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## OFFICERS OF THE SCHOOL

*Summer Term, 1961*

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### EDITORIAL

"Five million housewives can't be wrong" is a typical and obvious advertising ploy. This is the era of mass persuasion and we are persuaded to move as a mass. Schoolboys are as susceptible to the appeal of the herd instinct as anyone. In lower forms paper darts, water pistols and conkers all follow each other in exclusive season, while seniors strive to obtain clothes which they consider to be 'in vogue.'

School life itself aggravates the gregarious impulses inherent in every boy. Uniform as its name suggests leaves little room for individuality. The rows of identical beds in the dormitories do nothing to alleviate the impression that the ordinary boy is just one cog in the wheel. Such uniformity is, of course, usually necessary and often desirable. There are nevertheless dangers when individuals merge too often into the mass, for a loss of identity invariably ensues. Moreover in an affluent society which has attained new heights of ease it is comfortable to accept the opinions of others without the exertion of personal thought. Yet those who shelter from the challenges of life in the crowd can hardly help forming stultified and hackneyed views.

For the adolescent to adopt such an attitude is to relinquish a great chance of working out individual philosophies and ideas — no matter how much these may change in the light of subsequent experience. There is no barrier to check hopes and aspirations in the short years between childhood and manhood. The confines of infancy have been thrown off and that age which brings responsibility and the necessity of conforming to some set pattern still lies in the future. Although to rebel for rebellion's sake is futile, at this time in his life a boy can reconsider all those concepts, moral, social and religious, which formerly he took for granted. Very often he will conclude that they are correct and worthwhile; still sometimes he will not.

It is up to him in the latter contingency to formulate his own opinions according to his own conscience. His revolt against conventional thought may be short lived, his new theories immature and his intolerant attitude often unbearable but they are the prerogative of youth.

Five million schoolboys would probably not be wrong — but something would be very wrong if they were all to agree.

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The Headmaster and Mrs. Cobban are enjoying a well deserved 'half way' holiday. It would be premature to catalogue the host of improvements which they have already made to the School — not because there is any lack of material but because the list no matter how long is not yet complete. Let future historians of the School gauge the full effect of the enormous strides that have been made here since 1947. We would at this time rather think in terms of people than achievements.

No boy who has passed through the School in the last fourteen years can have failed to be influenced by Mr. J. M. Cobban and charmed by his wife. Classroom blocks, school shops and swimming pools may be more tangible witnesses to the Headmaster's unfailing energy but the place he has in the hearts of his former and present pupils is of a more enduring stuff.

We feel sure that we speak for whole generations when we offer to them both our sincere thanks for all that they have done and our good wishes for the future.

### SCHOOL NOTES

This term has been unusual in that for the first time since his appointment, the Headmaster and Mrs. Cobban have been away from the School for an appreciable period. They left for the Canary Islands in the 'Orangefontein' on 3rd March and, as numerous letters and post-cards told, soon acclimatized themselves and spent a restful and enjoyable time. The return to colder climes — they landed back in England early on the morning of 7th April — revealed them sun-tanned and smiling 'though not speaking fluent Spanish. After a brief sojourn in this country, they were off to Lake Maggiore in Switzerland for a month arriving back at School in time for June. We hope that Abingdon will not seem too dull after such cosmopolitan activity.

We record with regret the death of Alderman A. E. Tombs, Freeman of the Borough and one time Governor of this School. The School was represented at the funeral on 4th March by Mr. D. O. Willis and the Bursar.

As Alderman Mrs. Constance Cox prepares to vacate the office of Mayor we thank her for her year of office and the interest she has shown in our affairs. To succeed her as Mayor (and as ex-officio Governor of the School) we welcome Alderman B. G. Burrett.

Our good wishes go to two well known friends of the School who have recently retired from membership of the Borough Council — Alderman C. G. Barber who has left Abingdon and Alderman E. E. Sparkes who resigned in early March. Both of them are former Mayors and Governors of the School.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Hasnip on the birth of a daughter (Gillian Anne, 11th February) and Rev. M. N. and Mrs. Williams on the birth of a son (Paul Owen, 23rd February).

Our congratulations, too, must go to Major S. C. Parker, TD., who became a Lieut-Colonel on 5th April — a well deserved promotion after fifteen years commanding the C.C.F.

Our good wishes went to Mr. Keating and Miss Helen Caisley when they were married at St. Mary Magdalene, Shippon on 4th April. A local wedding is something of a novelty where the Staff is concerned and the School was quite well represented at the ceremony.

The Rev. Graham Neville, M.A., Rector of Culworth, conducted the beginning of term Service. As usual this was held in St. Helen's Church and it was fitting that the collection should have been donated to the funds of the Parish Church.

With the retirement of Mr. J. H. Hooke after seven years' service from the office of Churchwarden at St. Helen's Church, Old Boy and Governor is replaced by parent in the person of Mr. E. R. Bailey who has been elected in his stead. Congratulations and good wishes to both.

During the Summer Term we look forward to welcoming three student masters — Mr. C. J. Mogridge (French and English), Culham College, Mr. G. H. Sawtell, B.A., (History and English), Melbourne University and Westminster College, and Mr. P. Jevons, B.Sc. (Maths.) also of Westminster College.

We congratulate Mr. R. G. Allibone on his appointment to the staff of Tonbridge School; Mr. A. Henderson to that of Stamford School; and Mr. R. J. Woollett on being offered a Research Fellowship by the University of Illinois, U.S.A., as well as being in the running for a Knox Fellowship at Harvard.

The number of boys on the School Roll at the beginning of the Lent Term was 536 of whom 192 were boarders.

It is worthy of note that in spite of the 'flu epidemic which hit a number of schools in the neighbourhood during February, the School bill of health remained remarkably clean. Perhaps we can now congratulate ourselves upon the anti-flu inoculations given to almost all boarders and a great number of dayboys.

The great innovation this term both socially and gastronomically has been the opening of the School Shop. Already this new amenity has proved its worth not only catering for a large number of boys but also in allowing scope for a steady increase in the range of provisions. It provided a very pleasant venue for the Sixth Form Party for Didcot School which was held on 27th January.

Another manifestation of the Quatercentenary Appeal is the Swimming Pool. Situated in the far corner of Waste Court Field, alongside the hard tennis court, its progress has been almost unnoticed. It is however, now well under way and the Summer should see this hitherto unfrequented part of the grounds become the centre of attraction — especially if the weather in July fulfils the promise of March.

Every member of the School received an unexpected present on 3rd February when Gideons International gave each boy an attractive pocket size copy of the New Testament and Psalms. The Gideons

themselves are a non-profitmaking organization of business men who subscribe towards bringing the Word of God to as many people as possible.

Many boys contributed through Mr. Baker to the Oxfam Congo Relief Appeal early in the term.

Possibly emulating the example set by the Headmaster, several parties from School set off during the holidays 'for to seken straunge strondes'. Mr. and Mrs. Griffin led a group to Denmark and Mr. and Mrs. Emms were guides and mentors (not to mention interpreters) to a party visiting Nevers in France on a group exchange.

Even before the term had ended Mr. Blagden and Mr. B. C. Williams went up to Skye (perhaps the strangest strond of all) with some hardy adventurers from the top of the School. It is hoped to include reports of all these diverse wanderings elsewhere in this issue.

The peace and routine of a Thursday lunch were suddenly shattered on 2nd February when Glyndower caught fire. Although the fire brigade were called, prompt action by Mr. Talbot and G. G. Ganf, Head of Crescent House, prevented the outbreak from developing into a general conflagration and serious damage was confined to some clothes and a record player.

There have been two Parents' Evenings this term. The first was held on 2nd February for Third Forms and the second for Fifth Forms on Tuesday, 28th February, after the Ordinary Level Mock Certificate Examinations. The latter was the last official function attended by the Headmaster before his holiday.

The written papers of the Annual Entrance Examinations were held on 13th February and must have aroused more than usual apprehension in the minds of superstitious candidates.

Africa, a continent never far from the headlines, has been the subject of two lectures attended by members of the School this term. On 4th February senior historians attended the Royal Commonwealth Society Conference on Africa held in Oxford while later, on 24th February middle school heard Mr. Dennis Kemp of Kodak's talk about 'Nigeria'. As might be expected Mr. Kemp illustrated his lecture with slides of an outstanding quality.

The term has not been lacking in visits to the theatre. Under professional auspices the Sixth Form English set went up to see Webster's 'Duchess of Malfi' performed at the Aldwych Theatre on 23rd January.

It was, however, in their 'amateur status' that the School Drama Club saw 'Romeo and Juliet' at the Old Vic on Wednesday, 8th

February. It was a pleasant coincidence that an O.A., Mr. T. J. Kempinski, was playing a major part in the production. On 10th February a party went to see 'Moon on the Yellow River' presented in the Corn Exchange by the Abingdon Drama Club. Later, on 11th March, a party of Fifth Formers saw a production of 'Richard II' at Oxford.

An interesting facet of local history was described by Mr. W. A. Pantin, F.B.A., F.S.A., of Oriel College, Oxford, in his talk on 'Abingdon Abbey from the Conquest to the Dissolution', which was given in the Guildhall under the auspices of the Friends of Abingdon. The Abbey played a major part in the history of the School in the pre-Royse era and the lecture, delivered on 6th March, was well attended by our historians.

Also on 6th March was a talk given by Mr. A. C. Wilson, M.A., of the Royal Institute of International Affairs. This lecture was advertised in the School Calendar as being on Germany. In fact it turned out to be on America but was none the worse for that. It is hoped that even in this specialist world the modern linguists of the Sixth Form will find such extra-mural knowledge valuable and rewarding.

The needs of those soon to leave the shelter of Alma Mater have also been well looked after this term. On 19th January Captain L. W. Smith, of the British India Company, spoke to the Fourth Forms on 'A Career at Sea'.

Advice of a more individual nature was offered by Mr. Hugh Lyon, M.C., M.A., Director of the Public Schools' Appointments Bureau. We were delighted also to welcome his wife who accompanied him on this occasion.

There were two excursions into Oxford on 23rd February. The Russian set saw 'The Cranes are Flying' at the Scala while some members of the Debating Society attended a meeting of the Oxford Union.

During the term Mr. Fairhead took a party of artists to the Tate Gallery. We noted with interest that Mr. A. P. Rollett, H.M.I., who addressed the Mathematical Society on 9th February was a member of the General Inspection team who visited the School in 1957. Presumably he must have felt confident that his remarks on that occasion were not too damning.

The Headmaster's lecture, 'Six Sons of Abingdon', although first delivered some time ago retains its fame both in the town and county. On 22nd January he presented it to the Berkshire Archeological Society in Reading and was also asked to present it to the Townswomen's Guild.

Those of us deafened by the all too frequent roar of aero engines are amazed to think that some members of the School study these noisy beasts as a hobby. The devotion with which they do so is well attested by the success which attended two of them, M. P. Westwood and G. N. J. Lewis, in the National Aircraft Recognition Competition held in London on 21st January. In this they won the Heracles Trophy for the team scoring the highest number of marks. Westwood went on to win two individual awards, the Air Pictorial Trophy for the overall winner in the competition and the Britannia Trophy for the highest scoring cadet competitor. Later in the term, on 2nd February, he further distinguished himself in the aeronautical field by gaining a Flying Scholarship awarded by the R.A.F.

This term has seen the birth of a new unofficial School newspaper which rejoices in the name of 'Scum'. Thanks to judicious vetting by Mr. Murray the publication is not quite so scurrilous as its name suggests.

Meanwhile the Lower School paper which started life as the 'IX Times' and is now known as the 'Third Form Times' continues to delight and increase its clientel. It is no mean feat to keep a venture like this going for so long and yet still retain its quality — especially for boys of relatively tender ages. It is to be hoped that despite the increase in work that seniority brings the editors will still find time to keep the presses turning.

Noted among the Headmaster's mail this term was a letter addressed to J. M. Cobban, Esq., Rogue's School, Abingdon. It is our sad duty to record that this is the second time that the School has been thus addressed. Apparently their dealings with us have not led the senders to see their error.

The Annual Boarders' Concert was held on the last evening of term in the Court Room. One of the notable features this year was a film from Larkhill, 'This is your School', which proved to be a documentary with a difference.

On 25th March the Choral Society gave a concert of Sacred Music in St. Helen's Church.

The P.T. Competition was held on 27th March. Blacknall were the victors by an impressive margin. It was particularly pleasant to have as adjudicator Mr. Dixon of Culham College, the father of one of our Sixth Formers (who incidently is in Reeves).

Fives, a minor but flourishing game, gained official recognition this term. The heralds of the School are deciding upon a blazer badge suitable for the boy who gains his colours at this sport.

Saturday evening entertainments during the term were as follows:—

28th January: Mr. C. J. Allen, F.R.S.A., M.Inst.T., A.I.Loco. E., on 'Railways Today and Tomorrow.'

4th February: Mr. Donald Grant, M.A., F.R.G.S., on 'Canada from the Pacific to the Arctic.'

28th February: Mr. F. A. Lowe on 'Painted Desert — Expedition Camargue.'

4th March: Mr. Stanley Thomas on 'The Story of Magic.'

Feature films were: 'Vive! Monsieur Blaireau', 'Rear Window', and 'Ice Cold in Alex.'

On 11th April the School was pleased to act as host to a party of overseas students from the British Council who toured the buildings and sampled morning coffee in the new School Shop.

The following are attending Short Works Courses during the Easter vacation: L. A. Edwards (F. Perkins, Ltd., Peterborough: Mechanical Engineering) and C. T. Pollard (The Chloride Electrical Storage Co. Ltd., Manchester), D. W. G. Riddick.

Two boys are spending their holiday on Outward Bound Courses — T. I. Hall and J. R. Veysey, both at the Moray Sea School.

The photographs in this issue are by courtesy of Mr. Milligan, Photographer, D. W. G. Riddick, P. A. Bretscher and Mr. Keating.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of magazines from the following schools: Aldenham; City of Oxford; Dulwich College; King Alfred's, Wantage; Magdalen College; Oratory; Pocklington; Radley; Reading; St. Bartholomew's, Newbury; St. Edward's, Oxford; Solihull; Southfield; Stamford; Stoneham; Wallingford; Windsor and R.M. Engineering College, Keyham.

## HOME THOUGHTS FROM ABROAD

R.M.M.V. "Capetown Castle".

5th April, 1961.

No one could have had a more memorable send-off than we did. We were deeply touched by the warmth of the good wishes — often expressed in tangible forms — which reached us during the last week from all sections of the School and from so many parents, old boys and friends. We left England on what was almost a summer's day. Indeed we were led to wonder whether our journey in search of the sun was really necessary. And when we embarked on the "Orange-fontein" at Southampton we found our cabin so full of flowers and



telegrams that we had to explain to the smiling Dutch Steward (believe it or not, his name T. POT) that we were neither film stars nor a honeymoon couple.

Now we are crossing the Bay of Biscay on our return after a thoroughly lazy month in Grand Canary. Already my wife is so much fitter and stronger: I am hoping that the second half of our holiday, which we shall spend through the kindness of a parent in his house on Lake Maggiore, will complete the cure by ridding her of her cough. As for myself — well, a break at half-time is always welcome; and I look forward to returning to work on 1st June with batteries recharged ready for the strenuous events of 1963, and the dozen odd years that will follow.

Meanwhile those who are so nobly holding the fort for us have behaved very discreetly. They have told me just enough to assure me that all is running well, not enough to give me anything to get my teeth into. I understand that the London Old Boys' Dinner was a bigger success than ever. Perhaps that is the function I was most sorry to miss. I hope that my telegram of good wishes, so carefully worded and timed, reached its destination. Its despatch was such a complicated business that I had my doubts about it — even though the voluble clerk at the cable office in Las Palmas shook me warmly by the hand as he took my money: but in any case I am sure the Old Boys would know that I was thinking of them on the night.

I leave it to others to comment on the very successful athletics season which culminated in the School Sports, and on the other events of the second half of the term. Now I hope that the holidays have brought some respite to those who are carrying our work. To them, and to all who have contributed in any way to enabling us to enjoy our holiday free of care, we offer once more our very deep thanks. We can only hope that in the course of the years we shall be able to repay them in the only possible way — by renewed service to the School.

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And now we look forward to seeing our three youngest children again tomorrow, and to hearing so much about what has happened in our absence. Perhaps it needed a break like this to remind us how widely and deeply our roots are sunk in the good Abingdon soil. While we have deliberately tried not to think too much about Abingdon, it has always been there at the back of our minds and we had, incidentally, one very pleasant reminder of it when we ran into the mother of one of our earliest and nicest Old Boys as she disembarked from an aeroplane in Grand Canary. We had not seen her for almost ten years but the recognition was mutual.

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Let the postscript to this letter be written after our arrival home. How lovely the School looks, with the cherries in flower and with every tree breaking into green! We are deliberately living incognito as far as we can, until we go off in a few days' time on the second leg of our holiday. But already we have met many of our friends and we have seen and heard enough to convince us that all is going well at the School.

But then we knew it would — and so did the Governors.

J.M.C.

### CHAPEL NOTES

This term has seen no great events but has been one of steady progress, if one can judge by attendances at Holy Communion on Sundays, which have been far higher than normal. A celebration of Holy Communion on Ash Wednesday marked as usual the beginning of Lent but the service by contrast was not attended as well as in previous years. Perhaps the exams that week took their toll!

We have been very fortunate in receiving a most generous gift of a white altar frontal, made by the donor, Mrs. Parks, to whom in the past we have been grateful for other gifts. This now completes the number of four frontals for the different seasons of the Church's year. We are almost in the same happy position with the falls for the Headmaster's and Chaplain's stalls, since the gift of two purple falls means that now only the red and green ones are needed.

One important event during the term was the coming of the Gideons who presented to every boy in the school a copy of the New Testament. This has encouraged many boys to follow the lessons in chapel in their own texts and it has resulted in the Psalm board being used during the week for the announcement of the lesson.

It was a pity that the whole of Holy Week could not once again fit conveniently into the School term and that Easter in consequence could not be celebrated by the School as a body.

Collections given this term to outside charities are as follows:

Septuagesima: S.C.M.—£8 0s. 0d.

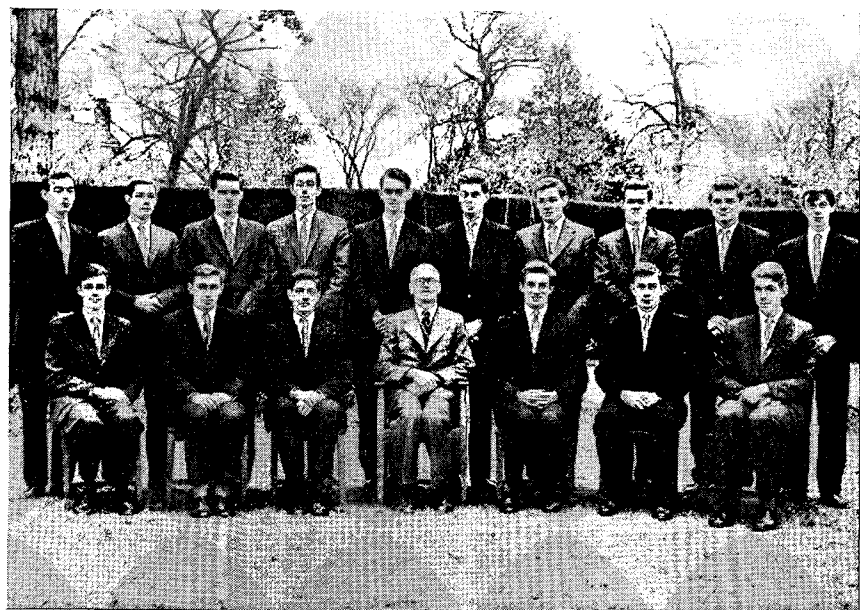
Quinquagesima: Melanesian Mission—£8 10s. 8d.

Lent II: New Guinea Mission—£8 10s. 0d.

Lent II: R.S.C.M.—£6 4s. 9d.

Lent V: The New Church at Berinsfield—£7 5s. 0d.

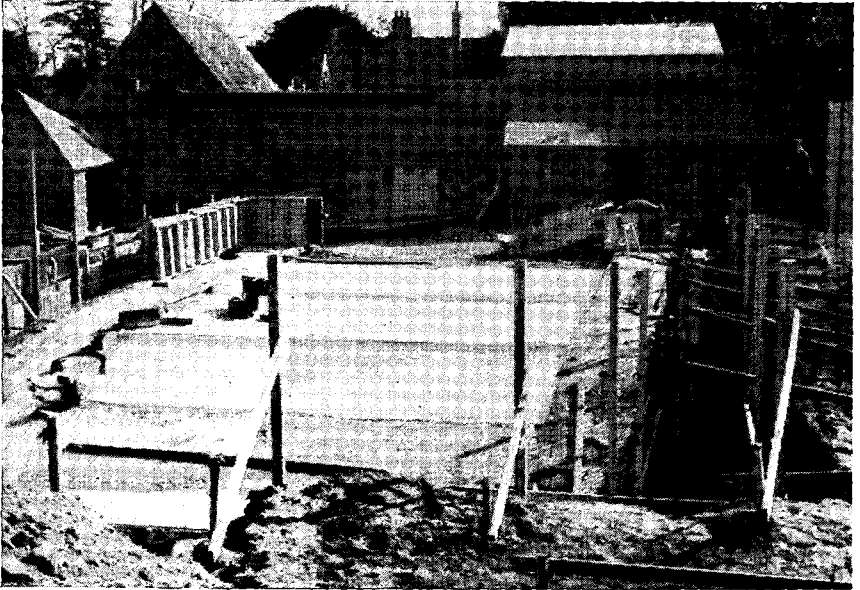
The contents of the Alms Box in the Chapel are to be given to the Congo Famine Relief Fund. The Preacher at the School Service in St.



THE SCHOOL PREFECTS



THE HOCKEY FIRST ELEVEN



THE SWIMMING POOL  
under construction  
APRIL 1961



THE SCHOOL SHOP  
in use  
MARCH 1961

Helen's on 28th April will be the Chaplain. Visiting Preachers we look forward to hearing this term are as follows—

14th—Rev. J. Moore, of Northcourt Church.

11th June—J. D. Buchanan, Esq., M.B.E., M.A., of Oakham School.

25th June—G. R. Tucker, Esq., M.A., J.P., Headmaster of R.G.S. High Wycombe.

2nd July—Rev. R. H. Fuller, M.A. (Cantab), S.T.D., Professor of N.T. Languages and Literature at Eastbury Western Seminary, Illinois, U.S.A.

9th July—Rev. E. L. King, Headmaster of King Alfred's School, Wantage.

23rd July—R. S. Stanier, Esq., Headmaster of Magdalen College School.

The Headmaster will preach at the end of the Summer term at the Leavers' Service, which is held by tradition in St. Nicolas.

We are pleased to be able to announce that the very satisfactory total of £125 was raised by the School for the Northcourt Church Appeal Fund for the provision of altar rails in the Church. It is very pleasing to see the name of the priest in charge of Northcourt on the list of visiting preachers and we are particularly grateful to him for agreeing to come at a time when surely he must be very busy. The fruits of long discussions and hard work by the Chapel committee, in connection with the carpet for the apse, should be seen in the not too distant future. It only remains to find a suitable pattern.

On the very first day of its publication the New English Translation of the Bible was used in Senior and Junior Chapel. Although some may think it doubtful that it will take the place of the Authorised Version, we intend to give it a good trial, considering that its clarity of meaning justifies its use.

Discussion was slow to start in the Chapel Council meeting held in the Heylyn Room on 5th February but when under way proved very useful. The most valuable point suggested was that Founder's Day should begin with a celebration of Holy Communion, which would be invaluable in the offering up of the day's activities.

On the 27th February the Choir sang a Lenten Carol by Vittoria.

From the list of those confirmed last term by the Bishop of Oxford, P. A. Wedgwood's name was omitted. We should like to apologise for this error.

R.S.O.

## QUATERCENTENARY APPEAL

The Swimming Pool, the second tangible result of the Appeal, is now under way and, although work is not proceeding as fast as we should like, we still hope it will be in use by the second half of Summer Term. In the coming Summer holidays, too, work will begin on the new roof of Big School whilst at the same time alterations will be made to its ceiling—two essential preliminaries to the later conversion of this room into a Library. Meantime, the School Shop has already become an accepted feature of School life as well as a delightful addition to the School buildings. It should be obvious, therefore, that the Appeal is going according to plan. Nonetheless there is still a long way to go and we are hoping that this next term will see a renewed burst of contributing. A great number of Old Boys and parents have still not joined the Appeal and it is largely upon these that we must depend for further contributions. If you cannot go as far as covenanting, then a straight-forward subscription, large or small, will be very welcome. And in this connection, we gratefully acknowledge the contributions of those many generous parents who have again rounded off their bills to the considerable advantage of the Fund.

D.O.W.

### APPEAL FUND

*Ninth list of Subscribers: 10th January, 1961 to 14th April, 1961.*

G. Cluble <sup>y</sup> *	R. A. Parfitt*
J. W. Gunn	R. Powell
Mr. and Mrs. H. Meakins	C. W. Rendell*
A. M. Mills*	School House Trunk Working Party
J. E. Montgomery	B. E. Stacey
I. C. Murray*	B. R. Sugg*
	T. T. Theophilus

\* Covenanted Subscriptions

### VALETE ET SALVETE

*Left 16th December, 1960*

Upper Sixth Forms Arts: I. M. Cunningham.  
 Upper Sixth Form Science: K. N. Haarhoff; P. J. V. Willis.  
 Form Sixth General: I. P. Graham.  
 Form 5A: M. R. Gifford.  
 Form 5C: K. A. R. Vines; A. J. Williams.  
 Form 3A: P. G. Hurford.

*Came 17th January, 1961*

Form 3Y: P. A. Sugg.  
 Form: 1X: R. C. Perlow.

**FOUNDER'S DAY CELEBRATIONS**

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

- 11.00 a.m. Service in St. Helen's Church, Abingdon. Address by the Rev. R. A. K. Runcie, M.A., Principal of Cuddesdon Theological College.
- 2.45 p.m. Distribution of Prizes in the Corn Exchange by the Rt. Hon. Sir Harry Hylton-Foster, P.C., Q.C., M.P., Speaker of the House of Commons.
- 4.15 p.m. The Headmaster and Mrs. Cobban will be 'At Home' at the School House to Parents, Old Boys and friends of the School (after which the School and the Grounds will be open for inspection and there will be displays of various School activities).
- 8.00 p.m. An Evening Entertainment in the Corn Exchange.

On Sunday, 30th July, the Chaplain will preach at Morning Service in the School Chapel (10 a.m.): and the Headmaster will preach at 6.30 p.m. at the traditional service in St. Nicolas' Church. All boys who are leaving are invited to bring their parents and other members of the family to this service.

Invitations for Founder's Day will be sent to all parents and to friends of the School: but *Old Boys* are asked to regard this note as a personal invitation. Any Old Boy who would like to attend the Prize-Giving or the 'At Home' is asked to write to Mr. F. J. Sewry at the School.

There will be an additional performance of the Evening Entertainment at 7.30 p.m. on Friday, 28th July. Tickets for either performance can be obtained from Mr. Sewry, price 5/- and 3/- (including programme). Parents who live locally are asked to come, if possible, on the Friday evening.

Old Boys' Day will be held this year on Saturday, 17th June. Details of the programme will be circulated later to all members of the O.A. Club. Old Boys are also specially invited to attend Morning Service in the School Chapel on the following Sunday, 18th June: and subsequently to take coffee with the Headmaster and Mrs. Cobban in the garden of the School House.

## HOCKEY

### FIRST ELEVEN

The first team had a most enjoyable season — only one match had to be cancelled because of weather, and very few practice games were put off — and, although to judge by results, the season was not one of our best, the team was potentially and sometimes actually, the best we have had for some years. At other times it played below its capabilities, and matches were drawn or lost which should have been won. The most obvious reason for this was a disappointing lack of cohesion between defence and attack and poor finishing by the forwards, who, although they had plenty of constructive ideas, tended on occasions to panic in the circle. The match against the Hockey Association was the most memorable of recent years, and if the School had played as well in the other matches as they did in this one, our match record would have been rather different.

The forward line remained unchanged throughout the season. Bampton, RWJ on the left wing is speedy and possesses a hard and accurate centre, but is too inclined to try first time centres. On the other wing Robey had a very successful season and proved very dangerous. His centres were well-timed and accurate, and he combined well with Veysey at inside right. Veysey's stick-work was quite outstanding and made up for any lack of speed. A very intelligent player, he made good use of the through pass, and, when he has developed a more powerful shot, he should make a very good player. Briten, by-passing the second eleven, proved a good centre forward with considerable speed and thrust.

In the defence, Brice, at right half, and Martin continued to combine well, though the latter had a tendency to come too far up field, leaving Brice with two men to mark. Both made good use of their stick-work, and passed intelligently. Weir, a much improved player, at centre half, always played a hard game, and his through passes resulted in several goals. At left-half Hurd, playing for the first year in this difficult position, was quick and energetic and very persistent, tackling and passing well, especially to the left wing, though he tended to leave his man unmarked rather too often. The left back, Wood, improved much during the season and was on most occasions a reliable player, though rather slow off the mark. In goal Nurton had a very good season, and at times played brilliantly, notably in the match against the Hockey Association.

D.M.G.

Goodwin has been a quiet and very efficient captain and led the team well and without fuss. His own play, at left inside, suffered rather from the cares of an office which I suspect he would rather not have



held, but his powerful shot produced a number of goals, and sometimes he showed the individual brilliance which we had hoped to see more of. It is fitting that he should have been chosen to play in the Berkshire schools' team.

The final arrangement of the 1st Eleven was: M. D. Nurton; A. P. H. Wood, I. A. D. Martin; J. R. Hurd, D. Weir, D. J. Brice; D. A. Robey, D. M. Goodwin (Capt.), P. W. P. Briten, J. R. Veysey, R. W. J. Bampton.

#### Results

v. King Alfred's School, Wantage (h), Wed., 25th Jan.	Won 4—1
v. St. Edward's School 'A' XI (a), Wed., 1st Feb.	Drawn 0—0
v. Abingdon Hockey Club (h), Sat., 4th Feb.	Won 4—2
v. Solihull School (a), Sat., 11th Feb.	Lost 0—3
v. Radley College 2nd XI (h), Sat., 18th Feb.	Won 6—2
v. Old College, Sandhurst (a), Wed., 22nd Feb.	Drawn 2—2
v. Hockey Association XI (h), Wed., 1st March	Lost 3—5
v. Old Abingdonians (h), Sat., 4th March	Lost 0—5
v. Pembroke College (a), Wed., 8th March	Lost 2—3

#### SECOND ELEVEN

The second side had a good season winning two matches and losing two only by the odd goal. They played particularly well at Sandhurst to defeat a rather better Dettingen Company team than usual. The forward line was especially effective and contains, in Burrige, Rosevear and Warburton, players who show promise of serving the School well in future first elevens. The team was ably captained by Long.

The final arrangement was: A. J. Oxley; J. M. Bunce, D. M. Edelsten; D. J. Hoddinott, R. J. C. Bampton, A. W. Foster; R. H. M. Burrige, R. A. Warburton, B. R. Rosevear, S. R. Long (Capt.), C. M. Davis.

Also played: J. D. Urwick (3 times) and C. H. Bellinger.

#### Results

v. St. Edward's School 'B' XI (a), Wed., 1st Feb.	Won 1—0
v. Solihull School (a), Sat., 11th Feb.	Lost 3—4
v. A Staff XI (h), Wed., 15th Feb.	Drawn 2—2
v. Radley College 3rd XI (h), Sat., 18th Feb.	Lost 2—3
v. Dettingen Company, Sandhurst (a), Wed., 22nd Feb.	Won 4—2

L.C.J.G.

**HOCKEY INTER-HOUSE FINAL — Monday, 13th February***Tesdale 1, Reeves 0*

This match turned out to be of a much higher standard than in recent years. Tesdale, though possibly the weaker side, gained the victory because they combined as a team more than Reeves. Play was even for most of the game and Reeves forced four short corners only to be pushed back again by Tesdale's defence. The only goal was scored towards the end of the game when Bellinger scrambled the ball into the net after a struggle in the goalmouth.

S.R.L.

**ATHLETICS**

The beginning of athletics training coincided with the heat wave, and although the summer conditions did not continue until Sports Day, not a single day was lost through bad weather.

The team this year was one of the strongest and only in the 440 yards and Long Jump did we fail to secure a first place in at least one match. We had comfortable victories over the Old Abingdonians, Reading and Bloxham, but lost to Radley and St. Edward's in a triangular fixture on the last Tuesday of term. In this match no fewer than 18 competitors put up performances at least up to AAA Junior (County) Standard.

Ganf and Talbot were a formidable pair in the sprints, the latter setting up a new record in the 220 yards against Bloxham. Briten ran well though rather unluckily in the 440 yards, and Bett usually had his own way in the longer races.

Talbot was outstanding in the discus, but his form with the shot was disappointing and for the last match Rosevear joined Whitton. All three were putting over 40 feet. Whitton had four different partners in the javelin, but none of the five could reach more than 130 feet consistently.

The high jump was a personal triumph for Nelson, who changing from scissors to straddle, raised the School high jump record by 1 inch to 5 feet 5½ inches. Hall, GA, although capable of around 19 feet in the long jump was far too inconsistent and failed to produce his best in competition.

Interest in the standards competition was maintained to the last. It was finally won by Bennett with a total of 364 pts. Reeves were runners up only 2 points behind, followed by Blacknall with 262 points and Tesdale with 240 points. Much of the credit for the success of the competition must go to the organisers — particularly athletics secretary M. J. Bett and team recorder A. P. H. Wood.

During the term full colours were awarded to J. M. Talbot and M. J. Nelson. Half colours were awarded to P. W. P. Briten, J. M. Bunce, B. R. Rosevear and P. G. D. Whitton.

## MATCHES

*v. Old Abingdonians (h), Sat., 11th March.*

- 100 yards: 1—Ganf, 10.5; 2—Talbot; 3—Stuart Lyon, AG (OA).  
 440 yards: 1—Harvey, RW (OA), 54.8; 2—Britten; 3—Duly, KR (OA).  
 880 yards: 1—Bett, 2:07.6; 2—Sheard, JA (OA); 3—Butt.  
 Mile: 1—Harvey, RW (OA) 4:46.8; 2—Bett; 3—Sheard, JA (OA).  
 High Jump: 1—Nelson, 5ft. 3in.; 2—Johnson, AE; 3—Milne, JM (OA).  
 Long Jump: 1—Stuart-Lyon, AG (OA) 17ft. 2½in.; 2—Milne, JM (OA); 3—Hall, GA.  
 Shot: 1—Darroch, NAC (O.A) 47ft. 11½in.; 2—Talbot; 3—Darroch, DG (OA).  
 Discus: 1—King, AGB (OA), 137ft. 1in.; 2—Talbot; 3—Darroch, NAC (OA).  
 Javelin: 1—Whitton, 134ft. 9½in.; 2—Ganf; 3—Milne, JM (OA).  
 Relay: 1—School, 2:28.4 (Match record); 2—O.A.s, 2:33.8.  
 (6 x 220)  
 School—51pts.; Old Abingdonians—38 pts.

*v. Reading School (h), Wed., 15th March.*

- 100 yards: 1—Ganf, 10.4; 2—Talbot; 3—Mills (R).  
 220 yards: 1—Talbot, 23.8 (equals School record); 2—Towner (R); 3—Ganf.  
 440 yards: 1—Towner (R), 53.9; 2—Britten; 3—Bunce.  
 880 yards: 1—Bett, 2:5.1; 2—Shepherd (R); 3—Butt.  
 Mile: 1—Bett, 4:47.8; 2—Shepherd (R); 3—Matson, AGD.  
 High Jump: 1—Nelson, 5ft. 4½in. (equals School record); 2—Dale (R); 3—Johnson, AE.  
 Long Jump: 1—Towner (R), 19ft. 6½in.; 2—Constable (R); 3—Hall, GA.  
 Shot: 1—Talbot, 43ft. 0½in.; 2—Whitton; 3—Piercy (R).  
 Javelin: 1—Whitton, 136ft. 4in.; 2—Jennings (R); 3—Marsh, TA.  
 Relay: 1—Abingdon, 46.4; 2—Reading.  
 (4 x 110)  
 Abingdon—66 pts.; Reading—40 pts.

v. *Bloxham School (h), Sat., 18th March.*

*Senior Match*

- 100 yards: 1—Ganf, 10.4; 2—Reynolds (B); 3—Butler (B).  
 220 yards: 1—Talbot, 23.5 (School and Match record); 2—Butler (B); 3—Ganf.  
 440 yards: 1—Reynolds (B); 54.4; 2—Britten; 3—Bunce.  
 880 yards: 1—Bett, 2:6.2; 2—Butt; 3—Scott, J (B).  
 Mile: 1—Bett, 4:48.1; 2—Braithwaite (B); 3—Matson, AGD.  
 High Jump: 1—Nelson, 5ft. 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ in.; 2—Scott, D (B); 3—Cable.  
 Long Jump: 1—Scott, D (B), 19ft. 9in. (Match record); 2—Keane (B); 3—Bampton, RWJ.  
 Shot: 1—Talbot, 42ft. 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; 2—Whitton; 3—Scott (B).  
 Discus: 1—Talbot, 136ft. 5in. (Match record); 2—Marston (B); 3—Marsh, TA.  
 Javelin: 1—Balding (B), 130ft. 1in.; 2—Whitton; 3—Brice.  
 Relay: 1—Abingdon, 46.4; 2—Bloxham.  
 (4 x 110)

*Junior Match (under 16 on 1st January).*

- 100 yards: 1—Prakash (B), 10.8; 2—Blair; 3—Fowler (B).  
 440 yards: 1—Marsh, VA, 55.6; 2—Prakash (B); 3—Blair.  
 880 yards: 1—Gregson, 2:13.2; 2—Watkinson (B); 3—Crumly.  
 High Jump: 1—Johnson, AE, 5ft. 0 $\frac{3}{4}$ in.; 2—Fowler (B); 3—Henderson.  
 Long Jump: 1—Blair, 18ft. 6in.; 2—Jennings, JR; 3—Jennings (B).  
 Shot: 1—Bosley, NAH, 39ft. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; 2—Catty (B); 3—Flint, IR.  
 Discus: 1—Gibbs (B), 120ft. 11in.; 2—Flint, IR; 3—Barrett, AT.  
 Relay: 1—Abingdon, 49.0; 2—Bloxham.  
 (4 x 110)

Abingdon—107 pts.; Bloxham—60 pts.

v. *Radley College and St. Edward's School (at Radley),  
 Tuesday, 28th March.*

*Senior Match*

- 100 yards: 1—Arkell (R), 10.4; 2—Dreyfus (E); 3—Stanger (R); 4—Talbot.  
 220 yards: 1—Arkell (R), 24.3; 2—Talbot; 3—Williams, S (R); 4—Veitch (E).  
 440 yards: 1—Mordaunt (R), 52.9; 2—Dreyfus (E); 3—Handsombe (E); 4—Britten.  
 880 yards: 1—Handsombe (E), 2:3.8; 2—Bett; 3—Bunce; 4—Williams, R (R).

- Mile: 1—Maclean (E), 4:33.3; 2—Rycroft (R); 3—Paterson (E); 4—Matson, AGD.
- High Jump: 1—Weitzel (R), 5ft. 9½in.; 2—Morris (R); 3—Nelson; 4—Bray (E).
- Long Jump: 1—Smith (E), 19ft. 11in.; 2—Stanger (R); 3—Brown (E); 4—Williams, S (R).
- Shot: 1—Rosevear, 42ft. 0½in.; 2—Gorges (R); 3—Whitton; 4—Dreyfus (E).
- Discus: 1—Talbot, 129ft. 4½in.; 2—Gorges (R); 3—Marsh, TA; 4—Paine (E).
- Javelin: 1—Henson (R), 159ft. 2in.; 2—Whitton; 3—Bunce; 4—C-Brown (R).
- Hurdles: 1—Mordaunt (R), 16.3; 2—Williams (E); 3—Smith (E).
- Relay: 1—Radley, 46.4; 2—St. Edwards; 3—Abingdon.

(4 x 110)  
Radley—97 pts.; St. Edward's—67 pts.; Abingdon—60 pts.

*Junior Match (under 16½ on 1st January)*

- 100 yards: 1—Fradd (E), 11.1; 2—Odoire (E); 3—Kennard (R); 4—Blair.
- 220 yards: 1—Blair, 25.9; 2—Mills (E); 3—Dixon (E); 4—P-Gordon (R).
- 440 yards: 1—Odoire (E), 56.7; 2—Talbot (E); 3—Beveridge (R); 4—Gregson.
- 880 yards: 1—Crill (E), 2:8.9; 2—Kirby; 3—Emslie (E); 4—Griffiths (R).
- Mile: 1—Peel (E), 4:54.2; 2—Vere Hodge (R); 3—Hall (E); 4—M-Jones (R).
- High Jump: 1—Johnson, AE, 5ft. 1in.; 2—Warin (R); 3—Fradd (E); 4—Dixon (E).
- Long Jump: 1—Kennard (R), 18ft. 4½in.; 2—Fradd (E); 3—Kane (E); 4—Blair.
- Shot: 1—Heanley (R), 42ft. 2in.; 2—Ford, MS; 3—Bosley, NAH; 4—Mitchell (R).
- Discus: 1—Eliot (R), 127ft. 3in.; 2—R-Hurst (R); 3—Kane (E); 4—Dixon (E).
- Javelin: 1—Henley (R), 144ft. 8½in.; 2—Commins (R); 3—Kandiah.
- Hurdles: 1—Balfour (E), 15.4; 2—Beveridge (R); 3—Balfour (R).
- Relay: 1—St. Edward's, 48.8; 2—Radley; 3—Abingdon.

(4 x 110)  
St. Edward's—93 pts.; Radley—78½ pts.; Abingdon—42 pts.

## THE SCHOOL SPORTS

(Wed., 22nd and Sat., 25th March)

The overall standard of the athletics on Sports Day was high. There are many very promising juniors, notably P. E. Gibbs, who broke 2 records and S. A. Marsh who broke 3. In the Under 15 High Jump, A. E. Johnson was a little below his best, but still managed to raise the record to over 5ft. It was unfortunate that G. G. Ganf, the captain of athletics, pulled a muscle in the Senior Medley Relay and had to retire from subsequent events.

J. M. Talbot was a worthy winner of the Senior Victor Ludorum Cup with 22 points, the joint runners up being M. J. Bett and P. J. F. Blair with 10 points each. N. P. J. Bell won the junior trophy with 15 points, one more than A. E. Johnson.

The Ladies of Abingdon Cup was won by Bennett who had been lying second to Tesdale at the end of the Preliminary Sports Day. It was only through winning the Senior Relay (the last event) that Tesdale managed to beat Reeves for second place.

At the conclusion of the Sports, the Challenge Cups were presented by Miss Ashcroft from the pavilion.

## RESULTS

- 100 yards (U/12): 1—Gibbs, 13.4 (Record) 2— Jackson, DS; 3— Moore, NV.
- 100 yards (U/13): 1—Hassett, 13.1; 2—Wilde; 3—Lister.
- 100 yards (U/14): 1—Marsh, SA, 11.5 (Record); 2—Corps; 3— Evans, PG.
- 100 yards (U/15): 1—Bell, 11.3 (equals Record); 2—Jennings; 3— Johnson, AE.
- 100 yards (Open): 1—Talbot, 10.5; 2— Briten; 3— Blair.
- 220 yards (U/12): 1—Gibbs, 30.7 (Record); 2—Parfitt; 3—Jackson, DS.
- 220 yards (U/13): 1—Hassett, 29.5; 2—Wilde; 3—Lister.
- 220 yards (U/14): 1—Marsh, SA, 26.4 (Record); 2—Corps; 3— Denny, SJ.
- 220 yards (U/15): 1—Bell, 25.8; 2—Johnson, AE; 3—Jennings.
- 220 yards (Open): 1—Talbot, 24.1; 2—Blair; 3—Britten.
- 440 yards (U/13): 1—Hassett, 66.9; 2—Coomber; 3—Painton.
- 440 yards (U/14): 1—Marsh, SA, 60.1 (Record); 2—Denny, SJ; 3—Evans, PG.
- 440 yards (U/15): 1—Bell, 59.7; 2—Moore, TB; 3—Ray, RDR.
- 440 yards (Open): 1—Talbot, 53.8; 2—Britten; 3—Marsh, VA.
- 880 yards (U/14): 1—Marsh, SA, 2:29.7; 2—Denny, SJ; 3—Corps.
- 880 yards (U/15): 1—Avery, 2:24.1; 2—Kitto, MF; 3—Ford, CC.

- 880 yards (Open): 1—Bett, 2:4.0; 2—Butt; 3—Bunce.
- Mile (U/15): 1—Avery, 5:28.4; 2—Kitto; 3—Booker.
- Mile (Open): 1—Bett, 4:42.0; 2—Matson, AGD; 3—Butt.
- Shot (U/15): 1—Johnson, AE, 35ft. 3½in.; 2—Day, CEI; 3—Leathem, RC.
- Shot (U/16): 1—Bosley, NAH, 38ft. 8½in.; 2—Flint, IR; 3—Simms.
- Shot (Open): 1—Rosevear, 41ft. 8in.; 2—Whitton; 3—Talbot.
- Discus (U/15): 1—Crouch, 98ft. 7in.; 2—Marsh, SA; 3—Moore, TB.
- Discus (U/16): 1—Barrett, AT, 110ft. 0½in.; 2—Matson, IWD; 3—Flint, IR.
- Discus (Open): 1—Talbot, 133ft. 6in.; 2—Marsh, TA; 3—Whitton.
- Javelin (U/16): 1—Kandiah, 120ft. 8in.; 2—Flint, IR; 3—Barrett, AT.
- Javelin (Open): 1—Bunce, 130ft. 11in.; 2—Marsh, TA; 3—Whitton.
- High Jump (U/13): 1—Hall, SA, 4ft. 3½in. (Record); 2—Jackson, DS; 3—Cockerill.
- High Jump (U/14): 1—Davis, RB, 4ft. 2¾in.; 2—Denny, SJ; 3—Cooper.
- High Jump (U/15): 1—Johnson, AE, 5ft. 0¾in. (Record); 2—Kitto, MF; 3—Akinbiyi.
- High Jump (Open): 1—Nelson, MJ, 5ft. 5¾in. (Record); 2—Cable; 3—Johnson, AE.
- Long Jump (U/14): 1—Evans, PG, 14ft. 10in.; 2—Myers; 3—Coomber.
- Long Jump (U/15): 1—Jennings, 16ft. 10½in.; 2—Cox, CWM; 3—Ray, RDR.
- Long Jump (Open): 1—Blair, 18ft. 0in.; 2—Hall, GA; 3—Bampton, RWJ.
- Jun. Relay (U/15): 1—Reeves, 3:43.6; 2—Bennett; 3—Blacknall.
- Senior Relay: 1—Tesdale, 3:20.8 (Record); 2—Reeves; 3—Bennett.
- Senior Medley Relay: 1—Tesdale, 3:53.2; 2—Reeves; 3—Blacknall. (880, 440, 220, 220)
- Inter-House Competition: 1—Bennett (136); 2—Tesdale (118); 3—Reeves (113); 4—Blacknall (69).

R.H.B./A.P.H.W.

## CROSS COUNTRY

More seniors opted for Cross Country this term and several of them soon revealed that they had considerable ability and managed to secure a place in the team. Although we finished last in the triangular match

with Radley and St. Edward's, we enjoyed a fairly successful season, recording five victories.

The Old Abingdonian fixture was a new venture and proved to be a very popular occasion. Never before have we had such crowds of spectators! I hope that next year more Old Boys will be able to turn out so that the team does not have to be completed by 'Honorary O.A.s' from the Staff Common Room.

During the term full colours for Athletics were awarded to M. J. Bett, whilst P. A. Bretscher, J. P. G. Butt and C. H. Woodham received their half-colours.

The following represented the Club on more than one occasion this term: M. J. Bett, P. A. Bretscher, J. P. G. Butt, C. T. Gresswell, A. G. D. Matson (7 times); J. S. Kelly, R. M. Kirby (6 times); M. R. Mole, C. H. Woodham (5 times); D. J. Aplin (3 times); J. M. Bunce, T. H. Day, J. V. Grimes (twice).

#### Results

#### North Berks Schools' Cross Country Championships (at Culham). Wed., 25th January.

Under 17: Grimes 1, Aplin 2, Bunce 3, Kirby 4, Gresswell 5, Day, T 8.  
Abingdon won the team event (12 starters).

Under 15: Bowthorpe 5, Gregson 10, Barrett 25, Avery 28.  
Abingdon were placed 5th out of 9 teams (25 starters).

#### v. Culham College (h). Sat., 28th January.

Abingdon 38 pts.; Culham 41 pts.

(Scorers: Bett 1, Woodham 4, Matson 6, Bretscher 8, Butt 9, Gresswell 10).

#### v. Radley and St. Edward's (at Radley). Thurs., 2nd February.

St. Edward's 37 pts.; Radley 65 pts.; Abingdon 79 pts.

(Scorers: Bett 3, Matson 10, Grimes 13, Aplin 15, Butt 17, Bretscher 21).

#### v. King Alfred's School, Wantage (a). Wed., 8th February.

Abingdon 25 pts.; Wantage 62 pts.

(Scorers: Bett 1, Matson 2, Butt 4, Woodham 5, Mole 6, Kelly 7).

#### Berkshire Schools' Cross Country Championship (at Thatcham). Sat., 11th February.

Under 19: Bett 2, Matson 5, Butt 7, Kelly 10, Bretscher 11.

Abingdon was the only team to close (32 starters).

Under 17: Aplin 18, Gresswell 22, Nelson and Kirby = 35.

Abingdon was placed 7th out of 15 teams (75 starters).



v. *Kimbolton and Reading School (h). Wed., 15th February.*

Abingdon 50 pts.; Kimbolton 59 pts.; Reading 62 pts.

(Scorers: Bett 1, Matson 2, Butt 6, Mole 12, Bretscher 13, Kirby 16).

v. *Old Abingdonians (h). Sat., 18th February.*

Abingdon 35 pts.; Old Abingdonian 45 pts.

(Scorers—Abingdon: Bett 2, Matson 3, Bretscher 6, Mole 7, Kelly 8, Butt 9;

Old Abingdonians: Harvey 1, Duly 4, Mr. Murray 5, Mr. Baker 10, Holmes 12, Cunningham 13 and Johnson, CF and Booth).

*Culham Road Relay. Sat., 4th March.*

1st team finished 18th (Matson, Bretscher, Butt, Bett).

2nd team finished 41st (Luker, Woodham, Kelly, Mole).

(45 teams took part).

R.H.B.

## RUGBY FOOTBALL

Junior rugger this term has been mainly a matter of House matches. The Junior Colts Fifteen played only one game — against Cokethorpe Park School at home on Saturday, 4th February. This resulted in a comfortable victory of 44 points to nil and made us wish the team had had a few more matches. Two new half-backs, Bent and Kandiah, proved a great success.

The Junior Fifteen, with two matches played, showed much the same pattern as in the Michaelmas Term. Although the defensive play of the pack was tightened up, the ball rarely got back from the set scrums and so the backs seldom put in anything approaching a set attack. Generally speaking, the team lacked sparkle and will need to enthuse more about the game if it is to have any real success. Results were:

v. Cokethorpe Park School (h). Sat., 4th Feb.	Lost 0—5
v. St. Birinus' School Didcot (h). Wed., 15th Feb.	Lost 3—9
v. Oratory School (h). Wed., 22nd Feb.	Lost 6—17

## JUNIOR HOUSE MATCHES

The struggle for the Bayley Cup, saw Bennett House accomplish the hat-trick. For the third year in succession, they proved worthy winners of the competition. In the preliminary rounds they had fairly easily disposed of Reeves and Tesdale, less easily of Blacknall so that in the final, played on Friday, 24th February, Bennett were the favourites.

The game was most entertaining to watch. Bennett were superior behind the scrum but the packs were fairly evenly matched. In the event, a first half lead of 13 points to 6 points gave Bennett the match

since both sides scored a try each after half-time, making the final score 16 points to 9 points. The Tesdale tries were obtained by Sewry and Cooper early in the game and by Evans in the second half. Bennett were indebted to Avery for two tries and to Akinbiyi for two tries, the former also converting twice.

### 'UNDER 13' LEAGUE

The League games were again keenly contested with Blacknall House proving the winners of the Candy Cup for the second time running. Their 6 points were gained by defeating Bennett 25—3, Tesdale 25—0 and Reeves 9—3. Bennett were runners up with 4 points after losing to Blacknall but beating Reeves 16—6 and Tesdale 20—0. Tesdale with a single victory over Reeves 6—3 came third and Reeves, defeated in all three of their games, bottom of the table.

D.O.W.

### ROWING

Various trial crews began training at the beginning of the term, and eventually 1st, 2nd, Colts and Junior Colts eights were formed. A 3rd VIII went afloat occasionally when a boat was available for it. We were relatively fortunate this term as regards the weather and 'flu, though the 1st VIII lost the services of the Secretary and 'six' for the last month. A word of praise is due to the two junior oarsmen who acted as substitutes in their absence, since it was decided not to upset the 2nd VIII by taking substitutes from it.

The 1st, 2nd and Colts eights competed in the Reading University Head of the River Race on 18th March. The 1st VIII finished 52nd in 16 minutes. The 2nd VIII finished 68th in 16.19, and the Colts 117th in 16.59 in the Clinker division. The 1st VIII result was rather disappointing, but we do not feel too pessimistic about next term as they are potentially powerful and fast.

The 2nd VIII is coming along quite well, and the Colts are extremely promising.

On 15th April Abingdon Rowing Club held the first Head of the River Race at Abingdon for Clinker fours. We entered three crews, suitably disguised as 'Gryphon Boat Club', and a fourth crew even more heavily disguised! It is hoped that the Gryphon B.C. composed of boys wishing to row in the regattas in the holidays will become official and even more active in the summer.

#### Results:

Gryphon B.C. 'A' finished 3rd in 12 mins. 12.2 secs.

Gryphon 'B' finished 8th in 12 mins. 34.2 secs.

Gryphon 'C' finished 10th in 12 mins 44 secs.

Abingdon Coaches finished!

There were 12 starters and none of our crews went down.

Crews were as follows:

Gryphon 'A': Morse, Louth, Merriman, Sewry, Smith.

Gryphon 'B': Comfort, Nash, Bickers, Capstick, Nayler.

Gryphon 'C': Willis J, Burn B, Pollard D, Loukes, Marks.

Abingdon Coaches: Messrs. Horrex, Potter, Montague, Mortimer, Goldsworthy.

Our thanks are due to Mr. R. Woollett of Merton College for assisting with coaching most enthusiastically, and we look forward to his continued help next term. We have been extremely fortunate to have someone who has thrown himself so whole-heartedly into our activities.

#### *Crews for the Reading Head*

1st VIII: Bow—Jamieson, 2—Nash, 3—Morse, 4—Gerring, 5—Bickers, 6—Merriman, 7—Mackenzie AJ, Stroke—Sewry, Cox—Smith DFK.

2nd VIII: Bow—Moss, 2—Venn AA, 3—Comfort, 4—Lucas, 5—Pollard DC, 6—Evans MJ, 7—Willis JAR, Stroke—Loukes, Cox—Hann.

Colts VIII: Bow—Baker, 2—Platt, 3—Aplin, 4—Hunter, 5—Day M, 6—Burn, 7—Mackenzie JJ, Stroke—Bowthorpe, Cox—Broadway.

R.G.M.

## FIVES

We have been a little surprised at our success this year, our first with a fully Senior IV. The first four began its season last term and continued by going to the West of England Schools' Tournament at Bristol in the Christmas holidays. There they gained experience, from which perhaps later success resulted, but did not do anything very startling. Our only wins were in the singles where Bailey and Martin each showed plenty of fight and improving technique to win through a round.

Otherwise, however, we won 4 matches and lost only 2 — one against a not very strong O.U. Beavers, against whom we did not play well, and the other with a considerably weakened four against the Old Brightonians. Of the players, the Captain, Ogg is the most notably improved. Rather slow-footed early on, he speeded up and strengthened his left hand — his right is very good. His greatest virtue, however, is a cool head in a crisis and it was this which enabled us to beat Bloxham — our most pleasing victory. Veysey, too, played consistently

well, his footwork and positioning being excellent. Bailey was always a good partner for Ogg — in fact early on it was largely his play which made the first pair dangerous. Martin, who was Veysey's partner for most of the season, lost form partly because of poor technique and was replaced by Rosevear, a hard-hitting and consistent player with however an inaccuracy of shot at 1st IV level. We are now allowed to give Fives Colours and Ogg, Veysey and Bailey were awarded them.

Other players who deserve mention are Fairlie, J, and Ford, CC, whilst Avery has been outstanding among the young players, winning the Junior House Cup practically off his own gloves and despite injury. Also, the Secretary, Marsh, TA, has had a difficult task as he has not been in the four — nonetheless, he has borne this situation with good humour and grace and done his job well.

The Open Singles Competition was won this term by Ogg who beat Veysey by two games to one. Last year's winner, Bailey, GJ, was surprisingly knocked out in the first round by Ford, CC. In the final of the corresponding Junior Competition, Avery beat Davis, RB in an exciting match.

In the first round of the Junior House matches, Bennett beat Reeves and Blacknall beat Tesdale. Bennett went on to win the final by 81 points to 61 points. The First Form Tournament was won by Bradfield.

The Club would like to thank Miss Grundy for the present of a number of balls left by Mr. Grundy; Mr. A. R. Codrington for bringing down a team for an end of term friendly and Mr. B. Powell for his coaching visits.

#### Results:

First Four: v. St. Bartholomew's Hospital (a).	Won 119—72
v. Dauntsey's School (a).	Won 117—78
v. Old Brightonians (h).	Lost 68—100
v. O.U.Beavers (h).	Lost 67—118
v. Bloxham School (h).	Won 87—82
v. R. G. Freebairn's IV (h).	Won 90—60

Team: R. S. Ogg (Capt.), G. J. Bailey; J. R. Veysey, B. R. Rosevear.

Also played: I. A. D. Martin, J. Fairlie and M. S. Ford.

Second Four: v. Old Abingdonians (h).	Won 121—52
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v. Staff Common Room (h).	Lost—2 matches to one (3 pairs)
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Team: T. A. Marsh (Capt.), I. A. D. Martin; J. Fairlie, M. S. Ford.

Also played: C. C. Ford and R. J. M. Evans.

Colts Four: v. Dauntsey's School (a).	Lost 2 games to one (one pair only)
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v. Bloxham School (a). Lost 147—153

v. Radley College (a). Won 120—45

Team: C. C. Ford (Capt.), R. J. M. Evans; A. T. Barrett, P. H. Davis.  
Junior Colts Pair (Avery, R. B. Davis) beat Bloxham School (a)  
64—45.

An Under 14½ Four also beat Radley College (a) 93—90: Avery,  
R. B. Davis; Godfrey, Shellard; and a Junior Pair (P. A. C.  
Roblin and Broad) lost to Radley 24—48.

M.W.V./T.A.M.

### COMBINED CADET FORCE

We have this term lost the services of Capt. Moore, who had served with the contingent for 15 years. Much of his energy during this time had to be devoted, in the "Locust" years when we had no S.S.I., to do administrative work; without these efforts, it would have been difficult for the unit to have carried on. We are sorry to lose him, but grateful for his past services. In his place we welcome Lt. T. G. K. Fairhead, RA, who has taken charge of training in 'B' Coy.

Field Day was held in summer weather on 14th March, with the Signallers preparing at OUOTC for an impending Classification test, and the C.D. Section enjoying a day's "field" instruction at the Civil Defence Training Centre at Woking. The RA Section, for various good reasons, did not operate as a specialist sub-unit but joined "in" with B and C Coys. to renew acquaintance with infantry work. For 'B' Coy, this was an opportunity to put into practice under ideal conditions, all that they have been learning in theory, about the organisation and conduct of a patrol. 'C' Coy may have found somewhat "drear" their portion in an 'adventure' exercise, in which the N.C.O.'s Cadre tried in small groups, to penetrate manned lines of defence; but there will be, for them, more exciting times to come.

We are having, with much regret, to say "goodbye" to Bisley. For this decision, the chief reason is financial. We have suffered, through reduced numbers, a substantial drop in income, and can no longer afford the £100 which it cost us yearly. Compensation in all things:—the ordinary cadet should in future get more opportunities of firing .303 at Churn range.

Camp this year will be at Okehampton, on Dartmoor, an area which should provide ample scope for 'adventure' training. We hope for a really good response.

S.C.P

### ROYAL NAVAL SECTION

The Leat term has been in some ways a disappointing one. All our candidates for Advanced Proficiency, though they passed the oral tests, failed badly on the written paper. It cannot be too strongly emphasised that success in this exam. depends very largely on individual revision, and those who rely entirely on instruction received during Corps periods cannot expect to pass.

Eight boys, however, did pass Proficiency, rather more than fifty per cent of the entry, which is a little more satisfactory, though here again it was obvious that those who failed had not done enough revision in their own time. This is not a difficult exam. and should be passed first time.

We have again been grateful to H.M.S. Sultan for help in several ways, and in particular for arranging our Field Day when twenty-one cadets spent the night in Sultan, and went to sea in two mine-sweepers the following day. The weather was fine, the sea calm, and we had a pleasant and instructive day. The other half of the section went boating at Raven's Ait, where, despite rather a large number of individual attempts to desert, including one rather desperate submarine effort, some useful work was done.

L.C.J.G.

### SHOOTING

Under the careful guidance of Mr. Joyce, the noble art of shooting has come into its own again this term. An ambitious project of getting the majority of the contingent — naval gentlemen included — down to the local Rifle Range during Tuesday parades is well under way, and it is pleasing to see the good results obtained — especially by the gentlemen in blue — in the .22 Empire Test. It has also inspired larger attendances at the Lunch Hour shooting details on Mondays and Thursdays and the days when we used to have to conscript to make up the numbers are well and truly behind us.

The main result of this renewed interest in shooting has been that the Shooting VIII has once more been able to accept matches on a postal basis. The majority of last year's Ashburton Eight are still with us, and they have formed the nucleus of this year's side, competition for the remaining places being high. Good scores have been registered in both the matches, and we hope to retain the same standard next term.

The final composition of the team was: Martin, Mcpherson, Spackman, Lockton, Hedges, Gregson, Edwards, Ford C. C. Also shot: Ford M.S. (once).

**Results:**

January 20th v. Rossall School, Lancashire  
(Martin, Mcpherson 95; Gregson 93). Lost 721—744

March 24th v. Sherborne School, Dorset  
Abingdon 733 (Hedges 96; Spackman 94; Martin 93).  
Unfortunately Sherborne have not, as yet, sent us their score.

I.A.D.M.

**SCOUTS**

On the surface this has been a quiet term but there has been a very keenly contested patrol competition for which some first class work was done.

Wonderful weather for Field Day saw a change of location. By kind permission of Mr. Welch, we were allowed the extensive grounds of Oakley House at Frilford. All patrols cooked part of their lunch, while the budding senior patrol under Mr. Keating built a bridge, which was used as part of the wide game later on.

Next term will see an intensive programme of weekend camping and it is to be hoped that we shall improve in our performance in the District Competition, and that every member of the Troop will attend at least one camp.

M.N.W.

**MUSIC NOTES**

The tradition, inaugurated last term, of having a recital by one of the music staff was continued this term with a piano recital by Mr. Keating, in the Heylyn Room on the 12th of February. This proved a spirited start to the term's music with some exquisite playing before an encouragingly large audience. We plan to continue next term with a quartet recital given by the four teachers of strings. The other Sunday evening concert of the term was given by Mr. John Caldwell and three other Oxford musicians. The programme was varied, consisting of works for flute and piano, piano duet, and voices. Although the whole performance was excellent, it is not unfair to say that the last item, an imitation 16th century canzonet, was the most memorable part of the concert — the words, "Time, gentlemen, please, come along, let's 'ave your glasses" left audience and performers alike weak with laughter.

The two Subscription Concerts of the term were given by Frederick Grinke and Joan Dickson respectively. They both maintained the standard of musicianship and interest which we have come to expect from these concerts. We plan to increase our membership considerably next year, and anyone who would like to subscribe should contact the Director of Music before the invitation is thrown open to the town.

The House Music Competition was judged by Dr. Sydney Watson, organist and Fellow of Christ Church. With some 40 entries in this, the solo instrumental and vocal section, Dr. Watson's task was a long, but not, he assured us, unrewarding one. These competitions are invaluable particularly for giving experience in playing and singing before an audience, and we were most grateful for the encouraging remarks from the adjudicator. The winning house was Reeves who, with 91 points beat Bennett by 4 points.

The last event in the term was the concert of Sacred Music in St. Helen's Church. The Choral Society performed two of Handel's Chandos Anthems, accompanied by Mr. E. Pratt, who also contributed some items for organ solo. The soloists were Miss Caisley (who, as Mrs. Keating, will be a most welcome honorary member of the music staff by the time this appears in print), Mr. Horrex, Mr. Bain and Mr. Griffin. Although the School terms do not coincide with the Church's year and the performance took place in Lent, this was planned as our Easter offering, and both the quality of the performance and the attentiveness of the audience made this offering eminently worth-while.

We congratulate J. Fairlie and R. J. Thornton on passing the Grade V theory examination of the Associate Board of the Royal Schools of Music. Also, congratulations to the individual winners in the House Music Competition:-

Junior: Violin—N. Coe; Woodwind—Fortescue; Brass—S. P. Sewry;  
Treble—A. G. Fairlie.

Senior: Violin—E. C. R. Evans; 'Cello—N. P. Loukes; Woodwind—  
N. H. Finney; Brass—R. Haynes; Voice—Lucas.

Twenty boys and Old Boys are playing in the Abingdon Holiday Orchestra this holiday.

The results of the Associated Board practical examinations are:-

Grade 7—T. A. Sewry (Violin); Grade 6—T. H. Day (Violin);  
Grade 5—M. A. Faires (Piano); Grade 4—R. D. Booker (Piano);  
Grade 3—C. J. Dean (Piano), G. H. Hallett (Piano)—with merit,  
J. A. Rozier (Violin)—with merit; Grade 2—D. M. Dukson (Violin);  
Grade 1—P. S. Gilbert (Piano), A. Hubbard (Piano).

G.M.P.

(We are particularly grateful to Mr. E. Pratt, father to our Director of Music, and Mr. Bain of St. Peter's Hall, Oxford, for their part in the Concert, and, because he cannot say it in his own 'Music Notes', we congratulate Mr. George Pratt upon a most successful and enjoyable evening: it was well up to the standard we have come to expect from our musicians. Edd.).



### SKYE REVISITED

On Tuesday, 28th March, the Skye Group left Abingdon for their 600 mile hike to the Isle of Skye. The party consisted of P. A. Bretscher, R. Allison, M. R. Mole, D. C. Pollard, G. D. Louth, J. M. Talbot, R. A. Lucas, A. C. Bowker, R. W. Budden, M. J. Nelson, R. W. J. Bampton and A. M. Q. King. On the next day, Mr. Blagden and Mr. B. C. Williams followed by car.

After some thirty-six hours hiking, everyone reached the rendezvous at Fort William and spent a somewhat hilarious evening there finally dispersing to their various nocturnal abodes. Rather a cold night followed but next morning, we all breakfasted in the 'Imperial Hotel' except for the two more aloof members of the group who ate at 'The Alexandra'

From Fort William we travelled by train to Mallaig, a journey which gave superb views of the Scottish Highlands. A ferry from Mallaig took us to Armadale in the Isle of Skye, and a coach from there carried us across Skye to Strathaird, about three miles from our camp site.

When all the kit had been carried across the hills to the camp site, the presence of a habitable nissen hut, an antique stove, and an inexhaustible supply of coke on the beach were most welcome. Once we had settled in and learnt how to keep ourselves warm during the night, the weather became exceptionally sunny and all the members rapidly became bronzed and fit.

Camp life soon settled into a regular routine, starting, for the cooks at least, around 7.00 a.m. Breakfast began in true Scottish fashion with porridge and finished with the traditional English bacon and eggs. Highland games followed breakfast, during which the air was filled with flying, improvised shots, hammers and cabers; meanwhile the cooks prepared the sandwiches for lunch.

Before long the various parties set off for the day's work: the geologists with hammers and maps, heading for some distant peaks; the biologists with specimen tubes, thermometers and atmometer combing beaches and caves for specimens; and the few unfortunates, navigating the long, cliff path to the stores at Elgol to collect food for the next day.

Supper each day began about 7 p.m. if all parties had returned to camp and consisted of soup, a meat course and pudding, excellently varied by Rupert Allison, our Quartermaster. The diet was interspersed with such delicacies as Mr. Williams' 'shirt pudding' which, considering the process of manufacture, was surprisingly good.

Our thanks are due to all those who contributed to the success of the expedition, especially Nestles for their gift of soups and Hooks of Newbury for their assistance with other provisions. We are also grateful to Angus Morrison of the Corvisk Stores for his help and general kindness to the group.

M.R.M.

**DENMARK, 1961**

It seemed a little odd to be travelling Northwards when we set out from Liverpool Street, and to have the prospect of six hours at sea instead of the hour and a half to which we had become accustomed, nor, as we later discovered, were we deceived in our impression that there was something different about this holiday. However, the sea was calm, the train swift and not in the least crowded (a great change, this), the Baltic if anything calmer than the North Sea, and soon we were in Denmark, with only two and a half hours of our journey left.

First impressions were none too favourable — we were tired, even though the journey had been quick and quite pleasant, the weather was dull and the countryside, and Copenhagen too, seemed drab and uninviting. But how we were deceived; when the sun came out, the drabness disappeared, and no country we have ever visited has extended to us so warm a welcome, or made us feel so much at home.

Denmark is not a large country, but we could not see very much of it in so short a stay, but we did go to several places in Zealand itself, and the neighbouring island of Funen, as well as two short visits to Sweden (one of them for only half an hour!). There are many Royal Castles, most of them having suffered from fires at some time in their history, and therefore to some extent restored, some, as Frederiksborg, rather badly. We saw Frederiksborg, the Kronborg at Elsinore (which Hamlet never knew as, if he lived at all, it was some five hundred years before it was built), and the Rosenborg in Copenhagen, the smallest and perhaps the most attractive of them, which now houses a fine collection of treasures belonging to the Danish Royal Family, including the Crown Jewels. Among other places we saw was Roskilde, the Canterbury of Denmark, whose Cathedral with twin slender green towers stands impressively on the top of a hill, and contains the tombs of many Danish Kings and Queens. A pleasant little town, this, with much of the atmosphere of an English Cathedral city. Our longest day was the visit to Funen, where we saw a viking ship burial — and wondered how the ship managed to survive the North Sea storms, it looked so slender and frail, though its long slim lines suggested the speed of a racing eight. We were also able to look round a small fishing community, Kerteminde, said to be one of the most popular holiday resorts in summer, but now very quiet and peaceful, and quite empty of tourists. One of the curiosities of the place was the mirrors with which many of the small houses were fitted, facing both up and down the street, so that the occupants could watch the passer-by without effort. Sweden claimed us for another day, and although we did not have quite so long there as we had planned, the beauties of Malmö were such that two of our party could not resist the temptation to pay them a second visit.

But it was Copenhagen itself that really won our hearts, and the people in it. Such quiet, unruffled, calm and disciplined people, always ready to help, always minding their own business, but tolerant of other people's ways. We never saw a Dane in a bad temper, nor heard a Danish voice raised in anger. There seemed to be an order about their lives and life in Copenhagen seemed to go forward at a purposeful, yet controlled pace, without the mad rush of London, nor the maddening lassitude of Sicily. The city, something of Paris in its avenues, something of Holland in its canals, was yet all itself, with a personality entirely its own. It will leave us with a great many memories, the green copper roofs, smorrebrod and wienerbrod, the changing of the guard outside the Amalienborg, the clean air, the taste and elegance of many of the shops, the Parks and the ducks.

One of the most famous posters inviting you to Copenhagen shows a family of ducks crossing a main road while a policeman holds up the traffic; this incident actually happened, and it is typical of the approach to life of the people of 'Wonderful, wonderful Copenhagen'.

L.C.J.G.

### EXCHANGE VISIT TO NEVERS

A group of nineteen boys from the Third Forms upwards spent three weeks of their Easter holidays as the guests of French families in Nevers and the neighbourhood. Despite a belated arrival at 3 a.m. there was a warm reception at Nevers station; the party settled into the French routine very quickly, and our boys soon became familiar figures in the company of their French partners in classes at the Lycée Jules Renard, or just as frequently in groups sitting outside the cafes in the town.

The two main purposes of the visit were to improve knowledge of the French language, and to gain first-hand experience of normal French family life, and success in both these respects has been considerable. In addition, there were several public functions. The first of these was a reception by the Mayor and Municipality of Nevers which was headed prominently in the local newspaper. Secondly there was a concentrated day's coach trip to the Chateaux de la Loire, followed the next day by a rugby match against a strong team from the Lycée in which our side went down gallantly and the names of Bisby and Rozier are now used by French parents to terrify their misbehaving children. A further test to British versatility was provided at the annual festival of the Nevers Parents' Association in the municipal theatre where we contributed a musical item — three songs by the hastily formed choir, and a harmonica solo by Rozier. During the next week the group was received and shown round the Lycée by the Headmaster, and finally the party visited a local china works, and the Thomson-Houston factory.

The return trip was made in two stages, with a twenty-four stay in Paris for sight-seeing. After which, back to Abingdon, and to look forward to entertaining the French group on their return visit in July.

P.F.E.

### LIBRARY

We are most grateful to Sir Reader Bullard, a former member of the Governing Body, for the gift of several hundred books covering a wide range of subjects. We are also very happy to receive a considerable number of Mr. Grundy's books, including many of his favourite classics. With more shelf room in the new library we shall be able to bring out a large number of books at present in cold-storage. This term we have been able to purchase some of the more expensive reference books that we have long wished for.

G.F.D.

### SCHOOL SOCIETIES

#### ROYSSÉ SOCIETY

Due to the Headmaster's absence during the latter part of this term, we were only able to have two meetings. On 25th January, J. S. Kelly read a fascinating paper entitled "The Psychological Element of Literature". After evaluating the importance of fiction as a means of satisfying the "id", he dealt in some detail with the psychological interpretation of Hamlet. The ensuing discussion centred on the legitimacy of applying modern psychology to classical drama.

On 22nd February, we were offered a wide range of subjects from four members of the society. A. M. Q. King gave a summary of the reasons for the abolition of capital punishment. R. C. Luker amused us with an extremely well-written paper directed against the zoo and circus authorities. This gave rise to a lively discussion on the ethics of vivisection. D. W. G. Riddick felt most indignant at the ridiculous manner in which the President of the Civil Disobedience Campaign squatted on pavements. He received little support from the society. C. H. Woodham deplored the lack of town planning, rise of sub-topia and the degradation of the English countryside to a mass of steel and concrete.

We were very pleased to see Mrs. Cobban back again, and should like to thank her and the Headmaster for their continued hospitality.

P.A.B.

#### TURNOR-SOCIETY

This term has been an extremely successful one for we have had three meetings all of which were well attended, and had first-class speakers.

At our first meeting we welcomed Captain L. W. Smith of the British India Steam Navigation Company, who showed a rather unusual film called the "Connecting Link". This film illustrated many of the great trading centres of the Far East and the connections between them, while Captain Smith pointed out the part played by his own Company in the trade of the area.

Mr. E. H. Greenfield was our second guest of the term and here we were treated to some memorable colour slides of his visit to Moscow on the occasion of the first through railway trip from the Hook of Holland.

As some of the slides were taken on the various railways across Europe, members of the Locomotive Club were invited to the meeting, and much knowledge of Russia and the railways of Europe was gained by all. The slides were indeed excellent.

For the last meeting of the term Commander Wintle R.N. (Retd.) gave his version of how the Navies of the World would appear in the not too distant future. A complicated but feasible version was put forward for it was obvious to us all that Commander Wintle had a very intimate knowledge of naval matters.

P.G.D.W.

### LITERARY SOCIETY

The four meetings of this term covered a wide field. At the first, to which we welcomed our new member, A. J. Varney, we held a "general literary discussion" — a snob name for the 'hotch-potch'. Short papers were read by E. C. R. Evans — the place of the newspaper theatre critic; I. A. D. Martin — humour in poetry; K. W. R. Dixon — Thomas Hardy; N. P. Loukes — Radio and television v. the live theatre, and A. H. Smith — that poetry is the overflowing of the spirit. Although discussion had to be cut short on most topics it was lively, especially when the house became divided over Hardy.

On 9th March we repaired to Culham, where we were the guests of E. C. R. Evans, who also read us a paper on ballads, tastefully illustrated with recordings. After refreshments, for which we thank Mr. and Mrs. Evans, A. H. Smith argued that by scientific analysis a ballad could be imitated. Unfortunately 'times winged chariot' forced us to remain inconclusive.

For the third meeting we were again fortunate in being invited to the Culham College play; this time by K. W. R. Dixon to see "The Tempest". Although cut, the play lost nothing in continuity, and was well acted, especially Prospero and Stephano.

Mr. Bayley of University College, Oxford, who spoke on Spenser at our last meeting, exceeded all our expectations. Not only did he make Spenser's purpose and meaning clear, but he also brought the Faerie Queene to life remarkably well.

The standard set by the term's meetings, especially the last will not be an easy one to live up to. We can hope, however, that those who read us papers next term will rise to the occasion.

R.J.C.B.

### ST. EDMUND SOCIETY

At a committee meeting at the beginning of the term a new committee member, A. M. Q. King, was nominated to fill the place vacated by P. J. V. Willis; and M. P. M. Hart was elected to take his office as secretary.

The first meeting of the society was held on 19th January when a film entitled "Bible Background" was shown. This dealt with the derivation and subsequent spread of the Bible throughout the world, how the books which we recognise today were chosen from the many available at the time of its compiling and how translations and revisions have affected the growth of Christianity.

The second meeting was held on 26th January and took the form of a Brains Trust with the panel consisting of: the Revd. Leslie Smith (Culham College); Mr. R. E. J. Packer, O.A. (Cuddesdon College); S. R. Long and A. M. Q. King.

The questions put to the team were searching and varied and they stood up very well to the ordeal, giving sound and interesting answers.

At the last meeting, which was held on 16th March, Dom. Robert Richardson O.S.B. gave the third talk in the series "Branches of the Church" presenting the Roman Catholic point of view. His main theme was unity; he began by giving us the reasons for the Reformation and explaining how the branches had grown apart. He then gave us the main points which the Roman Catholics consider as unalterable positions. These included Infallibility, the belief of Roman Catholics that they are right (and hence owe a duty to God to convince others), and the priesthood.

Father Richardson explained in detail these positions, especially confuting the popular belief of Infallibility and stressing the great difference between Infallibility and impeccability. Finally he agreed to answer questions and answered the inevitable barrage with great clarity and tact.

M.P.M.H.

### DEBATING SOCIETY

The ending of all compulsion to attend societies has inevitably led to a certain drop in attendances, and the Debating Society, having an open membership, has been affected more than most. Indeed at the first meeting of the term C. T. Pollard saw fit to introduce a motion to the effect that a meeting should be abandoned unless a quorum of thirty be present. Fortunately it was not found necessary to introduce his motion into the rules, nevertheless it was decided that, in order to capture the interest of the school, the standard of debating should be raised as much as possible.

In this respect a good example was set in the first debate of the term when the motion "Christian Unity is a good thing" was proposed by N. P. Loukes, and opposed by R. S. Capstick. These were ably seconded by R. J. C. Bampton and D. J. Brice respectively.

The high standard was maintained in the second debate, when four of our younger members debated the motion "We could have it so much better." The motion was proposed by J. D. Sabel and L. A. Edwards, and opposed by B. A. F. Burn and J. D. Urwick, and although the house was not very full, a very good debate ensued.

On February 23rd eight of our senior members attended a debate at the Oxford Union, for which privilege we are indebted to Mr. Woollett, a student master, who has taken a great interest in the society.

By way of an experiment the last debate of the term was not held in the Pembroke room, our traditional meeting place, but in the Court room, which is much larger and more conducive to good speaking.

The motion before the house was "This house has a mind of its own", and owing to the fact that J. S. Kelly was proposing the motion, Mr. K. M. D. Holloway kindly agreed to take the chair.

J. S. Kelly rose before a packed house to propose the motion, indeed even the masters' common room was well enough represented to have a row of its own, an occurrence somewhat less frequent than the proverbial 'blue moon'.

Kelly put forward a good case for the proposition in an extremely entertaining speech, a speech which was however equalled in wit by that of Mr. Woollett who was opposing the motion.

When the two seconders, C. H. Woodham and A. H. Smith respectively, had slandered each other in a very erudite manner and the opposer and proposer had summed up, the motion was put to the vote and was carried 'by a large majority'.

This was one of the most successful debates we have seen for some time and we hope to continue the good work next term. C.H.W.

### THE SYMPOSIUM

There have been three meetings of the society this term, all of them held in the new school shop.

The first meeting was on Monday the 30th of January, and took the form of a discussion on "Political Morality". The subject proved to be one in which everyone was interested, and there was a lively discussion on the ethics of advertising in Politics.

The second meeting was held on Monday 20th February. The evening started with a paper, read by G. C. H. Phillips, on "Advertising Techniques". The talk, which dealt mainly with Motivation Research, and the Depth Approach, was followed by a general discussion on advertising, and on the new quasi-scientific approach to it.

The third, and last, meeting of the term was held on Monday, 20th March. The meeting started with the election of D. Weir as secretary for the Summer term. This was followed by a paper, read by R. S. Capstick, on "Communism, its appeal, and the reason for its success in Eastern Europe." This paper dealt with the early history of communism and its doctrine, as stated by Marx and Engels in the Communist Manifesto. This was followed by a discussion on the relative merits of Communism and Capitalism, both for the State and for the individual.

G.A.B.

### THE CRITICS

This new society was formed to enable those neither in the Roysse Society nor the Literary Society to gain some extra-mural and cultural education. It was proposed to run the Society generally on the same lines as the Literary Society.

The Society started off well, with a paper read by R. A. Bickers on "Sean O'Casey", in which he outlined the main national and domestic situations that were to influence O'Casey's life's work so greatly. The ensuing discussion attempted to determine Sean O'Casey's motives for writing and what his literary merits really were. At the next meeting, P. J. Webb read a paper intitled "The Poets of the First World War", tracing the changes in temper in the poetry of this period. The following discussion was mainly composed of an argument on the question of whether war provokes better poetry, about which no definite agreement was reached.

The final meeting was opened with some general business after which J. R. Hurd presented a paper entitled "Shakespeare's comic characters". The originality of the speaker's controversial ideas was enthusiastically discussed.

It is generally felt that the first term of the Society's existence has been extremely successful and it promises to reach further heights in the future.

K.M.A.W.

### SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

The first meeting of the term was held on 17th February, when A. J. C. Leatham gave a talk on "Regeneration". He brought along some interesting specimens, including a dissected frog. Mr. Talbot rounded the meeting off by enlarging on Leatham's talk and answering questions.

We were most fortunate in having Dr. Gilbert Sanders with us again, to give an account of his latest research work. His talk entitled "The Direct Conversion of Heat into Electrical Power", aroused a host of questions, which was good evidence of its thought-provoking nature.

On 17th March we had a delightful film on "An Introduction to Ion Exchange". It explained the principles by which water could be purified to a very high degree. We are much indebted to Mr. Burns for acquiring this film for us.

P.A.B.

#### MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY

During the term the Society has been successfully and profitably entertained by various speakers.

From the ranks of our own members we have had lectures by A. J. Oxley (Maclawin's Theorem), C. J. D. Bailey (The Babylonian Contribution to Mathematics), and P. S. Ramsey (Mathematical Problems).

Our first visitor was Mr. A. P. Rollett, H.M.I., who spoke on "Napoleon's Theorem". We had hoped to entertain guests from Radley College at this meeting, but an unfortunate epidemic prevented them from attending. This bogey also restricted the number of girls from St. Helen's who were able to come.

The other visiting lecturer this term was Dr. John Lewis of Brasenose College, Oxford, who spoke on "Problem Solving". Both meetings were followed by coffee and biscuits in the School Shop.

A party of 6th Formers were fortunate enough to visit Wallingford Grammar School to hear a lecture by Dr. Dresel entitled, "Maxima and Minima without the use of Calculus".

The meetings for the term were brought to a conclusion with a film show of general interest.

S.R.L.

#### MODERN LANGUAGES SOCIETY

Unfortunately it has only been possible to fit in two meetings this term, at which we read "Phèdre", considered to be Racine's greatest work, in two instalments. Next term it is hoped that we shall make up for this term's inactivity with an excursion and members' own contributions.

C.R.L.

#### MUSIC SOCIETY

Due to the prolonged absence of the secretary, the Society has only been able to hold two meetings this term. At the first, T. H. Day gave an interesting talk on "Impressionism in Piano Music" which he illustrated with recordings of some of Debussy's Preludes. For our last meeting we listened to a delightful recording of Elizabethan Folk Music sung by the counter-tenor Alfred Deller. His voice was superbly controlled and heard to the best effect in the songs "The Three Ravens" and "King Henry".

R.C.M.J.

#### THE FORUM

Once again the University Scholarship Examinations have kept away many of the senior members, including the secretary, and all credit is due to the committee members, D. J. Brice, R. S. Capstick and P. G. D. Whitton, for the high standard of discussion which has been maintained.

Fortunately this term has found no lack of controversial material, and at the first meeting of the term discussion ranged from the 'suburban spies', who had just been arrested, to the Duke of Edinburgh's tiger.

The press in general and newspaper mergers in particular took up the greater part of our next meeting. It was agreed that the state of the press in certain quarters was lamentable.



The last meeting of term was held in a lighter vein, subjects varied from Oxford's preparation for the boat race to the Russian Revolution, which was brought in somehow by G. A. Brown. Since, however, he was the only member present with a detailed knowledge of this subject, the discussion proved rather unfruitful.

C.H.W.

### PLAY READING SOCIETY

The key-note of this term's meetings has been variety; we have read dramatic works from Euripedes to J. B. Priestley.

At the first meeting we read Oscar Wilde's 'The Importance of Being Earnest'. We were privileged to have with us four of the young ladies from St. Helen's School, making this a particularly memorable and historic occasion. A keen interest was shown in this meeting, though only five male parts were available.

At the second meeting we read 'Richard of Bordeaux' by Gordon Daviot. Despite an encouraging number of readers, the exceptionally large cast made 'doubling-up' necessary. We all enjoyed Mr. and Mrs. Griffin's rendering of the leading roles.

The third meeting assembled with an air of excitement to read J. B. Priestley's 'An Inspector Calls'. We were pleased to welcome two new faces, both of whom added to the high quality of the reading on this occasion.

At the last meeting the Society read Euripides' 'The Medea'. Owing to the dress rehearsal of the boarders' concert, only eight members took part. Nonetheless the reading was of a high quality, especially N. P. Loukes' rendering of the title role. We so enjoyed this meeting that we have decided to read another Greek Drama next term.

This term has been a very successful one due to the support of a steady nucleus of boys. Whilst thanking these boys I would like to make a plea to others to come along and join us.

Last, though not least, may I thank Mr. and Mrs. Griffin for their continued support, especially for their hospitality which I know has greatly added to the enjoyment of a successful term.

E.C.R.E.

### JAZZ CLUB

At a meeting of the Club at the end of the Michaelmas term, the following were elected as members of the Jazz Club committee: R. S. Haynes, J. V. Comfort and A. W. Foster with M. P. M. Hart as Secretary.

This term began with a meeting to discuss future policies and improvements. The main points raised were the need for membership of a Jazz record library, more speaking (and less playing of records) by those giving talks and the possibility of organised club excursions to Jazz concerts. Steps were taken to find a record library and in this respect we have found the United States Information Service in London extremely helpful.

At the second meeting of the term A. W. Foster presented 'An outline of the life of the Ambassador of Jazz' In this he explained with great clarity the steps in the life of Louis Armstrong from his days with Dodds up to the present day. He illustrated his talk with relevant recordings mainly drawn from the 'Hot Five' days of Armstrong.

The last meeting of term comprised a talk given by G. C. H. Phillips on Red Nichols. He stressed the position of Nichols as one of the great trumpeters of the '20's and it was interesting to learn the causes of the Charleston era, how it had developed and its subsequent effect upon Jazz.

M.P.M.H.

### CHESS CLUB

The Club had its first school match this term, when the 1st VI played King Alfred's School, Wantage. Although the team lost 4—2 we are confident that we shall justify ourselves next term, when it is hoped to arrange matches with a number of strong teams, including Merton College, Oxford; Wallingford County Grammar School, and Ranelagh School, Bracknell.

As last term, tournaments were arranged in the boarding houses and junior school, and this term the winners of each tournament will be meeting for the school championship.

J.B.G.

### FILM SOCIETY

This has been the society's first active term under its new constitution and one that has been successful in many ways.

Each of the seventy-five members pays a termly subscription which admits him to that term's meetings when worth-while yet entertaining films are shown.

This term there have been four meetings at which six very good films; High Noon, *Insomnia is Good For You*, *Joie de Vivre*, *Moving House*, *Jour de Fete*, and *Passport to Pimlico*, have been seen. Although programmes so far have been mainly "trial and error" all the proceedings have passed very smoothly. This has largely been due to our good fortune in having the new Court Room, which, with its projection room and modern equipment, must be the envy of far larger societies.

With a very attractive programme for the Summer Term a secure future for the society is assured.

R.T.H.

### PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

#### (Still-Photo Section)

At the beginning of term, members subscribed towards the purchase of a long-needed new developing tank; and a few smaller items to improve the darkroom were bought out of the Society's funds.

On the 3rd February Mr. Rose of Will R. Rose Ltd., Oxford, showed the Society some of his fine results on slides, mainly in colour, of autumn and winter scenes and "available-light" shots.

On the 24th February Mr. Kemp of Kodak Ltd., discussed with a large audience some topics of interest including flash technique. He gave his opinions on the use of certain cameras — "a good photographer behind a box-camera is better than a careless snapshotter with a Leica."

We hope that all camera owners will keep a look-out for suitable interesting pictures for the Founder's Day exhibition next term, which is to be judged by a leading outside photographer.

D.C.S.V.

### CAMPANOLOGICAL SOCIETY

We started the term by ringing Rounds and Call Changes for the School Service at St. Helen's Church.

Practices have been held regularly throughout the term at Sunningwell and St. Nicolas' and St. Helen's, Abingdon. These practices have seen a marked improvement in our ringing and now we are plunging into the more complicated world of Method ringing. This improvement is entirely due to the never failing support of Miss M. R. Cross, of the Oxford Diocesan Guild without whose help the Society could not flourish.

On Saturday, 25th February, members of the Society joined ringers from Abingdon, Adderbury, Pangbourne and Radley for an outing to Ducklington (the lightest ring of the day, tenor 5.1.11), Brize Norton, where tea was taken, Clanfield and Aston Bampton.

C.C.

#### SAILING CLUB

This has been a term of activity in the field of repair work to our boats. The renovation of the Merlin/Rocket has at last been completed and the repainting of the Graduate is well under way and should be finished by the end of the Easter Holidays. With these two boats on the water at Dorchester this Summer, there will be plenty of scope for both beginners and experienced sailors.

For the benefit of beginners, the instructional film, "Let's go sailing" was hired during March, and its usefulness as a grounding for practical instruction was proved so outstanding that it is intended to make this an annual event.

Next term we hope for a continuation of the fine weather of March, given which all augers well for a successful season.

C.R.L.

#### CAMPING CLUB

The Camping Club started to flourish in the Michaelmas Term, and now has 25 members. The general aim of the Club is to promote an interest in Outdoor Activities, and thus be able to enjoy an open-air holiday. All members are expected to obey and protect the Country Code, and be of assistance if required.

Four meetings have been held during the Lent Term, and attendance at each has been quite good. At the first meeting P. Hardwick talked on his 'Camping Experiences in the West Country on a Bicycle'. At the second meeting Mr. Keating very kindly showed some slides of Scotland and Paris, and the following meeting J. Bowthorpe talked on 'The Welsh Schoolboys' Camp', after which followed a lively debate on the motion, 'This House considers that the Old Spirit of Camping has Disappeared'. The motion was carried by a large majority. At the last meeting of the term M. Kitto spoke on 'Beagling', and after his well prepared talk some rock specimens from both England and Canada were exhibited.

It is hoped that there will be open air activities during the holidays, thus enabling the Society to 'Practise what it preaches'.

P.J.M./M.A.B.

#### HERALDIC SOCIETY

This society was formed in the Michaelmas Term, 1960, to promote interest in heraldry in a school with many heraldic connections. Our first task was obviously to acquaint all members with the basic facts. We have now advanced to more specialised studies, at the same time varying our programme as much as possible. On 4th February a small party went to Oxford, did useful pioneer work and brought back some interesting examples of college and other heraldry. Other main events were two short lectures, one by the secretary on "Royal Heraldry" and another by the sponsor, Mr. Fairhead, on "Scallops". Meanwhile we have identified all the heraldry in the school buildings and hope to make a permanent record of this work. Outside our small and select group, we applaud the sponsor's good work in expounding heraldic principles to the juniors.

J.D.U.

### AERONAUTICAL SOCIETY

We had four meetings this term. M. P. Westwood lectured on 'Royal Air Force Air Traffic Control', and M. A. Hedges on 'An outline of the difficulties in designing and building a supersonic transport'.

There was also a film show at which three films were shown. They were 'Flight for Tomorrow', a three minute documentary entitled 'The Short S.A.4', and 'Highlights of Farnborough 1951'.

Flying Officer A. Hyland, a pilot from R.A.F. Abingdon came to talk on 'Life as a Beverley Captain'. He illustrated his very interesting talk with slides and a large model of the Beverley. We are extremely grateful to Flying Officer Hyland for giving up his valuable time to come and talk to us.

Captain A. R. Yore, Flying Safety Officer of the United States Air Force at Brize Norton was going to visit the Society for the last meeting of the term but was unable to do so at the last minute as he had to take part in an exercise.

A.J.L.

### LOCOMOTIVE SOCIETY

There have only been four meetings in this, the Lent term, and these took the form of three talks and one film.

At the first meeting, R. Pitt gave a talk entitled "The History of the Steam Locomotive in Great Britain", and used photographs and drawings to illustrate the trends and designs introduced by different Railway Officials.

The film "Watching Points" was shown at the second meeting of the term. The subjects covered ranged from Model Railways to the Funicular Railways of Switzerland.

Electrification is a subject constantly in the news today, and A. Cook gave a talk showing how the work is being carried out in one particular area — that of the Eastern Region of London.

A rather less well-known topic was made the subject of a talk given by P. Ramsey. He chose the Narrow Gauge Railways of Ireland, and dealt mainly with the forms of motive power found on these lines.

R.S.P.

### MODEL BOAT CLUB

During the Lent term, two meetings were held, the first for discussing the Club's activities and the other at Ripon Hall, Boars Hill, where by kind permission of the Principal, we were able once again to use the lake. This meeting was well attended; the model boats sailed well and some photographs were taken.

Meanwhile plans are well advanced for a visit to London Docks on Wednesday, 17th May.

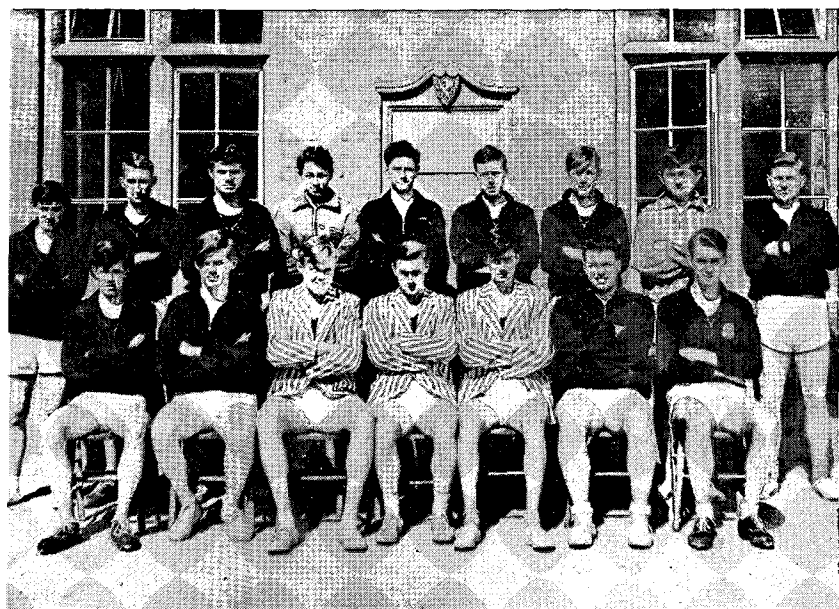
P.S.M.R.

### JOINT CLUB

A play, a film, and a social; such has been the fare this term.

At the social we were entertained by the ladies of St. Helen's. We were able to return their hospitality at the second meeting when we watched the film 'Rear Window' in the Court Room. Later in the term we journeyed to Oxford to see Ibsen's play "The Lady from the Sea."

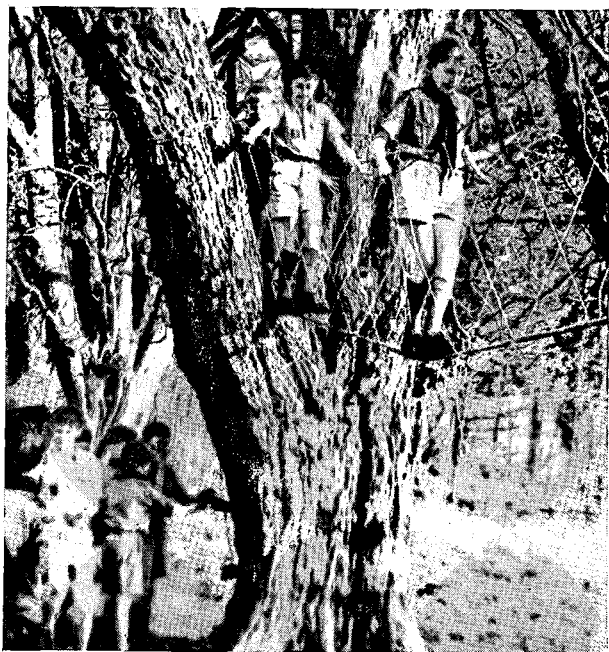
There can be few schools which are so fortunate in their topography to allow a social activity such as the Joint Club to function. Perhaps we take this too much for granted. At any rate may we put forward here a wild plea for a little more enthusiasm and vivacity on the part of members during the Summer Term.



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**OXFORD LETTER**

Dear Sir—It is pleasant to record that the number of Abingdonians in the senior university has risen steadily in the past few years. There are now eighteen O.A.s *in statu pupillari* including seven freshmen. Ten of these are scientists but it is encouraging to see that four of the freshmen are reading arts subjects.

Michael Enser of Pembroke is the doyen of the scientists. After taking a Second in Biochemistry he is doing research for the degree of D.Phil. Brian Kibble of Jesus, after taking Schools last year, is still in residence carrying out research in Physics. Roger Marchbanks of Magdalen takes Schools in Biochemistry this year. Humphrey Bowen and Bob Westcott, both of Pembroke, also take Schools next term Chemistry and Physics respectively. Of the Mathematicians, Ian Kirby of Pembroke is in his second year and Graham Howlett of Magdalen, a freshman, is often seen on the river in his college eight. Frank Jeal, a zoologist from St. Catherine's Society, shines in the glory of a First in Mods and Peter Ford, another zoologist, at New College, plays rugger amongst other things and made his debut in the Freshmen's Rugby Trial. Wastie a graduate of London University, is at Pembroke for a year reading for a Diploma in Education.

David Gerrard of Wadham, Roger Green of Merton and John Sheard of Pembroke read English. David has attracted much attention by writing provoking articles for leading undergraduate journals. Roger, a refugee from the Greats School, has gained a great reputation for his literary expertise in *Cherwell* and made a considerable scoop when he reported the antics of a muscovy duck belonging to the wife of the Warden of Merton. John has been concentrating on athletics. At St. Edmund Hall, Richard Harvey is to be congratulated on his half blue for Cross Country and on satisfying the Moderators in Theology Prelims in Hebrew amongst other things. A fellow Aularian is Bill Budden who after taking Schools in Jurisprudence last year is reading for the degree of B.C.L. George Darroch of Merton, who is reading P.P.E., has gained fame by winning the weight in the Freshmen's Sports and has represented the university against Cambridge in the Field Events Match. Brian Winkett in his third year enjoys Greats and Anthony Haynes, also of Pembroke, is reading Music.

It is noted with regret that the Abingdon Scholarship has not been awarded for two years. The reason for this seems to be that the available talent goes elsewhere. This is most regrettable in light of the School's historic link with Pembroke through the Tesdale Foundation and the fact that during the seventeenth, eighteenth and early nineteenth century many of the Masters and Fellows of the College were Abingdonians.

Yours faithfully,

Your Oxford Correspondent.

### CAMBRIDGE LETTER

Sir—It is, I feel sure, time that your readers had an account of the doings in the younger and altogether more exciting University the other side of the Cam.

It has indeed been a term of unexpected surprises. Your correspondent, having obtained for himself a barn-like room, high up in one of the old parts of the college, with draught-ridden 18th century windows, expected to pay the forfeit of an enormous gas bill — Cambridge winters are notorious . . . However the weather smiled upon his fears and appeared in the charming guise of summer as early as mid February. By March our correspondent could stand it no longer, work was impossible, he must go down to the river and punt. Even the crocuses and daffodils were beguiled into an early appearance.

The river and the races claim the attention of most of us towards the end of the Lent term, but only, I regret, as spectators. Here at least we had the compensation of watching the unexpected happen; the Ditton Plough Ferry sink with 40 people aboard.

Martin Broadway (Clare) was seen out sculling one fine day but claimed it was only *joie-de-vivre*; his main source of pleasure is in yacht racing at St. Ives, whereby he adds to his collection of cups. Steve Woodley (Jesus) has somehow managed to survive the ordeal of his first term's teaching practice, while yet captaining the C.U.L.T.C. with great success. Lt. N. A. J. Antrobus (RE) is somewhat of a mystery. He no sooner appeared at the start of term than he was whisked back home as the result of an illness. However he somehow managed to come up at the end of term for a spot of punting. Mark Dunman and Martin Scott-Taggart are buried in the political and intellectual underworld of King's, the former almost literally. He lives down 'the Drain', but he may be found on Wednesdays, selling weighty tracts, in the new Marxist bookstall on Market Hill. Mark Bretscher (Caius) still has a thirst for travel; last vacation he hiked to Greece and did some digging there, next vacation he hopes to visit the States. Peter Gray (Queen's) under the shadow of 'Schools', has given up punting and the exploration of the more curious creeks and byways of Cambridgeshire. However, he still finds time to appear on the river in the company of the fair sex.

And so, with every good wish for the welfare of the School, and of your magazine.

I am honoured to remain, Sir,

Your Cambridge Correspondent.



**O.A. NOTES****BIRTHS**

- GOOD.** On 23rd January, 1961, at Swansea, to Joyce, wife of Geoffrey Good (1946) a daughter, Roberta Jane.
- JARVIS.** On 12th January, 1961, to the wife of Donald E. Jarvis (1938) a son, Ian Edward.
- TAYLOR.** On 14th December, 1960, to the wife of Kevin J. M. Taylor (1953) a daughter, Bryonie Jane.

**MARRIAGES**

- BURTON-WALLACE.** On 3rd April, 1961, at Sherwood Congregational Church, Nottingham, Anthony D. Burton (1952) to Miss P. V. Wallace, B.A., of Ayr, Scotland.
- EWING-GUTHRIE.** On 25th February, 1961, Kenneth W. Ewing (1930) to Wendy Guthrie, of Calne, Wilts.
- GRIFFITH-BRIGHAM.** On 4th February, 1961, at St. Margaret's Church, Mapledurham, Richard D. P. Griffith (1944) to Susan Rosemary Brigham.
- MAY-BOND.** On 29th December, 1960, at Headington Quarry Church, John R. May (1954) to Jill Bond, of Headington.

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We congratulate W. J. Smith (1925) on his appointment as Magistrate on the Wantage Bench. He trained for teaching at Culham College and has been Headmaster of Harwell School for over 20 years. He has always been active in public affairs, and was Chairman of Wantage R.D.C. 1958-60. He was also President of the Berks County Association of the N.U.T. on three occasions and for 6 years President of the North Berks Association.

We must also congratulate Brian Rogers (1955) on reaching the final heats of the TV programme 'Get Ahead'. The panel of judges was most impressed by his initiative and tireless energy. Swimming pool construction and precast concrete work is his main line, but that occupies only part of his 16-hour working day.

Michael Millichap (1950) is now a partner in a firm of Solicitors at Norbury.

Lionel Cather (1936) has for some years been with the Westminster Foreign Bank, at the Place Vendome, Paris branch.

We were glad to see Terence Charley (1933) home on leave from Kericho, Kenya, where he is Manager of Barclays & Co.

Brian Boddington (1952) after graduating at Keble taught for 4 years at Grenville College, Bideford. He is now doing a year's teaching at Windsor Boys' School, Hamm, but expects to return home in July.

David Gerrard (1957) has been very active with the Wadham College Film Group. He wrote and directed their production, 'A Man of Feeling'.

John Swainston (1955) has qualified as B.Vet.Med; M.R.C.V.S., at the Royal Veterinary College, and joined a practice at Macclesfield, Cheshire.

David Burton (1952) whom we congratulate on his recent marriage, is now teaching at Victoria Primary School, Nottingham, while his wife has a post at Bilborough Grammar School.

Roger Marchbanks (1955) of Magdalen College, Oxford, has accepted a Teaching Assistantship at Cornell University, sponsored by the English Speaking Union.

Peter Willis, who left in December is doing a year at John Hopkins University — a most stimulating experience — before returning to this country to take his course in medicine.

A. M. Smith (1955) has passed his Chartered Accountant Finals and has joined Price Waterhouse & Co.

Raymond Worth (1957) in the District Audit department of the Ministry of Housing is now stationed in Worcester.

M. E. Carpenter (1960) is in the Ministry of Pensions office in Newcastle.

Jonathan Foster (1958) has passed the Law Society Inter.

Michael Humby (1953) has rejoined his old firm Eustace Watkins, Motor Engineers & Distributors, after doing his National Service in the Royal Military Police. He was posted to Berlin and had many interesting experiences not least of which was an encounter with Lt. Ian Ashworth (1955) of the same Corps.

Congratulations to John Thewlis (1959) on becoming University of London Sailing Champion by winning the principal event in the Championship races held on the Welsh Harp.

We tender sincere but guarded apologies to the resident members of the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth—T. Davies, G. W. Jones and D. I. Southern—for the error in nomenclature in our last issue.

Brian Stacey (1957) has joined the Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Co. after taking his Finals at Birmingham.

Major D. W. Olliffe (1942) R.A.S.C. is with a Work Study and Technical Advisory Unit based at Episkopi, Cyprus, but taking him as far afield as Aden and Kenya.

Capt. Beville Stevens (1951) RASC has returned to this country and is stationed at H.Q., R.A.S.C. Scotland, Dreghorn Camp, Edinburgh.

Christopher Cobley (1957) Sub-Lieut. in H.M.S, Dieppe is at Malta and Christopher Loukes (1959) has had another enjoyable spring cruise to the Carribbean, from Dartmouth.

R. M. Campbell (1960) has been commissioned Pilot Officer and is at Thorney Island for training.

Peter Sheppard (1954) took his 2nd Mate's Certificate last year and is now a Third Officer with Port Line Ltd. on the Australia and New Zealand route.

Randell Moll and Christopher Johnson are now well on their way south with the 1961 African Expedition. Randell is Quartermaster to the party and is reporting progress in dispatches to the *Maidenhead Advertiser*. On their journey from Tangiers across the Sahara to Kano and thence to Asmara and south to Cape Town, they hope to visit O.A.s. We certainly look forward to reading an account of their adventures.

## OA CLUB NOTES

### *London Dinner*

The 13th London Dinner was held on Friday, 10th March, at the British Commonwealth Society, Northumberland Avenue. Thank you to Sir George Sinclair for being our nominal host at the Society thus saving Stanley Paige complications in organising this year's dinner.

As last year, some 70 members and guests including a somewhat depleted contingent from Abingdon enjoyed an excellent evening for which we must once again thank Stanley.

The Headmaster, Mr. W. A. Rudd and Mr. S. D. Plummer were very much missed by all for the warmth, sincerity and decorum they always add to the company. The reasons for their absence are by now known to all and we shall look forward to having them all with us at the Annual Dinner.

The President, Mr. H. B. Healy, proposed the health of the School and Mr. D. O. Willis, Deputy Headmaster, replied most admirably with wit and fountains of knowledge about the School only known to Headmasters' and their deputies.

Mr. Horrex rounded off the excellent speeches by replying for the guests, keeping the standard right on top with what we could only describe as the latest jokes available from the Common Room.

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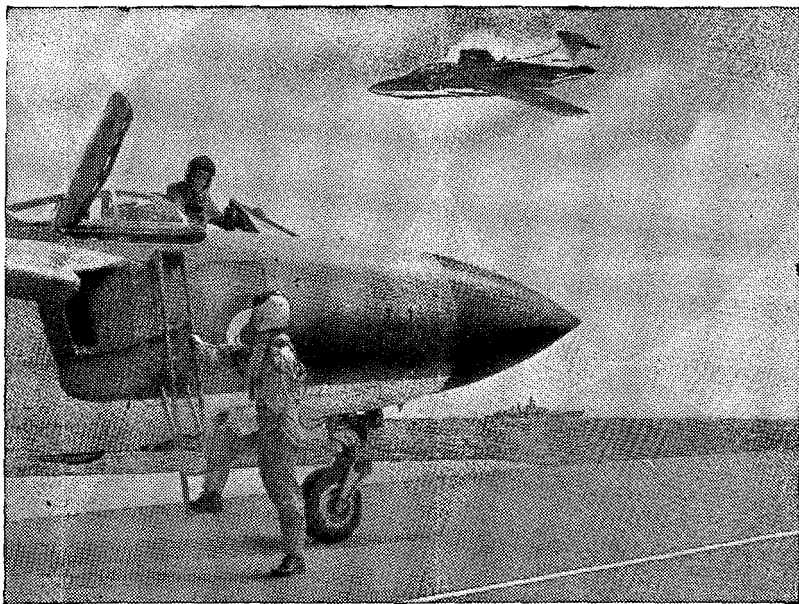
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Promotion is based solely on merit, and every assistance is given to those who show that they have the necessary character and capacity so that they may qualify for early responsibility. A high proportion of present-day entrants will achieve managerial status, many of them in their 30's, and for these the minimum salary will be £1,600 a year, with the certainty of rising to higher figures. The highest posts are filled from within the Bank, and those who get to the top will enjoy a range of remuneration which would satisfy even the most ambitious.

## AND THE PENSION IS FREE


The Bank's Pension Scheme is entirely non-contributory and full service brings a pension equal to two-thirds of final salary.

## WHAT DO WE REQUIRE OF YOU?

A sound educational background, of course, including a good G.C.E.

**Those with passes at "A" level (or who have a degree) will be entitled to exemptions in certain subjects in the examinations of the Institute of Bankers and may also qualify for leave for study for their professional qualifications.**

Interviews can be arranged in St. Albans. Write in the first instance to



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## SALARIES ARE GOOD

The basic salary scale compares favourably with that in any similar field. Examples are:

### Minimum Annual Remuneration

Age	Provinces	Central London
17	£290	£350
18	325	385
21	410	480
24	540	610
31	880	955

*But these figures are only basic. Every young man of promise is encouraged and helped to develop his talents, and those*

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