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EDITORIAL

How often have boys been amazed to hear the old adage that "School days are the happiest days of your life." Presumably the coiners of this saw looked back to their youth remembering carefree tunes and long golden summers. Although such summers are never quite so golden in reality as in sentimental reminiscence, even the most harassed examination candidate has to confess that in the shelter of Alma Mater he is protected from the harsher blasts of life. In the mutability of youth outlooks, ambitions, opinions and ideas change from day to day with astonishing ease.

Yet sometimes in the midst of salad days there occurs a sobering reminder that life is not confined to the constricted round of lessons, games and prep. and which causes the inconsequential trifles that seemed so great to appear in their true dimensions.

Such an occasion was the untimely death of Mrs. Cobban which has shocked and saddened the whole School. Although it had long been known that she was ill she played such a major rôle in the School and in School life that their continuation without her seems hardly conceivable.

Her name will evoke a host of memories in the minds of all those who have been connected with the School: as hostess at functions as varied as Founder's Day and meetings of the Royssie Society; sailing down the drive on her bicycle before illness overtook her; setting off for the Royal Garden Party with the Headmaster so shortly before her death; and her return from the Canaries and Switzerland looking tanned and bringing with her the hopes of all for her complete recovery.

For the moment we can only stand numbed and grieving that these hopes were not to be realized. Yet as in the theatre so in School — the show must go on, even although one principal character is no longer with us. Indeed it is only as we go on that the extent of our loss will be fully seen and the debt we owe her truly gauged.

It does not need a Cassandra to prophesy that Abingdon School will be a far poorer place without her.

"For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will rise immortal, and we shall be changed. This perishable being must be clothed with the imperishable, and what is mortal must be clothed with immortality. And when our mortality has been clothed with immortality, then the saying of Scripture will come true: 'Death is swallowed up; victory is won!' 'O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?'"

LORNA MARY COBBAN

The death of Mrs. Cobban at the early age of 45, occurred peacefully at Marcham Road Hospital on the afternoon of Friday, 1st September. It brought to an end a period of protracted illness which she had borne with great courage and wonderful cheerfulness.

Mrs. Cobban was born at Sydenham, the daughter of the late Mr. G. S. W. Marlow, barrister-at-law. After attending Sydenham High School, she went on to King's College, London. It was in 1942 that she married Mr. Cobban and in 1947 came to Abingdon when he was appointed Headmaster of the School. Her qualities and great service to the School will live in the memories of the boys who have passed through the School since 1947 but the wide range of her work in Abingdon itself may be less well known to many of those who read this magazine.

In a busy life, she found time to be a Governor of the Larkmead and Fitzharrys Secondary Modern Schools, a member of the Board of Management of Summerfields Hostel for maladjusted children and President of the Abingdon Girl Guides' Association and the Abingdon Abbey Townswomen's Guild.

The funeral was held on Tuesday, 5th September and began with a celebration of Holy Communion in the School Chapel. Later in the morning, School and Town combined in a Service of Thanksgiving for her life in St. Helen's Church. Local sympathy was revealed in a very practical way when our bellringers rang a quarter peel unmuffled at St. Nicolas' Church between 10.30 and 11.30 a.m. The large congregation included the Mayor and Mayoress of Abingdon, Alderman and Mrs. B. G. Burrett, who made this one of the rare occasions upon which they attended "in state" the funeral of a private person. Also present were many representatives of the School and the organizations and societies with which Mrs. Cobban was connected. The organ was played by Mr. Hugh Fowler and Mr. Hugh Sawbridge, John Kelly, ex-Head of Day-boys, read the lesson, and the address was given by the School Chaplain, the Rev. G. R. Phizackerley, who also conducted the Service assisted by the Vicar of Abingdon, the Rev. J. H. S. Dixon. Other robed clergy were the Revs. W. B. Littlechild, Rural Dean; J. V. Pixell and John Moore, Abingdon; F. W. Dobson, Chaplain to the School of St. Helen and St. Katharine; and Maurice Jelbert, Methodist Minister at Abingdon.

After the Service, close mourners including four boys representing the School attended the cremation at Oxford.

Although very many boys and Old Boys did manage to be present at the Service in St. Helen's Church many who would have wished to have been there could not attend. It is for this reason that we print the full text of the Chaplain's address both as a tribute to the memory of Mrs. Cobban and also in the hope that it will give those who could not attend a sense of joining in some part of the Service if only by proxy.

"You will have noticed that we are joining together in a Service of THANKSGIVING. We began with that joyful, grateful hymn "Now thank we all our God", and we have just sung "Ten thousand times ten thousand", the jubilant cadences of which go echoing round the School whenever it is sung in Chapel.

Those who knew Lorna Cobban have much to thank God for. You can't reckon a life by the *number* of years that have been lived, but only by its quality. Judged by this standard — and it is God's standard — her life was well-rounded and complete. Sad, for a time, we must be. We should be inhuman if we were not sad; monsters, if we did not weep.

But overtopping our sadness at her passing are the memories which we shall treasure for many a day to come. Lorna Cobban was a woman of honest simplicity, without a trace of guile or malice in her. How often in these past few days have I heard people say: "Everybody loved her", or "She was always so friendly — she would wave at you across the Park," or "I've seen her on her knees scrubbing the floor", or "She would do anything for anybody."

Comments like these reveal the deep affection in which she was held by all. I have my own memories. I think of her unbroken spirit throughout those long, long months of trying illness. Even on her worst days, she would summon up that warm and heartening smile of hers and it would be I who felt the better for the visit. I called in to see her on the night before she died. She spent nearly all the time in asking about other people — what were we doing, how were we getting on — entirely forgetful of herself. But there was time for spiritual things as well — a prayer together and a blessing. The last words which I heard her speak confirmed for me my certainty that here was someone with a simple, loving, lovable trust in God.

There was no false piety about her — but a deeply founded, common-sense religion. Nourished by the Blessed Sacrament — it was always a privilege to celebrate at her bedside — and by the words of Scripture in the New English Bible (the directness and simplicity of which appealed to her), she was ready to meet her Maker.

I will not speak of the many public spheres in which the influence of Lorna Cobban was felt. For they are too many to mention, and it was the same homely influence which I have already described. This was as precious as it is rare. She seemed to have by an instinctive grace all those qualities of sweetness, sincerity and concern for other people which most of us have to acquire by slow degrees — and even then not many of us have that spontaneity of goodness which was hers. Perhaps it was because her own life was not untouched by tragedy that she had such a ready and helpful sympathy for those who were in trouble or sadness. But not even tragedy could take away her sense of humour. She was quick to see the funny side of life, the ridiculous side, the incongruous side. She enjoyed a good laugh.

I have mentioned her simplicity and homeliness, and how these qualities were appreciated by all who knew her. And of course, it was in her home that she was happiest. Her own family would be the first to call her an ideal wife and a perfect mother — nor would they be exaggerating. And somehow she was able to include the whole School in her family. How she loved the School! It was a great blow to her that she could not be present at the last Founder's Day. But from her bed in hospital in Oxford she followed everything, she lived it all minute by minute. We, at School, are going to miss her. Who isn't?

But, you know, the depth of our sense of loss is equalled by our debt of gratitude. And so this morning, we praise and thank God for the life of Lorna Mary Cobban. We commend her soul to His most tender care. We pray that her family may know the consolation of His love. We affirm our most sure faith in the "communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting." And we look forward and beyond to that happy shore where our eyes will sparkle not with tears but with joy; because this severed friendship will be knitted up, and partings then will be no more.

Farewell, Lorna Cobban — until, in Christ, we meet again."

SCHOOL NOTES

The preparation and publication of this magazine has been overshadowed by the tragic death of the Headmaster's wife, to which full reference is made elsewhere. When the Headmaster and Mrs. Cobban returned from their various wanderings at the end of May, the School hoped to see them once again installed in their official capacities. Indeed when we saw them depart for the Royal Garden Party on Thursday, 6th July — the second year in succession that they had received this honour — many of us must have thought that all would soon be well. Unhappily this was not to be, and we offer our deep and affectionate sympathy to the Headmaster and his family in their loss. It is good to be able to record that Mary Cobban returned from America on 7th August, so was able to see her mother again.

The sympathy of the whole School has been with the Chairman of the Governors in his illness. We hope that his recent operation will quickly restore him to his customary health and vigour.

We heard with regret of the death, on 4th August, of Mr. J. Lacey West, O.B.E., Old Boy and until very recently Governor of the School. A short obituary appears elsewhere in this issue. Here we would add our own tribute to one who was a real friend of the School, and whose lifetime of service to Town and to County will long be remembered.

Alderman Freeman represented the Chairman of Governors, Mr. Sewry the Headmaster and Mrs. Cobban, at the funeral service held in St. Nicolas' Church on 8th August.

Several other changes in the Governing Body have to be reported. Alderman Barber has retired from public life: the hazards of the poll severed — at any rate for the time being — Colonel Ledger's connection with the Borough Council: and Mr. Morrell, after 33 years as a Governor, felt the time had now come for him to make way for a younger man. To all of them, our very grateful thanks.

We welcome as new members of the Governing Body Mr. C. J. Peers of Stadhampton (Chairman of the Oxfordshire Education Committee): Mr. R. D. A. de la Mare, J.P., of Cumnor: and Messrs. D. A. Kitto and G. W. Phillips of Abingdon. Mr. Kitto, as Old-Boy-cum-parent, and Mr. Phillips, as ex-parent, already have a stake in the School; and we hope that they, and their new colleagues, will find their tenure of office interesting and worthwhile.

We congratulate two of our Governors, Dr. Mary Watson and Mr. J. H. Stanley, on their recent elections for the Aldermanic benches of County and of Borough respectively.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Baker on the birth of a daughter (Judith Erica: 6th June): Mr. and Mrs. Emms on the birth of a daughter (Helen Rachel: 30th July): and the Rev. G. and Mrs. Phizackerley also on the birth of a daughter (Catherine Mary: 5th September).

This holiday has seen the celebration of another staff marriage, when Mr. George Pratt married Miss Mary Stewart at St. Luke's Church, Barrow-in-Furness, on 9th August.

It was with very mixed feelings that we said farewell to Mr. Vallance at the end of the term; the various presentations that were made to him gave us an opportunity of expressing our affection and our gratitude. Mr. Vallance, who was appointed as Assistant Master in English in 1957, has contributed much to the School both in the class-room, on the games field, and as house-tutor of Waste Court. We all wish him well as he leaves us to take up a similar appointment at Harrow.

We welcome in the place of Mr. Vallance Mr. J. M. Stratford, B.A., of Solihull and Fitzwilliam House, Cambridge; and as an additional member of the Mathematics Faculty Mr. G. H. B. Leake, B.A., of Leighton Park and Christ Church, Oxford (Bostock Exhibitioner).

In consequence of Mr. Pratt's marriage and Mr. Vallance's departure there will be a change round of house-tutors this term. Mr. Tyson will be succeeding Mr. Vallance at Waste Court. At School House he and Mr. Pratt will be succeeded respectively by Mr. Stratford and Mr. Leake.

All those who were taught English by Mr. Pole will rejoice that he has returned to the profession after his excursions into the world of big business. He will take up an appointment at Westminster School in September.

During the Michaelmas Term we look forward to welcoming two more student masters from Westminster College, Mr. E. D. James, B.Sc. (Mathematics) and Mr. J. M. Smith, B.A. (Classics).

Those who had the pleasure of seeing Mr. Woollett's work when he did his practice term with us will not be surprised to learn that he was one of the twelve students from the Oxford Department this year who were awarded a distinction on their diploma course.

Another former student master, Mr. (now the Rev.) D. C. Evans has been appointed Vicar of Trull, near Taunton, where the proximity of Queen's College will enable him to indulge his nostalgia for the smell of class-room.

We have received news of the marriage in Paris on 15th June of François Denant, who was some years ago one of the harbingers of what is now a welcome series of French boys who stay with us for the second half of the summer term.

On 6th July, what time the Headmaster and Mrs. Cobban were at Buckingham Palace, Mr. and Mrs. Willis were representing them and the School at the official opening of the John Mason School. As a permanent token of the good wishes we offered to our northern neighbours on this occasion Mr. Fairhead has been commissioned by the Governors to copy the portrait of Sir John Mason which has been for long in the possession of Christ's Hospital. The copy, suitably framed, will be presented to the Headmaster, Mr. Hurd, in the name of the whole School.

This term we have had cause to be grateful to parents and others for many generous and imaginative gifts. We offer our warm thanks to: Mrs. Fraser (for contributions both to Chapel Fund and to the Boat Club): Mrs. Goodwin (for a delightful Breughel for the School House Reading Room): Mr. Nigel Hammond (O.A.) (for a framed photograph of the National Portrait Gallery's painting of Sir William Boxall, F.R.S., O.A.): Lt.-Colonel and Mrs. Libby (for two state prayer-books for the Chapel): Mr. and Mrs. Hook (for a painting for the School Shop): Mrs. Morland and the Misses Morland (for an oak seat which will be placed on Upper Field just where W.T.M. used to sit and watch the cricket).

We shall also treasure a copy of a "Founder's Day programme" of 1785, bearing the name of Nicholas Marshall, to whose great-great-nephew, Mr. Edward Marshall, we are indebted for this gift.

As far as this School is concerned, two points in connection with the recent decennial census deserve record. *The Times* of 22nd April

carried a turn-over article on Charles Abbot, 'the man who may be said to have started it all' as the prime mover behind the legislation of 1801 which preceded the first British census. But this article does not reveal the fact that Charles Abbot, later Speaker of the House of Commons, later still the first Baron Colchester, was born in 1757 to the then Headmaster of this School, Dr. John Abbot, and was baptised in St. Nicolas' Church.

And, by a curious quirk of the fates, the night of the census was the first night for at least ten years that not a soul was sleeping in School House. To know that this School, usually so teeming with life, recorded a complete blank, does much (illogically) to shake one's faith in the validity of the rest of the census.

Congratulations to D. W. G. Riddick on securing entrance to R.M.A., Sandhurst.

Two Parents' Evenings were held this term. The first took place on 8th June for Upper Sixth Forms and the other, for Fourth Forms, on 29th June.

We were visited on the afternoon of 31st May by a representative of the B.B.C. who was preparing a talk for transmission to Canada and the U.S.A. Possibly some of our transatlantic Old Boys will let us know what was actually said about the School?

An unhappy victim of the railway modernization programme has been the steam train which ran a shuttle-service between Abingdon and Radley and performed its last regular journey on 18th June. The combination of ancient tank locomotive and saloon rail-car was known by various names to different generations: 'the Moke', 'the Flyer' and finally 'the Bunk'. It has been replaced by a very efficient looking diesel railcar which despite its functional superiority will never have the charm of its sooty predecessor. A photograph of 'the bunk', taken by Mr. Alec Milligan (O.A.), faces page 153. It says much for the lack of imagination of British Railways that the Bunk's last journey was not advertised at all. This School did not therefore have the opportunity (which we should have grasped eagerly) of marking its demise with due ceremony; and the Transport Commission lost the chance of selling a few extra tickets. (Dr. Beeching please note!)

A report in *The Times* from their correspondent in Addis Ababa dated 20th July and announcing that 'two Britons from Abingdon School have arrived here by car' caused some consternation — for, of course, members of the School are not allowed to drive. Further reading, however, revealed that these latter day Prester Johns were in fact two Old Boys, Randall Moll and Christopher Johnson, whose trek through Africa to Cape Town had apparently come to an untimely halt in Ethiopia.

Since then our intrepid Head of School, Terence Libby, has been hitch hiking through North Africa on his way to Cyprus. (After the

end of term of course — Edd.). He reported from Syracuse that his School sandwiches had lasted until the top of the Alps. Whether they were used as sustenance or to cut through the ice is not made clear.

Those in favour of Britain's entry to the Common Market have anticipated with delight the benefits that this country will get from the Continent. Methuen and Co. Ltd. have ensured that such pleasures will be reciprocal by translating 'Civis Romanus' into French. At present this edition is intended for the Canadian market and so as yet the entente cordiale remains intact.

A gruesome by-product of the work on the Swimming Pool was the discovery of a jawbone on the site by two juniors. High authority was sceptical but grudgingly agreed to refer to the Oxford Department of Human Anatomy which identified it as belonging to an adult, probably male, of advanced years. This eliminated boys. A proposed roll-call of the staff was called off when it was further learned that the owner of the jawbone almost certainly lived (though he did not know it) in the Middle Ages.

Visitors to the School this term (apart from our French friends recorded elsewhere) have included a headmaster from British Guiana, Mr. Chinapen, on 25th May; a party of Commonwealth teachers, on 7th June, who 'sat in' various periods and were subsequently harangued on the history, traditions and policy of the School; and a group of American teachers who spent the morning of 11th July with us.

The good relations between School and Town were cemented on 24th May when two Senior Prefects went to the Mayor-making ceremony at the invitation of the Mayor-Designate, Alderman Burrett. We were also represented, by Mr. and Mrs. Montague, at the Civic Service in St. Helen's on 30th April, when the Mayor of Kensington was present to mark the connection between the two boroughs.

Commonwealth Youth Sunday fell on 14th May when a large contingent from the School C.C.F. paraded. The turn-out was generally agreed to have been excellent. The same high standard was displayed on 16th June, the day of the Annual Inspection. General Sir Montagu Stopford, the Inspecting Officer, was able to speak in unusually warm terms both of the turn-out on parade and of the training programme.

The Prefects' Dance was held in the Guildhall on 2nd June. Once again our thanks go to the Mayor for the loan of the Great Punchbowl from the Borough Plate. Acquaintances made upon that occasion were renewed later in the summer when many boys were invited to a Leavers' Dance held by the young ladies of St. Helen's School in the Royse Rooms.

When the Royse Society visited the New Theatre to see the D'Oyley Carte Company it was pleasant for them to recognise our own Mr.

Jaunet playing in the augmented orchestra. Virtuosity, surely, to turn straight from beginners on the French horn to this kind of thing.

We congratulate our unofficial Holiday Rowing Club, the Gryphons, who put up very creditable performances at Maidenhead and Henley on 5th and 7th August: and — in a different field — R. M. Limerick on being selected to represent the combined counties of Berks, Bucks and Oxon in the national cycle road-racing championships.

The Building Club would like to record its thanks to the anonymous parent who presented it with two new bricklayers' trowels.

School musicians have had a busy term both performing and listening. On 30th May some of them attended a Concert given by the Abingdon District Musical Society. A more unusual attraction was the Concert given on 13th July by the touring American 'Wind Symphony Orchestra' which performed from a barge on the Thames. The Concert finished with a firework display; and we had the pleasure of giving hospitality in School House to two of the transatlantic musicians.

Late in the term two boys from School took part in 'Noyes Fludde' presented at Witney Grammar School. Some boys also augmented the orchestra in a concert given by the pupils of Our Lady's Convent.

The Choir took part in the Festival for School Choirs held in Winchester Cathedral on 6th June; and on 30th June the Renaissance Group provided musical *divertisement* at the Evening Fete held by the Friends of Abingdon.

Three of our members, G. T. Milford-Scott, T. J. Pegram, and N. A. G. Spackman attended a Geographical Field Course at Charlbury from 27th to 29th May.

Other entertainments and excursions can be more briefly recorded. We have sent parties to the Royal Military College of Science at Shrivenham (senior mathematicians on 31st May); the School of Military Survey at Hermitage (soldiers and geographers, on 2nd June); and A.E.R.E. (Lower Sixth Arts on 24th July). We were represented at performances of 'Hamlet' at the Playhouse (15th May); the 'Antigone' at Bradfield (29th June); a concert given by the Ockenden Venture (19th July); and a second Greek play at Radley, the *Phoenissae* (26th July). And representatives attended the Conference at Oxford on nuclear weapons organised by C.E.W.C. (5th May); a Bio-Chemistry Symposium in London (6th May); and a meeting in the Council Chamber organised by B.E.L.R.A. (16th May).

The House P.T. Competition was held on the morning of 24th July, when Tesdale won the Viney Cup from Blacknall. We are grateful to Flt/Lieut. Johnson of the R.A.F. who very kindly came over at short notice to adjudicate.

After examinations were over, the Third and Fourth Forms were given a short series of lectures on the Commonwealth as a part of their

education in Current Affairs. We are grateful to our guest lecturers, Mr. Pollock and Mr. Hallett, who spoke respectively on 'Africa and the Commonwealth', and 'British and American Education'.

We congratulate the winners of the following awards which together with the House Cups were distributed at a 'Supplementary Prize-giving' at the Final Assembly of term:—

Cricket —

The Fletcher Cup for the highest batting average in the 1st XI: D. M. Goodwin (588 runs; highest score 110; average 36.7).

The Morris Cup for the best all-rounder: D. A. Robey.

The Common Room Bat: D. M. Goodwin.

Tennis —

The Buckley Cup for the winner of the Open Singles: D. Weir.

Shooting —

The West Cup for the best senior shot: G. M. McPherson.

The Darbshire Cup for the best shot under 16: R. K. Gregson.

The Initiative Cup was this year awarded to G. A. Hallett and T. D. Harding, Editors of the '1X, 2X and 3rd Form Times' in successive years.

The Boarders' Suppers on the last night of term, 31st July, were followed as usual by games organised by the Heads of School and Crescent Houses and played on Waste Court Field. This particular stage of the proceedings ended with a simple and light-hearted gala in the Swimming Bath — an innovation which shows how much the Bath has already become part of our lives.

Not all our members are going to relax completely during the summer holidays. Apart from the official camps recorded elsewhere, we again sent a strong contingent to the Welsh Schoolboys' Camp. Two boys are attending Outward Bound Courses — P. Rainey (Devon 12) and A. J. Varney (Moray Sea School 112). And — less romantically, more lucratively — several of our seniors will shortly be helping with the local traffic census. In addition, J. M. Beere (at Central Electricity Generating Board) and R. J. Ormerod (at K. & L. Steel-founders and Engineers Ltd.) attended Short Works Courses during the vacation.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of magazines from the following Schools (to 1st August): Aldenham; Henley Grammar; Magdalen College; Pocklington; Radley; Reading; Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe; St. Bartholomew's, Newbury; St. Edward's; Southfield; Wallingford; Windsor County; and also from Culham College and the R.N.E.C. Manadon. A special word of thanks to John Mason School for a copy of their first magazine.

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FROM THE HEADMASTER

I write these words on the evening of 5th September, under the shadow of a bereavement the full impact of which has yet to be borne. But I have the satisfaction of knowing that my wife has been released from suffering and that to the end she was able to maintain her interest in her family and in the larger family of the School. She died at peace and we shall meet again.

Nor can I ever forget the love and affection that have been shown to her throughout her long illness and which reached a climax in that wonderful service of thanksgiving for her life in St. Helen's Church today. We shall hope in time to acknowledge the hundreds of letters, the beautiful wreaths and sprays — nearly one hundred and fifty of them. Meanwhile Mary, Diana, Hilary and Helena would join with me in thanking all of those who have shown in their different ways that they too share in our loss; the knowledge that so many of our friends are remembering us in their thoughts and in their prayers has been and will continue to be a very real help at a difficult time.

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As far as the School is concerned, it has been a good term. Advanced level results were in general satisfactory. It was pleasing to hear of the award of three State Scholarships. Ordinary level results are still awaited; I shall be able to comment on them elsewhere. The Eight again made a gallant attempt to survive the first round of the Princess Elizabeth Competition at Henley. The Cricket has gone from strength to strength. The Speaker was particularly happy on Founder's Day. We had a smooth and enjoyable end of term. If I had identified the boy who crowned the stone cross above the Chapel with somebody else's cap (it must have been somebody else's for I refuse to suspect Geoffrey Stone), then I should have flogged him ruthlessly, for we must not encourage our young men to be so foolhardy; but I cannot honestly bear him ill-will, for there was no malice in it and it was so discreetly done that it brought the School into no public disrepute.

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On the material side, the landmark of term was the inauguration of the new swimming bath, by a timorous Headmaster, on the evening of 13th July (the official opening of course will come later). Since then it has been in full use, and we can already appreciate what a tremendous asset it is going to be to the School. In fairness to the contractors, whom we have bullied unmercifully in a vain endeavour to keep them up to time, we think they have made an uncommonly good job of it. From now there will be no excuse if any boy leaves the school unable to swim — a 'social blunder' of the first magnitude.

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During the holidays the roof of Big School has been stripped and re-tiled (not before time) and a barrel ceiling has been installed. This

marks the first stage of its conversion into a Library. At the same time the opportunity has been taken of renewing the slates on the Bell Tower. At lower level, the contractors are expected to come any time to deal with the drives and the main 'campus', the whole area of which is now to be covered with tar-bound gravel. As a result, neither the mud of February nor the dust of June will be quite such a menace.

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We try to be unselfishly pleased when we hear of the promotion of our junior masters but it isn't easy. Anyway, I should like to add my own word of gratitude and good wishes to Mr. Vallance as he leaves us for Harrow. He has served the School well as an inspiring teacher of Sixth Form English, a shrewd and kindly first form master, a conscientious house-tutor, and a stimulating and hard working coach on so many games fields. I myself shall remember him as a man whose independence of mind and clear-cut principles have made him a particularly valuable colleague. We shall miss him much.

J.M.C.

QUATERCENTENARY APPEAL

The Swimming Pool is illustrated elsewhere in this issue, but no photograph can do just to an amenity of which any School could be proud. Certainly we are proud to think that within four years of launching the Appeal we have two such ambitious projects as the Shop and the Pool already completed and in full use. It is encouraging too to see Big School already surrounded by a forest of tubular scaffolding — though there is no truth in the report that a notice has been put outside it saying 'These ruins are still inhabited'!

But we cannot emphasise too strongly that we have only been able to provide these amenities for the present generation of boys by mortgaging the future, and spending money that has been covenanted to the Appeal but not yet paid. That is why we renew our appeal to parents, Old Boys and friends to give until it hurts. The present position, in very round figures, is that we have had just over £30,000 promised, of which £10,000 has already been received in cash, and we have spent about £18,000. These figures speak for themselves.

A special mention should be made of the Founder's Day Activities which netted a considerable amount for the Appeal. The prefects sold mulberries on the 'help yourself' principle from the comely and fecund tree that graces their lawn, while Mr. Sawbridge (bless him!) had found time amidst all his duties at Haileybury to compose an ingenious and topical cross-word puzzle, copies of which were sold in Main Hall to the tune of over £16. All of this went straight to the Appeal as Mr. Sawbridge himself kindly provided the prizes. These were won by

Rev. M. N. Williams, Mr. James Fairlie, Dr. W. D. Allen, and Robin Ogg. As one who wrestled in vain with the final corner I raise my hat to them. I hold a copy of the correct solution which I will lend to anyone who is still foxed . . . possibly in return for a small donation to the Q.C.A.

We welcome further ideas of this order of brightness.

J.M.C.

APPEAL FUND

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VALETE ET SALVETE

Valete — left 30th March, 1961

Upper Sixth Form Science: R. G. Havelock.

Form 3Y: P. C. Neville-Rolfe (left 5th March).

Form 2Y: R. J. Myers.

Form 1X: A. Barnes.

Salvete — came 28th April, 1961

Form 2X: R. E. T. Hall.

Form 1X: A. E. Semmence.

CHAPEL NOTES

The Governors have noted with approval the wish of the Old Abingdonian Club to have installed in the Chapel a tablet or tablets to the memory of Mr. Layng and Mr. Grundy — the two headmasters who were 'Vicars of Chapel' for the first forty-four years of its existence.

The fact that the apse is still uncarpeted is not due to neglect on the part of the Chapel Committee. But every member of the Committee has strong views on the subject and we are still looking for a pattern

which will be acceptable to all. The question of painting the ceiling of the apse is equally controversial but so far only sighting rounds have been fired.

Old Boys will remember how stuffy the Chapel can get on a hot Sunday morning. The 'Barker casements' did much to improve things. By next term (when the hot season is over) we should have acquired windows in the apse too that can be opened, and this should lead to further improvement.

We should like to thank all those who have preached in Chapel this term — especially our own Rev. Mark Williams and this year's American preacher, Rev. Dr. R. H. Fuller, who is the Professor of New Testament Languages and Literature at the Seabury Western Theological Seminary in Illinois. To some extent a bogus American, as Dr. Fuller himself admitted, because his background was completely English and he had only emigrated to U.S.A. a few years ago, but no less welcome.

Visiting preachers during the coming term will be as follows:

October 1st—Rev. A. Tindal-Hart, D.D., Rector of Appleton.

October 22nd—R. L. James, Esq., M.A., Ph.D., Headmaster of Harrow.

October 29th—H. B. Hitchens, Esq., O.B.E., T.D., M.A., D.Phil., Headmaster of Solihull.

November 19th—Rev. David Jenkins, M.A., of the S.P.G.

There will be no service in Chapel at 10 a.m. on Sunday, 26th November, as boarders have been invited to attend service instead at St. Helen's Church where the Lord Bishop of the Diocese will be preaching.

His Lordship will revisit Abingdon on 12th December when he will hold a Service of Confirmation in the School Chapel at 3.0 p.m. Preparation classes are already in full swing.

We thank all those, whether individuals or societies, who have given so much care to the Chapel Flowers during the past term.

We have now been using the New English Translation of the Bible for the New Testament Lessons long enough for us to effect a fair comparison. The general impression is that impact is more important than literary beauty and that we ought to continue the practice next year.

Two innovations deserve mention. At the suggestion of the Chapel Council, a Celebration was held in the Chapel before breakfast on Founder's Day. And on the last morning of the Summer Term the final service was, experimentally, held in the open air around the R.B. Pavilion. The advantages of having the whole School together at such a moment are great and obvious; but some of the leavers at any rate regretted that their last memories of the School were not of the Chapel. We shall have to think about this before next year.

On the whole the collections this term have been disappointing, particularly from the Seniors. Perhaps it is the effect of the new School Shop! The collection on Founder's Day, however, which was divided between St. Helen's Church and Dr. Barnardo's Homes, amounted to the record figure of £44 16s. 6d. St. Helen's Church also received the collection of £6 5s. 3d. taken at the terminal service on the first day of term, while the collection at the Leavers' Service (£9 8s. 4d.) was given to St. Nicolas' Church where the service was held. The contents of the alms box (16s. 5d.) went to the Organ Fund.

Collections allotted to outside charities have been as follows:

British Empire Leprosy Relief Association—£7 7s. 4d.

Assistant Curates' Society—£8 4s. 9d.

Historic Churches Restoration Trust—£6 15s. 0d.

Royal National Life Boat Institution—£7 0s. 0d.

British Council of Churches—£7 12s. 4d.

S.P.C.K.—£6 15s. 0d.

New Guinea Mission—£7 10s. 6d.

The meeting of the Chapel Council held on 20th July was sparsely attended. It seems that boys either still had examinations in front of them or were just recovering from them. It remains to find a time that is really suitable for everyone. We should like to make it clear once again that every boy, whether first or sixth former, is welcome to come and express his views and ideas.

We should like to thank all those who have helped with the running of the Chapel this term, and especially R. G. Parkes for the way in which he has performed the duties of sacristan.

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Received into the Church on 25th June, Paul Owen Williams.

Baptised on 7th May, Gillian Anne Hasnip.

EXAMINATION RESULTS

This year we secured the record total of 145 passes at 'Advanced' Level; the increase was accounted for only in part by the greater number of candidates. It was pleasing too to secure three State Scholarships — congratulations to A. C. Bowker, E. G. Jones and J. S. Kelly (an international trio!). But we shall not be satisfied until we gain a rather bigger crop of distinctions.

At 'Ordinary' Level the subject-passes amounted to some 595 — another record. The outstanding feature was the unbroken series of 30 passes in Biology. More generally, it was heartening to see the very high proportion of success among those who took French and Mathematics from the fourth forms, a year in advance. Conversely, the number of sixth formers who failed to pick up the off-beat (but often vitally important) subjects which they missed at first attempt is

perturbing. One or two boys are being taught the hard way that they must take their 'minority time' subjects less casually. Let us hope that others will profit by their awful example.

'Advanced' level results are appended. Distinctions are marked with an asterisk.

ADVANCED LEVEL PASSES, G.C.E.

Three Subjects: R. W. J. Bampton (Ch, Bot, Zoo); A. C. Bowker (M*, Ph*, Ch*); D. J. Brice (Ph, Ch, Bio); G. A. Brown (M, Ph, Ch*); T. H. Day (Ph, Ch, Bio); J. B. Friend (M, Ph, Ch); D. R. Gerring (Ph, Ch, Bio); R. S. Haynes (G, L, AH); P. L. Hedges (Ph, Ch, Bio*); E. G. Jones (M*, M*, Ph); A. M. Q. King (Ph, Ch*, Bio); R. A. Lucas (Ph, Ch, Bio); R. C. Luker (G, L, AH); A. J. Mackenzie (Ph, Ch, Bio); R. E. Moore (L, AH, F); G. C. H. Phillips (M, M, Ph); C. T. Pollard (M, Ph, Ch*); C. G. Purnell (M, Ph, Ch*); P. Rainey (M, Ph, Ch); J. M. Talbot (Ph, Ch, Bio); C. D. Turnbull (M, Ph, Ch); R. I. S. Walker (M, Ph, Ch); C. H. Woodham (M, Ph, Ch).

Two Subjects: R. J. C. Bampton (E, H); P. W. P. Briten (M, Ph); J. M. Bunce (L, AH); J. P. G. Butt (Zoo, Bot); R. J. K. Button (Ph, Ch); J. V. Comfort (M, Ph); G. G. Ganf (Ch, Bio); D. M. Goodwin (L, AH); C. B. Gosling (F, G); M. P. M. Hart (M, Ph); P. P. Hutchinson (Ph, Bio); J. S. Kelly (H*, H—with For. Texts*); C. R. Llewellyn (F, G); R. G. Lockton (Ch, Bio); S. R. Long (M, Ph); I. A. D. Martin (H, H—with For. Texts); A. G. D. Matson (L, AH); P. A. Merriman (Ph, Ch); M. R. Mole (Ch, Bio); M. J. Nelson (H, Geog); R. S. Ogg (L, AH); G. W. Oxley (E, H); R. S. Pitt (Ch, Bio); C. A. B. Spackman (Ph, Ch); A. J. Varney (F, H); D. Weir (F, E); A. P. H. Wood (E, H).

One Subject: M. J. Bett (Bio); R. S. Capstick (H); C. M. Davis (AH); A. C. L. Fraser (Ch); J. B. Goodman (Ph); J. H. Kitto (E); G. D. Louth (Bot); T. A. Marsh (Ch); R. H. Meakins (Bio); M. R. Morris (Ch); M. D. Nurton (H); A. J. Oxley (Ch); D. R. Pepler (H); D. C. Pollard (Ch); G. T. Milford-Scott (A); A. H. Smith (M); D. W. Taylor (Ch); R. P. Thompson (M); P. L. J. Webb (H); A. R. White (E); R. C. White (Ch); C. R. Winfield (Ch).

FOUNDER'S DAY

Yet again the elements combined with the organisers to produce a successful and a dry Founder's Day. Although 29th July coincided with the first day of the 'Midland holidays' and its attendant crowded roads we experienced no serious jams to upset the timetable.

The day began earlier than usual with a Celebration in the School Chapel. Later came the traditional Morning Service in a packed St. Helen's Church. This year to make the occasion slightly less formal

the wreath was laid on the tomb of John Royse by one Prefect at the beginning of the Service instead of being carried up the central aisle by the two Senior Prefects after the lesson.

Our preacher was the Principal of Cuddesdon College, the Rev. A. K. R. Runcie, M.A., who, after remarking upon the importance of religion in Founder's Day Celebrations, went on to put forward his three texts, based on the instructions recently given to him by a professional photographer. He began by discussing the value and meaning contained in the command 'Be still' and followed this by bringing out the implications in another request: 'Look this way'. Finally he gave the advice: 'Be natural' saying that our lives reflect our prayers and our prayers reflect our lives.

The afternoon as usual began with Prize-Giving in the Corn Exchange after which came the 'At Home' on Upper Field. Perhaps it was at this function more than any other that Mrs. Cobban's absence was most felt. There was a small geographical innovation this year in that the 'V.I.P. Marquee' was less sequestered and thus all the guests were able to see how the other half lived. This change also meant that the Headmasters was able to welcome personally more parents and visitors than in former years.

The exhibitions were more varied than ever. Real camp food was prepared for general consumption by the Skye Group in the Wantage Laboratory while the School Shop provided more conventional snacks for those with less robust constitutions. The Swimming Pool was of course a centre of attraction and those who threaded their way through the Scout encampment had the double delight of seeing not only this latest amenity but also Mr. Coleman using it. Eye witnesses report that he was soon joined by a party of Old Boys.

The day ended with a return to the Corn Exchange for 'An Evening Entertainment' of which a critique appears below.

Once again the Sunday Evening Service in St. Nicolas' Church took the form of a Leavers' Service and was well attended both by boys and parents. After only two years this occasion has become one of the firmest and most cherished of School traditions.

Naturally the Headmaster's sermon was concerned with giving spiritual advice to those about to go into the world. He deplored the feeling of aimlessness and apathy which often pervaded modern life and which he considered the great danger facing humanity. He knew that the world was full of challenges and even if not every boy leaving could explore space each one could and should retain a sense of purpose in the job that he did — no matter how mundane it might appear on occasion. The Christian faith, he said, would be of great importance in bringing about the right attitude of mind.

PRIZE-GIVING

We were honoured and grateful that the Speaker of the House of Commons, the Rt. Hon. Sir Harry Hylton-Foster, P.C., Q.C., M.P., found time to come down after a very busy week in the House to distribute the prizes.

As the Chairman of the Governors, Mr. C. G. Stow, was recovering from an operation and was thus unfortunately not able to be present his place was taken by Mr. R. B. McCallum, M.A., Master of Pembroke College, Oxford. After his introductory remarks he called upon the Headmaster to present his report.

The Headmaster in welcoming Sir Harry said that this would be one of the few occasions upon which the Speaker actually did speak. Going on to make his report he said that he would classify the year as one of steady rather than spectacular progress. He thanked those who had ensured the smooth running of the School in his absence. He then went on to say that although the Quatercentenary Appeal had reached £29,000 the Swimming Pool had only been paid for by mortgaging its future income and he put forward a plea for greater generosity. In sporting activities the cricketers had done extremely well and this year's side had been one of the best ever. Finally the Headmaster said that the most telling witness to the good name of the School was that the boarding list was fully subscribed until 1969. The School was known for its friendliness, tolerance and good manners and as long as it retained these characteristics he could look to the future with confidence.

Mr. McCallum then called upon the Speaker to distribute the prizes and after he had performed this office he himself was presented with a 'prize' by Mr. Duxbury. This took the form of a 'vintage volume', a copy of the 1660 edition of the *History of Rome* written by a former Headmaster, Thomas Godwyn, "for the use of Abingdon School" about 1614.

After this presentation Sir Harry lived up to his name and entertained his audience with an exceptionally amusing speech. He knew little about education, he said, and so he would keep off that topic and talk about the House of Commons — a subject of which he did have some experience. He had, he confessed, an admiration and affection for the members of the House because they were leaders who had chosen to accept responsibility and who had the courage on occasions to say 'No' when it would be far more popular for them to say 'Yes'. Such schools as Abingdon were important to the nation in that they taught young people to accept like responsibility. Although he shrank from putting across a 'message', if this was essential he had two pieces of advice. He would recommend the sentiments of Polonius when he said:

*'This above all, — to thine own self be true;
And it must follow, as the night the day,
Thou canst not then be false to any man.'*

Secondly he adjured the boys to make the best use of their time at School and above all never to lose their intellectual curiosity.

Alderman S. Freeman then thanked the Speaker and requested standing applause for him. The proceedings ended with the singing of the National Anthem.

THE ENDOWED PRIZES

The Morland Prize (presented by Messrs. Morland in memory of W. T. Morland, O.A., and awarded for all-round merit)—P. A. Bretscher; The Thomas Layng Reading Prize—A. J. Varney; The Smith Chemistry Prizes—P. A. Bretscher, C. G. Purnell, G. A. Brown, A. J. Oxley, A. S. Harrison; The Ball Science Prize—Senior: P. A. Bretscher, Junior: M. A. Hedges; The Biology Prize (presented by Dr. and Mrs. Charles Ford)—A. M. Q. King; The Bevan Essay Prize—A. M. Q. King; The Bevan Scripture Prizes—R. C. Luker, A. J. Oxley, D. R. Brown, D. J. Munson, B. D. Diffey, J. A. Carter; The Henderson Cricket Prizes—J. M. Bunce, R. J. M. Evans.

THE SCHOOL PRIZES

The Mayor's Prize for Service to the School (presented by Ald. B. G. Burrett, J.P.)—S. R. Long; The Headmaster's Prizes—T. A. Libby, J. S. Kelly, D. W. G. Riddick; The Old Boys' Prizes—English Verse: R. C. Luker; Geography Essay: C. A. B. Spackman, History Essay: R. C. Luker; The Van Wagenen Essay Prize (presented by Colonel R. W. Van Wagenen, Dean of the American University, Washington, U.S.A.)—R. E. Moore; The Prize for Character (presented by Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Ellis)—D. R. Gerring; The Prizes for General Achievement (presented by H. Cornish, Esq., M.B.E., J.P.)—R. J. C. Bampton, R. W. J. Bampton; C.C.F. Prize—U/O. I. A. D. Martin; Seamanship Prize—P/O. P. W. P. Briten; The Junior Reading Prize (presented by C. C. Woodley, Esq., Q.A.)—M. J. Giddings, prox. acc. M. H. Tarran-Jones; The Music Prizes—Senior: N. P. Loukes; Junior (presented by Miss Sheldon Peach): A. G. Fairlie; Choral (presented by E. H. F. Sawbridge, Esq.): Senior: R. A. Lucas; Junior: A. G. Fairlie; Pianoforte: Senior: I. A. D. Martin; Intermediate: M. A. Faires; Organ (presented by the Director of Music): F. C. A. Exon; Brass: R. S. Haynes; Art Prizes—G. T. Milford-Scott, K. J. Shepard; Handicraft Prizes—P. N. Atkins, R. W. Schnellmann.

THE FORM PRIZES

Sixth Form (Upper)—Classics: R. C. Luker, English and History: G. W. Oxley, Mathematics: E. G. Jones; Sixth Form (Lower)—Classics: C. J. Dean, English: R. H. M. Burridge, History: J. D. Urwick, French: R. W. Ellaway, Mathematics: D. J. Hoddinott, Physics: D. C. Pollard, Biology: T. A. Marsh; Sixth Form (General)—R. Allison; Fifth Forms—Classics: D. R. Brown, English: F. C. A. Exon, Modern Languages: J. J. Mackenzie, History: R. A. Smith, Mathematics: R. M. Kirby,

Physics: I. W. D. Matson, General Achievement: T. J. Tilby; Form 4A—Languages: A. F. G. Wiggins, Science and Maths: J. L. Walton, General Achievement: P. G. Henderson; Form 4B—S. J. Baker; Form 4C—R. K. Gregson; Form 3A—B. D. Diffey, S. A. G. Janisch; Form 3X—C. M. N. Jamieson; Form 3Y—B. S. Avery; Form 2X—M. J. Adam; Form 2Y—A. M. Jell; Form 1X—R. E. N. Bradfield; Form 1Y—A. C. Putman.

EVENING ENTERTAINMENT

We are grateful to Mrs. Loukes for sending us the following critique of the entertainment given in the Corn Exchange on Friday evening and on the evening of Founder's Day.

"In years to come the historians of Abingdon School, or an Old Boy on the point of throwing away a dusty pile of school magazines, may make a comparative study of Evening Entertainments. May I plead with him to make his first observations on those who have written accounts of Evening Entertainments? For one who is but an ordinary human being, and whose pen is not that of a ready writer, cannot but be aware that her homework will not stand comparison with that of her brilliant predecessors, whereas the material provided for that homework was of a higher quality than ever.

This theme was stated in the playing of the National Anthem with greater confidence and precision than ever before, and continued with variations in each item.

After an exciting 'Fanfare for Founder's Day', the Senior Orchestra made a splendid start with the Concerto for Piano and Orchestra by Alec Rowley. Here was a piece well within the compass of soloist and orchestra, and played with great conviction from the first notes, and without the usual time needed by amateurs for 'warming up'. I thought the soloist was particularly good in the lively third movement.

Having so comfortably performed this pleasant work the players then rose to the greater challenge of Vaughan Williams's 'English Folk Song Suite' with complete assurance, and played it with spirit and gusto which sounded as though they shared the composer's enjoyment of the good, rousing tunes. Sensitive clarinet playing brought out the wistfulness of some of the themes, supported by some notably warm, full tone from the strings. There were so few rough entries or ragged edges that one had unalloyed pleasure throughout and was still feeling sorry that the end had come when the stage seemed miraculously cleared for the next item.

Those members of the audience to whom Greek is no more than an attractive noise were perhaps able to follow the progress of the Greek version of I Corinthians 1 by recurrence of the word *agape*, and all must have appreciated the beauty of Andrew Varney's reading in the English of the new translation.

'Five Songs of Springtime' by E. J. Moeran were sung by the Choral Society with good tone, good intonation, and clear words. Perhaps the bird chorus at the end of 'Spring the sweet Spring' could have been a little lighter, but any slight lack of insight at this point was more than offset by the whole-hearted interpretation of the drinking song, and the charming ending of 'Love is a sickness'.

The Recorder Club and the Brass Band next provided a delightful study in contrast, while sharing the high standard of musicianship which has been achieved in the school over the past years. In both there was good 'ensemble' and phrasing and clear true notes, while the small sound of the recorders and earnest concentration of the young performers preceded the volume of tone and worldly-wise demeanour of the brass-players, where special mention must be made of some very good horn phrases in the 'Pilgrims' Chorus'.

Judging by some restiveness in the audience there may have been others like me who would have welcomed a comedy instead of a serious play. But 'X = O', by John Drinkwater, was beautifully acted and staged and most moving in its message. The choral verse-speaking was equally effective with a splendid range of feeling and tone.

In the second half of the programme we had three more musical items, which all maintained the high standard which had already been set. The Junior Orchestra gave me most pleasure with the Pavane which was very smooth and gracious, and the oratorio-style settings of Nursery Rhymes were very funny as well as musically satisfying.

The other two quasi-musical items in the lighter vein were greatly appreciated by the audience, particularly the moment at which one of the Russian folk-singers broke into a Cossack dance. I enjoyed the accompaniment of the German songs all the more because of the memory of a 'German band', making a similar joyful sound in a London street in my very early childhood.

And so to Mr. Griffin, Mr. Pratt and all concerned in planning and presenting a most enjoyable Evening Entertainment I offer my warmest thanks."

M.J.L.

CRICKET

FIRST ELEVEN

We are making the experiment this year of printing in full a score card of all the matches, giving to the enthusiast the opportunity of browsing over the season's facts and figures and drawing his own conclusions. To my mind the bare results of five wins, seven draws and three losses are disappointing, in view of the fine prospects which this

very experienced side had. In various ways things did not go quite as expected. However, I would say that the School's cricket has never been so flourishing, that there is more promising material available than ever before, and that it will be better yet. Those who remain of this year's side have proved their enthusiasm, and they will find the new players of next season very ready to follow their lead.

The many runs scored in most matches indicates a great improvement in the batting. The outstanding batsman has been Goodwin whose natural talent, unruffled temperament and splendid running have brought him a heavy crop of runs. His century against the Common Room, scored in 85 minutes, will long be remembered by those who saw it. Yet on six occasions he has been out in the late thirties or early forties, which argues a lack of concentration at a vital point in an innings. The highlights of the season have been the opening partnership between Bunce and Goodwin — seven of them producing over fifty runs — a remarkable achievement — during which runs came so easily and quickly. Their running between the wickets was exceptionally good. One of the biggest disappointments was the decline in form of Nurton and Ogg, who began the season in great form, but failed to maintain their early promise. Robey played some good hard-hitting innings, and Rosevear and Long both showed at times that they were capable of rising to the occasion. Most encouraging for the future were the performances at the end of the season of Ford and Barrett.

Accurate fast-medium bowling by Long throughout the season, and the tremendous improvement in Ford's leg-spinners were the major developments in the bowling. Robey proved a very valuable support, and Whitton took more than twenty wickets in the eleven matches in which he played. It looks as if much will fall upon the shoulders of Ford and Rosevear next season, and the chief quest will be for fast bowlers.

The main reason for failure to achieve more victories this season was erratic fielding. At times brilliant, too often the vital chance was not taken, usually in the slips, where a successful specialist has yet to emerge. Nelson's fielding and catching have been a pleasure to watch, and Robey fielded particularly well, but they stood out in a side which was generally slow-moving. Evans, coming into the side at fifteen, did a difficult job well as wicket-keeper, and shows great promise for years to come. His technique with the spinners improved during the season, and with a little more experience he might well become a most valuable asset. As Captain, Bunce has handled the side creditably throughout, and has emerged with increased stature both as captain and batsman. Field placing has usually been sound, and his own example has been good. His most serious fault has been a reluctance sometimes to trust his spin bowlers in tense situations, though this is always a difficult decision to make or to criticise. He remains to lead the side next year and will be a formidable proposition for any opponents.

The easy victory over Bloxham was the first scent of triumph, and was followed by scoring 194 in under two hours to beat Solihull, a win against Pembroke College and then a moral victory over the Old Boys. A temporary setback at Leighton Park, on a peculiarly wet wicket, was brushed aside with a very good performance in our new fixture against the Incogniti, a club which has appeared on most famous cricket grounds. This too should have been a victory but a veritable sitter was dropped with twenty minutes to go, and the last two opponents held on to draw. A real disaster against Oratory, when bad batting was as much responsible as a wicket which helped the fast bowlers, was followed by a splendid win over High Wycombe, the last ball but one yielding an amazing caught and bowled. The season ended in anti-climax, with a shamefully slow scoring rate against some goodish fast bowling by M.C.S. Oxford, and again a dropped catch, after three magnificent ones had been held, gave the opposition a victory well-earned by their spirit in chasing the runs. This very brief analysis can of necessity take no account of the much good cricket which provided the bulk of the team's performance, and in spite of disappointment and setbacks it would be fair to say that the general trend has been forward this season, and that much valuable experience has been gained.

A.A.H.

The regular members of the eleven were: J. M. Bunce (Capt.); D. M. Goodwin; R. S. Ogg; B. R. Rosevear; M. D. Nurton; D. A. Robey; S. R. Long; P. G. D. Whitton; M. S. Ford; R. J. M. Evans; M. J. Nelson. The following also played: A. G. D. Matson; R. I. S. Walker; A. T. Barrett.

Full Colours were awarded during the season to: S. R. Long; D. A. Robey; B. R. Rosevear; M. S. Ford.

Half Colours were awarded to: R. S. Ogg; R. J. M. Evans; M. J. Nelson.

The Fletcher Cup was won by D. M. Goodwin with an average of 36.5, and he was also given a bat by the Common Room.

The Morris Cup, for all-round performance, was won by D. A. Robey.

HOUSE MATCHES

In the Senior House Matches, Bennett beat Reeves by 131 runs.

In the Junior House Matches, Reeves beat Blacknall by 15 runs.

Tesdale won the Senior House League Cup and Bennett and Reeves shared the Junior House League Cup.

v. Newbury Grammar School (h). 13th May.

Result: Draw.

Abingdon School

J. M. Bunce, c Bailey, b Jones	10
D. M. Goodwin, c & b Miller	36
M. D. Nurton, b Miller	53
R. S. Ogg, not out	41
M. S. Ford, b Summerfield	8
P. G. D. Whitton, not out	25

Extras (b 7, lb 3) 10

Total (for 4 wkts dec) 183

D. A. Robey, B. R. Rosevear, R. J. M. Evans, S. R. Long and A. G. D. Matson did not bat
 Fall of wickets: 1-19, 7-73, 3-128, 4-143
 Bowling: Summerfield 12-1-54-1, James 6-0-32-1, Miller 17-5-36-2, Sellwood 9-1-35-0, Bailey 2-0-16-0.

Scoring Rate: 3.99

Newbury Grammar School

P. W. Dickie, b Long	10
D. F. Wilson, c Long, b Whitton	6
G. W. Miller, c Ogg, b Rosevear	7
M. D. L. Cousens, b Robey	38
R. J. Bailey, lbw Ford	15
D. Crump, not out	51
A. W. Chapman, b Robey	1
R. Sellwood, not out	3
Extras (b 7, lb 4)	11

Total (for 6 wkts) 142

A. K. Ben, L. C. Summerfield, D. J. James did not bat
 Fall of Wickets: 1-14, 2-20, 3-32, 4-55, 5-118, 6-122
 Bowling: Long 9-3-10-1, Matson 9-3-18-0, Whitton 12-3-22-1, Rosevear 8-1-35-1, Ford 3-0-23-1
 Scoring Rate: 2.76

v. Royal Masonic School, Bushey (a). 20th May.

Result: Draw.

Abingdon School

J. M. Bunce, c & b Skillicorn	24
D. M. Goodwin, c Rowland, b Skillicorn	0
M. D. Nurton, c Skillicorn, b Fisher	91
R. S. Ogg, c Martin, b Fisher	44
D. A. Robey, b Fisher	25
P. G. D. Whitton, not out	4
M. S. Ford, not out	5

Extras (b 2, lb 3) 5

Total (for 5 wkts dec) 198

B. R. Rosevear, R. J. Evans, S. R. Long and A. G. D. Matson did not bat
 Fall of Wickets: 1-4, 2-48, 3-147, 4-188, 5-188
 Bowling: Lomas 18-1-35-0, Skillicorn 23-4-77-2, Fawkes 11-2-46-0, Fisher 7-1-35-3

Scoring Rate: 3.37

Royal Masonic School, Bushey

Martin, lbw Robey	30
Higgs, b Robey	25
Fisher, c Evans, b Long	59
Lomas, c Robey, b Goodwin	3
Woodford, c Evans, b Goodwin	1
Keates, b Ford	6
Skillicorn, c Ogg, b Long	33
Astill, run out	11
Elmont, not out	4
Fawkes, not out	5
Extras (b 1, lb 3, w 1, nb 3)	8

Total (for 8 wkts) 185

Rowland did not bat
 Fall of Wickets: 1-46, 2-59, 3-62, 4-65, 5-77, 6-152, 7-157, 8-178
 Bowling: Long 15-6-22-2, Matson 7-0-25-0, Goodwin 14-3-34-2, Robey 16-0-59-2, Ford 6-2-18-1, Rosevear 3-0-18-0
 Scoring Rate: 3.03

v. Bloxham School (h). 27th May.

Result: Won by 9 wkts.

<i>Bloxham School</i>		<i>Abingdon School</i>	
M. R. Coales, b Rosevear	16	J. M. Bunce, not out	24
R. W. Lillwall, c Long,		D. M. Goodwin, b Atkinson	59
b Rosevear	12	M. D. Nurton, not out	13
J. R. Hares, b Rosevear	9		
I. M. Johnson, run out	16		
K. P. Simmons, b Robey	7		
D. M. Scott, b Robey	0		
P. M. Braithwaite, lbw Ford	7		
S. H. Liddington, not out	9		
P. J. Atkinson, c Robey, b Ford	2		
C. R. M. Isaac, lbw Robey	2		
P. M. Chapman, c & b Ford	1		
Extras (b 9, lb 3)	12	Extras (w 1)	1
Total	93	Total (for 1 wkt)	97
Fall of Wickets: 1-21, 2-37, 3-45,		R. S. Ogg, D. A. Robey, P. G. D.	
4-64, 5-64, 6-66, 7-79, 8-81,		Whitton, M. S. Ford, B. R.	
9-84		Rosevear, R. J. M. Evans, S. R.	
Bowling: Long 10-3-15-0, Matson		Long and A. G. D. Matson did	
4-1-10-0, Rosevear 10-1-24-3,		not bat	
Robey 11-4-11-3, Ford 7-1-1-21-		Fall of Wickets: 1-76	
3, Goodwin 2-2-0-0		Bowling: Braithwaite 8-1-20-0,	
Scoring Rate: 1.94		Lillwall 6-0-31-0, Scott, 3-0-25-0,	
		Atkinson 3-0-10-1, Liddington	
		1-10-10-0 Scoring Rate: 4.62	

v. Berkshire Gentlemen. 31st May.

Result: Draw.

<i>Berkshire Gentlemen</i>		<i>Abingdon School</i>	
G. Evans, c Whitton, b Robey	33	J. M. Bunce, b Oats	6
D. G. Nurton, c Evans, b Long	5	D. M. Goodwin, b Oats	29
A. D. Brow, b Ford	21	M. D. Nurton, c Gurney b Oats	63
A. A. Hillary, c Bunce, b Long	92	R. S. Ogg, b Williams	17
S. Lang, c Nurton, b Rosevear	24	D. A. Robey, c Brow, b Jones	18
E. R. Gurney, c Whitton,		P. G. D. Whitton, c Williams,	
b Rosevear	22	b Jones	38
P. H. Oats, c Whitton, b Robey	11	M. S. Ford, c Evans, b Jones	6
Flt.Lt. N. L. Haggett, not out	4	B. R. Rosevear, lbw Jones	0
D. Waghorn, not out	0	R. J. M. Evans, c Gurney, b Oats	2
		S. R. Long, not out	1
		A. G. D. Matson, not out	5
Extras (b 1, lb 1 nb 1)	3	Extras (b 5, nb 2)	7
Total (for 7 wkts dec)	215	Total (for 9 wkts)	194
P. Jones and B. C. Williams did		Fall of Wickets: 1-19, 2-44, 3-86,	
not bat		4-110, 5-157, 6-172, 7-172,	
Fall of Wickets: 1-31, 2-42, 3-108,		8-175, 9-187	
4-158, 5-192, 6-203, 7-215		Bowling: Jones 17-2-52-4, Oats	
Bowling: Long 21-2-59-2, Matson		22-8-49-4, Haggett 6-1-21-0, Wil-	
4-1-6-0, Rosevear 17-3-67-2,		liams 9-2-40-1, Hillary 6-2-20-0	
Robey 8-1-24-2, Goodwin 5-0-		Scoring Rate: 3.21	
21-0, Whitton 9-1-27-0, Ford			
2-0-9-1 Scoring Rate 3.26			

v. Abingdon Town Cricket Club (h). 3rd June.

Result: Draw.

Abingdon School

J. M. Bunce, lbw Jowett	12
D. M. Goodwin, c Peperall, b Whiteford	9
M. D. Nurton, lbw Smithson	31
R. S. Ogg, c & b Jowett	15
D. A. Robey, b Whiteford	57
P. G. D. Whitton, b Whiteford	5
M. S. Ford, c Smithson, b Whiting	9
B. R. Rosevear, run out	11
R. J. M. Evans, not out	2
S. R. Long, not out	16
Extras (lb 4)	4

Total (for 8 wks dec) 171

A. G. D. Matson did not bat
Fall of Wickets: 1-19, 2-22, 3-44,
4-118, 5-125, 6-134, 7-146,
8-153

Bowling: Whiteford 15-7-20-3,
Jowett 13-3-37-2, Smith 7-3-24-
0, Baldock 7-2-21-0, Whiting
7-1-42-1, Smithson 5-0-22-1

Scoring Rate: 3.17

Abingdon C.C.

D. Jowett, b Goodwin	12
G. Evans, b Ford	32
G. Smithson, c Matson, b Goodwin	41
M. Smith, c Matson, b Ford	2
B. Whiteford, c Whitton, b Goodwin	27
G. Way, b Robey	0
A. Parkin, c Bunce, b Robey	5
J. Peperall, not out	5
P. Baldock, b Goodwin	0
R. Whiting, b Ford	2
A. Gardener, not out	5
Extras (b 2, nb 1)	3

Total (for 9 wks) 136

Fall of Wicket: 1-22, 2-43, 3-70,
4-103, 6-117, 7-122, 8-122,
9-128

Bowling: Long 8-0-20-0, Matson
2-0-9-0, Goodwin 14-2-45-4,
Ford 9-1-45-3, Robey 5-0-12-2

Scoring Rate: 3.59

v. The Common Room (h). 7th June.

Result: Draw.

Abingdon School

J. M. Bunce, c Murray, b Mortimer	12
D. M. Goodwin, c Smithson b Williams	110
R. S. Ogg, b Williams	31
D. A. Robey, b Williams	0
B. R. Rosevear, run out	5
M. D. Nurton, not out	15
P. G. D. Whitton, st Vallance, b Williams	11
S. R. Long, c & b Williams	0
M. S. Ford, not out	28
Extras (b 2, w 1)	3

Total (for 7 wks dec) 215

R. J. M. Evans and A. G. D. Mat-
son did not bat

Fall of Wickets: 1-58, 2-148, 3-
148, 4-160, 5-151, 6-175, 7-175

Bowling: Hillary 8-2-28-0, Smith-
son 20-4-74-0, Mortimer 6-0-31-
1, Baker 5-0-28-0, Williams
12-1-44-5, Griffin 1-0-9-0

Scoring Rate: 5

Common Room

L. C. J. Griffin, b Whitton	6
C. D. B. Milton, b Long	0
B. C. Williams, c Nurton, b Long	2
A. A. Hillary, lbw Long	78
G. A. Smithson, b Long	105
R. G. Mortimer, run out	0
I. C. Murray, b Whitton	0
M. W. Vallance, not out	12
R. H. Baker, c Whitton, b Long	5
K. M. D. Holloway, not out	0
Extras (b 1, lb 4, nb 1)	6

Total (for 8 wks) 214

G. M. Keating did not bat

Fall of Wickets: 1-1, 2-7, 3-13,
4-182, 5-191, 6-191, 7-195,
8-213

Bowling: Long 11-2-37-5, Whitton
16-4-54-2, Ford 4-1-29-0, Good-
win 5-0-32-0, Rosevear 5-0-25-0,
Robey 2-0-26-0

Scoring Rate: 4.99

v. Solihull School (a). 10th June.

Result: Won by 4 wkts.

Solihull School	
I. S. Jones, b Robey	42
R. M. Allen, lbw Long	0
P. G. Levenger, lbw Whitton	8
P. D. Bardsley, b Long	18
J. T. Waters, b Robey	51
R. J. Strickland, b Rosevear	0
S. B. Burton, c Bunce, b Rosevear	2
K. A. Norris, b Whitton	28
R. N. Creed, not out	17
I. R. Gold, c Ogg, b Whitton	1
D. M. Frankland, not out	8
Extras (lb 10, nb 5)	15

Total (for 9 wkts dec) 190

Fall of Wickets: 1-6, 2-26, 3-36,
4-80, 5-85, 6-91, 7-159, 8-165,
9-167Bowling: Long 18-5-47-2, Whitton
19-7-70-3, Robey 9-23-2, Rose-
vear 11-4-35-2

Scoring Rate: 3.33

Abingdon School	
J. M. Bunce, lbw Gold	37
D. M. Goodwin, c & b Waters	78
M. D. Nurton, c & b Allen	22
R. S. Ogg, run out	2
D. A. Robey, c Burton b Waters	16
P. G. D. Whitton, b Allen	9
B. R. Rosevear, not out	23
S. R. Long, not out	7
Extras	0

Total (for 6 wkts) 194

R. J. M. Evans, S. R. Long, M. J.
Nelson did not batFall of Wickets: 1-94, 2-137, 3-
137, 4-151, 5-156, 6-164Bowling: Frankland 4-0-20-0,
Waters, 10-1-60-2, Allen 14-2-
73-2, Gold 11-1-47-1

Scoring Rate: 6.29

v. Pembroke College (a). 14th June.

Result: Won by 8 wkts.

Pembroke College	
Ellis, b Whitton	5
Stansfield, b Whitton	0
Moody, c Robey, b Whitton	1
Herriot, lbw Robey	10
Lofthouse, lbw Whitton	0
Ing, c Robey, b Ford	44
Berry, lbw Goodwin	1
Mobbs, lbw Whitton	10
Brown, c Bunce, b Ford	9
Kumar, not out	6
Dobinson, b Ford	1
Extras (b 1, lb 2, nb 2)	5

Total 92

Fall of Wickets: 1-4, 2-7, 3-8, 4-8,
5-50, 6-51, 7-75, 8-75, 9-88Bowling: Long 7-1-11-0, Whitton
12-3-26-5, Goodwin 7-1-25-1,
Robey 5-1-12-1, Ford 4-50-13-3

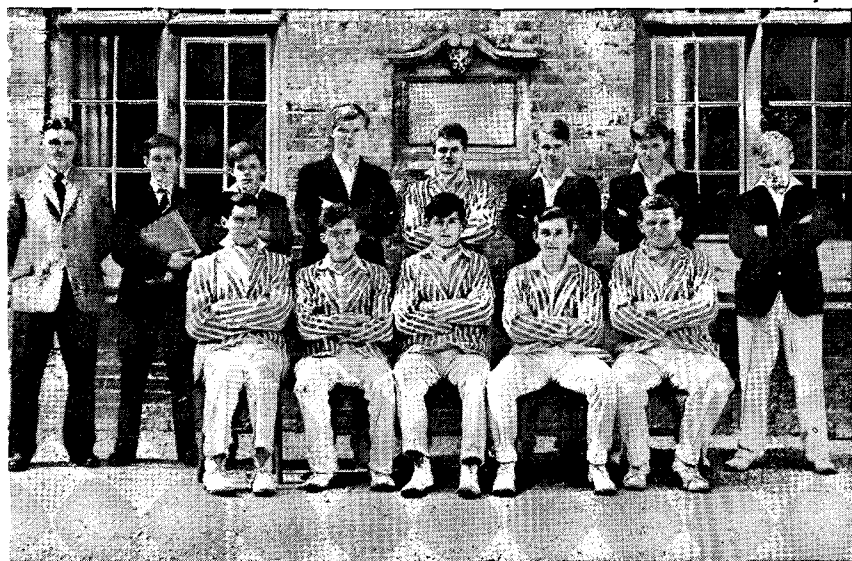
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Abingdon School	
J. M. Bunce, not out	45
D. M. Goodwin, b Stansfield	11
M. D. Nurton, b Ing	1
R. S. Ogg, not out	20
Extras (b 14, lb 1, w 1)	16

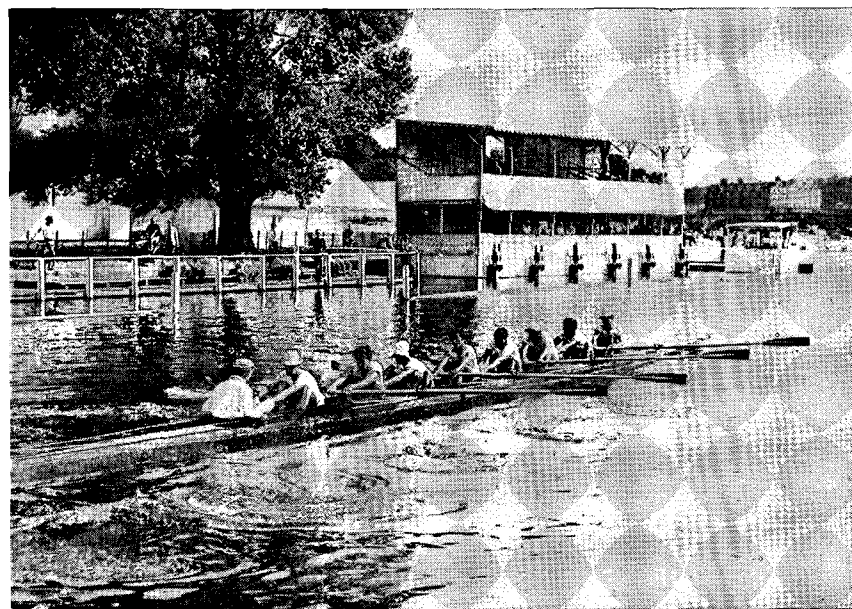
Total (for 2 wkts) 93

D. A. Robey, P. G. D. Whitton,
M. S. Ford, B. R. Rosevear, M.
J. Nelson, R. J. M. Evans and
S. R. Long did not batFall of Wickets: 1-25, 2-26
Bowling: Ing 16-5-24-1, Stansfield
9-2-13-1, Mobbs 3-0-19-0, Berry
4-1-15-0, Herriot 0.3-0-6-0

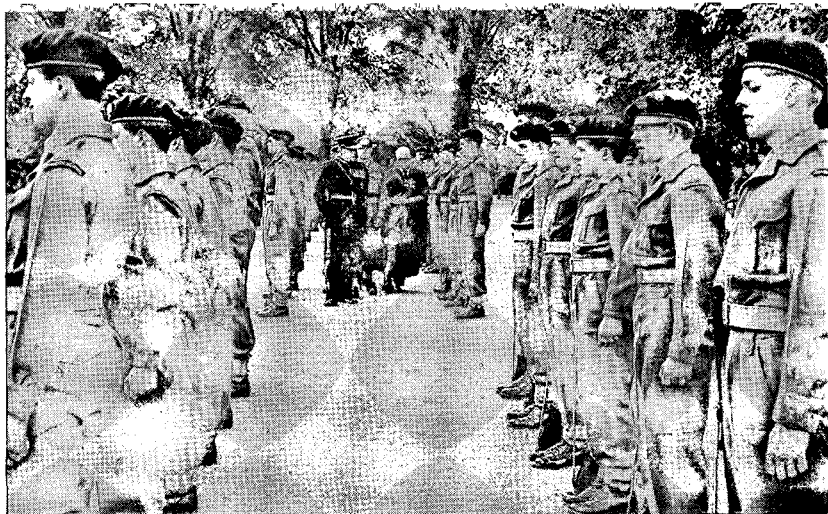
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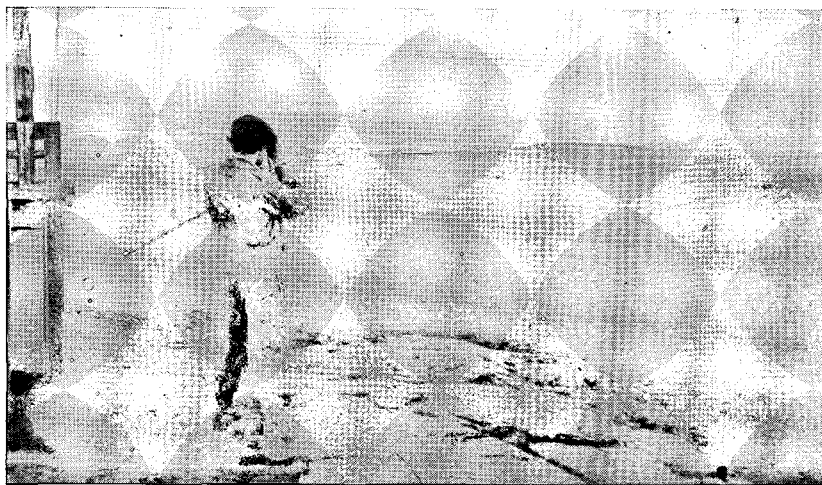
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v. Old Abingdonians (h). 17th June.

Result: Draw.

<i>Abingdon School</i>		<i>Old Abingdonians</i>	
J. M. Bunce, c & b Baldwin	55	B. J. Hiscock, b Long	2
D. M. Goodwin, c Burton, b Fitzsimmons	46	D. J. Morris, lbw Goodwin	20
M. D. Nurton, b Fitzsimmons	26	B. A. Whiteford, c Evans, b Long	7
R. S. Ogg, b Baldwin	0	R. Clewley, c Nurton, b Ford	14
D. A. Robey, not out	56	P. Penney, run out	27
P. G. D. Whitton, b Baldwin	0	M. J. Brackley, c Nurton, b Ford	43
B. R. Rosevear, c Brackley, b Baldwin	8	D. A. Jones, c & b Goodwin	8
M. J. Nelson, b Fitzsimmons	2	P. Fitzsimmons, b Robey	0
S. R. Long, not out	4	P. Ford, lbw Ford	3
		R. Baldwin, not out	0
		B. Burton, not out	0
Extras (b 4, lb 2, nb 2)	8	Extra (b 3, lb 1, nb 1)	5
Total (for 7 wkts dec)	205	Total (for 9 wkts)	120
M. S. Ford and R. J. M. Evans did did not bat		Fall of Wickets: 1-5, 2-20, 3-35, 4-62, 5-75, 6-111, 7-117, 8-129, 9-120	
Fall of Wickets: 1-80, 2-130, 3- 130, 4-170, 5-171, 6-191, 7-193		Bowling: Long 9-2-14-2, Whitton 5-3-2-0, Rosevear 9-1-24-0, Ford 15-4-51-3, Goodwin 8-1-33-2, Robey 2-2-0-1	
Bowling: Whiteford 15-3-53-0, Ford 4-0-23-0, Fitzsimmons 15- 1-58-3, Baldwin 21-2-54-4, Jones 2-0-4-0		Scoring Rate: 2.50	
Scoring Rate: 3.05			

v. Leighton Park School (a). 21st June.

Result: Leighton Park won by 3 wkts.

<i>Abingdon School</i>		<i>Leighton Park</i>	
J. M. Bunce, b Wigram	27	Busby, b Long	11
D. M. Goodwin, lbw Wigram	42	Burgess-Webb, b Whitton	4
M. D. Nurton, c Davies, b Wigram	4	Marsh, b Whitton	16
R. S. Ogg, run out	1	Davies, b Long	5
D. A. Robey, b Wigram	2	Moss, run out	6
P. G. D. Whitton, b Marsh	8	Fitter, c Bunce, b Long	23
B. R. Rosevear, c & b Wigram	0	Barker, b Whitton	1
M. S. Ford, b Marsh	0	Healey, not out	12
S. R. Long, not out	1	Winters, not out	11
M. J. Nelson, b Wigram	1		
R. J. M. Evans, c Barker	1		
Extras (b 2, lb 1)	3	Extras (lb 1, nb 1)	2
Total	90	Total (for 7 wkts)	91
Falls of Wickets: 1-68, 2-72, 3-73, 4-75, 5-86, 6-86, 7-87, 8-87, 9-88		Wigram and Ellis-Jones did not bat	
Bowling: Wigram 16-4-44-7, Ellis- Jones 6-0-29-0, Marsh 9-3-13-2		Fall of Wickets: 1-10, 2-29, 3-31, 4-42, 5-43, 6-68, 7-78	
Scoring Rate: 2.90		Bowling: Long 8-1-41-3, Whitton Whitton 8-5-50, Robey 1-0-2-0	
		Scoring Rate: 5.06	

v. Incogniti Cricket Club (h). 24th June.

Result: Draw.

<i>Abingdon School</i>		<i>Incogniti C.C.</i>	
J. M. Bunce, c Burley, b Jones	39	R. E. Ladbroke, b Long	12
D. M. Goodwin, st Frost, b James	32	J. M. H. Tilbury, c Whitton, b Ford	32
M. D. Nurton, b Lerwill	28	A. A. Hillary, c Nurton, b Ford	51
R. S. Ogg, c Jones, b Lerwill	34	P. Frost, b Whitton	48
D. A. Robey, b Lerwill	5	A. Lerwill, c Evans, b Robey	6
P. G. D. Whitton, c Tilbury, b Lerwill	37	Maj. O Kelly, c Long, b Goodwin	5
B. R. Rosevear, b Alton	18	A. S. Harrison, c Goodwin, b Ford	9
M. S. Ford, not out	5	G. Burley, b Whitton	4
S. R. Long, not out	14	P. Alton, b Whitton	0
		P. James, not out	10
		P. Jones, not out	5
Extras (b 2, lb 2)	4	Extras (lb 5)	5
Total (for 7 wkts dec)	216	Total (for 9 wkts)	187
M. J. Nelson and R. J. M. Evans did not bat		Fall of Wickets: 1-18, 2-94, 3-100, 4-112, 5-159, 6-159, 7-167, 8- 173, 9-173	
Fall of Wickets: 1-75, 2-75, 3-125, 4-139, 5-156, 6-195, 7-199		Bowling: Long 14-3-39-1, Whitton 12-3-33-3, Ford 13-2-61-3, Ro- bey 6-1-28-1, Goodwin 4-0-26-1	
Bowling: Ladbroke 3-0-12-0, Bur- ley 4-0-25-0, James 22-4-62-1, Jones 16-5-41-1, Lerwill 15-4- 42-4, Tilbury 1-0-10-0, Alton 6-0-17-1		Scoring Rate: 3.82	
Scoring Rate: 3.23			

v. St. Edward's School 2nd XI (a). 29th June.

Result: Won by 20 runs.

<i>Abingdon School</i>		<i>St. Edward's School</i>	
J. M. Bunce, b Wethey	30	Wilson, run out	11
D. M. Goodwin, c Wyatt, b Smart	43	Reed, b Ford	8
M. D. Nurton, lbw Smart	0	Wyatt, b Long	5
R. S. Ogg, c Reed, b Smart	0	Stevens, c Nelson, b Rosevear	24
D. A. Robey, c Reed, b Wethey	10	Hodson, c Nelson, b Rosevear	39
B. R. Rosevear, run out	8	Bell, run out	35
S. R. Long, c Edwards, b Smart	8	Davidson, c Evans, b Goodwin	21
M. S. Ford, not out	38	Wethey, b Long	0
M. J. Nelson, lbw Smart	13	Blair, c Bunce, b Goodwin	0
R. J. M. Evans, not out	3	Smart, not out	0
Extras (b 10, nb 5)	15	Edwards, c Long, b Goodwin	0
Total (for 8 wkts dec)	168	Extras (b 2, lb 3, nb 1)	6
R. I. S. Walker did not bat		Total	149
Fall of Wickets: 1-68, 2-72, 3-72, 4-80, 5-87, 6-97, 7-112, 8-161		Fall of Wickets: 1-10, 2-21, 3-32, 4-84, 5-93, 6-145, 7-145, 8-146, 9-148	
Bowling: Edwards 10-0-38-0, Wethey 15-4-57-2, Smart 15-3- 40-5, Bell 4-0-18-0		Bowling: Long 10-2-20-2, Ford 10-2-51-1, Robey 7-1-19-0, Rose- vear 5-0-22-2, Walker 3-0-16-0, Goodwin 3-5-0-13-3	
Scoring Rate: 3.82		Scoring Rate: 3.80	

v. Oratory School (a). 8th July.

Result: Oratory School won by 7 wkts.

Abingdon School

J. M. Bunce, c Barker, b Nicol	0
D. M. Goodwin, lbw Nicol	0
M. D. Nurton, c Cordess, b Nicol	4
R. S. Ogg, c Hakes, b Nicol	0
D. A. Robey, b Northey	0
B. R. Rosevear, c Hawkes, b P. Boos	14
M. S. Ford, c Balkomb, b Northey	1
S. R. Long, c R. Boos, b Northey	1
M. J. Nelson, c Nicol, b P. Boos	2
R. J. M. Evans, not out	2
R. I. S. Walker, b P. Boos	0
Extras (b 5, lb 7, nb 9)	21

Total 45

Fall of Wickets: 1-1, 2-4, 3-4, 4-5,
5-10, 6-19, 7-36, 8-42, 9-44

Bowling: Nicol 6-2-8-4, Northey

12-6-14-3, P. Boos 6-4-4-7-3

Scoring Rate: 1.80

Oratory School

Balkomb, c Goodwin, b Long	9
Hawkes, c Evans, b Walker	4
Urquhart, b Robey	10
Andrews, not out	12
Nicol, not out	4

Extras (b 5, lb 2, w 1) 8

Total (for 3 wkts) 47

Baker, Eley, P. Boos, Cordess,
Northey and R. Boos did not
bat

Fall of Wickets: 1-10, 2-23, 3-41

Bowling: Long 12-4-15-1, Walker
7-4-9-1, Robey 6-4-1-14-1, Good-
win 2-1-2-0 Scoring Rate: 1.74*v. Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe (h). 15th July.*

Result: Won by 72 runs.

Abingdon School

J. M. Bunce, c Fewtrell, b Stratford	2
D. M. Goodwin, c Holdship, b Perfect	43
R. S. Ogg, c Holdship, b Fewtrell	5
B. R. Rosevear, b Stratford	0
M. D. Nurton, b Perfect	23
D. A. Robey, b Barlow	7
S. R. Long, b Stratford	5
M. S. Ford, not out	32
M. J. Nelson, b Barlow	0
R. J. M. Evans, c Stratford, b Barlow	5
A. T. Barrett, not out	11
Extras (b 8, nb 2)	10

Total (for 9 wkts dec) 143

Fall of Wickets: 1-10, 2-10, 3-22
4-66, 5-80, 6-82, 7-107, 8-111,
9-117Bowling: Stratford 17-2-59-3, Few-
trell 8-0-27-1, Marlow 16-5-39-3,
Perfect 5-2-8-2

Scoring Rate: 3.11

High Wycombe

E. Holdship, c Evans, b Long	21
V. Punton, lbw Robey	0
J. Simpson, lbw Long	12
R. Browne, lbw Long	6
A. Riley, c Ogg, b Rosevear	5
B. Matthews, b Long	0
J. Barlow, c Nelson, b Ford	9
A. Ralley, b Long	0
R. Fewtrell, c Ford, b Robey	8
A. Perfect, not out	4
D. Stratford, c & b Robey	2

Extras (b 1, lb 1, nb 2) 4

Total 71

Fall of Wickets: 1-4, 2-29, 3-38,
4-45, 5-47, 6-47, 7-48, 8-66,
9-66Bowling: Long 13-3-28-5, Robey
9-3-16-3, Rosevear 7-1-19-1,
Ford 2-1-4-1

Scoring Rate: 2.29

v. Magdalen College School (h). 19th July.
Result: Magdalen College School won by 3 wkts.

<i>Abingdon School</i>		<i>Magdalen College School</i>	
J. M. Bunce, run out	13	D. S. Killagoure, c Nelson, b Long	0
D. M. Goodwin, c Tayler, b Martin	10	M. W. Keates, c Goodwin, b Ford	11
R. S. Ogg, c Martin, b Jennings	25	H. F. Naish, c Evans, b Ford	24
B. R. Rosevear, b Martin	3	B. B. Smith, c Nelson, b Ford	5
M. D. Nurton, c Warnock, b Martin	11	F. B. Day, c Robey, b Long	35
D. A. Robey, b Martin	4	J. D. Martin, c Bunce, b Ford	11
S. R. Long, not out	18	T. S. Tayler, c & b Ford	1
M. S. Ford, c Tayler, b Jennings	6	R. A. Warnock, not out	8
M. J. Nelson, lbw Martin	2	T. J. Mendham, not out	0
A. T. Barrett, not out	0	Extras (lb 3, nb 2)	5
Extras (b 4, lb 3)	7		
Total (for 8 wkts dec)	99	Total (for 7 wkts)	100
R. J. M. Evans did not bat		R. I. Jennings did not bat	
Fall of Wickets: 1-15, 2-29, 3-43, 4-57, 5-72, 6-77, 7-84, 8-97		Fall of Wickets: 1-0, 2-28, 3-35, 4-57, 5-71, 6-72, 7-97	
Bowling: Martin 22-6-44-5, Mendham 9-1-23-0, Jennings 17-6-25-2		Bowling: Long 10-0-33-2, Robey 8-0-25-0, Ford 7-0-37-5	
Scoring Rate: 2.15		Scoring Rate: 4.00	

1st XI BATTING AVERAGES

<i>Batsman</i>	<i>No. of Innings</i>	<i>Times Not Out</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Highest Score</i>	<i>Average</i>
Goodwin	15	0	548	110	36.5
Nurton	15	2	385	91	28.4
Bunce	15	2	326	55	25.0
Ford	11	5	139	38*	23.0
Whitton	9	2	137	38	19.86
Ogg	14	2	235	44	19.6
Long	11	7	75	18*	18.75
Robey	12	1	200	57	18.2
Rosevear	11	1	90	23*	9.0
Evans	6	3	15	5	5.0
Nelson	6	0	20	13	3.33
Walker	1	0	0	0	0.0
Barrett	2	2	11	11*	
Matson	1	1	5	5*	

1st XI BOWLING AVERAGES

Bowler	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Robey	110	19	295	21	14.05
Long	182	37	432	29	14.94
Ford	85	14	377	25	15.08
Whitton	105.5	25	317	21	15.10
Rosevear	80	12	193	11	17.55
Goodwin	65.5	11	239	13	18.63
Walker	10	4	25	1	25.0
Matson	33	5	90	0	

CATCHES

Evans—10, Bunce—7, Whitton—6, Robey—6, Nurton—5,
 Nelson—5, Goodwin—4, Ogg—4, Long—4, Ford—3,
 Matson—2.

SECOND ELEVEN

The team this year seemed from the first to be especially strong in batting. This was borne out by the fact that in only one match, against Wantage G.S. 1st XI, were all members of the Eleven required to bat and on average over the season the first four batsmen exceeded 20 runs. Veysey and Fairlie found form towards the end of the season while Walker was always reliable as No. 4 or 5.

The bowling, while less consistent, did not disgrace the side: in only the first match did we fail to capture all 10 wickets. Keeys, slow left-arm, took 22 wickets and could usually tie up the opposition while Walker, medium paced right-arm, contributed many a valuable second spell to dispose of batsmen well set.

The fielding was too variable to ensure the maximum benefit from the bowling but apart from a regrettable lapse at High Wycombe, it improved as the season progressed. In Veysey we found a keen and promising wicket-keeper/opening-bat who well deserved his half-colours. Walker eventually found a home in the slips where both he and Keeys, in the gully, fielded well and held many good catches. In the outfield Watts deserves especial mention for his keenness and efficiency. In the last match, at Magdalen the fielding of the whole eleven had never been better. Both on and off the field of play a keen and friendly spirit among its members enabled the team to enjoy its cricket and its most successful season ever.

Results

(Played 9, Won 7, Drawn 1, Lost 1)

13th May v. Newbury G.S. (a). Match Drawn.

Newbury 152-7dec. (Munson 4-34); Abingdon 113-8 (Nelson 27).

27th May v. Bloxham (a). Won by 5 wkts.

Bloxham 123 (Bampton 4-26, Walker 4-33); Abingdon 124-5 (Bampton 52 n.o., Walker 27 n.o.).

3rd June v. Abingdon C.C. (a). Won by 5 wkts.

Abingdon C.C. 67 (Keeyes 4-19); Abingdon 68-5.

10th June v. Solihull (a). Won by 3 wkts.

Solihull 92 (Keeyes 6-20); Abingdon 93-7 (Bampton 39 n.o.).

17th June v. Old Abingdonians (h). Won by 5 wkts.

O.A.'s 104 (Bampton 4-25, Keeyes 3-42); Abingdon 109-6 (Bampton 54 n.o., Veysey 28).

21st June v. Wallingford G.S. 1st XI (a). Won by 4 wkts.

Wallingford 102 (Bampton 5-32); Abingdon 106-6 (Veysey 32 n.o., Walker 25).

24th June v. Wantage G.S. 1st XI (h). Lost by 1 run.

Wantage 115 (Bampton 4-24, Keeyes 4-28); Abingdon 114 (Bampton 52, Wilson 22).

15th July v. R.G.S. High Wycombe (a). Won by 7 wkts.

R.G.S. 123 (Bampton 5-42, Keeyes 3-29); Abingdon 124-3 (Veysey 27, Bampton 37 n.o., Fairlie 37 n.o.).

22nd July v. Magdalen College School (a). Won by 5 wkts.

M.C.S. 111 (Walker 4-13, Bampton 4-30); Abingdon 113-5 (Fairlie 39, Veysey 38).

For the second season running the side was admirably captained by Bampton, R. J. C. — his third year with the team. His optimistic, watchful control of play and his example in all departments of the game, not least in the field and at nets, earned him the respect of the whole team. He is to be congratulated on the award of his Full Colours at the end of the season — an exceptional award made in recognition of special effort on behalf of the School.

The team was from: R. J. C. Bampton (Capt.); J. R. Veysey; M. J. Nelson; C. M. Davies; J. Fairlie; G. F. Keeyes; P. R. Munson; D. W. Taylor; J. C. M. Watts; R. I. S. Walker; S. R. Wilson; A. P. H. Wood.

C.D.B.M.

COLTS' ELEVEN

This has been one of the most enjoyable and successful seasons for some years. No matches had to be cancelled and the team played consistently with great keenness and no small degree of skill. The batting was steady and when runs were needed quickly they were usually to be had. It was pleasant to know that if one batsman failed there were plenty more to come, and in fact, out of thirteen players who batted at various times for the side, ten made scores of more than 20, while four had averages of more than 25. Nevertheless we did fail against Radley, when a slightly slower wicket caused a few early wickets, so that runs came too slowly and later wickets were sacrificed in an attempt to speed things up.

The bowling was never less than steady and sometimes quite hostile. Barrett and Dickinson were the openers, with Bent, Partridge and Bailey to follow, and all of them secured three wickets on at least one occasion. Moore, TB, playing as a substitute for Barrett in the last match, was the only bowler to secure five wickets in a match.

The fielding was always keen, though it is a sad fact that if all chances had been taken the result of at least one match might have been different, and throwing in was sometimes rather erratic. The chief fault, which was largely confined to a few people, was in running between the wickets; six wickets fell to run outs, all of them unnecessarily, and there were several near misses.

The great thing about this side was that it was a team and it had a splendid spirit. For this Bailey, the captain, was very largely responsible. He was a very good captain, who handled his bowling well, and by his own example, whether with bat or ball or in the field, or merely by refusing to be down-hearted when things didn't seem to be going too well, was an inspiration to his team. His faults, which he would be the first to own, was a certain impetuosity as a batsman.

The team was as follows: G. J. Bailey (Capt.); A. T. Barrett; T. R. Morris; D. A. M. Bent; I. W. D. Matson; D. S. Partridge; J. R. Jennings; C. C. Ford; J. W. Dickinson; P. N. Shellard; C. P. Trinder.

Also played: P. B. Godfrey (4 times); R. J. M. Evans, P. G. Henderson (twice); J. A. Rozier, F. J. Stiff, A. E. Johnson and T. B. Moore (once each).

Matches

(Played 7, Won 5, Drawn 1, Lost 1)

27th May v. Bloxham. Won. Abingdon 192 for 8 dec. (Jennings 46); Bloxham 56.

10th June v. Reading. Won. Abingdon 187 for 5 dec. (Jennings 66, Morris 50); Reading 83.

24th June v. Cokethorpe Park. Won. Abingdon 146; Cokethorpe Park 50.

28th June v. Douai. Won. Douai 119 for 9 dec.; Abingdon 122 for 6 (Shellard 44).

1st July v. St. Edward's. Drawn. St. Edward's 193 for 7 dec.; Abingdon 151 for 5 (Bent 50, Shellard 41).

8th July v. Radley. Lost. Abingdon 122 (Partridge 40); Radley 126 for 4.

19th July v. Magdalen College School. Won. Abingdon 140 for 4 dec. (Morris 60 not out); M.C.S. 85 (Moore 5 for 15). L.C.J.G.

JUNIOR COLTS' ELEVEN

This year's Junior Colts' XI was one of the strongest of recent times and started the season, as expected, in fine style. For various reasons its performances in the second half of the term did not always come up to expectations. With sides weakened through injury and the demands of the Colts, the last three matches were lost after close and exciting struggles in every case. In these matches stout resistance was offered by at least one member of the team and had the same fighting spirit been shown by the side as a whole it might well have come through the season undefeated.

The team fielded well throughout and very few catches were dropped and some fine ones held. Jennings captained the side thoughtfully, placing his field intelligently and handling the bowling well on the whole, although on one or two occasions it might be said that the fast bowlers were kept on rather too long.

Individual performances which call for mention are the consistent bowling of Partridge, who managed to maintain a good length and pick up wickets even when he did get hit, and the exceedingly mature innings of Ford against Oratory, when he made 65 out of the 78 made whilst he was at the wicket.

It was an enjoyable season during which a lot was learned and many can feel they are much improved players as a result. B.C.W.

Results

St. Bartholomew's, Newbury (a). Newbury 76; Abingdon 80-1 (Jennings 61 n.o.). Abingdon won by 9 wkts.

Salesian College (h). Salesian College 47 (Partridge 6-10); Abingdon 48-4 (Ford 22 n.o.). Abingdon won by 6 wkts.

Leighton Park (a). Leighton Park 73 (Partridge 5-30); Abingdon 76-2 (Shellard 24 n.o.). Abingdon won by 8 wkts.

Oratory (h). Oratory 138 (Partridge 6-34); Abingdon 104 (Ford 65). Oratory won by 34 runs.

St. Edward's. St. Edward's 101 (Davis, PH, 4-19, Evans 4-21); Abingdon 86 (Evans 31 n.o.). St. Edward's won by 15 runs.

R.G.S. High Wycombe. Abingdon 64 (Shellard 26); R.G.S. High Wycombe 65-8 (Partridge 3-8, Moore 3-22). R.G.S. High Wycombe won by 2 wks.

The team was: J. R. Jennings (Capt.); C. C. Ford; P. N. Shellard; P. B. Godfrey; A. E. Johnson; T. B. Moore; D. S. Partridge; C. P. Trinder; D. E. Joyce; P. H. Davis; A. G. Rowson.

Also played: J. G. King; M. S. Livingston; J. W. B. Dunthorne; R. B. Davis; P. J. Evans.

JUNIOR ELEVEN

The Junior XI did not look promising at the start of the season but they have done remarkably well, the full side winning 6 matches and losing only once, and the 'A' team having a win and a draw. Their success has been largely due to tremendous team spirit and will to win and the good captaincy of Evans. Jackson and Penney have been the best bowlers; the former is especially promising, having very good control for his age, and Penney has had some hostile spells. Evans bowled well against Cokethorpe. The batting has been unreliable, Evans, Davies and Miller being the only ones capable of taking charge and making a big score. The last two have played fine attacking innings. Blackburn and Painton have improved notably and Heading has been a more than useful tail-enders. Painton is a most promising wicket-keeper too, and in the field the side has had moments of true inspiration — Morgan, Gillespie, Davies and Heading being the best. Burns, Ware, Brice, Harper and Hassett have all played their parts when called upon. One will remember the team that still boldly and determinedly played to win when Magdalen were 80 for 2 (needing 104 to win), brought them to 92 to 4, and finally ran the last man out to win by one run.

M.W.V.

Results

May 13th v. Newbury (h). Won by 10 wks.

May 27th v. Bloxham (a). Won by 13 runs.

June 10th v. Reading (h). Won by 19 runs.

June 24th v. Cokethorpe Park (a). Won by 8 wks.

July 8th v. Radley (h). Lost by 5 wks.

July 15th v. R.G.S. High Wycombe (h). Won by 2 wks.

July 22nd v. Magdalen (a). Won by 1 run.

('A' XI)

June 3rd v. Milton House (h). Won by 49 runs.

June 21st v. New College School (a). Drawn.

Regular members of the team were: P. J. Evans (Capt.); R. B. Davis; R. A. Jackson; D. W. Penney; J. C. Mellor; P. H. Painton; M. J. Heading; P. H. Blackburn; J. B. Morgan; R. F. Gillespie.

The following have also played in the full team: N. D. Brice; N. G. Burns; J. N. Harper; J. W. Hassett; N. C. Ware; and A. C. Hoddinott, R. Coombes and G. Walkinshaw played in the 'A' team.

ROWING

The Boat Club has had a reasonably good season, although once again it was perhaps a little disappointing that the senior crews did not win any of their events at regattas. It must, however be pointed out that the class of event for which we are entering these days is much higher than was possible three years ago. The aim is to increase our standard each year so that eventually we shall have our successes in these events. We do not intend to go in for 'pot-hunting' merely to please certain uninformed critics whose criteria appear to be based solely on the number of trophies we are able to display.

The 1st VIII suffered to some extent at the beginning of the term through re-organisation necessitated by the withdrawal of one member of the Lent crew, and, too, because of various setbacks which had occurred in that term, and they were thus slow to develop. Eventually they found their form and at Henley were very much faster than last year. The 2nd VIII had their troubles as well, a particular blow being the injury which finally forced Loukes who had stroked so well to give up his place. Moss, who took over as stroke, did a fine job. The 3rd VIII, stroked by Bowthorpe, were a remarkably fine crew, their finest performance perhaps being their defeat of Bedford Modern School's Colts VIII and 3rd VIII in two excellent races at Bedford on the same day. It should be explained that this crew began the season as a Colts' VIII but were reclassified to enable them to row in a light ship. At least seven of them would be permitted to row as Colts for two more years. Four of them, all under sixteen, were entered for the Schoolboy Fours at Wallingford Regatta, an event for which the age limit is seventeen, and won the cup presented by the late Lord Glyn of Farnborough, and this after only one practice outing in a clinker four before the regatta. The future seems bright with such talent on its way up. We also produced a 'Junior' Colts VIII, and various fours from what had been known as the 4th VIII and below.

Materially, progress is slow but sure. Work is in progress on the new piece of river frontage which should be ready for use next season, but so far we have not found any means of acquiring the additional Boat House which is so urgently needed, although the site is ready and waiting. Our thanks are due to various anonymous donors for financial assistance which will help us in buying more bank tubs for training

purposes: it would have been impossible to do this without their help and we are grateful.

Finally, a word of welcome to the Gryphon Boat Club, now officially registered as our holiday rowing club. It is indeed gratifying that this new venture is due very largely to the initiative and enterprise of the boys concerned. Its first official appearances will be in fours at Maidenhead Regatta and Henley Town and Visitors Regatta over the Bank Holiday weekend.

CREWS

1st VIII

Bow	R. G. M. Johnston	10-13
2	D. R. Gerring	11-0
3	R. A. Bickers	13-2
4	M. J. Evans	12-11
5	P. A. Merriman	12-11
6	M. D. T. Nash	11-3
7	A. J. Mackenzie	12-4
Stroke	T. A. Sewry	11-8
Cox	D. F. K. Smith	9-5

(Nash and Evans exchanged these positions at Henley)

2nd VIII

Bow	J. R. Morse	11-11
2	A. A. Venn	10-10
3	J. V. Comfort	11-13
4	R. A. Lucas	11-6
5	C. T. Pollard	11-10
6	B. A. F. Burn	10-11
7	J. A. R. Willis	11-6
Stroke	I. W. Moss	10-7
Cox	J. F. Hann	6-7

(Up to Wallingford Regatta N. P. Loukes rowed at Stroke)

3rd VIII

Bow—S. J. Baker; 2—W. M. Jamieson; 3—E. C. C. Crouch; 4—R. C. Platt; 5—M. J. I. Day; 6—E. D. J. Hunter; 7—J. J. Mackenzie; Stroke—J. Bowthorpe; Cox—B. E. Goldsworthy.

1st IV

Bow	C. R. Llewellyn
2	A. R. L. Hewison
3	J. B. Goodman
Stroke	R. S. Capstick
Cox	I. Naylor

2nd IV

Bow	W. M. Jamieson
2	I. W. Mos
3	M. J. I. Day
Stroke	R. C. Platt
Cox	B. Marks

'Schoolboy' Four

Bow	S. J. Baker
2	E. D. J. Hunter
3	J. J. Mackenzie
Stroke	J. Bowthorpe
Cox	B. E. Goldsworthy

Results

FIRST EIGHT

May 20th, Thames Ditton Regatta. Junior-Senior Eights.

1st Round: Lost to Hampton Grammar School.

May 27th v. Magdalen College School. Home.

Won by 3 lengths. A good row.

May 31st v. Bedford Modern School. Away.

Lost by 1½ lengths. A sluggish row.

June 3rd, Oxford Royal Regatta. Senior-Junior Eights.

Semi-Final: Beat Wycliffe College by $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths.

Final: Lost to St. John's College I by 2 lengths.

The crew rowed extremely well in both races. In the Final they just could not hold their very fast opponents in the final straight of this sprint course.

June 10th, Wallingford Regatta. Senior Eights.

Lost to Balliol College by $\frac{1}{2}$ length.

A good row: a really good spurt at the half distance might have given us the race.

June 17th, Reading Amateur Regatta. Junior-Senior Eights.

Beat National Provincial Bank by 3 lengths and lost to St. George's College by $\frac{1}{2}$ length.

This was very disappointing as we led by a length after a minute and then unaccountably dropped the rating to let St. George's go by. Over a short course this luxury cannot be afforded!

June 24th, Marlow Regatta. Marlow Eights.

Lost to Walton R.C. and Midland Bank by 3 lengths after a clash and re-start. Uninspired!

July 5th, Henley Royal Regatta. Princess Elizabeth Cup.

Lost to Oundle by $\frac{1}{2}$ length. A good fast row.

Barrier 2.05. Fawley 3.30. Finish 7.12. This was one of the fastest heats of the day.

SECOND VIII

May 20th, Thames Ditton Regatta. Junior Eights.

1st Round: Beat Queen Mary College.

2nd Round: Lost to Anglian R.C.

May 31st v. Bedford Modern School. Away.

Lost by $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths.

June 3rd, Oxford Royal Regatta. Junior Eights.

Lost to Monmouth School I by 1 length.

June 10th, Wallingford Regatta. Junior Eights.

Lost to Radley College by 3 lengths.

June 17th, Reading Amateur Regatta. Junior Eights.

Beat Downing College easily and lost to Thames R.C. by $\frac{1}{2}$ length.

June 24th, Marlow Regatta. Junior Eights.

Beat London R.C. and lost to Trinity Hall B.C.

THIRD VIII

May 20th, Thames Ditton Regatta. Junior Clinker Eights.

Lost to Quintin B.C.

May 27th v. Magdalen College School II. Home.

Won by 5 lengths.

May 31st v. Bedford Modern School. Away.

Race 1: Beat B.M.S. Colts by $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths.

Race 2: Beat B.M.S. III by 3 lengths.

June 3rd, Reading Clinker Regatta. Maiden Eights.

Beat Westminster School II and St. Edward's School Colts.

Lost to Radley College IV by a canvas.

June 22nd, Pangbourne Schools' Regatta.

Race 1: Beat Magdalen College School II; Lost to Shrewsbury Sch. II.

Race 2: Beat King's School, Worcester II; Lost to St. Paul's III.

1st IV

June 3rd, Reading Clinker Regatta. Maiden Fours.

Lost to Exeter College B.C.

June 10th, Wallingford Regatta. Maiden Fours.

1st Round: Beat Cokethorpe School by $\frac{1}{2}$ length.

2nd Round: Beat Berkhamstead School by $\frac{1}{2}$ length.

3rd Round: Lost to High Wycombe R.G.S.

2nd IV

June 10th, Wallingford Regatta. Maiden Fours.

1st Round: Lost to Windsor G.S. by $2\frac{1}{2}$ lengths.

'SCHOOLBOY' IV

June 10th, Wallingford Regatta. Schoolboy Fours.

Round 1: Beat Whitecross School, Hereford by 3 lengths.

Round 2: Beat Sutton School 'B' by 2 lengths.

Final: Beat Sutton School 'A' by $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths.

In addition the Junior Colts lost a private race to Culham College and three of our fours won private fixtures against Abingdon R.C. and two Social Fours from Radley College.

BOAT CLUB REGATTA

The Regatta was held on Culham Reach on 22nd July.

Results

Bennett Cup for Senior House Fours—Bennett beat Blacknall.

Pixell Cup for Intermediate House Fours—Reeves beat Bennett.

Morrell Cup for Junior House Fours—Tesdale beat Blacknall.

Pierpoint Cup—Boarders beat Dayboys.

Haarhoff Cup and Mayor's Waterman Trophy—C. H. Woodham beat A. A. Venn. (This was the best Final of this event so far seen, between two good scullers).

Eights: Leavers v. 'The Rest' not rowed.

We are grateful to Miss Gingell for presenting the prizes.

R.G.M.

TENNIS

This year's 1st VI — of whom five will be with us next year — appeared at the start of the season to be rather weak. However it gained strength as the season went on, and out of the 11 matches played, 6 were won. The weather was kind to us this year and only a few practices and one match were rained off.

Leather, PJ and Weir as 1st pair played consistently throughout the season. Leather has found some of the power that was lacking last year and is a much improved player. Weir, although he plays with great accuracy and control, must learn to hit the ball harder, particularly with his service.

The second pair, Bampton and Dixon, played well at times but were too often inconsistent. However their fighting spirit and hard hitting several times brought them victory from long sets. Half the season was over before a 3rd pair was found who could play well together, but eventually Newbold and Leather, D became the regular pair. Newbold is a promising player who has developed a number of powerful shots during the season. Leather, D found his assets were a sound service and strong forehand drive.

The Buckley Cup appeared to be the most open for many years, for there were six players who were capable of winning it on their day. Practice told, and in the final Weir met Leather, PJ and won 6—4, 4—6, 6—1.

We thank Mr. Lay most warmly for the helpful coaching which he has given to our juniors; we also congratulate P. J. Leather, D. Weir and K. W. R. Dixon on the award of their colours.

First VI Matches

(1st pair: P. J. Leather and D. Weir; 2nd pair: R. W. J. Bampton and K. W. R. Dixon; 3rd pair: I. J. Newbold and D. Leather; also played: I. A. D. Martin and N. H. Finney).

v. The Common Room	won	5—4
v. Culham College	lost	$\frac{1}{2}$ —8 $\frac{1}{2}$
v. Radley College	lost	$\frac{1}{2}$ —8 $\frac{1}{2}$
v. Magdalen College School	lost	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ —7 $\frac{1}{2}$
v. Bloxham School	won	8 $\frac{1}{2}$ — $\frac{1}{2}$
v. Pangbourne Nautical College	lost	4—5
v. Reading School	won	7—2
v. Old Abingdonians	won	5—4
v. Leighton Park School 2nd VI	won	7—2
v. Abingdon L.T.C.	won	7—2
v. Berkhamsted School	lost	0—9

The match against R.G.S. High Wycombe was rained off.

Second VI Matches

(1st pair: I. A. D. Martin and M. P. M. Hart; 2nd pair: T. J. King and J. J. F. Burn; 3rd pair: N. H. Finney and A. E. W. Willey; also played: D. Leather, C. T. Gresswell, P. L. Hedges).

v. Culham College	lost 2—6 unfinished
v. Magdalen College School	lost 1—8
v. Bloxham School	won 9—0
v. City of Oxford School 1st VI	lost $\frac{1}{2}$ —8 $\frac{1}{2}$
v. "Mixed Staff"	won 6—3
v. Salesian College	lost 1—8
v. Oratory School	won 5—4

Junior VI Matches

(1st pair: T. J. King and J. J. F. Burn; 2nd pair: N. H. Finney and N. R. Leach; 3rd pair: A. D. Gardner and P. E. Dixon; also played: R. A. Hayward).

v. Dragon School	lost 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ —5 $\frac{1}{2}$ unfinished
v. Douai School	lost 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ —6 $\frac{1}{2}$
v. Salesian College	drawn 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ —4 $\frac{1}{2}$

We congratulate P. J. Leather and D. Weir on their appointments as next season's Captain and Secretary of Tennis respectively.

R.W.J.B.

ATHLETICS

More seniors than ever before opted to do full time athletics during the summer term, and a number of juniors found it was possible to do athletics as well as play cricket.

This large number of would-be athletes high-lighted the problem of training facilities as it is not usually possible to have cricket and athletics going on simultaneously. A number of boys joined the newly founded North Berks Athletics Club which has training sessions on two evenings a week at the Larkmead School track, and we are very grateful to Mr. Bull of Fitzharry's School for allowing a number of boys to go and train with his club after normal school hours.

In the triangular match with Pocklington and Stamford, all three teams had competitors who for one reason or another had done little training for their events, but the overall standard was very high. In the high jump Nelson cleared 5ft. 6ins. — better than his own School record — but only managed to secure 3rd place on fewer failures.

Results

*v. Pocklington and Stamford Schools (at Stamford),
Tuesday, 23rd May, 1961.*

- 100 yards: 1—Ewan (P), 10.2; =4—Talbot and Ganf.
 220 yards: 1—Ewan (P), 22.4; 2—Talbot; 3—Ganf.
 440 yards: 1—Sullivan (S), 52.2; 3—Britten; 5—Luker.
 880 yards: 1—Sullivan (S), 2:0.4; 3—Bett; 4—Butt.
 Mile: 1—Hance (S), 4:43; 4—Bett; 6—Kirby.
 High Jump: 1—Hewitt (P), 5ft. 10ins.; 3—Nelson.
 Long Jump: 1—Nickerson (S), 19ft. 10½ins.; 2—Blair; 6—Hall, GA.
 Shot: 1—Kirby (P), 41ft. 0ins.; 2—Rosevear; 4—Talbot.
 Discus: 1—Talbot, 135ft. 10ins.; 3—Marsh, TA.
 Javelin: 1—Robinson (P), 154ft. 3½ins.; 3—Brice, DJ; 4—Marsh, TA.
 Relay (4 x 110): 1—Pocklington; 2—Stamford; 3—Abingdon.
 Pocklington—81 pts.; Stamford—64 pts.; Abingdon—53 pts.

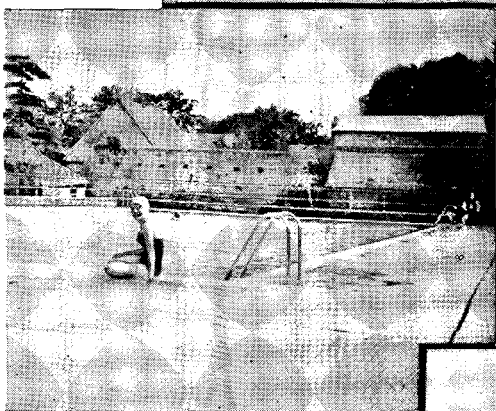
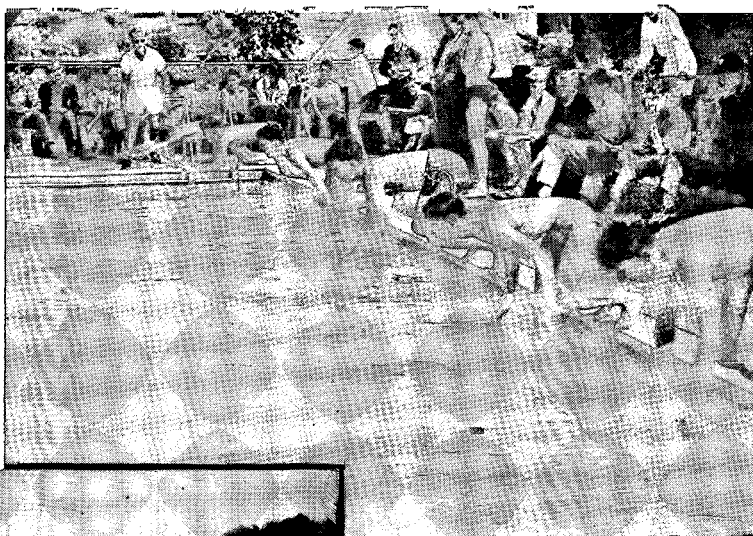
A number of boys competed in the Berkshire County Championships on 27th May. Bett won the junior steeplechase, but in rather a slow time, and several others performed well and reached the final of their events.

Following our success in the North Berks Schools Championships (in which we had fourteen 1st places, nine 2nd, and five third), seventeen boys were invited to represent North Berks in the County Schools' Championships at Palmer Park, Reading on 24th June.

Those who reached the finals were:

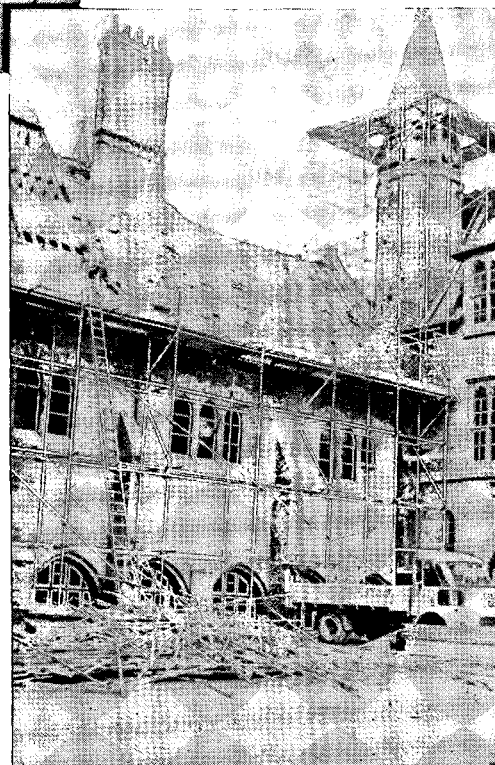
- Under 15 High Jump: 2nd—A. E. Johnson, 5ft. 0ins.
 Under 17 High Jump: 4th—P. E. Cable, 5ft. 3ins.
 Under 19 Long Jump: 2nd—G. A. Hall, 17ft. 0ins.
 Under 17 Discus: 1st—T. A. Marsh, 137ft. 5½ins.
 Under 15 100 yards: 6th—A. O. B. Akinbiyi.
 Under 19 100 yards: 3rd—J. M. Talbot, 10.6 secs.
 Under 15 220 yards: 1st—N. J. P. Bell, 25.3 secs.
 Under 17 220 yards: 5th—P. J. F. Blair.
 Under 19 220 yards: 2nd—J. M. Talbot, 24.2 secs.
 Under 17 880 yards: 2nd—R. M. Kirby, 2 mins. 10.9 secs.
 Under 19 880 yards: 1st—M. J. Bett, 2 mins. 5.1 secs.
 4th—J. P. G. Butt.
 Under 17 Mile: 3rd—D. J. Aplin, 4 mins. 53 secs.

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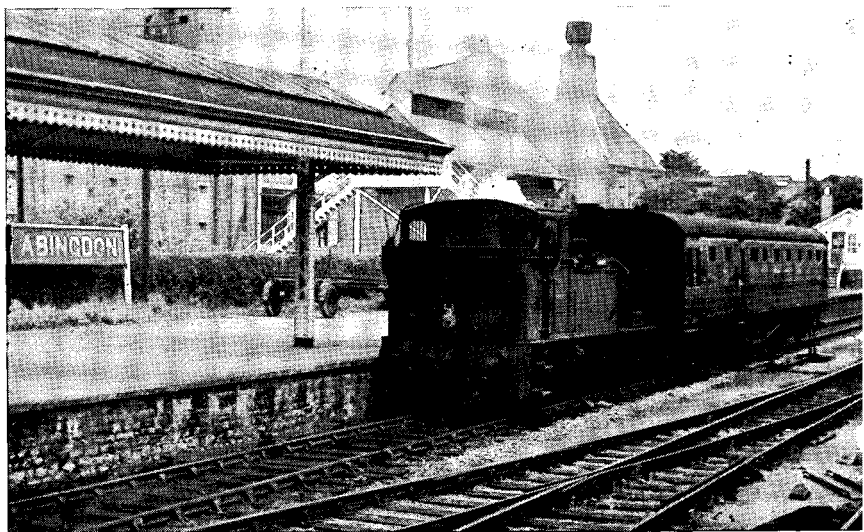
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THIRD
OBJECTIVE
(First Stage)





MORLAND PRIZEWINNER



OLD FAITHFUL (see page 116)

Bosley, PV and Akinbiyi; Marsh, VA and Blair; Hall and Talbot were members of the North Berks relay teams in their respective age groups, all three of which finished second.

N. J. P. Bell, G. G. Ganf and J. M. Talbot had the honour to be selected to represent Berkshire in the All England Schools' Meeting at Chesterfield, but Bell had to withdraw because of examination commitments. Ganf and Talbot each finished third in their heat of the 100 yards and 220 yards respectively and later ran in the relay.

R.H.B.

SWIMMING

Although we had the use of our own pool for three weeks only at the end of the Summer Term, the large number of non-swimmers and life-savers under instruction benefited greatly. Mr. Coleman was able to give considerably more attention to both groups during these three weeks than he has been able to do in the past. The life-savers had an added incentive this year since boys holding the Bronze Medallion or higher awards of the Royal Life Saving Society could use the School pool without a master being present.

The following fifteen boys were successful in the Life Saving Examination held on Friday, 28th July, in the School Pool: R. N. Carter, G. T. Milford-Scott, B. R. Rosevear—Award of Merit; R. F. W. Budden—Instructor's Certificate; J. M. Beere, R. H. M. BurrIDGE, D. N. Clare, C. M. Davis, A. W. Foster, C. B. Gosling, G. F. Keeys, J. S. Kelly, R. H. Mooshead, I. W. Moss, S. A. J. Richardson—Bronze Medallion. In addition to these, one or two others are intending to take Life-Saving Examinations at the beginning of the Michaelmas Term.

The Swimming Sports this year were held in our own pool on Wednesday, 26th July, and the new pool and ideal conditions produced a crop of records. Bennett House won the Green Cup for the House with the highest number of points, Reeves House coming a close second. The Senior Victor Ludorum was won by B. R. Rosevear (18 points) with P. H. Blackburn (16 points) runner up. The prizes and certificates were presented by Miss Felicite Kinder.

RESULTS

Open Free Style, 2 lengths (Record: 34 secs):

1—Mackenzie, JJ; 2—Davis, CM; 3—Talbot. 30.6 secs.

Junior Diving:

1—Walkinshaw, G; 2—Rawlins; 3—Wharton, A.

U/16 Breast Stroke, 4 lengths (Record: 1 min. 34 secs.):

1—Morris, TR; 2—Holloway; 3—Ramsey. 1 min. 27.3 secs.

Open Free Style, 4 lengths (Record: 1 min. 17 secs.):

1—Davis, CM; 2—Rosevear; 3—Hunter. 1 min. 14.9 secs.

U/14 Back Stroke, 2 lengths (Record: 48.6 secs):

1—Blackburn; 2—Wharton, C; 3—Wharton, A. 40.2 secs.

Open Breast Stroke, 4 lengths (Record: 1 min. 32.6 secs):

1—Moss; 2—Morris, TR; 3—Milford-Scott. 1 min. 26.1 secs.

U/16 Free Style, 4 lengths (Record: 1 min. 24.2 secs.):

1—Blackburn; 2—Schuck; 3—Wharton, C. 1 min. 21.9 secs.

Senior Diving:

1—Rosevear; 2—Burridge; 3—Platt.

Open Back Stroke, 4 lengths (Record: 1 min. 39.6 secs.):

1—Milford-Scott; 2—Hunter; 3—Davis, CM. 1 min. 13 secs.

U/14 Breast Stroke, 2 lengths (Record: 49.6 secs):

1—Walkinshaw, G; 2—Coomber; 3—Blackburn. 45.4 secs.

Open Free Style, 10 lengths (Record: 3 mins. 51 secs.):

1—Rosevear; 2—Davis, CM; 3—Capstick. 4 mins. 0.6 secs.

U/16 Back Stroke, 2 lengths (Record: 45.7 secs):

1—Wharton, A; 2—Hunter; 3—Davis, RB. 41.5 secs.

Open Breast Stroke, 10 lengths (Record: 4 min. 10.9 secs.):

1—Moss; 2—Carter, RN; 3—Ganf. 4 mins. 13.4 secs.

U/14 Free Style, 2 lengths (Record: 38.3 secs):

1—Blackburn; 2—Schuck; 3—Wharton, A. 33.8 secs.

Junior Relay (4 x 1 length):

1—Bennett; 2—Tesdale; 3—Blacknall. 1 min. 12.9 secs.

Senior Relay (Medley: 4 x 1 length):

1—Reeves; 2—Bennett; 3—Tesdale. 1 min. 3.6 secs.

Green Cup—Bennett House; Eliot Cup—Rosevear; Becker Cup (10 lengths Free Style)—Rosevear.

R.F.W.B.

COMBINED CADET FORCE

Our number, because of the trifling intake in this transitional year and an usually high number of resignations, had, by the end of the school year, dropped to a "new low" of 228 Cadets. It is hoped that there will be maximum recruitment in September from the 4th forms, to redress this state of affairs.

Field Day was held in fine weather on 9th May. Specialist sections carried out training arranged by their several sponsors, while 'B' Coy., on Cumnor Hurst, put finishing touches to their training for the Proficiency Test. This took place on Friday, 12th May, and 32 Cadets passed out of 43, 11 of them with credit. Of the 11 failures, 10 failed narrowly in Drill only. For these — thanks to the co-operation of District H.Q., who waived the regulation that an Examining Board

cannot be convened for a number less than 20 — a re-test in Drill was arranged for late July; and a Special Drill Squad was formed to bring these weaker brethren up to scratch. In the event, only 8 of the 10 took the exam, and all passed — a satisfactory state of affairs . . . The R.A. Section had 4 Candidates this term for Classification, and here too there was 100% success.

The annual Inspection was carried out by General Sir Montagu Stopford, G.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., on Friday, 16th June. This was a big success: the standard of the Ceremonial Parade and March Past was as high as, if not better than, anything seen in recent years, while the training was carried out with snap and energy. The whole parade bore the stamp of quality; and we hope that next year we shall see quantity as well.

We were sorry indeed to be unable to go to Bisley; but there was some good postal shooting, notably against Dover, when we registered a "best-ever" score of 506. Individual cups were won by Cpl. McPherson (Senior) and Cadet Gregson (Under 16), the latter for the second year in succession; while the House Shooting Cup was retained by Bennett.

During term, the following Senior promotions were made:

To U/O.: C.S.M. Martin.

To C.S.M.: C.Q.M.S. Hart, Libby, Riddick, Woodham.

Congratulations to C.S.M. Riddick on passing his R.C.B., for entry into Sandhurst, and to D. J. Brice on being accepted for the same institution should the Navy turn him down.

ANNUAL CAMP: OKEHAMPTON

A Contingent of 5 Officers, 2 P.S.I.'s and 52 Other Ranks attended Camp at Southern Command Battle Camp, Okehampton, from 1st to 9th August, with 14 other schools. It was a new venue for us, and, when the rain and Dartmoor mists permitted, we sought to make the most of the opportunities afforded by the moorland country for map-reading patrols and adventure training. Under this latter head, a 48-hour scheme, due to have lasted from the Thursday morning until lunch-time on the Saturday, and to have finished up with an exercise in infiltration, had in fact to be curtailed, owing to the severe conditions encountered on the Thursday night, and throughout the Friday. Weather, which had been delightful at the outset, improved again by lunch-time on the Saturday, and we set off that afternoon, in blustery but otherwise fine conditions to make a first "acquaintance" with our rifles on the Willsworthy range, some 10 miles away from Camp. Alas, man disposes . . . man in the shape of the Range Warden and his minions, all of whom, apparently, had taken advantage of the bad conditions during the morning to make a Bank Holiday weekend of it!

We found the place locked and deserted. This was our only range-allocation, and it was a real blow to miss this opportunity. The more so as a certain amount of Bren instruction had been given, by Regulars and "others", during the spell of prolonged bad weather, and it had been planned to put in some firing with this weapon now so unfamiliar to most of our Cadets. A fine day on Bank Holiday enabled us to carry out a long-range patrol exercise over some typical moorland, but once more the weather took a hand on the last day, and a formal contact-battle, the only exercise of a traditional kind that had been proposed, had to be abandoned: facilities for drying existed more in theory than in fact and this circumstance was a real deterrent. So, for the first time ever, our rifles in the finish never got an airing at all!

Highlights of life within the Camp: good food, provided by a Civilian Caterer; the steep walk, from the Contingent lines in old Harness huts to the officers' quarters on the exposed hill-top, the "élan" shown by Lt. Fairhead as a driver of Army vehicles; the neatness of kit-layout each morning, with Sgt. Venn narrowly the individual winner; the substantial Contingent of 2 Officers and 12 Cadets who, on the Sunday morning, attended Communion in Okehampton, accompanied by 1 + 7 of Merchant Taylors — and no others; and the amusement we all derived from being photographed in pouring rain, after an interlude of bright sunshine had been "regimentally employed" by C.S.M. Riddick in marshalling the soldiers for the impending downpour . . .

We were very sorry to lose Ellaway, a victim of the arduous exercise, who was taken to the M.R.S. with septic blisters, and recovered only on the last day; and glad indeed to have with us C.S.M. Wiblin, who produced many a healing brew at times when this comfort was much needed.

Into each life some rain must fall; quite a shower fell into ours during our time at Dartmoor; but this will surely have served at least in retrospect to heighten the pleasure that we experienced whenever the sun shone on the fascinating and challenging country. Even the Colonel was moved to take a fair dollop of walking exercise!

S.C.P.

ROYAL NAVAL SECTION

It was decided to break away from the normal examination routine during the summer term in favour of activities of more general interest, and so the major part of the term was spent by the more senior members of the section either doing a course of elementary navigation, or in charting the river. We shall hope to complete the latter operation at a later date.

Field Day was held at the Passive Defence School in Portsmouth when an interesting day was spent in combating flooding in a specially constructed unit and where we saw a fascinating demonstration of buoyancy and its application to damage control.

The Annual Inspection seemed to be reasonably successful, and the marching of the section was well up to standard.

We are losing a number of senior members this term, including our two Petty Officers, S. R. Long and P. W. P. Briten, both of whom have done an enormous amount for the section. We wish them and all others who have left us the very best of luck for the future.

Annual Training — Malta

Sixteen cadets, Mr. Moore and the officer-in-charge left England on the last day of term to spend ten days as the guests of the Royal Naval Air Station at Hal Far in Malta. They were ten very crowded days, full of interest, and the more enjoyable for being accompanied by hot sunshine, and for the most part clear skies. The programme was varied and interesting — there was a good deal of boatwork, in various kinds of power boat; little sailing, unfortunately, due to lack of wind at the right time; two days at sea, the first in three minesweepers, when some of the boys learnt something about the more ordinary and less glamorous side of the navy — and the second and extremely well-organised visit to *H.M.S. Girdleness* when she went out and actually fired a guided missile. This was a most impressive day and we really felt we had witnessed something very out of the ordinary. An evening was spent in flying control and watching ground controlled landings. Another morning was given up to a flight in aircraft which were carrying out a navigation exercise, lasting about two hours — much better than a specially arranged half hour 'tourist' flip. Thus the naval side of things was well catered for.

Most of us spent a good deal of time in the sea. Hal Far has a series of swimming places and we were able to make full use of them. Swimming in the warm buoyant water was sheer delight and it was sometimes an effort to tear ourselves away from it in order to see something of the rest of the island.

There was in fact quite a lot to see in the rest of the island. We were taken round a good deal of it in a bus, and there was much more that we found for ourselves. The most unusual thing which Malta has is a number of prehistoric temples dating from 2,000 B.C. We managed to see several of these, including a unique underground temple, which surprised us by the finish imparted to its stonework by the most primitive tools — it had also an 'oracle hole' which was so arranged that a male voice would resonate while a female would not, and listening to the sound of our guide's voice reverberating through the

cavern it was easy to imagine the effect on a superstitious people who would be listening to it in complete darkness. There was also a cave which contained fossils and bones of animals dating from very early times indeed. Some of us visited Mdina, the former capital of the island — called locally 'The Silent City' — a charming mediaeval place with narrow streets clustering within its walls on a great rock overlooking the rest of the island.

Malta in summer is a brown island, and has little natural beauty. Abiding memories will be our entry into Grand Harbour when we arrived, and the cluster of Dghajsas which came out to meet the 'Star of Malta' — a star whose eclipse was more imminent than we knew — and the great domed churches dominating the skyline as the priests dominate the lives of the people.

We left Malta — fifteen hours late — in an Italian ship, the Star of Malta having failed to start, and so lost the day we had planned at Syracuse. The next day, however, made up for all. The Observer School at Hal Far has a liaison with the Italian Fleet Air Arm at Catania and had arranged a bus and a guide to take us to Etna. It was an enthralling experience. Unfortunately, the cable railway which goes to the Observatory at 9,000 ft. was out of action due to high winds, but half of us, including the four youngest members of the party, climbed to the Observatory on foot, and would have reached the summit had time allowed. It was not a difficult climb, indeed it was little more than a walk, but at that height every step requires a considerable effort, and it was interesting to observe the effect on ourselves.

A rapid dash round Rome on the following day left many of the party determined to go back there one day (most of them threw coins in the fountain to make it more certain), and then soon we were in the last foreign train and en route for London. It had been undoubtedly the most interesting annual training we have ever had, and we hope to repeat it some time.

L.C.J.G.

SCOUTS

(34th North Berks)

During the term a series of weekend camps was held on ground at Buildings Farm, Frilford, by kind permission of Mr. G. B. Sharp. By this means over two dozen of the younger members of the Troop were initiated into camp life. Meanwhile the senior patrol constructed a twenty foot tower on Lower Field from which, on Founder's Day, they conducted an aerial runway. As usual the Troop was responsible for distributing the 'At Home' programmes on Founder's Day.

Twenty-seven members of the Troop attended Summer Camp, held at Slaughterford, near Chippenham in the Southern Cotswolds. A very

pleasant site with a stream flowing through it — a stream which provided both washing facilities and a source for dam building and bridge throwing. Despite the wettest camp for some years and packing up soaking wet canvas, the campers thoroughly enjoyed themselves. For the first time there was an active senior patrol — which included a French scout — and much of the activity was conducted by them. A hike, a night wide game, sports, camp fires and a keenly contested patrol competition all helped to ward off any dampening of spirits. The fact that all but three returned with at least second class standard showed that the serious side of scouting was not neglected.

M.N.W.

MUSIC NOTES

This term has seen a considerable variety of musical activity in the School, ranging from 16th century music for brass ensemble to 20th century songs sung by the Choral Society. The first performance of the term was the staff recital, given this time by our four string teachers. This was planned as a quartet recital, but by the time the programme was announced it had grown to include a suite for eight 'cellos by Villa Lobos. From among the many other items so well played, it is perhaps unfair to single out this alone, but the sonority and novelty of the 'cellos made it the highlight of the evening. Next term Mr. Vernon Jones has kindly agreed to give a piano recital.

The second Sunday evening concert was given in Chapel by the Renaissance Music Group. This is a new venture — the group was formed only last term — and the players (of brass, strings and recorder), gave a very good account of themselves in music which was delightfully unconventional. Some of the brass items in this concert were repeated with great success at the Friends of Abingdon Garden Fete. Brass music sounds well out-of-doors, and although this was intended as background music, the players collected a sizeable and appreciative audience.

Partly because of the need to provide more time for chamber music, and also to provide something more than just another period of music appreciation each week, the Music Society has been made into a performers' group, with an open meeting every month and the intervening meetings spent in rehearsal. As this only happened in the last month of term, little has been performed yet, but we hope it will fill an important place in the various forms of music available.

The brass band played well for the annual C.C.F. inspection, although they were fewer than last year. The School is acquiring some new brass instruments so we hope the band will grow next term.

The Chapel Choir had its annual excursion to Winchester in June. It was a great experience to sing in the Cathedral in a Festal Evensong

organised by the R.S.C.M. and including about ten choirs from other schools.

The House Music Competition took place on the 16th July. This term we heard the House choirs and orchestras. It was rather disappointing to find that one House could not provide an orchestra, but in all fairness it should be said that luck plays a large part here — the winners, Reeves, were fortunate in having so many fairly senior players. They deserved their victory, though some good playing by Bennett made it a close fight.

The activities of the Choral Society, the Senior and Junior orchestras, and the Recorder Club are summarised in the report on the Evening Entertainment in which they performed.

The results of this term's Associated Board examinations are not available at the time of writing. There was a larger entry than usual, including an encouraging number of junior violinists.

G.M.P.

HANDS ACROSS THE SEA

In our last issue we recorded the highly successful expedition to Nevers which Mr. Emms organised and led during the Easter holidays. The return visit took place during the first three weeks of July — these French schools of course never experience the thrill of being in session until 1st August. True to form, the coach deposited our visitors on the gravel at a very late hour, but they were given a warm welcome by their English hosts and soon sorted themselves out for their various destinations.

There were sixteen of them in all and they very quickly became a part — and a colourful part — of the Abingdon scene. Sometimes they came into class; more often they didn't. But masters soon got used to seeing an oasis of continental mufti among the sub-fusc. Monsieur Foray, the leader of the party, was even persuaded to give a fillip to the end of term by taking the occasional French period.

Out of school, expeditions of a cultural nature were organised to Windsor and to Stratford. Those with more practical minds found plenty to interest them at the Oxford University Press and the M.G. Works. Both the French boys and their hosts were grateful to the Headmaster for conducting them on a tour round the School which ended happily in the School Shop and — climax of the whole visit — to the Mayor who invited the group to see the County Hall, the Guildhall, and the Corporation Plate.

There is general agreement that the exchange has been outstandingly successful, at both ends; and the signs are that many of those taking part will want to cross the Channel again next year. Certainly this

kind of thing can do nothing but good, both to the individuals concerned and to the wider cause of international relations.

And of course we mustn't forget the four charming young ladies who accompanied the party to stay privately with friends in Abingdon. They didn't come into school — but we did welcome to the classroom several other French boys who came over independently to stay with our boys during the month of July. We hope that all of them — Etienne Meissonnier, Bernard Guichardan, Alain Guiller, Jean-Claude Allier, the sixteen boys from Nevers, the four girls, and above all M. Foray himself carried back with them pleasant memories of their visit.

HOME AND AWAY

The last full week of term saw the usual gamut of out-of-school activities. All Fifth and Upper Sixth Formers were required to tackle a 'project' when they had completed their exams. For this purpose demonstrations for Founder's Day and public works in the School grounds were acceptable as well as more specific projects.

Prize winners were: Briten and Long for an account of Locks on the Thames entitled "Pauses from Godstow to Shillingford"; Blaze and Hodge for a topical report on the Redevelopment of Abingdon Town Centre; Urwick and Milford-Scott for their preparation of the Heraldry demonstration; a Fifth Form group headed by Thornton (S.D.) for a detailed study of the Ecology of the Cothill District; Lucas for a model of part of the Island of Skye; and Ormerod and Flint (I.) for a study of Inn Signs.

While all this activity was going on round the confines of Abingdon, excursions, held mainly on 25th July, saw parties, based for the most part on Senior School Societies, going much further afield. The Critics, the Literary and the Play-reading Societies all went to London Theatres. The Symposium, strengthened by the Russian set, visited the Russian Trade Fair at Earls Court while the Aeronautical Society spent the day at London Airport. The Orchestra combined history and natural history by touring Berkeley Castle and the Severn Wild Fowl Trust at Slimbridge. A combined party from the Junior Knowledge and Junior History Societies visited Blenheim Palace, and a select non-scientific Sixth Form group visited A.E.R.E. Harwell.

M.N.W.

SCHOOL LIBRARY

We are very grateful to Mrs. Bevir for giving us a bound copy of Vol. VI of *The Abingdonian*; to Pat Sale, O.A. for *Athletics* by Cerutti, and to M. N. Hyman for Lord Charnwood's *Abraham Lincoln*. Many thanks too to Dr. Howlett for the *Scientific American* and to Mr. Rudd and W. H. Stevens, O.A., for the *Geographical and Commonwealth*

Journals. Mr. Rudd also kindly gave us two watercolours by Mr. C. O. Wright, sometime Art Master, while Nigel Hammond sent us a photograph he took of the memorial tablet to Dr. Strange in Bishop Middleham Church, Durham.

Once again the termly check has shown far too many books missing without trace. If any Old Boy finds that he is still in possession of Library books, and returns them — anonymously if he likes — it will be counted as merit, not shame.

G.F.D.

SCHOOL SOCIETIES

ROYSSÉ SOCIETY

For the first meeting of the term, the Headmaster and Mrs. Cobban most kindly invited the Society to a double performance of "Trial by Jury" and "H.M.S. Pinafore". Though both operas were well known to most of us, they were nevertheless greatly enjoyed. After the performance, the resident members of School House cooked a delightful meal, which, the Headmaster assured us, passed all previous efforts in its excellence.

On 25th July R. G. M. Johnston read a paper entitled "The Force of Beauty". He discussed the reasons for the belief that there is an absolute aesthetic standard, and came to the conclusion that these were not very convincing. He rounded his paper off by explaining how Le Corbusier had applied the golden-section rule to architecture. During the rest of the evening we were privileged to hear Mr. Fairhead, who helped to undermine the belief in an absolute beauty. But if there is no absolute beauty, what are the aims of art, and what does art-appreciation really entail? Such questions left most members confused, but thoughtful. According to A. N. Whitehead, confusion is the beginning of original thought, and so the meeting was more successful than might appear.

At the last meeting, on 5th July, the Secretary gave a paper on "Human History from Words". He showed, with appropriate examples, how the history of the Aryan race had been deduced by a study of philology, etymology, and phonology. The discussion, as usual, strayed far from the topic, and ranged from education in Wales to religious beliefs. The interesting question — why the grammar of primitive languages should be the most complex — remained unanswered.

That the Society has had a successful year has been in no small part due to the Headmaster and Mrs. Cobban's hospitality. We are sincerely grateful.

P.A.B.

LITERARY SOCIETY

The four meetings of the Summer Term did not give us a great deal of variety. At the first meeting, which was held at A. H. Smith's home, we read "Salome" by Oscar Wilde. Reading reached a high standard and there was considerable discussion afterwards in which we tended to criticise Wilde's style for this kind of play. We are most grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Smith for their hospitality on this occasion.

Mr. Robin Dickenson, an ex-member of the Society, read us an interesting paper entitled "John Betjeman — the man and the poet" to our second meeting. Again the Society was a band of critics, but they admitted that, in his own way, Betjeman had a claim to fame.

The third meeting was combined with our annual trip to London. In the early afternoon we visited the Tate Gallery and viewed the works of Domier. The evening found us at the Globe Theatre watching "The Rehearsal" by Jean Anouilh, a well acted but not a great play.

At the last meeting we had the unpleasant duty of saying "goodbye" to Mr. Vallance, who has sponsored the Society so ably for the last four years. The Society presented him with a book and wished him all good fortune in his new appointment at Harrow. Also leaving us are our Chairman, J. S. Kelly and two stalwarts of the Committee, C. H. Woodham and M. P. M. Hart. They will all be greatly missed next term.

R.J.C.B.

ST. EDMUND SOCIETY

This term the Society has been lucky to have two excellent guest speakers.

The first meeting was held on 15th June when Professor H. Wright Baker gave a talk on the Dead Sea Scrolls, illustrating it with slides. He gave us all the relevant history and related in a most skilful way the archaeological findings with early legends and writings. He also explained the existence and function of the sect of the Essenes to whom is attributed the writing of the scrolls.

The second meeting was held on 6th July. At this meeting the Revd. C. G. Watts, Rector of Limehouse, gave a talk entitled "My life in the Slums" in which he explained how Limehouse has grown from the time that Irish immigrants were employed to build the docks. He then commented on the effects of rebuilding these areas and how modern flats have tended to destroy frankness and "matiness" which were characteristics of the East Londoner. After the meeting Father Watts suggested that six senior members of the School should stay in Limehouse with the Chaplain for a weekend in September and look round the Parish at first hand. The response to this invitation has been very good and the visit should provide an excellent opportunity to experience the problems of a slum parish.

The last meeting, which was held on 27th July was an evening out. After cycling to Chislehampton the Society was shown round the church by Mr. C. J. Peers, a Governor of the School, whose family has been very closely connected with the church since it was built in 1763. The Chaplain then conducted a service of Compline and after this we adjourned to the hall of Mr. Peer's house, which he kindly put at our disposal, where we consumed a picnic supper.

M.P.M.H.

TURNOR SOCIETY

Only one meeting was held in the Summer term and as this coincided with the C.C.F. Inspection, it was made an open meeting to which middle school boys not in the Corps were invited. Prof. H. Wright Baker gave a most interesting talk entitled "A Peep at India". He illustrated it with a film and as he had only recently returned from India what he had to tell us was very much up to date.

P.G.D.W.

FORUM CLUB

A full quota of meetings has been held this term despite the fact that examination commitments have kept many members away. This was not without advantage in that the small attendances have enabled all present to voice their opinions and discussion has been of quite a high standard.

C.H.W.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

Our first meeting was held on 2nd June, when G. A. Brown gave a talk entitled "The Chemistry of Colour Photography." He explained the three-layer system of colour photography, but the knowledge of chemistry required to understand this process proved to be rather great.

On 30th June, A. C. Bowker talked on "Bird Ringing". The attendance at this meeting was disappointing; a great pity since the talk was such a good one. Bowker outlined the different methods used to catch birds, and ringed one in front of us.

At our last meeting two films were shown, entitled "A Vitamin Emerges" and "X-ray Crystallography". For many this was an excellent introduction to some of the modern methods employed for determining the structure of large molecules. The development of X-ray crystallography was traced from the Braggs' pioneer work to the deduction of the structure of vitamin B12 in more modern times.

P.A.B.

THE SYMPOSIUM

Three meetings were held this term, all of them in the new School Shop.

On 8th May D. J. Brice talked about "Chastity". This subject produced much lively discussion ranging from the Christian code of morals to Bertrand Russell's philosophy. The second meeting was on 29th May when J. A. R. Willis gave an interesting paper on "Apartheid". Subsequent arguments brought in South Africa's race policy, the 'Freedom Riders' of the U.S.A. and the differences biologically between 'blacks' and 'whites'. Finally we came on to discuss Communism and its effect on under-developed countries.

The final meeting of the term, on 18th June, turned into a fierce debate between believers and non-believers after we had heard A. J. Oxley's paper: "Religion and Science — is there a conflict?"

On Tuesday, 25th July the Symposium went on an outing to the Russian Exhibition at Earl's Court. The general opinion was that this for all its glamour and display was shoddy. Many members complained about the lack of information on all subjects. However on this occasion, as on all others throughout the summer term, a good time was had by all the members.

D.W.

MUSIC SOCIETY

As mentioned in the Music Notes it was decided, half-way through the term, to change the group from a listening to a performing society. Members are taken largely from the Renaissance Group and this term the Society has already given two performances. It is hoped that this innovation will give the Society new life and we are very grateful to the music staff for their enthusiastic support.

At the first meeting of the term the Secretary gave a short illustrated talk on "The Horn" and at the following meeting we listened to a most interesting talk by C. Carter on the subject of "Bell-ringing".

R.G.J.

PLAY READING SOCIETY

This term our meetings have consisted, in the main, of examples of different types of drama; the thriller, Shakespeare, a modern verse play, a modern comedy, and a Greek drama.

The thriller was Emlyn Williams' "Night Must Fall", at which A. S. Varney showed great versatility in tackling the main character of Dan. Indeed the reading was of a high standard throughout.

The reading of "Othello", took the form of a preliminary reading for the probable next production of the School Dramatic Society, and as we will for this once again be joining up with St. Helen's, we welcomed at the meeting Elizabeth Johns, Leslie Dunthorne and Margaret Rose.

T. S. Eliot's "Murder in the Cathedral" was an excellent example of a modern verse play, and though it may seem invidious to single out any boy in the large cast, the excellence of the reading of A. G. Fairlie as the Chorus of Women must be mentioned.

The comedy was Jules Romain's "Doctor Knoch", at which the meeting was graced by Mr. Griffin's rendering of the title rôle. Aristophanes' "The Frogs" was read at our last meeting after the warm response to last term's Greek Drama.

However perhaps the main meeting of the term was the second one when we welcomed Mr. G. M. Helliwell, who came to judge the One Act Play Reading Competition. After some very helpful comments Mr. Helliwell decided that out of the five entries, D. C. Dunn's production of "The Will" by J. M. Barrie was the best read and produced play of the 1961 Play Reading Competition.

E.C.R.E.

FILM SOCIETY

This term we have held five Friday meetings when the following films were shown: 12th May—"Shane"; 26th May—"Hellzapoppin"; 9th June—"Expresso Bongo"; 23rd June—"Viva Zapata"; 7th July—A programme of short films.

On the last occasion, about forty children from Caldecott House came as guests of the Society and were entertained to tea in the School Shop.

Next term's programmes will include Disney's "Animal Farm" and a programme of Chaplin films.

The re-awakening of interest in the Society in the last year has been due largely to the unflagging efforts of the retiring Secretary, R. T. Hook. He has thrown himself into his work with great energy and enthusiasm and I am sure that all members of the Society have appreciated very much what he has done. The Secretary next year, M. J. Evans, will have a lot to live up to and we all wish him success.

J.J.H.

SAILING CLUB

This term sailing has become a regular Sunday event for members of the Club and Morris, Urwick and Hunter have passed their coxwain's test. The Merlin/Rocket has been completed and launched.

On 18th June a match was held against Radley College on their home water, and once again they proved the better team. Our team, it seems, could do with more competitive practice. It is possible for them to sail the School boats in the club races held by Harwell Sailing Club at Dorchester, but this is rather a different form of racing. It is to be hoped that some day the School Sailing Club will be able to hold its own internal championships, as this would improve the standard considerably.

Next term the new secretary, A. J. Varney, will take over the reins and further the large amount of work he has already done for the club.

C.R.L.

MODERN LANGUAGES SOCIETY

Three meetings have been held this term, two of which were upon consecutive Fridays in order to read "Polynite", by Corneille, in two parts. This was one of the 'A' level set books and these meetings thus proved very useful to those sitting the examination the following week. Mr. and Mrs. Hasnip once again kindly provided hospitality on these occasions.

The third meeting of the Society took the form of a talk, illustrated with slides, by C. B. Gosling and C. R. Llewellyn on their experiences hitch-hiking on the Continent. This provided a pleasant relaxation after the examinations.

Next term we welcome D. Weir as Secretary of the Society, and wish him every success.

C.R.L.

CAMPANOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The term's ringing started on Friday, 28th April with ringing for the School Service held at St. Helen's Church. By so doing, members gained the distinction of being some of the last, if not the last, to ring the bells before they were surrendered to the Bellhangers for re-hanging.

On the evening of Wednesday, 28th June, the Radley Striking Competition was held. The team entered by the Society showed up very favourably with other well known Schools with a total of 15½ faults. In addition, members of the Society made up half the Abingdon Town Contingent, which was divided into two teams.

On Sunday, 9th July, another milestone in our history was reached when we joined with the School of St. Helen and St. Katherine to ring a not very well struck Quarter Peal of 1260 Bob Doubles. This lasted 45 minutes (not in itself very long when compared with the new record set up at the Loughborough Bell Foundry Campanile recently, of 32,704 changes which took 15½ hours), and was conducted by the Secretary.

Unfortunately we have not been able to hold many practices this term, but we are grateful to the Rector of St. Nicolas' Church, Abingdon, for allowing us to use his bells, when the Quarter Sessions have permitted.

C.C.

MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY

Owing to pressure from examinations the Society has spent rather a quiet term. However much useful work has been done in preparing models for Founder's Day Exhibition.

The Society also spent an interesting and instructive afternoon at the computing laboratories in Oxford, and for this we are extremely grateful to Dr. Fox and Dr. Rollett.

S.R.L.

CHESS CLUB

The only notable event to occur during the past term was a match against Abingdon Town, on the evening of 21st July, played at the School. After a hopeful start, fortunes rapidly changed and a number of strong positions were lost, giving the Town a win of 4 games to 2. However a return match has been agreed upon for the Michaelmas term, and should prove a hard fight.

In the two previous terms this year, various competitions took place, especially in the boarding houses, and the results were as follows:

In the Michaelmas term: Junior Dayboy Champion—T. C. Tozer; Champion of Larkhill—J. M. Beere; Champion of Waste Court—A. E. Medland; Champion of Crescent House—R. J. Ormerod; Champion of School House—J. B. Goodman.

In the Lent term: Winner of the Junior School Championship—A. E. Medland; Winner of the Senior School Championship—J. B. Goodman.

The competitions will be started next term and should provide members of the School Team with a good opportunity for practice.

J.B.G.

SKYE GROUP

After our strenuous exertions in the Easter holidays, this term has been spent in quiet relaxation.

We should like, however, to welcome A. C. Leathem, H. Flint, and R. C. White, who have been elected to fill the gaps left by those staunch veterans who left the group at the end of the term.

On Founder's Day a whole room was devoted to the Skye Group's exhibits, which included colour slides; a three dimensional map of the Glamasunary area; and a large number of free samples of the now renowned "Shirt Pudding à la B. C. Williams."

Looking back, it has been a most satisfactory year thanks to all the members, and particularly to Mr. J. Blagden and Mr. B. C. Williams, whose genial supervision and guidance made the Group the success it is.

M.R.M.

HERALDIC SOCIETY

The Society has now taken the significant step of inviting an expert in heraldry, K. B. Poole, Esq., whose lecture, early this term, entitled "The Colour of Heraldry" was most stimulating. He also recommended useful heraldic literature. We hope he will visit us again. Later, being keen to broaden our outlook by examining other marks of distinction, we were most grateful to Mr. Murray for his instructive lecture on "Highland Dress". On Founder's Day we exhibited a record of the owners and blazons of all coats of arms in the School buildings.

Meanwhile, we welcome the proposed formation of a Junior branch; this should mean that the seniors, who have little time for elementary learning, will be able to concentrate on more interesting and more advanced aspects of heraldry.

J.D.U.

MODEL BOAT CLUB

During the summer term there have been three regular meetings and a visit to London Docks.

The Port of London Authority provided a modern launch for us which, besides travelling about ten miles down the Thames from Tower Bridge, went into the Royal group of docks.

Of the three regular meetings of the Club, two were held at the lake of Ripon Hall, the other was for discussing possible activities. The meetings at Ripon Hall were very well attended and competitions arranged. Refreshments were also provided for competitors.

P.S.Mc.R.

CAMPING CLUB

At the first meeting of the term, several members gave accounts of their jaunts to Skye, Cornwall and Kent during the Easter holidays; whilst for the second meeting two film strips were shown: "The History of the Youth Hostels Association", and "The Yorkshire Dales."

The third meeting consisted of the saga of an amusing and interesting trip to Dorset by R. Booker and several other members. A discussion on the proposed Founder's Day exhibition followed.

Most members of the Society are camping or hiking during the Summer holidays, and we expect to hear, next term, a large number of "travellers tales."

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

LOCOMOTIVE SOCIETY

There has only been one meeting this term, and this took the form of a talk given by an outside speaker. Mr. Crewe, who came down from Leeds especially for this meeting, is the Operating Superintendent for The Middleton Colliery Railway Preservation Society. It was on this subject that his talk, which was illustrated by a short film and a large number of slides, was given.

The Secretary of the Society next term will be W. I. M. Webb.

R.S.P.

AERONAUTICAL SOCIETY

In the Summer Term we were mainly concerned with outside activities rather than meetings on Friday afternoons, these meetings being confined to a programme of records connected with aviation, a Question Time, a Recognition Contest, and a "Double Bill" in which T. J. Pegram and M. P. Westwood told us of their experiences at a flying and a gliding club respectively.

On 30th April ten members went by coach to Baginton Airfield near Coventry to the Shackleton International Aircraft Sale and Display. Here we spent an interesting day critically examining some of the latest aircraft from America, Germany, Czechoslovakia and other countries; and much enjoyment was had speculating what aircraft we should choose to buy if we had the money.

On 25th July twenty members went to London Airport where we spent a most enjoyable day, seeing many aircraft from many countries busily flying in and out. Our visit included a tour of the airport by coach.

A.J.L.

GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Despite its small membership the Society, which was founded late in the Lent Term, has been very active. We have had several meetings during this term and their success has been largely due to Mr. Blagden's help.

As well as these meetings at School we have been on some very interesting Sunday expeditions to places of geological interest in the district and on one occasion spent a complete day out of doors. We hope that the Society will continue to flourish and grow since the area offers such excellent prospects for practical geology.

M.F.K.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Society has been flourishing this term and we have increased in number considerably. We have had three meetings this term and ended up with our very successful outing to Blenheim Palace.

Interesting talks were given at the first two meetings. The third was purely a business meeting. A small party went round St. Helen's Church and rubbings were taken of several brasses.

The outing to Blenheim Palace was on Tuesday, 25th July. The coach arrived at the Palace about 10 a.m. and we looked round the huge grounds until lunch time. After that we were shown over the Palace, which was really magnificent. Fortunately the sun was shining all the time, and we arrived back at 3.30 p.m.

A.P.F.

HOLIDAY CLUB

Although we were beaten at both rugby and soccer in the Easter Holidays our defeats were not without glory. Abingdon Minors Soccer Club were victorious by the odd goal — the smallest margin for some time — in a hotly competed game and a week later we went down fighting to a very strong team from Abingdon Rugby Club. Every year his fixture becomes more and more a Holiday Club XV v. Old Holiday Club Members XV match, and this trend has resulted in a very pleasant atmosphere both on and off the field.

During the Summer we have two cricket fixtures against Mr. B. Polley's XI and hope to arrange a tennis match against Wootton T.C.

Meanwhile congratulations to M. S. Ford and M. J. Nelson who respectively have been elected Secretary and Treasurer of the Club.

J.S.K.

O.A. NOTES

BIRTHS

BRACKLEY. On 2nd June, 1961, to Mary, wife of Michael Brackley (1954), a son, Mark Guy.

CULLEN. On 20th August, 1961, to Tove, wife of Jeremy Cullen (1950), a daughter, Francesca.

MILLARD. On 25th July, 1961, to Patricia, wife of Richard Millard (1952), a daughter, Susan Patricia.

MILLS. On 6th March, 1960, to Shirley, wife of Robin S. Mills (1953), a daughter, Sarah Elizabeth.

NICHOLLS. On 11th August, 1961, at Farnborough Hospital, Kent, to Anne, wife of Gerald Nicholls (1953), a son, Jeremy Andrew.

PAGE. On 2nd August, 1961, at Bristol, to Brenda, wife of James T. Page (1955), a daughter, Nicola.

THOMAS. On 11th January, 1961, to Stella, wife of Trevor Thomas (1947), a daughter, Wendy Nicola.

MARRIAGES

AITCHISON-TINSON. On 3rd April, 1961, at All Saints Church, Sutton Courtenay, Alan T. Aitchison (1958) to Rosemary Teresa Tinson.

GRIGSBY-ASHMAN. On 3rd June, 1961, at St. Mary's Church, Greenhow Hill, Yorks, Michael K. C. Grigsby (1955) to Elizabeth Anne Ashman.

DEATHS

GLENNY. On 12th August, 1961, Francis Baikie Glenny (1917-19), aged 57.

WEST. On 4th August, 1961, John Lacey West (1896-1903), aged 73.

We have also heard recently that John Henry Hill (1934-39) was accidentally killed in 1958.

Francis Glenny rowed in the IV and was a good soccer player but he left comparatively young to join the Merchant Navy. In 1925 he joined Thomas Bros., a firm of merchants in French Congo, but in 1929 he transferred to British American Tobacco Co. and was stationed at Leopoldville for the next nine years. In 1938 he joined Power Petroleum Co. but on the outbreak of war he enlisted in R.A.S.C. finally reaching the rank of Major. After the war he returned to Power Petroleum till 1949, ran a dairy business for four years and in 1953 rejoined the Army as Capt. R.A.P.C. Our sympathy in his sudden death goes to Mrs. Glenny and Ian (1957).

John Lacey West was born in 1887 the younger son of J. G. T. West (1873-78), Mayor of Abingdon and founder of the firm of architects. On leaving School he was for some time in his father's office, but on the outbreak of war in 1914 he joined the Royal Engineers as a despatch-rider, being commissioned in 1916. After the war he took over the Concrete Brick & Tile Co. (now Cowley Concrete) in Radley Road and also had an interest in Abingdon Motors. In 1929 he was elected to the Borough Council, and thereafter he devoted himself increasingly to the public service, both in local government and on numerous committees. He was Mayor of Abingdon in 1940, later Alderman and was a member of the Council until 1950, when he resigned to allow himself time to attend to the business of the County Council of which he was a member from 1949 to 1960. For many years he was a member of the Abingdon Volunteer Fire Brigade. During the last war he was A.R.P. Controller for Abingdon and after the war he was for some years Chairman of the County Civil Defence Committee, for which and other services he was awarded the O.B.E. in 1959. He was appointed a Justice of the Peace for the Borough in 1943, and

not the least of his services was as a member of the School Governing Body from 1955 till last year. Such is the record of his voluntary service of which anyone might be proud and which only ill-health compelled him to relinquish. In him the community has lost a prudent and devoted servant and the School a loyal and generous Old Boy.

We tender our sympathy to Mr. Rudd on the death last June of his brother, who was a very welcome visitor at London Dinners and other functions.

T. S. Wilding (1905) delivered the Annual Lecture to the Shipping Section of the Institute of Transport. His subject had the intriguing title "The Protecting and Indemnity Clubs" and dealt with the mutual associations of Shipowners for insurance of all kinds.

We recently heard from H. E. Lumley Walker (1912) after many years absence from this country. He is a Civil Assistant in the U.S. Dept. of Defense, Signals Corps, and lives at 1733 Pine Street, Philadelphia.

Colin Ronan (1937) is editing a new series of books published by Eyre and Spottiswoode entitled "A Survey of Astronomy", and is himself the author of the first volume, "Changing Views of the Universe". An article of his "Theories of the Universe" appeared in the June issue of the Geographical Magazine.

In the same magazine John Edelsten (1952) was featured in colour with his wife "Shooting his Irish holiday with his Kodak Colorsnap camera."

Jim Cox (1941), a Tutor in Architecture at the Oxford College of Technology, sailed in the 'Queen Elizabeth' in August to take up his post as Special Lecturer in Architecture for one year at Virginia University, Charlottesville. Before he returns home he hopes to cross the continent by car.

George Moss (1939) was over here in the summer on a visit from St. Helena where he is director of a Trading Company and manager of a plantation. He is married with a two-year-old daughter.

Latest news of the Gould brothers is that Philip (1933) is still in Santos, Brazil, where he has been since the end of the war: Robert (1933) is now with Westminster Bank, living at Chingford, Essex, and Douglas (1931) is in Australia, travelling for Dunlop Rubber Co.

John Griffiths (1952), who is in the Australian Government Service in New Guinea, in fact on much the same job as Gordon Brown (1947)

is now stationed at Aitape on the north coast, and is responsible for the agricultural well-being of some 22,000 natives.

Roger Marchbanks (1955) has added to his previous award by winning a Fullbright Scholarship which he will be holding at Cornell University.

I. R. Peedell and A. E. Woodward have passed the Intermediate Exam of the Institute of Chartered Accountants.

Barry Gibbs (1960), who is a trainee with Metal Box Co. at Liverpool, has been rowing in Royal Chester 1st VIII which has had a successful season and reached the semi-final of the Thames Cup at Henley.

Martin Scott-Taggart (1956), whom we congratulate on his 1st Class in Moral Philosophy Tripos, has been granted a 3 year Research Student-ship at King's Cambridge and a 1 year Scholarship to Germany. An essay by him on Hume appeared in the April issue of the Philosophical Review.

Ben Lifson (1957), having completed his final year at Minnesota University has come back to Birmingham University to study at Stratford.

We congratulate Peter Wood (1935) on his appointment as Director of Vine Products, in charge of the advertising side.

Peter Kibble (1956) is now with the Borneo Company at Penang, Malaya and would welcome contact with any O.A.'s in the Federation.

The adventures of Randell Moll and Christopher Johnson on the African Expedition are not yet over. The party split up in Abyssinia owing to lack of funds and Christopher made his way to Aden. Randell continued South, stayed with the Haarhoffs at Johannesburg and hoped to reach Cape Town and work his passage home in time for term at St. Peter's Hall, Oxford.

Keith Haarhoff himself is flying home for term at Caius, Cambridge. In the South African Rowing Championships at East London, he rowed in the Transvaal Junior VIII which won the championship by beating Orange Free State.

Michael Blythe (1959) is still in Australia, Sydney to be precise. For 10 months he was one of three permanent instructors at an Australian Outward Bound School out in the bush. His future plans are still uncertain.

Martin Pulsford (1955) after one year as assistant photographer at the Ministry of Supply, Woolwich, secured the post of photographer at the Geological Survey and Museum, South Kensington, with a staff

of three assistants. He has qualified as A.I.B.P. and lectures on photography twice a week at Epsom School of Arts and Crafts.

John Becker (1957) has been editing two coloured documentaries on Ghana and Nigeria for Unilever Ltd.

Michael Brackley (1954) is teaching at Chinnor, Oxon, and Christopher Redknapp (1959) starts this term at Cookham Dean Primary School, Maidenhead.

Tony Randle (1941) is Deputy Borough Engineer of Heston and Isleworth — population 107,000.

Frank Bartlett (1952), whose address is 2 RD Te Awamutu, New Zealand, is working with L. M. Saunders & Co., on land development, earth moving, roadmaking and airstrip construction. We felicitate him on his engagement.

Neil Darroch (1952) is Assistant Editor of 'Motoring', the B.M.C. Journal, and is shortly moving office from Oxford to Birmingham.

Ian Glenney (1957) has passed the Final Examination of the Land Agents' Society, and is at present managing an estate in Argyllshire.

Martin King (1958), whom we congratulate on his Upper 2nd Class Hons in Classics at Reading will be doing a year's work in a Birmingham factory as a preliminary to entering Cuddesdon College in July 1962.

Richard Bailey (1959) has been appointed Manager of the Abingdon Branch of the family business.

Tony Gardner (1956) has done a 3 months' season in Wakefield Mystery Plays at the Mermaid Theatre and will be seen shortly in 'Hamlet' on A.R.T.V. Schools' Programme.

Paddy Blake (1956) has been granted a Regular Army Commission in Royal Ulster Rifles, and David Emmett (1956) in South Wales Borderers.

Bill Budden (1957), who has just gained a 2nd Class in B.C.L. after his 2nd in Jurisprudence, has entered into articles with a firm of Oxford Solicitors, but will also be devilling for Professor Hanbury on the unfinished volumes of the late Professor Holdsworth's "History of English Law."

Nigel Hammond (1957) has taken his B.Sc.Econ. at L.S.E. with 2nd Class Hons, and has also been elected a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society.

Sean Cuddy (1958) is private secretary to Gavin Maxwell the author who appeared on TV not long ago with his famous otter.

David Shaw (1954), having graduated at the Royal School of Music London, is doing a fourth year on a teacher's training course at the Institute of Education and intends to sit the F.R.C.O. Examination next July.

John Norman (1952) of Southern Electricity Board, has returned to the Oxford office from Kidderminster.

Trevor Henson (1960) is doing a Student Apprenticeship with Brook Motors of Huddersfield, aiming at a Diploma of Technology in Electrical Engineering.

D. E. Camplin (1960) has been promoted acting Sub-Lieutenant, Royal Navy.

O.A. CLUB NOTES

Old Boys' Day was celebrated on Saturday, 17th June. The weather was fine, some good cricket and tennis was played, as reported elsewhere, and a Knightly pair of grey flannels was seen on Upper Field. Some familiar faces were missing, either on holiday or otherwise engaged, but there were many pleasant reunions.

The Annual General Meeting was held in the Pembroke Room, and the Annual Dinner in the Council Chamber followed in the evening.

The President, H. B. Healy was in the Chair, supported by the Mayor of Abingdon, Councillor B. G. Burrett, the Headmaster and members of the Governing Body. The Chairman, Mr. C. G. Stow, was unfortunately prevented from attending by an impending operation. T. A. Libby, J. S. Kelly and J. M. Bunce, Captain of Cricket, represented the Present Boys.

After the Loyal Toast and the toast of John Roysse had been drunk the President proposed the health of the School to which the Headmaster replied with a brief review of the past year and some observations on the future. In particular he paid tribute to the life and work of Mr. Grundy. To his toast of the Club, the President-Elect, G. A. H. Bosley replied and also proposed the health of the Guests, whose representative, Mr. F. I. Venables, Principal of Culham College, treated us to some racy Anglo-Welsh humour. T. A. Libby rounded off the speeches with some serious comments on Public School education.

A goodly number of Old Boys attended Morning Chapel on the following day, followed by coffee in School House — a most pleasant wind-up to a successful week-end.

Annual General Meeting, 1961

The Annual General Meeting of the Club was held in the Pembroke Room at 5.45 p.m. on Saturday, 17th June, 1961. The President, Mr. H. B. Healy, was in the Chair and 39 members were present. Apologies

for absence were received from J. T. Cullen, H. M. Insley-Fox and P. J. Millard.

Before the commencement of business the President asked members to stand in silence for a few moments in memory of Mr. Grundy.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read, approved and signed.

The Secretary reported another successful year darkened only by the death of Mr. Grundy, who was so near and dear to all his Old Boys. The membership of the Club had increased by 71 during the year, and this in itself was an indication of the sound health of an active Club.

In the absence of the Sports Secretary, the Secretary recited the rather sad details of sporting activities against the School and appealed once again to members to contact the Sports Secretaries early if they wished to take part in the various matches.

The Treasurer's report was adopted, with the writing off of a Sundry debtor to the extent of three shillings. The Treasurer answered questions to the satisfaction of members with a leaning towards accountancy and proved himself and his accounts as sound as ever. The main items from the Balance Sheet, which is appended in the Minute Book, were as follows: At Westminster Bank—£123 13s 8d.; At Trustee Savings Bank £2 17s. 2d.; Invested with Abbey National Building Society—£722 7s. 0d.; Cash in hand—£13 13s. 6d.; Total—£862 14s. 4d. Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year—£162 17s. 3d.

In the absence of Mr. Hillary, Mr. Duxbury gave some details of the progress of the Quatercentenary Appeal. The total was now some £29,000, out of which 222 O.A.'s had subscribed or promised £6,700. It was pointed out that in a Club of our size 222 was barely half the number that could reasonably be expected to subscribe and so a greater effort could and should be made.

Mr. Cobban suggested that no further effort should be made at the moment because the Appeal Committee were about to take expert advice on the subject of money-raising. It was agreed that the Club should take no action till the recommendations of the Consultants and Appeal Committee were known.

The following officers were elected for 1961-62:

President: G. A. H. Bosley.

Vice-President: J. M. Cobban.

President-Elect: R. E. Eason.

Hon. Treasurer: D. B. West.

Hon. Secretary: N. J. Holmes.

Hon. Sec. for School: G. F. Duxbury.

Assistant Secretary: J. H. Hooke.

Sports Secretary: J. T. Cullen.

Asst. Sports Secretary: P. J. Millard.

London Secretary: S. A. Paige.

S. D. Plummer, E. H. Aldworth and J. W. Rayson were re-elected to the Committee — to retire in 1965, and A. J. Foden elected to fill the vacancy left by R. E. Eason.

The President spoke of a memorial to Mr. Grundy and said that the Committee had decided to have plaques placed over the Headmaster's Stall in the Chapel in memory of Mr. Grundy and also his predecessor Mr. Layng. This work was to be carried out immediately. Under Any other business there was further discussion of the project and it was finally agreed that both names should be recorded on one plaque.

On the matter of a more comprehensive memorial to W.M.G. the President put to the Meeting a recommendation drawn up by the Committee. After a good deal of serious thought and discussion it was proposed by J. A. T. Saywell, seconded by J. A. D. Cox and approved unanimously that:

"The Old Abingdonian Club re-affirms its support of the Quatercentenary Appeal and at the same time recommends to the School Governors that the name of Mr. W. M. Grundy be associated with the new Library."

Hockey players complained that they did not enjoy the same privilege as the Rugby players in the matter of refreshment after the annual match. It was quickly decided that both teams should enjoy the same amenities after their exhausting efforts.

There being no other business, the President thanked the members for their support during his year of office and declared the meeting closed at 6.35 p.m.

Forthcoming Events

Rugger Match and Dance: Saturday, 2nd December, 1961.

London Dinner: Friday, 9th March, 1962 (provisional).

Old Boys' Day: Saturday, 16th June, 1962.

Tickets for the Dance (12/6 single) will be obtainable from the Secretary, N. J. Holmes, 100 Ock Street, Abingdon, and members are advised to apply in good time.

Old Abingdonian Trust Fund

As members are probably aware, the Trustees are backing the Quatercentenary Appeal up to the hilt and any increases in subscription can be credited to the Appeal. Next year a large number of covenants entered into in 1955 for the War Memorial Pavilion will have run their seven years but we sincerely hope that many subscribers, with typical generosity will see fit to renew them. We have much pleasure in acknowledging increased Covenants from B. N. Bosley and J. C. Blackmore, renewals from J. Knowles, H. B. Healy, N. Duncan and J. W. Rayson and a new Covenant from A. C. Randle. To all of them our sincere thanks.

A summary of the past year's accounts is appended and once again we thank R. W. Snell for arranging the audit.

Cash Account for year ended 31st March, 1961.

<i>Receipts</i>		£	s.	d.
Balances in hand, 1st April, 1960 ...	...	244	5	3
Subscriptions and Donations ...	...	241	19	6
Trustee Savings Bank Interest ...	...	3	9	9

£489 14 6

<i>Payments</i>		£	s.	d.
School Magazine Expenses ...	...	40	17	8
War Memorial Pavilion, Final Payment ...	...	97	0	0
War Memorial Pavilion Score Board ...	...	38	9	11
Stamps and Stationery ...	...	1	19	11
Balances in Hand, 31st March, 1961 ...	...	311	7	0

£489 14 6

Refund of Income Tax on Covenants for the previous year, amounting to £108 11s. 9d. was not received before the accounts were closed.

G. F. Duxbury, Hon. Treasurer.

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The Life Membership Subscription to the Old Abingdonian Club which covers all the privileges of the Club but does not include receipt of the Magazine is Three Guineas.

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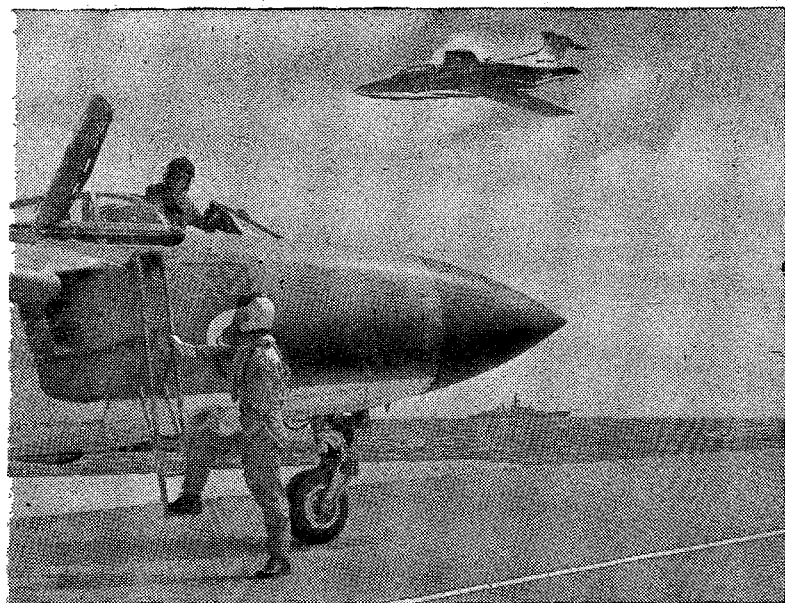
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