper 'Probability' concentrated, unfortunately for many, on the purely mathematical side of the question, and it was left to the subsequent discussion to find practical application of his statement of theory. Howlett's exposition was clear, for a great extent due to his use of a blackboard, and it was encouraging to hear a mathematician defending his subject as artistic and creative, describing the equation of probability and its resultant curve as intrinsically beautiful.

The final paper, read by R. T. Moll, was of a more immediate concern to us all; his paper—'A personal view of the English Language'—took us through his own likes and dislikes, and his theories about spelling, grammar and syntax. In many respects a latter-day A. P. Herbert, in his condemnation for example, of 'Gobbledygook', a pompous kind of writing, quasi-officialese, much favoured by civil servants on both sides of the Atlantic; he produced radical concepts which the venerable A.P.H. would never tolerate: the annihilation of 'whom'; 'ow' for 'ough', 'or' for 'our' and so on. The paper was amusing as well as interesting and provocative, and the reader's deceptively casual presentation produced an atmosphere of informality which was appropriate to the subject. Discussion produced extreme views: 'It does not matter what you say so long as it expresses what you mean' balanced the view that our language is sacred and change, albeit inevitable, is always for the worse. A language is bound to reflect the spirit of the age, and haste and slovenliness will leave their mark all the more indelibly in the present widespread dissemination of English. However, 'Language will take its course . . .'

It is difficult to prevent expression of thanks from appearing conventional and automatic, but our gratitude to the Headmaster and Mrs. Cobban is nevertheless wholly sincere, and we very much appreciate their hospitality.

A.P.H.

## TURNOR SOCIETY

We were particularly pleased to welcome at the first meeting of the term an old boy, Mr. G. Brown, who told us of his work as a Patrol Officer in New Guinea. Although this island is one of the largest in the world, comparatively little is known about it. We were indeed fortunate, therefore, that we had the opportunity of hearing at first hand about this 'lost world', which is gradually, but laboriously, being opened up by such men as Mr. Brown. Photographs of the terrain gave us some idea of the difficulties and dangers that the country presents to explorers.



At the second meeting of the term four stalwarts of the Society, R. J. C. Bampton, D. P. Heather Hayes, R. S. B. Shepard and P. G. D. Whitton, gave their opinions and interpretations on some of today's major political problems. Their novel and somewhat unorthodox remedies for the world's situation prompted a lively discussion.

Mr. A. S. Harrison, who was to have addressed the Society on 'India's Five Year Plan' at the final meeting of term found it impossible to do so. Mr. D. O. Willis gallantly agreed to step into the breach, and show the Society slides of his travels in India and the Near East, which included pictures of the Taj Mahal and some fine shots of Bagdad. Although the pictures of India were taken at a time when she was still under British rule, there can be little doubt that they afforded a realistic insight into Asiatic life as it is lived today.

Attendance at meetings this term has gradually increased. Let us hope that this is to be a permanent trend.

J.S.K.

### LITERARY SOCIETY

The secretary began the term's meetings when he read at the first a paper entitled 'The Mirror of Literature'. Starting with Greek culture, he attempted to show that throughout history any innovation in one art form had its parallel in another. The discussion provoked by this paper was of that fiery nature seen last term. Great names from every form of art were bandied about with irreverent gusto. Even Albert Einstein made a brief appearance, but was later identified as Josef Epstein.

The vogue for reading papers continued at the next meeting. Everyone had been asked to prepare a short talk on some aspect of literature. This—a sophisticated form of the hotch-potch—was very successful, so much so that there was only time for three papers. P. J. Ford talked on War Poetry; B. D. Gibbs compared American poets with their English contemporaries, and J. Bunce gave us Plato's ideas on Classical literature, which for some reason overlapped into his views on drinking. Advice on drinking was, of course, quite unnecessary to the Society, and so we kept to the great man's literary observations.

At the next meeting—not an official one—the society was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Evans who kindly arranged for us to see Culham College's production of 'Murder in the Cathedral' by T. S. Eliot. The play was ideally staged in the College Chapel, and although it had been cut, was competently produced and acted.

Mr. Mosback, a student master, ensured that the term did not fizzle out when he gave a masterful lecture on 'The Ballad Tradition'. The ballad is perhaps one of the more neglected forms of English poetry, leading as it does from the main road of literature, and yet it is a most fascinating study. As the speaker pointed out, ballads handed down from generation to generation showed all the moods of a simple life before spoon-fed entertainment brought a seemingly more sophisticated outlook. We thank Mr. Mosback for opening up to us not only a wider vision, but almost a new realm of poetry.

Finally, a big thank you to all those who have entertained the Society.

R.T.M.

### DEBATING SOCIETY

The first of the three home meetings, on 5th February, started by the elections caused by the sorry departures from the school of D. G. Morris, the chairman; and a committee member, G. M. Morse. J. S. Kelly was elected Chairman and subsequently B. D. Gibbs was elected to fill his place as Secretary, with R. S. Capstick as a committee member.

Formalities over, I. A. D. Martin then proposed the motion that 'In the opinion of this House, Britain has gained more from her Public Houses than her Public Schools'. R. W. J. Parsons opposed this in a speech full of the appropriate sobriety and decorum. These two speakers were seconded by C. H. Woodham and R. S. B. Shepard respectively. Despite the cajoling of I. A. D. Martin the House remained faithful to the School and the motion was overwhelmingly defeated.

The second meeting, on 19th February, drew a large audience to hear A. H. Smith propose the intriguing motion that 'In the opinion of this House, the world should be flat'. He was seconded by J. S. Kelly and between them, they sought to corrupt the House into a new way of thinking, but the opposition of R. S. Capstick and B. D. Gibbs proved too much for them and the motion was defeated by 57 votes to 24.

Not to be beaten, however, the same two speakers took their motion along to Magdalen College School, who had kindly offered us a debate. A small party of devotees to anti-Eratosthenean ideas accompanied them and through a continuation of clever speeches not only from J. S. Kelly who proposed the motion, and A. H. Smith, who seconded him, but from all the representatives of the Society who had accompanied them, were able to wear down Magdalen's opposition and the motion was eventually carried.

The last meeting of the term, on 25th March, took the form of an impromptu debate, when a variety of motions were proposed, ranging from 'There is no substitute for wool' to 'The Thames Valley is a breeding ground for lethargy'. The most enlightened speeches were those of D. P. Heather Hayes and R. C. Luker, who were called upon to defend and attack feudalism in schools.

The good attendance throughout the term has been gratifying but the burden of speaking has fallen too much on a few senior members, and the Society would welcome offers to speak from more middle-school members.

B.D.G.

### ST. EDMUND SOCIETY

The subject of the first meeting of the term was 'Varieties of Worship', introduced by three inside speakers. T. A. Libby began by describing his impressions from attending a Greek Orthodox Service in Cyprus. He explained the parts played by the congregation and priests compared with the form of the service in the Church of England, and expressed his own views on the advantages and disadvantages of the ceremonies of the Greek Orthodox Church. D. P. Heather Hayes introduced a general view of the Church in S. Wales, including Wesleyan, Baptist, and most branches of the Nonconformist Church; and dwelt briefly on the Disestablished Church of Wales. M. P. Hart concluded the speeches by bringing us nearer home with a comparison of the Congregational and Methodist Churches in Faringdon. The speeches provided much controversial material which produced a lively discussion. In our second meeting we welcome the Rev. J. S. C. Miller who described the work of the Student Christian Movement in schools. Many questions were asked about the functions and activities of the movement, with special interest shown in the holiday camps for schoolboys which Mr. Miller had 'advertised'. A large audience was present at the last meeting to listen to Mr. Tom Driberg, M.P., talk on the place of religion in politics. He explained the sorry state of religious belief in this country and discussed the great value of the worker priest in arousing people from their apathy. Mr. Driberg continued by saying that it was the duty of a Christian to take an interest in politics, and that a sincere Christian

had the necessary resources to meet the temptations caused by the possession of power. After a brief description of party politics, Mr. Driberg offered to answer any questions, which ranged from the Boycott to the question of ordained Members of Parliament.

R.W.H.

### PLAY READING SOCIETY

We were happy to be able to read 'Antony and Cleopatra', which had to be postponed last term, at our first Meeting in the New Year, held on Sunday, 21st January. Though a few parts in the large cast had to be duplicated, the attendance was encouraging, and we enjoyed a most successful evening.

The gathering for the 'Mousetrap', though perhaps a more appealing play, was more select, but the reading was sufficient in conjuring up the gripping atmosphere of Agatha Christie's famous thriller.

An unusual, but very amusing, play called 'The Diary of a Scoundrel', a brilliant satire on Russian life by Alexander Ostrovsky, attracted a larger crowd, and showed what real pleasure and value is to be found in reading plays in this way. The presence of both Mr. and Mrs. Griffin added the final touch to the enjoyment of the evening.

On the last Sunday of term, our Annual One-Act Play Reading Competition was held. The entries were of a very high standard, and of considerable variety, and the general pleasure of the meeting was enhanced by the judging of Messrs. Griffin and Mosback. E. C. R. Evans and his group, with their able rendering of 'Catherine Parr', were finally declared the winners, with C. J. Pickup's 'The 'ole in the road' a good second.

With that, the Society closed its last Meeting of this term, ever grateful to those who have helped to make it happy and successful.

R.T.M.

### MODERN LANGUAGES SOCIETY

Variety was the keynote of this term's programme, which was divided between three Meetings.

The first was held on Friday, 22nd January, when we took the opportunity to read 'Fantasio' by de Musset: Mr. and Mrs. Hasnip kindly entertained us in Lacies Court for this most pleasant evening.

We have two people to thank for the great success and enjoyment of the Second Meeting, held on Friday, 19th February. Firstly Mr. Parker for his interesting paper entitled 'An English Conquest of French', which as well as being entertaining and instructive, also provided matter for (naturally) intelligent discussion afterwards; and secondly, I. M. Cunningham (and his sister!) for providing, in his own home, comfort and refreshments only equalled by those of Mrs. Hasnip.

Mr. Emms was largely responsible for obtaining the films which were shown to the Society at its last Meeting, held on Friday, 25th March, and to him we are very grateful. Thanks are also due to C. R. Llewellyn, our 'home-grown' projectionist, and again to the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Hasnip.

R.T.M.

### FORUM CLUB

Never before has such a long and heated discussion on one subject taken place in the Society, as the one on that old favourite, School sport, which occupied over half the time of the first meeting. The School's attitude towards it, the amount of time and money on it, which could possibly have a better investment, and the position of the School in sporting circles as compared with the teams we play against

—all these were discussed. As is usual, with such controversial subjects, no really final conclusions were arrived at, and so the Chairman eventually passed on to more political topics, which kept the rest of the meeting at a sober level.

W. C. Hamilton took the Chair at the second meeting, with no less animated discussion, but with rather more decorum: subjects ranged from Space Research, particularly as seen through the mature eyes of C. T. Pollard, and coloured stockings as considered under the guidance of P. G. D. Whitton's superior knowledge.

Another loyal Member of the Society, R. W. J. Parsons, took the Chair at the last meeting of the term, when it was decided (by vote in each case), that the new banknotes were undesirable; that the Channel tunnel was a very good and practical proposition, and that the School Spirit had undergone a considerable change. Whether this change was a happy one was never made clear by vote, but the fiery oratory of J. S. Kelly seemed to convince many people that it was, though even at the close of the meeting it was not very clear just what line Kelly was taking.

R.T.M.

### MUSIC SOCIETY

Once again this Term record recitals have been varied, and they have been introduced more fully than usual.

M. P. Cross presented Mozart's Clarinet Concerto and coupled it with an unequal bedfellow, Gershwin's 'Rhapsody in Blue'. Later in the Term, T. A. Libby talked about Mozart's opera output, and illustrated his points by recording from the 'Magic Flute', 'Don Giovanni' and 'The Marriage of Figaro'.

We have also broken entirely fresh ground this Term: a programme of *Lieder* prefaced by a short introduction by the Secretary enabled members to hear for the first time the idiom of Brahms and Wolf, as well as Schumann and Schubert, in song. The Secretary at a later Meeting gave a brief exposition of the theory and principles of dodecaphonic composition, with particular reference to the work which followed Alban Berg's Violin Concerto.

There was one other Meeting, devoted entirely to the established classics—Berlioz's 'Symphonie Fantastique', Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto and Beethoven's Seventh Symphony, from each of which we heard two movements. Details of other musical activities this Term, the School Concert and the Subscription Concerts may be found elsewhere in this issue.

A.P.H.

### SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

The first meeting of the term was taken up with films. This time we saw two films, the first of which was entitled 'A Story in the Rocks'. It told the story of the endless search for oil, of the ceaseless toil of geologists to find new supplies of what is fast becoming an irreplaceable commodity. The second film was a cartoon showing the development of the motor car engine. Although it was only concerned with the very simple ideas, it was amusing and interesting.

For our second meeting of the term, we entertained Mr. R. M. Longstaff, who gave a talk entitled 'Fuel for Nuclear Reactors'. In this he described the various type of reactor which are used in the United Kingdom Atomic Power Programme, and the different types of fuel which have been developed for their needs.

The last meeting of term had, unfortunately, to be postponed, as P. J. Ford, who was to have spoken on 'The Origins of Life', was unable to come owing to unforeseen examination commitments. We look forward to hearing him next term instead.

K.N.H.

## THE FILM SOCIETY

The Film Society held two meetings this term; at the first meeting the award-winning French film 'The Red Balloon' was shown. Only dayboys attended this meeting as the film was being shown as part of the Evening Entertainment for the Boarders the next day. The second meeting was held in conjunction with the Jazz Club in the Music Room, where an extremely interesting film in Technicolour, showing all the various stages of the construction of the M.1 motor-way, was shown. At next term's meetings we hope to show one or two films from the British Film Institute.

R.S.B.S.

## THE LOCOMOTIVE SOCIETY

The first meeting of the term took the form of a talk given by an outside speaker, the Reverend L. A. Garrard, Principal of Manchester College, Oxford, on the history and development of the locomotives of the London and South Western Railway.

At the second meeting two films were shown; the first concerned the history of signalling, and explained the system of signalling on the Southern Region of British Railways. The second film gave us an interesting and lively insight into the workings of a Locomotive Depot.

In the Easter holidays an excursion to Derby Locomotive Depots has been planned.

R.P.

## JAZZ CLUB

It is somewhat indicative that another term has passed without any considerable mention of Modern Jazz in the Club. A. F. Pritchard began the term with an illustrated talk on Big Band Jazz, featuring Count Basie; this was as near as we got to Modernism.

M. P. M. Hart gave the second talk on the Dutch Swing College, a band due to tour this country soon for the first time. A. P. Haynes in the next meeting talked on Trombone Jazz, a subject on which he is well qualified to speak because of his associations with a well-known local jazz band.

Finally the Club joined forces with the Film Society very temporarily in the showing of a film entitled 'Mamma don't allow'. Although of equivocal plot, it was certainly a welcome variation on the all too familiar theme of Traditional Jazz at school. It is perhaps interesting in this context to note the introduction of Modernism in London to the almost total exclusion of Traditional Jazz. As always the great City carries things to extremes, but it is a tendency which could well be exploited, to a lesser degree, in our own Jazz Club.

M.P.M.H.

## MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY

This term we had two very interesting meetings, but regrettably the third had to be cancelled.

The first meeting combined business and pleasure, the latter being provided by our President, Mr. W. A. Rudd, who gave a short talk on 'Conic Sections', showing how the circle, ellipse, parabola and hyperbola are obtained from the cone by cutting it correctly. A short film on 'Lift' followed, explaining the relation between upthrust, wing-area and the angle of lift of the wing in an aeroplane.

Here I should like to thank very warmly Mr. and Mrs. Tammadge for their hospitality at the second meeting which was held in their house. G. S. Howlett gave a talk on 'Programming a Computer'. He brought with him an electrical computer, and members had an amusing time after the meeting experimenting with this and with the Society's own hand-operated model.

T.P.H.

### THE HOLIDAY CLUB

After the sublime heights reached by the sportsmen of the Club in the Summer, the Christmas vacation was something of an anti-climax. We lost the traditional Boxing Day rugger match against a strong Abingdon Town XV by 24 points to nil. The soccer match against Abingdon Minors we also lost by an 'overwhelming majority'. Nevertheless, the annual social held in Caldecott House, by kind permission of Mr. Brampton, was very successful—the result of the help received by the Club from our old friend, Mr. Ingham.

During the Easter holidays we hope to avenge both of the defeats sustained at Christmas for we are to meet both Abingdon Minors at soccer and Abingdon Town at rugger—although we shall miss J. M. Milne who has left us to answer the call of the sea. J.S.K.

### JOINT CLUB

This term the Club has held three very successful and pleasant meetings.

The first meeting took the form of a social which was held in Lacies Court; the evening was spent dancing and playing games with a break for refreshments.

At the second meeting we were very kindly entertained by the ladies of St. Helen's, for an evening similar to the previous one and equally enjoyable.

For the final meeting we went on an excursion to the 'Playhouse' in Oxford to see E. M. Forster's novel 'A Passage to India' adapted for the stage by Santha Rama Ran. We gathered at St. Helen's for the light refreshments before departing for what resulted in a very successful and entertaining outing.

Finally we should like to thank Miss Glass and Mr. Sewry for their kind help and interest in the Club. P.E.P.

### LONDON LETTER

The University of London Union,  
Malet Street,  
W.C.1.

23rd March, 1960.

Dear Sir,

There are now ten Old Abingdonians at Schools of the University of London, and we feel that the time has come for the 'Abingdonian' to carry a London Letter.

London is certainly the largest, and probably the most widely dispersed, Collegiate University in the world. Ten of us spread among 20,000 other students in eight Colleges scattered over the County of London obviously have great difficulty in meeting regularly. We can only exchange news about one another and about School when we meet by chance, usually in the University Union and sometimes in the streets near a College. Time, size and distance are against us.

But despite these difficulties we know that Forbes Wastie is at King's College. He is in his third year and facing finals before he goes down country to study for a year at a Department of Education.

Graham Crow is in his first year at University College reading Psychology. He has the good fortune to be resident at Connaught Hall

which is conveniently at the back of the University Union. His sporting activities so far include playing hockey for the College, sailing on the Norfolk Broads, and membership of the Rifle Club committee.

The two freshers at the Royal Veterinary College are occasionally seen in the Union Bar. We think Michael Yarkoff is playing Fives, certainly his Liberalism and his beard are both flourishing. Recently he has been to Ireland with Matt Womar, who plays rugby for the College. During the term both have been getting some practical work done on farms around London. Also at the Veterinary College is John Swainston who has reached his fifth and final year.

At Queen Mary College Ian Oliver is studying a science subject, but once a week he comes to L.S.E. for economics lectures. Ian is Vice-Captain of the Boat Club and recently rowed in the First VIII at the Reading Head of the River. He is reported to have made a fine speech at the club dinner proposing a toast to the Guests.

Geoffrey Slack is at the Northampton Engineering College but only appears once a week, the remainder of the time he is working with a firm at Weybridge. But even so he finds time to write an occasional letter of protest to 'Sennet'.

There are two first year scientists in residence. John Thewlis is at Imperial College, conveniently close to the Royal College of Organists, and John Fry is at Battersea College of Technology taking a Diploma course in Metallurgy.

At the London School of Economics Nigel Hammond has discovered a fresh excuse to make periodic visits to the countryside by taking up Mountaineering, which usually means a week-end in the Lake District.

Finally, sir, we are glad to see the School flourish and we send our very best wishes to everyone there.

I remain, sir,

YOUR LONDON CORRESPONDENT.

## O.A. NOTES

### BIRTHS

**HILL.** On 16th January, 1960, to Stella, wife of Geoffrey Hill (1942), a daughter, Amanda, sister to Sara and Judith.

**LITTLE.** On 20th April, 1959, to Marion, wife of Peter R. Little (1947), a son.

**MILNE.** On 26th July, 1958, to Jocelyne, wife of Colin Milne (1943), a daughter, Georgina.

**SAYER.** On 6th February, 1960, to Nina, wife of Kenneth Broadbery Sayer (1940), a son.

## MARRIAGES

- AUSTWICK-BARBER. On 30th March, 1960, at St. Helen's Church, Abingdon, Michael J. Austwick (1950) to Jill Barber.
- BRACKLEY-ANTHONY. On 16th April, 1960, at St. John the Baptist's Church, Little Missenden, Bucks, Michael J. Brackley (1954) to Mary Anthony.
- HISCOCK-HANKS. On 5th March, 1960, at All Saints' Church, Compton Greenfield, Bristol, Barry J. Hiscock (1955) to Heather Georgina Hanks.
- LAY-DOIG. On 26th March, 1960, at St. Nicolas' Church, Abingdon, Terence R. Lay (1954) to Jean Doig.
- MADLEY-PRIOR. On 19th March, 1960, at Drayton Parish Church, Peter C. Madley (1952) to Jean Prior.
- PAXMAN-RIPPON. On 6th February, 1960, at All Saints' Church, Marcham, Richard N. Paxman (1954) to Gillian Rippon of Frilford Heath.
- STROSS-HEYWOOD. On 17th February, 1960, in Zurich, Raymond Stross (1933) to Anne Heywood.
- TAYLOR-PRICE. On 5th December, 1959, at Fishponds, Bristol, Kevin Taylor (1953) to Miss V. Price.
- VINEY-FAIRBROTHER. On 6th June, 1959, at St. John the Baptist's Church, Kingston Bagpuize, Berks, Keith W. Viney (1955) to Maureen D. Fairbrother.
- WESTALL-JOHNSON. On 2nd April, 1960, at St. Peter's Hall, Oxford, John Westall (1953) to Angela M. Johnson of Corby, Northants.

## DEATH

- LOGAN. On 18th March, 1960, at Wanganui, N.Z., Guy L'Estrange Logan (1936-39), aged 38.
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We congratulate J. F. Sinclair (1924) on his co-option to the Governing Body of the School: and apologise to his brother George (1931) for the error in designation in our last issue, which should have read C.M.G., O.B.E.

Rev. F. L. Mitchell (1931) is now Vicar of Meopham, Kent.

Dr. D. E. P. Jones (1944) is Registrar in the Eye Dept., St. Thomas' Hospital.

We were very glad to see Patrick Mosdell (1931) and Martin Ogle (1929) during their period of home leave. The former has now returned to his duties in the High Court, Dar-es-Salam and the latter to his school in Malaya.



Michael Wheat (1937) a Signal Engineer with London Transport, is Senior Assistant in charge of the drawing office and kept very busy lately with large re-signalling projects.

Eric Whelpton (1909) whose sixteenth book—'Sicily, Sardinia and Corsica' was recently published by Robert Hale—has been made Knight of the Order of Merit of Italy, in recognition of his interpretation of the Italian way of life to the Anglo-Saxon world.

We have the following news of O.A.'s in Cables and Wireless. P. H. Barwell (1925) and H. L. Weaver (1921) have recently retired, the latter to the Lelane Inn, Cornwall. H. S. Bartlett (1925) and J. C. W. Jacob (1932) are at the Training School, Porthcurno. J. D. Lynn Robinson (1921) is manager at Fayol. E. R. Leigh Parkin (1941) is at Singapore.

Alan Mills (1939) is now National Savings District Commissioner for Bedfordshire with his office at Luton.

Peter McLeod (1944) is in advertising with the firm of Erwin, Wasey, Ruthrauff & Ryan.

Jim Cox (1941) has become a partner in the firm of Dennis Page and Partners, Architects, of Oxford.

Dudley Richardson (1942) of the Imp. College of Tropical Agriculture, Trinidad, enjoyed the two Test Matches played there and recently visited Guiana to arrange the annual visit of post-graduate students. He hopes to be home on leave in mid-summer.

Richard Taylor (1951), B.O.A.C. Officer, manages to meet Peter Downer (1953) at McGill when his trips take him to Toronto.

Pat Sale (1953) is concentrating on distance running and hopes to assist Reading to wrest the Marathon Championship from Birmingham.

Tom Glucklich (1955) is Assistant Account Executive in the advertising side of A.T.V. and spends most of his life on the phone selling and booking time.

Kevin Taylor (1950) is a Management Trainee with Concrete Ltd. of Hounslow and Nigel Pridham (1958) is enjoying life as a Sales Trainee with Hartwells Garages, Oxford.

Alan Pezaro (1954) after a trip to New Zealand is settling down to a business job in London.

John Lockhart-Smith (1954) left recently to take up an Administrative post in Uganda.

Michael Culley (1956) is doing his Education Diploma Course at Southampton University and Rex Leach (1958) is at Newland Park Training College where he joins Michael Ryman (1952).

John Robins and John Spinks (1957) have returned to N. Rhodesia after their leave, the former to Abercorn, N. Province.

Nicholas Antrobus (1957) will be going up to Clare, Cambridge

from Sandhurst in October, and thereafter hopes to serve in R.E.

Peter Kibble (1956) and O. M. Jones (1955) have lately been commissioned from Mons O.C.T.U., the former in R. Signals, the latter to Duke of Edinburgh's Regt., at present attached Foresters in Malaya.

N. G. Mackenzie (1959) is taking a Course in Fine Art at Leicester University not Nottingham as we stated in our last issue.

R. A. Stewart (1959) has been accepted for admission to Cornell University but still hopes to get into Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Robin Bartley (Mackintosh) (1957) is doing a course at the Wireless College, Liverpool with a view to becoming a Ship's Radio Officer.

R. A. N. Bolton (1959) is at the Chelsea College of Science and Technology.

T. I. Silvey (1959) who is doing a final year at Hardye's School, Dorchester, will be going up to Imperial College, London, in October.

#### O.A. CLUB NOTES

The 12th London Dinner was held on Friday, 11th March, at the Constitutional Club, Northumberland Avenue, admirably organised by Stanley Paige whom we were delighted to see once again in rude health.

Some 70 members and guests, including the usual contingent from Abingdon, well spread over the last few decades, enjoyed an excellent meal in good company. We were very pleased to have the Chairman of the Governors, Mr. C. G. Stow with us, but the President, R. F. Jackson was unfortunately prevented by a prolonged professional visit to U.S.A. from attending. S. D. Plummer deputised for him as Chairman.

After the Loyal Toast the Chairman proposed the health of the School and in his reply, the Headmaster reviewed the highlights of the last six months and referred to the pressing needs of the Quatercentenary Appeal. Mr. Stow replied for the guests with brevity and wit and Stanley Paige wound up the speeches with a few well-chosen words.

After the adjournment there was time for further informal foregatherings and on every account the occasion was voted most successful and enjoyable.

#### CAMBRIDGE O.A. DINNER

What is believed to be the first Cambridge Dinner was held on Wednesday, 24th February in private rooms in King's College. Organised by Roger Packer and Martin Scott-Taggart, who acted as host, it was attended by all the eight O.A.'s in residence with Tom Denniford representing the City. The guests invited from the School were the Headmaster, Messrs. Alston, Willis and Talbot and P. J. Ford, Head of the School. Mr. Duxbury was regretfully unable to make the trip.

The Abingdon party arrived in good time, so that they were able to stretch their legs in the town before assembling for sherry. The Headmaster was then called on to say grace, and inspired by the *genius loci* he resurrected from the depths of his memory what remained of his College grace. An excellent meal was followed by short speeches by Roger Packer, the Headmaster and Martin Scott-Taggart. The party finally dispersed at 11 p.m. after a most enjoyable evening, and the guests would like to take this further opportunity of thanking the Cambridge O.A.'s for their hospitality and enterprise.

Can Oxford allow the challenge to go unanswered?

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The notices for the Annual General Meeting and Dinner will be posted in May, but we may remind you again that Old Boys' Day will be on Saturday, 18th June.

#### Terms of Subscription.

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