

THE ABINGDONIAN

Vol. XII No. 5

April, 1962

Price 2/-

CONTENTS

Editorial	238	Rowing	258
Jeremy Vincent Grimes	239	Cross Country	259
School Notes	239	Rugby Football	260
From the Headmaster	245	Fives	261
Chapel Notes	247	Combined Cadet Force	261
Quatercentenary Appeal	249	Scouts	264
Valete et Salvete	249	Music Notes	264
Good for Them	249	Ardnamurchan	266
Founder's Day		School Societies	267
Celebrations	250	Oxford Letter	275
Hockey	251	O.A. Notes	276
Athletics	254		

OFFICERS OF THE SCHOOL

Summer Term, 1962

SCHOOL PREFECTS

J. M. Talbot (Head of School)

I. A. D. Martin (S)	A. J. Varney (D)
B. R. Rosevear (S)	D. Weir (D)
J. M. Bunce (S)	N. P. Loukes (D)
A. A. Venn (D)	R. F. W. Budden (C)
C. M. Davis (S)	R. S. Ogg (W)
P. A. Merriman (L)	R. S. Haynes (S)
M. J. Nelson (D)	A. J. Lloyd (D)
J. A. R. Willis (S)	

HOUSE PREFECTS

chool House—T. A. Marsh; J. B. Goodman; B. A. F. Burn; C. H. Bellinger; R. H. Meakins; C. R. Winfield; A. C. L. Fraser;

R. H. M. Burrige; C. J. Dean; A. M. Q. King; P. E. Cable.

rescent House—D. J. Hoddinott; S. P. Bowen; G. C. Alabaster; D. J. French.

arkhill—J. M. Beere; D. J. Aplin; R. C. H. Moorshead.

Vaste Court—R. G. Parks; J. R. Veysey.

ayboys—D. C. Pollard; P. P. Hutchinson; T. H. Day; R. W. Ellaway; G. F. Keeyes; C. D. Turnbull; A. R. F. Redgrave; R. G. Lockton; G. C. H. Phillips; T. J. Pegram; A. J. Oxley; J. B. Friend; R. B. Hicks; D. Leather; P. J. Leather; T. I. Hall; R. P. Welch; L. A. Edwards; M. P. Westwood.

Cricket: Captain—J. M. Bunce; Secretary—B. R. Rosevear.

Rowing: Captain—P. A. Merriman; Secretary—J. A. R. Willis.

Tennis: Captain—P. J. Leather; Secretary—D. Weir.

Secretary of G.G.C.—J. M. Bunce.

EDITORIAL

"All philosophy is tolerance."

The complexity of our modern world viewed through the eyes of the national press leaves one in no doubt that, miracles apart, only a more general tolerant attitude can begin to solve any of the religious or political problems which confront us.

It follows that one essential aim of any system of education should be to produce more tolerant and fair-minded citizens. We at Abingdon School are lucky in this respect, for the unique nature of our constitution brings together boys from widely varied backgrounds. Indeed within the community which binds us, individual idiosyncracies and opinions are accepted and for the most part respected. However, there is a tendency, as a result of our somewhat "ivory tower" existence, for us to forget or even despise the outside world. This is most definitely wrong.

Anything which shows us in a practical way the difficulties under which others live must be welcomed. The School does play a part towards this end by encouraging such activities as Short Works Courses, Outward Bounds and our own Voluntary Service, but there is much scope for the individual boy to increase his own experience and understanding by his own initiative.

In all this, never let us forget that tolerance is not the sole aim of education, because education has no rigid object. If we ask the purpose of our years at school we can do no better than to take notice of a remark of Cicero's:-

"Tota philosophorum vita commentatio mortis est."

We are, in effect, as a great Catholic headmaster once said, being educated for death. This is a sobering but not a morbid thought. Death is the final examination common to all, and as few relish the thought of examinations, so few look forward to death.

It would be wrong to present death as a conscious aim of education. Rather it should be held out as a reward for successful examinees who have devoted themselves to attaining the worthwhile ideals of this life. By all means let us strive for tolerance, for justice and peace, since by our struggles we are preparing our conscience and our soul for the supreme test.

This is why we are at school.

As we go to press we are able to record with great pleasure yet another addition to the Staff Nursery — Hilary Susan Keating, who was born on 4th May.

JEREMY VINCENT GRIMES

20th April, 1945 — 25th February, 1962

The death of Jeremy Grimes occurred in the Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, on 25th February. To all of us the shock of his apparently rational and arbitrary passing was made even more tragic by the protracted ordeal through which he had had to pass. Jeremy collapsed at the end of a cross country race against Kimbolton School on 7th February. There followed a series of brain operations and almost three weeks of unconsciousness, during which everything possible was done by the medical experts, before the final merciful release.

Jeremy was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Grimes of the British Council. He came to the School in the Michaelmas term of 1955, initially as a day boy, later transferring to the boarding side. Before coming to Abingdon, he had attended the preparatory department of Epswich School. At the time of his death, Jeremy Grimes was a boarder at Crescent House, a member of the Mathematical Sixth and a prominent School athlete.

Those of us who knew him at School will remember best the charm, infectious smile and the athletic stride which with him made running over the country seem so easy. He was in many ways a self-reliant boy — some will remember him, for instance, even as a small boy, unruffled, setting off at holiday time to visit his parents in some remote corner of Europe.

The School offers its deepest sympathy to his family in their bereavement.

SCHOOL NOTES

LORNA COBBAN MEMORIAL

It is felt that all those who have so generously responded to this appeal would like to know the present position. The total amount received was £1,291 12s. 3d. Designs for the Altar silver were invited from several artists. The Headmaster has selected one of these designs and the work has now been put in hand.

It is planned to hold a short and simple service of dedication, in the Chapel, at 12.15 p.m. on Sunday, 29th July. No formal invitation will be issued but all friends of Lorna Cobban will be most welcome at this service.

A fuller report will be published in the next issue of *The Abingdonian*.

R.G.M., Hon. Treasurer.

We congratulate Mr. Anthony Bulger on his appointment as Recorder of Abingdon and (*ex eodem officio*) as Governor of this School. The Headmaster represented us at the Service at St. Edmund's Church and the luncheon that took place on Wednesday, 7th March, to celebrate his installation.

As Alderman Burrett's year of office as Mayor comes to an end, we would thank him for the way in which he has maintained, and indeed strengthened, the close link which traditionally exists between the Citizen and School; and (if it is not presumptuous to do so) we congratulate him, and the Mayoress too, on a very good job of work. To his successor-elect, Mr. J. S. Candy, we extend the especially warm welcome that is due to one who has had three sons at the School.

Former members of School House will hear with deep and affectionate regret of the death of Miss Florey, who was School Matron from 1919 to 1947.

We congratulate Mr. P. W. Martin, a former master of this School, now Headmaster of Lincoln School, on his appointment as Headmaster of Warwick School; and Mr. R. D. Baynes, new Headmaster of Richmond Grammar School, on his translation to the Stationers' School, London.

We say farewell this term with regret to two members of the visiting music staff who have served the School well — Mrs. A. R. Wooll (woodwind) and Mr. A. Jaunet (brass).

Mr. Clack, our very good friend, will be taking over Mr. Jaunet's share of the brass. The woodwind will be shared between Mr. Francis Butterworth (flute), a former Open Scholar of the Royal College of Music, who has played principal flute at Sadler's Wells, and Mr. David Cecil (oboe), who plays first oboe in the Oxford University Orchestra.

Though the time has not yet come to say goodbye, we can at least gratefully congratulate Mr. Emms on his appointment, with effect from September, to the staff at Rugby, where of course he will be joining Mr. Helliwell. We hope they won't take all our young masters . . .

Those who remember Mr. Peter Walker as a student master here some years ago will hear with interest that he was ordained deacon in the Bishop of Reading on Sunday, 18th March, in the parish church of St. Helen, Abingdon, where he is to serve his title. Two members of the School attended the service in token of our good wishes.

We have heard recently too from other former students, including Mr. Woollett (who is apparently seeing how many American universities he can visit with his travelling fellowship) and Mr. Rattee (whose infant son has been entered to come to us).

We are not surprised to learn that all our three students this term have already secured appointments — Mr. Powell to the Leys, Mr. Reece to St. John's (Leatherhead) and Mr. Scott to Loughborough Grammar School.

This term we welcomed two short-time students, for one week only — Messrs. Cunliffe and Fairley — who were attending a special 'conversion course' organised by the Oxford Department for experienced assistant schoolmasters who wanted to teach mathematics.

And in May we look forward to having with us for a month two more students from Westminster — Mr. Patrick (Geography) and Mr. Hamilton (Physics).

Now that Mr. Hugh Fowler has officially vacated the organ-stool at Helen's we have the opportunity to reiterate our good wishes for a happy retirement. Our own Deputy-Director of Music (Mr. Keating you) has been appointed to succeed him. He marked his assumption of office by twisting a shoulder muscle so badly, while coaching the 'vans', that he was unable to play for some weeks.

Visitors to the School this term have included Mr. Hector McIver, head of the English Department of the Edinburgh Royal High School, who came over on 1st March to see how Sassenachs cope with the teaching of their own dialect, and a strong contingent from King Edward VI School, Southampton, which visited us on 1st February to mine our swimming bath.

Talking of other schools, there was a pleasant coincidence recently at Eastbourne College Chapel, when Mr. Forbes Wastie (O.A.) read the second lesson after Nigel Parker had read the first.

Cacoethes scribendi. This term staff letters have appeared in "The Times" (Mr. Tammadge, on doing homework in the train), "The Times Educational Supplement" (Mr. Emms, on the teaching of Russian), "The Sunday Telegraph" (the Chaplain, on public schools religion) and the N.B.H. (the Headmaster, on the proposed closure of the way service — of which more later).

But it was the Headmaster who really hit the headlines with his article in "The Oxford Magazine" on admission to Oxford and Cambridge, which was splashed by "The Oxford Mail" and picked up in this way by "The Telegraph", "The Guardian" and "The Times". It was nicely timed, for the following week the Vice-Chancellor of Oxford set up his working-party on the same topic: though we are sure there was no causal connection.

It is particularly pleasing to note how the *entente cordiale* between ourselves and our northern neighbours is being strengthened. On the afternoon of Wednesday, 28th February, a party of Governors, staff and junior boys represented the School at a happy ceremony in the Mason hall when the Headmaster formally handed over to Mr. Fairhead the copy of the John Mason portrait that had been executed by the Berkshire String Trio followed by tea rounded off the afternoon. The epilogue was written by John on who sent us as a 'guest-gift' a generous book-token for the School Library.

On a less official plane, relations were cemented on the rugby field when a team from our second-forms played their opposite numbers.

The number of boys in the School at the beginning of the Lent Term 1944, of whom 353 were dayboys.

On these days when admission to the universities is so competitive, we feel no apology is needed for printing a complete list of those who have already secured vacancies this year at Oxford or Cambridge. It includes one Open Major Scholar, one Closed Scholar, two who

reached the standard of the closed scholarship, and at least three more who we are assured missed awards by the narrowest of margins. In listing them we must not be thought to be so foolish as to think there are only two universities. We have a very satisfactory crop of places at other universities too but so many of them are provisional, in various ways, that to list them accurately would be impossible.

R. J. C. Bampton — Pembroke (Oxford).
 R. W. J. Bampton — Pembroke (Oxford).
 A. G. Bowker — Trinity (Cambridge).
 G. A. Brown — Balliol.
 P. L. Hedges — Pembroke (Oxford).
 E. G. Jones — Trinity Hall.
 A. M. Q. King — St. Peter's.
 I. A. D. Martin — Jesus (Cambridge).
 M. R. Mole — Pembroke (Oxford).
 R. S. Ogg — Corpus (Cambridge).
 G. C. H. Phillips — Keble.
 C. G. Purnell — St. Peter's.
 J. M. Talbot — Pembroke (Oxford).
 A. J. Varney — Merton.
 D. Weir — Fitzwilliam House.

On the 20th January M. P. Westwood and G. N. J. Lewis, members of 2121 (Abingdon) Sqn., A.T.C., attended the All-England Aircrew Recognition Competition at the Royal Aeronautical Society Building in London, where they won for the second year in succession the Handley Page Heracles Trophy which was presented to them as the highest scoring A.T.C./C.C.F. team by the United States Naval Attaché in Europe, Admiral Gayler. A highly commendable achievement.

The Ruri-decanal Conference was held in the School on 21st February.

Mention is made elsewhere of the scheme of 'Voluntary Service' which began as a tentative experiment and is now a flourishing concern. Here we can say how grateful we are to the Chaplain for devising it with the example of St. Edward's School in front of him — a means by which we can do good without patronising or embarrassment. And in commending our V.S. boys, we can also congratulate Robin Moorsh and his friends on their unofficial and highly successful effort on behalf of Oxfam. It was good of the kitchen staff to help them by laying on refreshments on Sports Day in aid of the same cause.

Before the term had really started a number of seniors had the opportunity of extending their holidays with a final fling. They were invited to the Civic Youth Ball on Friday, 26th January, where, with the Mayor and Mayoress as hosts, they spent a most enjoyable evening.

It is without any reflection on their performance that we welcome the introduction of dancing classes at St. Helen's School to which

are invited to send a contingent every Tuesday evening. The Bursar is perhaps dreading the day when he receives a bill for damages to a young lady's dancing shoes.

More seriously, the outrageous proposal to close the Abingdon branch line to passenger traffic was greeted with incredulous dismay by all those to whom the Bunk, in its various manifestations, is an integral part of the Abingdon scene. Abingdon must and will fight to save its train.

The hundred odd Abingdonians who signed the Ullswater petition (of whom some at least were cognisant of the factors at issue) felt duly rewarded when the Lords rejected Manchester's plan. Perhaps they will be equally successful with British Railways.

Two Parents' Evenings were held this term, on 1st February for Third Forms and on 1st March (after the Mock G.C.E. examinations) for Fifth Forms.

An official visitor who received an especial welcome was our new Naval Liaison Officer, Lt. Cmdr. T. A. McCrossan, who came over to talk to Middle School on 27th March.

Entertainments at which we were represented included the following — The Abingdon Drama Club's production of "Our Town" (in which Mrs. Griffin played a leading role): "Henry IV" and "Britannicus" at the Oxford Playhouse: "School for Scandal" at the New Theatre: and the Arts Council's production of "The Boatswain's Mate" and "Il Tabarro" at the Corn Exchange.

Some of our seniors heard Mr. Christopher Chataway, M.P., speak on "Voluntary Service Overseas" at Oxford Town Hall on 5th March: others attended a U.N.A. meeting at Abingdon on 2nd February where they heard Mr. G. Williams and Mr. R. S. Stanier speak on "Disarmament." Later, on 2nd April, a large party of sixth form scientists visited A.E.R.E., Harwell.

On 16th February the School was host to the Oxford and District Mathematical Association, when Dr. Dressel, from the Mathematical Department at Reading University spoke about the Bernouilli family. Mr. D. A. Quadling, Senior Mathematics Master at Marlborough, was in the chair.

Saturday night entertainments included the following lectures —

3rd February — Mr. J. S. Anderson: "The Living Word" (a dramatic recital in the Chapel).

10th February — Mr. Christopher Mayhew, M.P.: "The Challenge of Soviet Communism."

17th February — Mr. Peter Willey, T.D., M.A., F.R.G.S.: "The Castle of the Assassins."

7th March — Mr. W. H. Thompson, B.E.M. — "Guard from the Yard."

Feature films were — "The League of Gentlemen"; "Seven Days to Noon"; "I'm all right, Jack"; "The Wreck of the Mary Deare."

As far as sport goes, the end of the Lent Term saw two innovations for we sent teams for the first time to the Oxford Schools' Seven-a-side Tournament and to the Oxford Public Schools' Hockey Festival — both of which met with more than a modicum of success.

Other end of term activities included the House P.T. Competition adjudicated by Mr. Bull of Fitzharry's School, and won by Bennett, and the traditional Boarders' Concert on the last night of term.

On the day term ended the Skye Group set off, undaunted by the weather reports, for their annual expedition to lesser breeds without the law; and the Arduous Training Party followed very closely along the trail that they had blazed. If survivors return, we hope to extract reports from them which will appear later in this issue.

Meanwhile, back in the home-country, G.C.E. holiday classes were in full swing in the Teaching Block, and working parties were making the surround of the swimming bath more comely, while an unprecedented number of our members was attending various functions organised by the Public Schools Appointments Bureau. These included short works courses (R. F. W. Budden — with John Laing & Son Ltd. P. E. Dixon — with Smith's Aviation Division; R. Dowson — with Barclays Bank Ltd.; A. S. Harrison — with Ford Motor Co. Ltd.; D. J. Hoddinott — with Vickers-Armstrong (Engineers) Ltd.; N. D. S. Kortright — with Lloyds Bank Ltd.; R. J. Ormerod — with London Master Builders' Association; R. J. Parsons — with G.P.O. Engineering Dept.; G. G. Stone — with Blackburn Aircraft Ltd.; T. J. Tilby — with Esso Petroleum Co. Ltd.; J. R. Veysey — with Bemrose & Sons Ltd.; A. E. W. Willey — with Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd.); and also an industrial course at Manchester (A. J. Oxley, M. L. Thorpe) and an arts course at Ashridge (D. M. Edelsten and C. J. Westell).

It was at the Ashridge Course that our own careers master, Mr. Sewry, appeared as a guest-member of the Brains Trust panel.

And a wider audience, during the holidays, had the opportunity of hearing Mr. Tammadge talking on the Third Programme on new methods in the teaching of mathematics.

Next term the Literary Society hopes to produce for sale on Founder's Day something on the lines of the "Literary Magazine" but rather broader in scope — under the influence, perhaps, of such features as 'Tonight', 'Panorama' and 'Monitor' (Television allusions — BBC of course — are permissible we hope now that the Headmaster himself has bought a Box).

One of this year's Trevelyan winners, R. J. E. Bush, of Exeter School, has very kindly sent us an off-print of his project — a very scholarly yet readable monograph on "The Rev. John Lempriere, D.D., in Devon" that was printed in the *Transactions* of the Devonshire Association for the Advancement of Science, Literature and Art, volume XCIII (1961). It will be remembered that Lempriere, who had been appointed Headmaster of Abingdon in 1792, three years after the first publication of his classical dictionary, was translated to Exeter School in 1809.

Volume 58 of the Berkshire Archaeological Journal (1960 — published 1962!) contains voluminous notes on the domestic architecture of Abingdon by Mr. P. S. Spokes, F.S.A. We always knew that Abingdon had far more than its share of historic buildings. But how many of our readers could identify the oldest house in Abingdon? It is No. 3 East Street.

Still on the historical line, we may note that when our bell-ringers recently hung a new rope for us (which they had presented, sally and many thanks!) they noted down the inscription on the bell. It reads as follows — MEARS AND STAINBANK, LONDON : CUM DOCE VENITE : A. S. SUMMERS, A. M. SUMMERS, MINISTER : DCCCCLXXX.

A more modern note is provided by the fact, which we record for future social historians, that when a recent census was taken, nine boys admitted that they regularly come to school on their own motorised transport.

We have just been informed that a High School in America, the Highland Park School of New Jersey, has entrusted to the high seas a consignment of American books, representative of their seventeen-year-old reading lists, which they are sending to us in the interests of Anglo-American understanding. Doubtless we shall reciprocate. Bring forth your Enid Blytons!

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of magazines from the following schools (to 3rd April): Bristol Grammar; City of Oxford; Magdalen College; Pocklington; Radley College; Reading; St. Bartholomew's, Newbury; St. Edward's, Oxford; also from R.M.A. Sandhurst.

Photographs in this issue are by kind permission of Mr. Milligan (photographer), Mr. Blagden, Mr. Stratford, and Photo Reportage Ltd.

FROM THE HEADMASTER

The Chaplain has gone to endless trouble to make sure that we had a wide range of modern designs to choose from for the Altar silver in memory of my wife, and I think that when Mr. Hill's work is completed the donors will agree that it is worthy of its object. It will not be easy for me to thank them all personally though I shall hope to do so some time.

* * * *

A term that otherwise ran very smoothly was overshadowed by the tragic death of Jeremy Grimes, which followed a twilight period of only three weeks when only his unconscious will to live, aided by the skill and devotion of the doctors and nurses, had kept the enemy at bay. Amidst our sorrow we remember his charm and his gaiety — qualities which we know will still be there when we meet him again in a world where the apparent unfairness of his death will be resolved. Meanwhile, if it is not impertinent of me to do so, I salute the courage of his parents; their bearing during those weeks of agony, when hope itself seemed a mockery, made me feel very humble.

* * * *

As far as university entrance is concerned, it is already clear that this year will prove a landmark in the history of the School. We have secured about twice the number of places at Oxford and Cambridge than we have averaged in recent years, and practically all of our candidates for other universities have already received offers of vacancies that are either firm or dependent upon very reasonable conditions. Two points deserve emphasis. There is still plenty of scope in life for the boy who cannot or indeed does not wish to go up to the university and who has the personal qualities that will make up for the lack of a degree, but from now it should be assumed that the university is the normal goal for the great majority of the boys who come to this School. And secondly, it is extremely important that a boy should secure not only passes but good passes in his first attempt at 'Advanced' level paper. It is so much easier to 'place' somebody who already holds the minimum qualifications for which a particular department is asking. I may add too how pleased I have been this year to hear from various sources how well our boys have shown up at interview. This is a very real test

* * * *

As I write these words the Arduous Trainees have returned safe and sound, the Skye Group are still away up in the highlands, a score of boys are off on Short Works Courses, a number of others (less romantically) are helping a depleted ground staff with various chores around the School. I am especially grateful to those boys who are tidying up the 'surround' of the swimming bath. It will be pleasant when I do not have to apologise to parents for the contrast between our magnificent bath and the untidy frame in which it is set. Inside the School we have a certain amount of routine decoration on hand; and of course the new Library is claiming much of our thought. I was most interested to visit recently, with the School Architect, a couple of new libraries at schools in the north of England. The plans which he later submitted to the Governors incorporated many ideas derived from these libraries and from others which he has visited in more local schools. These plans have been approved in principle both by the Governors and by the Appeal Committee. They will shortly be considered in detail by the Building Committee of the Governors. In the absence of unexpected hitches, we can now confidently hope that work will start before the end of the summer, and that the Library will be ready for opening — and occupation — in the early spring of 1963. We shall be publishing a simplified plan, with a description, in the next issue of the magazine.

* * * *

And now another of our younger masters has got himself posted. We shall miss Mr. Emms but it is nice to think that Rugby endorses our own judgement of him. The Russian department and the Air Section of the C.C.F. will remain as his monuments. When the time comes to say farewell he will hand both of them over to his successor as very flourishing concerns.

J.M.C.

CHAPEL NOTES

The first part of the funeral service of Jeremy Grimes was held in Chapel on the afternoon of Friday, 2nd March. The service was conducted by the Chaplain. Jeremy's housemaster, Mr. Talbot, read the lesson, taken from the fifteenth chapter of Corinthians, and the Admaster gave an address. Afterwards cremation took place privately at Oxford.

Among those present at the service, apart from Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Grimes (Jeremy's father and mother) and family friends, were many representatives of the British Council (including the Deputy Director-General), Dr. Henry Booth (representing the Chairman and members of the Governing Body), Mr. D. B. West (representing the Old Abingdonian Club), a large number of the Staff, the School Prefects, and many of Jeremy's own friends in School and in House.

The lovely flowers included a wreath from the Staff and the boys of Abingdon School, where Jeremy was taken ill; a gesture which was much appreciated.

The Chaplain preached at the School Service held in St. Helen's Church on the first day of term.

The newly-formed Abingdon and District Council of Churches (of which the School is a constituent member) took part this year in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in a big way. The programme extended from prayers at the Salvation Army Citadel to a celebration of the Orthodox Liturgy at St. Helen's Church (to which we sent a strong contingent), followed by the traditional Blessing of the Waters, culminated on Thursday, 25th January, in a combined meeting in the Court Room, preceded by prayers in Chapel. The two speakers were the Father Ivor Thomas, Prior of Black Friars, Oxford, representing the Roman Communion, and Professor Coulson, of Oxford University, on behalf of the Methodists. Professor Ramsey, as chairman, represented *via media* of the Anglican Communion. Such an army of 'top-ss' ensured a good audience; but we never expected we should have to forage for extra chairs to cope with the numbers. We can only hope and pray that the spirit of unity engendered during the week and coming to the surface at this meeting will continue throughout the year. The beginning of Lent was marked by a well-attended Celebration on the morning of Ash Wednesday; and on each subsequent Thursday during a short Lenten Service was held in the Chapel.

In accordance with custom, flowers were banished from the Apse during the penitential season. But an imaginative — and timeless — offering of some lovely lilies from Mrs. Rosevear in the far-vexed Bermoothes enabled us to anticipate the radiance of Easter over the last week-end of the term.

The Gideons returned this term, on 16th March, with a fresh commitment of Testaments to present to those who had entered the School during the last twelve months.

Collections given this term to outside charities were as follows:

S.P.G. (earmarked for the British Honduras Relief Fund)	£9 9
Student Christian Movement	£9 12
Cambridge House	£8 13
The New Guinea Mission (earmarked for Alban Ambo)	£8 15
Royal School of Church Music	£7 14

In addition the Chapel Committee allotted £5 from Chapel Fund for the Mayor's special appeal on behalf of the National Children's Home; and it is appropriate here to congratulate Robin Moorshead, with the aid of his friends managed to raise no less than £30 as the School's contribution to the Public Schools' own drive in aid of Oxford. It is pleasing to find initiative and perseverance meeting with success.

The Chapel helped by putting the alms box at Moorshead's disposal for the first half of the term: after which it reverted to Chapel Fund.

The preacher at the School Service on 1st May will be the Rev. Gordon Roe, priest-in-charge of St. Michael's Church. Visiting preachers we look forward to hearing are as follows—

6th May: Rev. A. F. Rock, M.A., B.D., of Abingdon Congregational Church.

13th May: M. P. Birley, Esq., M.A., Headmaster of Eastbourne College.

24th June: J. V. Barnett, Esq., M.A., Principal of Culham College.

8th July: Rev. George Gallos, of the Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation, Baltimore, Maryland, U.S.A.

22nd July: B. E. D. Cooper, Esq., T.D., M.A., Headmaster of St. Bartholomew's School, Newbury.

The long-awaited carpet was laid in the apse shortly after the beginning of the term. We hope that the absence of criticism indicates approval rather than apathy. The two kneelers in front of the Altar have been re-covered in a contrasting shade of dark blue. Now we are awaiting the long dark-blue kneeler for the communion step to complete the Oxford-and-Cambridge effect.

The problem of the lighting in the apse has at last been solved — and solved very satisfactorily — by the installation of a stronger light in the apex and of two supplementary spot-lights behind the side pillars. The Altar really does stand out now as the focal point of the Chapel.

The Committee is now considering its next big project — the proposed painting of the ceiling of the apse. Some members felt that the ceiling was clearly designed for such treatment; others were very naturally hesitant to endorse such a radical alteration. But there seems now to be general agreement, which is reinforced by specialist opinion, that it is an experiment we ought to undertake. It may indeed have been completed before the next issue of this magazine appears.

It is planned to have the memorials to Messrs. Layng, Grundy and Ingham available for dedication on Old Boys' Sunday (17th June).

Founder's Day seems a long way ahead: but we ask all boys who are living — and their parents — to book the evening of Sunday, 29th May, for what has now become the traditional "leavers' service" in Nicolas' Church.

QUATERCENTENARY APPEAL

The Appeal Committee may not be overtly active at the moment, it is busy planning behind the scenes for the big drive which will start at the end of the year. It is hoped too that it will very shortly be in a position to publish a 'progress report' which will be distributed to all subscribers.

Meanwhile the Fund has benefited substantially by the receipt of large individual sums of money — the one being a first instalment of the balance which will be left in the Lorna Cobban Memorial Fund when the Altar silver has been paid for, the other a first transfer from O.A.T.F. Both of these windfalls will be used for specific objects in the new Library. They have brought the total amount 'covered' to date up to £34,000.

J.M.C.

APPEAL FUND

Twelfth List of Subscribers, 1st January, 1962 — 3rd April, 1962.

* Covenanted Annual Subscription.

† Further Subscription.

J. W. Berry*

W. H. Beyer*

D. L. Cantwell*

P. A. Egelstaff†

Mrs. Hilleard†

I. McGowan-Docherty*

D. G. R. Martin*

Mrs. M. Percival*

School House Trunk Working

Party†

J. J. Swainston*

H. Tajfel*

Miss Willis and Miss Blair

VALETE ET SALVETE

Left 21st December, 1961

Upper Sixth Form Arts: R.J.C. Bampton; R. W. J. Bampton; P. A. H. Dawson; T. H. Frost.

Upper Sixth Form Science: A. C. Bowker; G. A. Brown; P. L. Hedges. Above: R. E. Parsons.

Year 4C: J. D. Charlet.

Came 19th January, 1962

Year 3Y: D. N. Roblin.

GOOD FOR THEM

Young people come in for plenty of criticism these days — they are selfish, thoughtless, irresponsible and so on. It is encouraging to report that when a scheme was announced that involved the sacrifice of boys' free time, there was no shortage of volunteers.

The scheme is called Voluntary Service. We had long felt that would be a good thing if we could climb down from our ivory tower roll up our sleeves, and do a really useful piece of service with no hope of reward of any kind. While these thoughts were turning over in mind, we discovered that St. Edward's School had not only had same thoughts, but had actually put them into practice. Helped their advice, we started off our own Voluntary Service.

The idea is simply to offer help to those who need it, more particularly to the old. The Welfare State does a lot, but it has not yet come down to chopping wood, carrying coal, digging gardens, mending brooms and a hundred and one other small jobs; small, that is, to young — but quite another story when you are old and rheumatic.

To find out where help was most likely to be needed, we consulted Mrs. Cox (Alderman, former Governor, and, in our sense of the word, a grand-parent), who not only suggested various people but actually visited them herself and commended our scheme to them. Already we have heard that the visits of the boys are most welcome. This is not only because of the work which is done but also because, when you are old and living a fairly restricted life, to be able to talk and listen to someone much younger than yourself is a welcome and rejuvenating experience.

Next term we hope to extend the scheme to more old people. If our reader knows where help might be offered, a note to the Chaplain will set the wheels in motion. This is obviously something to be encouraged to the mutual advantage of both young and old alike.

G.

FOUNDER'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

Founder's Day this year will be celebrated on Saturday, 28th July. The provisional programme is as follows:

- 7.30 a.m. Celebration of Holy Communion in the School Chapel
- 11.00 a.m. Service in St. Helen's Church, Abingdon. Address by Rev. W. G. Fallows, M.A., Chaplain to the Queen's Principal of Ripon Hall Theological College.
- 2.45 p.m. Distribution of Prizes in the Corn Exchange by the Rt. Rev. S. W. Betts, M.A., Bishop of Maidstone.
- 4.15 p.m. The Headmaster and his sister, Mrs. C. L. Dook, will be 'At Home' at the School House to Parents, Old Scholars and friends of the School (after which the School Grounds will be open for inspection and there will be displays of various School activities).
- 8.00 p.m. An Evening Entertainment in the Corn Exchange.

On Sunday, 29th July, the Chaplain will preach at Morning Service in the School Chapel (10 a.m.); and the Headmaster will preach at 6.30 p.m. at the traditional service in St. Nicolas' Church. All

who are leaving are invited to bring their parents and other members of the family to this service.

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

There will be an additional performance of the Evening Entertainment at 7.30 p.m. on Friday, 27th July. Tickets for either performance can be obtained from Mr. Sewry, price 5/- and 3/- (including programme). Parents who live locally are asked to come, if possible, on the Friday evening.

Old Boys' Day will be held this year on Saturday, 16th June. Details of the programme will be circulated later to all members of the O.A. Club. *Old Boys* are also specially invited to attend Morning Service in the School Chapel on the following Sunday, 17th June, when the memorials to Messrs. Layng, Grundy and Ingham will be dedicated; and subsequently to take coffee with the Headmaster in the garden of the School House.

HOCKEY

FIRST ELEVEN

G. G. Stone; I. A. D. Martin, J. M. Bunce; A. W. Foster, D. Weir, J. J. Hoddinott; B. R. Rosevear, A. T. Barrett, G. J. Bailey, J. R. Heysey, R. H. M. Burridge.

Also played: Oxley (3 times and throughout the festival); Wilson, R. (twice); Evans, R. J. M. (once, and one festival game); Forsyth (once).

The 1st XI has been very lucky this year. In spite of the weather only one match had to be cancelled, while the fact that we were invited to the Public Schools' Hockey Festival in Oxford enabled us to play right through to the end of term.

On paper we have had a moderately successful season — winning matches, losing 5 and drawing one (with 17 goals for and 17 against). Our victory over St. Edward's was especially pleasing, but not as decisive as our defeat of Bloxham. The Hockey Association, with its usually strong side, gave a fine display of constructive hockey and we were not disgraced in losing 6—0. We welcomed a fixture, a new one, with the Royal Masonic School, Bushey, where in front of about 150 enthusiastic supporters (please note!) and on a beautifully smooth surface we narrowly lost 2—1.

Results, however, are far from everything. Much more important is our attitude towards the game. We have approached our matches always with the desire to enjoy the hockey, and of course to win if possible. This has resulted in a happy atmosphere which was reflected throughout the hockey club.

The team changed little in the course of the season. Goalkeeper has been the hardest position to fill, with two keepers of equal standing to choose between. Stone, who played for most of the term, is more agile if less reliable than his rival Oxley. The full-backs were the main-stay of the side with their efficient clearance and intelligent covering. Martin is perhaps the more experienced of the pair, but whatever Bunce lacks in skill he makes up for in enthusiasm and speed. Foster, at right-half, is a clever ball player. He must learn to stay with his winger and to pass the ball that fraction of a second sooner. Hoddinott, the other wing-half, is reliable and quietly efficient. He also tends to hang on to the ball too long and could perhaps make more use of the cross-field pass.

The approach work of the forwards was always clever. Their one fault was a lack of finishing power, the inability to shoot as soon as they were inside the circle. The right-wing, Rosevear, did his job well staying out on the wing and chasing every ball. Barrett will be a very good inside-forward. At the moment he is young and a little too slow. He deservedly kept his place in the XI however, and scored several fine goals. Bailey, like Barrett a new-comer to Game One, is a busy and hard-working centre forward, with a powerful shot. He can position himself well, even if he does sometimes wander away from the middle . . . The stick-work of Veysey was admired by all. His intelligent moves resulted in many of the goals and it is a great pity that he himself lacks a really strong shot. He combined excellently with Burridge on the left wing. Burridge, also a clever and thoughtful player, was a great success in this difficult position. He moved skilfully and his reverse-stick centres were often penetrating.

Everybody enjoyed their hockey this term and we should all like to thank most warmly the members of the Staff who helped us to enjoy it — specially Mr. Griffin whose assistance both on and off the field has been invaluable. No report could be complete without a mention of Mr. Powell, the student master with a Cambridge hockey blue, who devoted so much of his time and experience to training us. We wish him luck in his new appointment.

Results

Jan. 27	v.	Wallingford G.S. (a)	Lost	0—
Jan. 31	v.	King Alfred's, Wantage (a)	Won	3—
Feb. 3	v.	St. Edward's School 'A' XI (h)	Won	2—
Feb. 10	v.	Abingdon H.C. (h)	Drew	1—
Feb. 17	v.	Solihull School (h)	Lost	1—
Feb. 21	v.	Hockey Association (h)	Lost	0—
Feb. 24	v.	Bloxham School (h)	Won	5—
Mar. 3	v.	Old Abingdonians (h)	Lost	0—
Mar. 7	v.	Pembroke College (h)	Won	1—
Mar. 17	v.	Royal Masonic School (a)	Lost	1—
Mar. 24	v.	Old College, R.M.A., Sandhurst (a)	Won	3—



JEREMY



ATHLETICS, 1962



THE SCHOOL PREFECTS



HOCKEY, 1962

Congratulations to J. M. Bunce, J. R. Veysey and R. H. M. Burrige on the award of their colours.

HOCKEY FESTIVAL

As we mentioned before, we were lucky enough to be invited to the Public Schools' Hockey Festival in Oxford from 2nd to 5th April. The whole festival was well organized and the hockey was of a high standard in spite of the rain. It was a great experience and taught us much about how hockey can be played. With 2 matches won and two lost, we feel satisfied with our performance and hope that in future seasons the benefit reaped from the festival will be revealed.

Festival Results

v. Cranleigh School	Won	4—2
v. The Perse	Lost	0—5
v. Dover College	Lost	1—3
v. King's College, Taunton	Won	2—0

D.W.

Weir himself has been an energetic and extremely competent centre-half, distributing his passes with intelligence and cunning. He has also been a very good captain, inspiring the rest of the team by the quiet, efficient way he got on with the job. Congratulations to him, and to Martin who played in the County Tournament at Seaford College.

L.C.J.G.

SECOND ELEVEN

Fortunately the team remained fairly constant throughout the season, a fact which was reflected greatly later on in the season when the XI combined well and played as a team. The half-backs, especially Wilson at centre-half, possessed great ability in attack and defence and the full-backs, Winfield and Liversidge with Oxley in goal, played with determination. The forwards, however, were not so fortunate. The wings were never really used as much as they should have been, which was a pity since both Davis and Ford — the latter a young but clever left wing — were extremely capable. The advantages of moving Davis into the centre-forward position were not realized until the last match when he scored 8 goals. As for the other forwards, Evans and Bellinger, they played well but failed to work together until the end of the season, when they inter-passed most effectively.

The team, although playing with great energy and spirit, largely thanks to the efforts of Bellinger, their enthusiastic captain, never realized its potential. Enjoyment, it must be admitted, took priority in all matches. Finally we should like to thank Mr. Hillary for taking the team under his wing.

The final arrangement was: A. J. Oxley; C. R. Winfield, P. W. Liversidge; D. M. Edelston, S. R. Wilson, T. B. Moore; A. M. Forsyth, C. H. Bellinger, C. M. Davis, R. J. M. Evans, C. C. Ford.

Also played: Ogg, Stone, Urwick, Opie, Morris, TR.

Results

Jan. 27	v. Wallingford G.S. (a)	Lost 1—2
Feb. 3	v. St. Edward's School 'B' XI (h)	Lost 1—2
Feb. 7	v. Common Room XI (h)	Lost 3—4
Feb. 10	v. Radley College 3rd XI (h)	Won 3—0
Feb. 17	v. Solihull School (h)	Drew 1—1
Feb. 24	v. Bloxham School (h)	Won 11—2

D.W.

ATHLETICS

Last year the beginning of Athletics training coincided with a heat wave. We have not been so lucky this year. The bitterly cold wind throughout March made life very unpleasant for competitors and spectators alike.

The team enjoyed a fairly successful season, losing only one match — by one point — and the Juniors proved much too strong for their opponents.

At Reading only inches separated the first three runners in the 100 yards, whilst V. A. Marsh won the first of the consistently good 440 yards that he has run this season. Our superiority with the shot was more than counterbalanced by Reading's strength in the Mile, but the match was thrown away by one very bad baton change in the relay.

Against the Old Abingdonians, the School never seemed likely to lose after they had taken the first two places in the High Jump — Nelson breaking his own School record by an inch. It is to be hoped that more active O.A.s will try to come down for this fixture next year. All credit to the small faithful band who come down year after year — but it is asking too much to expect some of them to compete in events for which they have never shown aptitude.

It was a pity that because of other commitments, Radley College were unable to field a fully representative side when we paid our first visit to their new fully equipped eight-lane track. This fixture was expanded into a triangular meeting so that our annual match with Bloxham was contested this year on 'foreign soil'. There were many good performances, and it was particularly pleasing to see our second strings doing well. T. A. Marsh's winning throw in the Javelin was over five feet better than the School record.

In the Standards Competition, Blacknall with 367 points just managed to withstand a late challenge from Bennett (351), and Tesdale (337) finished with only one more point than Reeves. Our thanks are due to A. J. Lloyd and his team for organising the competition so well.

During the term full colours were awarded to P. J. F. Blair, T. A. Marsh and V. A. Marsh. Half Colours went to G. A. Hall.

MATCHES

*v. Reading School (a), Wed., 14th March.**Senior Match*

- 00 yards: 1—Munday (R), 10.6; 2—Talbot; 3—Blair.
 20 yards: 1—Talbot, 24.4; 2—Blair; 3—Constable (R).
 40 yards: 1—Marsh, VA, 54.9; 2—Munday (R); 3—Shepherd (R).
 80 yards: 1—Dipper, D (R), 2:9.4; 2—Liversidge; 3—Keeys.
 Mile: 1—Shepherd (R), 4:49.7; 2—Civil (R); 3—Aplin.
 High Jump: 1—Nelson, 5ft. 6in.; 2—Dale (R); 3—Cable.
 Long Jump: 1—Blair, 19ft. 9½in.; 2—Constable (R); 3—Hall, GA.
 Shot: 1—Talbot, 44ft. 7in.; 2—Rosevear; 3—Piercey (R).
 Hurlin: 1—Jennings (R), 144ft. 1in.; 2—Dale (R); 3—Marsh, TA.
 Relay: 1—Reading, 47.8; 2—Abingdon.
 4 x 110)

Reading—58 pts.; Abingdon—57 pts.

*Junior Match**(Under 16 on 1st January)*

- 00 yards: 1—Bell, 11.2; 2—Cropp (R); 3—Akinbiyi.
 20 yards: 1—Bell, 25.0; 2—Johnson, AE; 3—Ruddle (R).
 40 yards: 1—Barrett, 59.0; 2—Jennings; 3—Carey (R).
 80 yards: 1—Bunting (R); 2:16.0; 2—Avery; 3—Kitto, MF.
 High Jump: 1—Johnson, AE, 5ft. 0in.; 2—Bevitt (R); 3—Kitto, MF.
 Long Jump: 1—Bell, 16ft. 11in.; 2—Taylor, W (R); 3—Jennings.
 Shot: 1—Johnson, AE, 37ft. 6in.; 2—Ruddle (R); 3—Moore, TB.

- Hurlin: 1—Bevitt (R), 138ft. 0in.; 2—Ford, C.C.; 3—Barrett.
 Relay: 1—Abingdon, 49.8; 2—Reading.

4 x 110)

Abingdon—59 pts.; Reading—35 pts.

v. Old Abingdonians (h), Sat., 17th March.

- 00 yards: 1—Britten (OA), 11.0; 2—Talbot; 3—Neilan (OA).
 40 yards: 1—Marsh, VA, 53.9; 2—Talbot; 3—Britten (OA).
 80 yards: 1—Sheard, JA (OA), 21:10.4; 2—Keeys; 3—Liversidge.
 Mile: 1—Harvey (OA) and Sheard, JA (OA), 4:51.1; 3—Aplin.
 High Jump: 1—Nelson, 5ft. 6½in. (School and Match record); 2—Johnson, AE; 3—Neilan (OA).
 Long Jump: 1—Darroch, DG (OA), 18ft. 1in.; 2—Hall, GA; 3—Bell.
 Shot: 1—Darroch, DG (OA), 47ft. 8in.; 2—Talbot; 3—Rosevear.
 Hurlin: 1—Marsh, TA, 144ft. 6in.; 2—Woodward (OA); 3—Bunce.
 Discus: 1—Talbot, 129ft. 5in.; 2—Marsh, TA; 3—Darroch, DG (OA).

- Relay: 1—School, 2:29.6; Old Abingdonians.

6 x 220)

School—54 pts.; Old Abingdonians—35 pts.

*v. Bloxham School and a Radley College team (at Radley).**Thursday, 29th March.**Senior Match*

- 100 yards: 1—Prakash (B), 10.8; 2—Talbot; 3—Blair.
 220 yards: 1—Talbot, 24.0; 2—Prakash (B); 3—Blair.
 440 yards: 1—Marsh, VA, 53.7; 2—Fowler (B); 3—Johnson (B).
 880 yards: 1—Fowler (B), 2:5.2; 2—Keeys; 3—Liversidge.
 Mile: 1—Aplin, 4:55.4; 2—Miller-Jones (B); 3—Budd (R).
 High Jump: 1—Wietzel (R), 5ft. 6in.; 2—Nelson; 3—Morris (R).
 Long Jump: 1—Blair, 19ft. 4in.; 2—Galsworthy (R); 3—Hares (B).
 Shot: 1—Talbot, 42ft. 7in.; 2—Rosevear; 3—Long (B).
 Discus: 1—Talbot, 132ft. 1in.; 2—Marsh, TA; 3—Marston (B).
 Javelin: 1—Marsh, TA, 152ft. 9in.; 2—Marston (B); 3—Comin (R).
 Relay: 1—Abingdon, 46.5; 2—Bloxham; 3—Radley.
 (4 x 110)

Abingdon—113½ pts.; Bloxham—89½ pts.; Radley—43 pts.

*Middle Match**(Under 16½ on 1st January)*

- 100 yards: 1—Matson, IWD, 11.0; 2—Bell; 3—Roberts (B).
 220 yards: 1—Bell, 24.8; 2—Matson, IWD; 3—Wright (R).
 440 yards: 1—Marsh, SA, 56.6; 2—Barrett; 3—Bullwinkle (B).
 880 yards: 1—Gregson, 2:10.7; 2—Sutcliffe (B); 3—Kitto.
 Mile: 1—Gregson, 5:21.9; 2—Avery; 3—Collins (R).
 High Jump: 1—Johnson, AE, 5ft. 1in.; 2—Henderson; 3—Caudwell (B).
 Long Jump: 1—Roberts (B), 17ft. 10in.; 2—Jennings; 3—Greer (B).
 Shot: 1—Bosley, NAH, 32ft. 8in.; 2—Lacey (R); 3—Tame (B).
 Discus: 1—Pinsent (R), 117ft. 10½in.; 2—Cutler (B); 3—Matson.
 Javelin: 1—Davis (R), 136ft. 9in.; 2—Kandiah; 3—Greenacre (R).
 Relay: 1—Abingdon, 48.5; 2—Radley; 3—Bloxham.
 (4 x 110)

Abingdon—102 pts.; Bloxham—68½ pts.; Radley—43½ pts.

THE SCHOOL SPORTS

(Wed., 28th and Sat., 31st March)

Both Sports Days were bitterly cold, with a strong blustery wind, and no records were broken. A most welcome innovation was the serving of cups of tea from the pavilion — all profits from which were sent to OXFAM. Interest in the House Competition was maintained to the last — Bennett finally beating Tesdale by only half a point.

The Captain of Athletics, J. M. Talbot, deservedly won the Senior Victor Ludorum Cup for the second year with 21 pts., P. J. F. Blair

ing runner up with 13 pts. The Junior Trophy was won by S. A. Marsh who won all his five events to score 25 pts.; the runner up was J. W. Penney with 13 pts.

At the conclusion of the Sports, the Challenge Cups (including a new one kindly presented by N. J. Holmes, Esq., O.A., for the Under 2 100 yards) were presented from the pavilion by Mrs. Tammadge.

Results

- 00 yards (U/12): 1—Rose, 13.5; 2—Whipple; 3—Semmence.
 00 yards (U/13): 1—Gibbs, 14.2; 2—Dobbs; 3—Hunt.
 00 yards (U/14): 1—Hassett, 12.4; 2—Bradfield; 3—Painton.
 00 yards (U/15): 1—Marsh, SA, 11.4; 2—Corps; 3—Coffee.
 00 yards (Open): 1—Blair, 10.6; 2—Talbot; 3—Matson, IWD.
 20 yards (U/12): 1—Rose, 31.6; 2—McLaughlin; 3—Semmence.
 20 yards (U/13): 1—Gibbs, 28.5; 2—Booker, NJ; 3—Hunt.
 20 yards (U/14): 1—Hassett, 27.8; 2—Bradfield; 3—Coomber.
 20 yards (U/15): 1—Marsh, SA, 25.3; 2—Corps; 3—Coffee.
 20 yards (Open): 1—Talbot, 24.4; 2—Blair; 3—Bell.
 40 yards (U/13): 1—Gibbs, 67.3; 2—Hunt; 3—Snodgrass.
 40 yards (U/14): 1—Hassett, 61.8; 2—Bradfield; 3—Painton.
 40 yards (U/15): 1—Marsh, SA, 57.1; 2—Corps; 3—Denny, SJ.
 40 yards (Open): 1—Marsh, VA, 53.5; 2—Talbot; 3—Kirby.
 60 yards (U/14): 1—Hassett, 2:33.4; 2—Bradfield; 3—Coomber.
 60 yards (U/15): 1—Marsh, SA, 2:22.1; 2—Topham, MG; 3—
 Corps.
 80 yards (Open): 1—Gregson, 2:8.2; 2—Keeys; 3—Liversidge, P.
 Mile (U/15): 1—Corps, 5:40.0; 2—Owen; 3—Jackson, RA.
 Mile (Open): 1—Aplin, 4:54.1; 2—Gregson; 3—Mole.
 100 yds (U/15): 1—Penney, 32ft. 9½in.; 2—Morgan, JB; 3—
 Evans, PJ.
 100 yds (U/16): 1—Johnson, AE, 39ft. 7in.; 2—Akinbiyi; 3—
 Moore, TB.
 100 yds (Open): 1—Talbot, 44ft. 2in.; 2—Rosevear; 3—Bosley,
 NA.
 120 yds (U/15): 1—Marsh, SA, 90ft. 0in.; 2—Penney; 3—Evans,
 PJ.
 120 yds (U/16): 1—Ford, CC, 104ft. 9in.; 2—Avery; 3—Moore,
 TB.
 120 yds (Open): 1—Talbot, 120ft. 8in.; 2—Ford, MS; 3—Moore,
 TB.
 150 yds (U/16): 1—Ford, CC, 117ft. 8in.; 2—Moore, TB; 3—
 Johnson, AE.
 150 yds (Open): 1—Marsh, TA, 143ft. 3in.; 2—Bunce; 3—
 Kandiah
 160 yds Jump (U/13): 1—Gibbs, 4ft. 0½in.; 2—Jackson, DS; 3—Booker,
 NJ.
 160 yds Jump (U/14): 1—Painton, 4ft. 4½in.; 2—Heading; 3—Brice.

High Jump (U/15): 1—Penney, 4ft. 6in.; 2—Cockerill; 3—Jackson RA.

High Jump (Open): 1—Nelson, 5ft. 5in.; 2—Johnson, AE; 3—Henderson.

Long Jump (U/14): 1—Coomber, 14ft. 10in.; 2—Painton; 3—Wild.

Long Jump (U/15): 1—Pearson, 14ft. 2in.; 2—Addison; 3—Coffee.

Long Jump (Open): 1—Blair, 18ft. 6½in.; 2—Hall, GA; 3—Cable.

Jun. Relay (U/15): 1—Bennett, 3:53.4; 2—Blacknall; 3—Tesdale.

Senior Relay: 1—Tesdale, 3:22.5; 2—Reeves; 3—Blacknall.

Senior Medley Relay: 1—Reeves, 4:3.3; 2—Blacknall; 3—Bennett. (880, 440, 220, 220)

Inter-House Competition: 1—Bennett (123); 2—Tesdale (122½);
3—Blacknall (97½); 4—Reeves (84).

R.H.B./A.S.]

ROWING

The main interest this term was the Reading University Head of the River Race which took place on 17th March. We entered two trios who performed quite creditably and gained useful experience. The 'A' crew started 40th in the general order and finished 49th, but improved our position among the School entries for the Bourne Cup by going from 8th to 5th in 17 mins. 11 secs. We were beaten by Radley College I and II, St. Edward's School I and King's School Worcester, who took the first four places in that order. There were 2 school entries. The 'B' crew went down from 56th to 114th and was 20th amongst the Schools: rather a slow time of 18 mins. 9 secs. was disappointing, but should spur them on to better racing next term.

In addition three other eights were in training and the massive talent available amongst the Colts augurs well.

For once, the weather was reasonably kind to us, but training suffered considerably on account of injuries and minor ailments. Given the necessary luck next term, it is hoped that the 1st VIII will become really fast crew and give a good account of itself at Henley.

THE ABINGDON HEAD OF THE RIVER RACE

This was held on 14th April, in the middle of the Easter holiday. All the crews had to contend with a strong head wind and a fair amount of stream. Consequently the times were slow.

The "Gryphon" B.C.'s placings were:

Gryphon 'A' 5/3 (i.e. started 3rd and finished 5th)	in 12 min. 20.2 secs
Gryphon 'B' 9/5	in 12 min. 46.6 secs
Gryphon 'C' 13/6	in 14 min. 03.8 secs
Gryphon 'D' 15/8	in 14 min. 18.8 secs

A. A. Venn did well in the sculling, finishing 4th in 14 min. 44 secs.; and the representative of the "Abingdon Coaches B.C." successfully completed the course, finishing 8th in a field of 9 starters, 16 min. 26.5 secs.

R.G.]

CROSS COUNTRY

The Cross Country Club, like any School team, is a small community whose members get to know each other pretty well. The bitter blow of the death of Jeremy Grimes was therefore felt very keenly by all of us. Although in time we may recover from the shock left by his sudden collapse, none of us who have run with him on so many occasions will easily forget him. Each of us will cherish memories of his athletic ability, his cheerfulness and all the other qualities which helped to make up his personality.

The following represented the School on more than one occasion this term: D. J. Aplin and I. W. D. Matson (9 times); R. M. Kirby and G. F. Keeys (8 times); C. J. Dean and M. R. Mole (7 times); J. V. Grimes, J. F. Hann, B. S. Avery, D. M. Edelsten (4 times); R. K. Gregson (twice).

RESULTS OF MATCHES

1st February v. Radley College and St. Edward's School (at Radley).

1st—St. Edward's 32 pts.; 2nd—Radley 62 pts.; 3rd Abingdon 103 pts.
(Scorers: Grimes 9, Gregson 13, Aplin 14, Mole 20, Matson 21, Bisby 26).

3rd February v. St. Bartholomew's G.S., Newbury (a).

1st—Newbury 38 pts.; 2nd—Abingdon 40 pts.
(Scorers: Grimes 2, Aplin 5, Mole 6, Matson 7, Keeys 9, Kirby 11).

7th February v. Kimbolton School (a).

1st—Kimbolton 31 pts.; 2nd—Abingdon 51 pts.
(Scorers: Aplin 4, Grimes 5, Mole 6, Matson 9, Keeys 13, Kirby 14).

10th February: Berkshire Schools' Championships (at Maidenhead).

17—19 Age Group: Aplin finished 4th out of 19 competitors.

15—17 Age Group: Abingdon finished 5th out of 12 teams.

(Scorers: Gregson 13, Matson 25, Kirby 28, Keeys 39; 76 competitors).

13—15 Age Group: Avery finished 34th out of 152 competitors.

4th February v. Reading School & King Alfred's School, Wantage (h).

1st—Reading 26 pts.; 2nd—Wantage 66 pts.; 3rd—Abingdon 95 pts.
(Scorers: Aplin 7, Keeys 12, Matson 13, Marsh, V. 20, Liversidge, P. 21, Edelsten 22).

21st February v. Cokethorpe School (a).

1st—Abingdon 25 pts.; 2nd—Cokethorpe 57 pts.
(Scorers: Aplin 1, Mole 2, Matson and Keeys = 4, Dean and Kirby = 6).

24th February v. Old Abingdonians (h).

1st—Abingdon 26 pts.; 2nd—Old Abingdonians 31 pts.
(Scorers—Abingdon: Aplin 2, Mole 3, Matson 6, Keeys 7, Dean 8;
Old Abingdonians: Matson, A. G. D. 1, Woodham 4, Mr. Baker 5, Cunningham 10, Riddick 11 and Holmes).

28th February v. The Queen's College (a).

1st—Queen's 36 pts.; Abingdon 43 pts.

(Scorers: Aplin 4, Dean 5, Mole 6, Matson 7, Keeys 10, Kirby 11).

3rd March: Culham Road Relay

1st team finished 37th (Matson, Dean, Mole, Aplin).

2nd team finished 45th (Kirby, Edelsten, King, A. M. Q., Avery).

(49 teams took part).

R.H.B.

RUGBY FOOTBALL

Only a few Junior matches have been played this term, one by the Junior Colts and two by the Juniors. Hard grounds were the main cause of such a thin programme, although fortunately they did not interfere as seriously with the House games. On February 17th, two games were played against Berkhamsted School, the Junior Colts losing by 11 points to 14 and the Juniors winning by 12 points to 9. Later in the term a Junior 'A' XV defeated Cokethorpe School comfortably by 45—0. The pattern of play at both levels was much as in the Michaelmas term and it was encouraging to see the potential in the Junior group: it bodes well for the future.

These games apart, main interest has undoubtedly been focussed on the Oxfordshire Schools' Seven-a-Side Tournament held on 24th March, which we entered for the first time. As newcomers, we were placed in the lower division and played Oratory II in the first round. Our Seven — Rosevear (Capt.), Budden, Marsh, TA (forwards); Kandiah, Bunce, Davis, CM and Talbot (backs) — began nervously but once settled down, scored three tries to win 9—3. In the next round we met Cirencester Grammar School and won the game convincingly by 13 points to nil. Highlights were the long breakaway try by Talbot and the last try of the game, in which the backs switched to the blind side, then passed the ball across to the forwards for Rosevear to score under the posts.

Cheltenham Grammar School were our opponents in the third round. Davis opened the scoring but in the second half Cheltenham gained a three points lead and though we twice came within inches of scoring we had to admit defeat by 5 points to 8. Cheltenham went on to become runners-up in the division.

Experience in this tournament has been of great value and it will be most unfortunate if the Rugby Union's decision to restrict future 'sevens' to the month of April brings the Oxfordshire Tournament to an end. As a result of our modest success additional Colours were awarded: Full Colours to R. F. W. Budden, C. M. Davis and T. A. Marsh; Half Colours to J. Kandiah.

JUNIOR HOUSE MATCHES

In the Knock-out Competition, Blacknall House, who had been runners up in the previous year gained a fairly comfortable victory over

Bennett, their opponents in the final, 18—0. In the preliminary round, they had also disposed of Tesdale fairly easily, 28—0. Bennett's rout of Reeves by 41 points to nil had promised a better struggle in the final than actually occurred. Blacknall thus gained the Bayley Cup.

In the 'Under 13' League, Bennett House with three convincing victories (59—0 over Blacknall, 64—0 over Reeves, 26—6 over Tesdale) left no-one in doubt as to their right to the Candy Cup. Tesdale House, by defeating Reeves 23—19 and Blacknall 21—10, qualified as runners up and Blacknall House came third by virtue of a solitary victory over Reeves (18—0).

D.O.W.

FIVES

This has not been a successful season. More than ever we have had difficulty on account of injuries and commitments of our players to major sports. It was for these reasons that we could only send a very weak four to play the Beavers and that only occasional practices of the complete team were possible before the first four met Bloxham. An unofficial match against E. R. Codrington's IV was played at the end of term. Nevertheless we have had a full domestic programme in that we have completed the senior and junior singles tournaments as well as the Junior House matches.

Results

1st IV v. Bloxham School: lost 79—109 points. (Ogg, Bailey, Veysey and Ford, CC played).

Colts and Junior Colts pairs v. Bloxham: won overall by 87—82 points.

(Barrett, Davis, PH, Avery and Roblin, P played).

Senior Singles Tournament: J. R. Veysey beat R. S. Ogg in the final.

Junior Singles Tournament: J. B. Morgan beat Coulbeck in the final.

Junior House Matches: Blacknall beat Reeves in the final.

T.A.M.

COMBINED CADET FORCE

History has been made this term in that the R.A.F. Section (1 officer and 16 initially, increasing next term to 1 and 25) has been well and truly launched. It is nice to see, at long last, some "light-blue jobs" about the place; and how we envy them the superior quality of their attire-dress!

Field Day took place on what was planned as the first day of real spring; in fact, it turned out to be just another one of winter. The plan of having a day's revision training of Army Proficiency Candidates had to be abandoned — practical, and fairly vigorous, patrolling was the order of the day. 'A' Coy. spent the day practising their several specialities, Civil Defence at Kidlington and the Gunners field firing on the Larkhill ranges.

The Army Proficiency exam was held on 30th March. Of 42 candidates, 2 passed with credit, 10 failed in one subject only, and 26 passed. These results are appreciably less good than our usual; and one

is left with the feeling that the revision circus of the past was indeed missed this year. The cycle of events in the Corps has been speeded up since we changed our recruiting policy; a good thing in itself, but it does seem at the moment that everybody is feeling a bit pushed: two short terms appear to have provided insufficient time in which to train recruits up to the standard required for the Basic Test. Clearly we need not only some streamlining of training programmes but more intensive effort on the part of N.C.O. instructors. The same will be true for all of us this coming Summer term when preparations for the Inspection will, for the first time, have to be completed almost entirely during normal training time.

S.C.P.

ROYAL NAVAL SECTION

Most of the Lent term was spent working for the Proficiency and Advanced Proficiency tests held during March. Five cadets passed Proficiency and another five the Advanced Proficiency; two of them had passed Proficiency only last term — there is a moral here for those willing to observe it.

An interesting and unusual Field Day was spent at Portsmouth. We spent the night at H.M.S. Sultan and looked round some of the work shops there the following morning. During the afternoon, after a very cold cruise round the harbour in an M.F.V., during which some of the cadets impressed the skipper by the accuracy of their helmsmanship we looked round two of the less often visited parts of the dockyard — the ropery, and the cable testing shed. This was most interesting. The attendance at this field day was, however, most disappointing, and it is clear that we shall have to arrange something to occupy a single day next term, to cater for those who cannot spare two nights away from their work.

We have again had several visits from Lieutenant-Commander Lees to whom we are extremely grateful, as always, for the way he looks after us, and particularly for arranging our field days so efficiently.

L.C.J.G.

ROYAL AIR FORCE SECTION

The new Section made a flying start, both literally and figuratively. Literally, at Field Day when all cadets did 20 minutes flying in Chipmunks, an aircraft on which some indeed had the opportunity to handle the controls. Figuratively, in the high-speed Proficiency course taken by Cpls. Edwards, L. A., and Sheard, P. G., who both achieved Distinctions — no mean feat in this national examination where only 14 Distinctions were awarded among over 1,200 entries. In this success as in many other respects, we are extremely grateful for the help given by our various friends at Headquarters Air Cadets.

Next term promises to be even more active. Entry A will take the Proficiency examination in June, at the same time as the two Corporals will seek to gain fresh laurels in the Advanced Proficiency examination these latter will also be busy as instructors to Entry B. After half-term

we shall begin our comprehensive programme of visits to R.A.F. Abingdon, a quarter which will also be providing instruction dinghy-drill in the swimming bath. Finally, looking ahead to the vacation our more far-flung activities will include gliding courses in East Anglia and on the Bristol Channel, and annual camp at R.A.F. Jurby in the Isle of Man.

P.F.E.

ARDUOUS TRAINING

The party this year comprised Capt. Montague, Lt. Fairhead, Burn, B. A. F., Carter, R. N., Dean, Dixon, K. W. R., Fairlie, J., Ford, M. S., Fraser, Kirby, Leather, P. J., Loukes, Ormerod, and Winfield, eight of whom set out in the late afternoon of Tuesday, 3rd April, while six caught the 8.29 p.m. train from Oxford. This was because two Champs arrived instead of the expected Champ and 1 ton lorry, which meant that there was not room for everyone, and as there were no sides to the Champs it also meant an extremely draughty journey to Carsphairn in Kirkcudbrightshire, our destination.

The Champ party arrived quite some time before the train party on the 8th, as the latter decided to continue their journey up to Glasgow before coming back down to Carsphairn. We were greeted by weather so filthy that we took refuge in a barn of Mr. Campbell's, on whose farm we were to have pitched our tents. Unfortunately the weather forced us to stay in the barn for the duration of our stay.

After a chilly night, waking comparatively late, we all went for a recce on the nearby snow-capped mountains to look at Loch Doon. In the afternoon we broke up into parties of three for a 9-mile sprint which started to take the inevitable toll of blisters, a toll which was increased on Friday when we set off in threes for a walk round Loch Doon, totalling about 25 miles. Ford, Carter and Dixon caused some consternation when they failed to arrive two hours after the rest. However they did arrive before a search party was organised.

On Saturday we went on a shorter circular hike, leaving Winfield behind as apparently his boots were swimming in blood from his blistered feet. This time a search party nearly was organised when Loukes, Fairlie and Burn returned to the barn 2½ hours late because the other three groups had cut about 9 miles off the correct route.

All were fit to take part in Sunday morning's exercise which involved a 12 mile walk round many hills all looking alike. The afternoon was a rest period, which was just as well since it rained all the time.

On Monday morning, when we went for a short 7-mile circular hike, encountering more exasperating bogs, it was the turn of Ormerod to stay behind as he was recovering from the illness of the day before. For this our last trip the weather stayed fine. The return journey was uneventful for both parties, and we arrived home at mid-day on Tuesday, 10th April.

N.P.L.

SCOUTS

34th North Berks.

This is being written in camp at Youlbury. As an experiment a dozen members of the Troop are getting into practice for the Summer with a three-night camp. The standard of cooking and the variety of menu here are the measure of the improvement in the Troop's activities.

During the Christmas holidays, a highly successful bazaar was held at Caldecott House in aid of the new scout fund. Many thanks are due for all the help from Caldecott and Oakley Houses.

Field Day on a Thursday this time, allowed the Seniors to camp out at Youlbury on the Wednesday, and the rest of the Troop to meet them there the following day. The seven course lunch served by the Seniors led one member of staff to volunteer to come with the Troop on future occasions.

Congratulations to R. D. Schuck on the award of his 1st class badge.

M.N.W.

MUSIC NOTES

The last of the season's Subscription Concerts was given by the Carter Trio on Sunday, 11th February. The trio produced a beautifully polished performance and chose a programme which, though it ranged from Purcell to Jean Francais, was perfectly suited to their restrained and delicate playing. We are indeed fortunate to have the opportunity of hearing first-class chamber concerts which not only fill a gap in the musical experience of Abingdon but also inspire us to greater efforts in our own music making. May we take this opportunity of reminding our readers that next year's programme will include the Amadeus Quartet, and three other concerts. Anyone wanting to subscribe should contact the Director of Music as soon as possible as it seems likely that there will be a great demand for tickets.

The Choral Society has been hard-pressed this term. As well as rehearsing for Mozart's Requiem (a review of which appears elsewhere) they have taken part in rehearsals for Messiah with several other schools in North Berkshire. The performance will take place in St. Helen's Church on 24th May, and parents, and friends of the School are warmly invited.

The solo instrumental section of the House Music Competition was judged by Mr. Robert Noble. For the preliminary round there were nearly 80 entries of whom about half went through to the final round. The general standard was high, and it was particularly pleasing to see so many junior boys taking part — one of them, after only four lessons, produced a note-perfect rendering of "Au clair de la lune"! The overall winners were Bennett, with Reeves and Blacknall second and third respectively.

The staff concert was a recital of music for flutes and piano, given by Mrs. Woolley, Mr. Pratt, and Mr. Keating. Once again we were reminded that our visiting staff are not only teachers but competent

soloists in their own right. In one respect this was an unhappy event as it marked Mrs. Woolley's last performance at the School. She is leaving us at the end of this term to move to Essex where we wish her and her family every good fortune.

We are also losing Mr. Jaunet this term. He has put some sterling work into the brass teaching throughout the School and we shall miss him very much. We wish him success in his new post.

The results of the Associated Board examinations are as follows:

Passed with Merit: A. Fairlie (VIII), L. Llewellyn (IV), G. Edwards (IV), D. Murphy (III).

Passed: J. Goodman (V), R. Booker (V), G. Hallett (V), J. Lister (IV), A. Willis (IV), P. Booker (IV), G. Webb (III), K. Robbins (III), M. Howlett (II), P. Gilbert (II), P. Blackburn (I).

G.M.P.

CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERT

The Choral Society gave their annual concert in St. Helen's Church on Saturday, 24th March. We append a review kindly written by Mr. David Sell, a young Antipodean who is spending a year in this country, under the auspices of the New Zealand Government, studying towards his Mus. Doc.

"Mozart's Requiem Mass is an ambitious work for a school performance. Not only has it a good share of technical difficulty, but it is a work which demands some maturity of expression in order to make it convincing to an audience. The School Choral Society coped very well with these problems when they presented the Requiem as the major item in a concert of music by Mozart, in St. Helen's Church on Saturday, 24th March, 1962.

In introducing the programme, the Chaplain pointed out that this concert was the Choral Society's offering to the Lenten season, and a sincere atmosphere appropriate to this was early established and maintained.

Both choir and soloists responded well to the excellent leadership of Mr. George Pratt. The sight of choirboys eagerly watching for an entry sign from their conductor gives me a pleasure almost equal to the sound of the music that results. And how conspicuous is the occasional singer who is not watching the beat and who gives a startled gasp half a beat after his fellows have sung their first note. Mr. Pratt had his choir well trained to watch and respond to his beat. Such ragged entries as there were, resulted, I thought, from overeagerness which is, surely, a good fault!

We have all heard the beginner on the piano who plays the easy amiliar passages with speed and gusto, but who slows to half the speed or the more difficult parts. Mr. Pratt chose his speeds well, firmly coaxing the choir along in the more complex passages and keeping a tight hold of the choral reins in such passages as the exuberant Kyrie, where we heard some of the best singing.

The quality of the soloists drew much good comment from members of the audience. Individually, their voices were light and true, and in ensemble the blend was ideal.

Mr. Ernest Pratt, who travelled from Liverpool to play the organ at the concert, was a most helpful accompanist. At the start I thought the organ was a little heavy for the choir, but that was soon adjusted as the performance progressed. Mr. Pratt senior also opened the programme with a convincing performance of the Fantasia in F minor for Mechanical Organ.

In all, it was obvious that some hard work is being done at the School Choral Society practices and, as the boys of the choir will well know, no matter how much the audience enjoys listening, the best part of music is always performing it."

D.F.S.

ARDNAMURCHAN

For its sixth annual expedition, the Skye Group this year camped on the Ardnamurchan peninsula, the most westerly point on the mainland of Scotland. An advance party of two boys drove up there and established the camp on Sanna Bay; the rest of us arrived next day. The camp site was pleasant, being near the sea yet sheltered by grassed-over sand-dunes and nearby hills. The weather was favourable, the last four days being perfect, with hardly a cloud to be seen. Stores were obtained from Kilchoan, five miles away, and cars were also used to take us further afield at the start of our day trips of geological or biological investigation. The scientific projects, chosen by the individual members of the expedition, were many and varied; it is hoped that a combined report giving a summary of each project will be published this term. Our main object in what follows here is to sketch in broad outline the background to this work, rather than chat about camp hilarities and calamities.

None of the party had visited Ardnamurchan before; it was chosen as a venue for the expedition primarily for its geological interest. The peninsula is composed of rocks akin to those of the adjacent Tertiary volcanic districts of the Inner Hebrides — the islands of Mull, Rhum, Eigg, and Skye. We had fine views of these, their peaks capped with snow. The oldest rocks in Ardnamurchan are the Moine Schists, and on the south coast we found much of this, with mica crystals glittering in the sun. A vast unconformity separates the schists from the Mesozoic rocks. Near the impressive remains of Mingary Castle there were limestones and sandstones of Jurassic age (as in Oxfordshire!). Here we found many beautiful fossils including ammonites and belemnites. The sediments are cut through by numerous "cone-sheets", i.e. fissures which have been filled up by igneous rock from much greater depths. These sheets can be followed for hundreds of yards where they traverse a cliff face or a beach.

Close by the camp was a remarkable ring of hills, three miles across enclosing smaller rings of increasingly acidic rock. This was in fact

ne cross-section of the base of a volcano, the last of three in this region — the volcanic cone and lava have long since disappeared. A series of rock samples was taken, and showed a striking variation towards the centre of this "ring-complex". On Ben Hiant we found fragments that fill a large volcanic vent; these now form crumbling cliffs above Loch Sunart. On Glebe Hill, in a welter of chippings made by other geologists, we found many small sapphires.

As far as the biological studies were concerned opportunities were restricted to a few habitats but these were richly endowed with flora of great interest. Work was concentrated on the sea-shore and the banks of streams, and of particular interest was the section where fresh and salt water mix. Numerous species of seaweeds were collected, sketched and identified so that the natural zonation of algal life on the shore between tides could be deduced. In the region nearest camp this was complicated by the irregular slope of the shore but a good idea of this phenomenon was gained and possibly more suitable beaches remain for further investigation. The study of plant life along the banks of the streams yielded many examples of liverworts and mosses, some specimens previously seen only in the laboratory being observed to thrive in their natural environment. Unfortunately, results of this investigation were not very fruitful as the streams did not fall sufficiently low at altitude to show much variation in the flora.

One member of the party collected plankton (organic life floating or drifting at various levels in the sea) but for reasons not yet fully understood only very few species were found in the waters around the peninsula. Apart from these specific projects, much of interest was seen on various excursions, particularly the numerous sheep's skulls and deer bones littering the hillsides and the large herds of deer encountered in close quarters on many occasions. At least forty species of birds were identified.

We should like to thank Dr. B. C. M. Butler, and Mr. Pollard, for their kind interest and help; the School Scout Troop for the loan of equipment; Mr. and Mrs. Burgess of Ferry Stores, Kilchoan; Nestlè's and Maggi Soups for donations in kind. Derek Pollard too deserves thanks for his work as quartermaster.

The party consisted of: Mr. B. C. Williams, Mr. Blagden, A. M. Q. King, A. J. C. Leatham, T. A. Marsh, G. T. Milford-Scott, M. R. Mole, J. Nelson, D. C. Pollard, J. M. Talbot and R. C. White. R. F. W. Adden and H. F. Flint were unfortunately unable to come.

J.B./B.C.W.

SCHOOL SOCIETIES

ROYSSSE SOCIETY

At the first meeting of the Lent term the Headmaster welcomed seven new members to the Royssse Society, C. M. Davis, C. J. Dean, A. C. L. Fisher, P. J. Leather, A. J. Oxley, A. R. F. Redgrave, and R. P. Welch. The subject of the paper was "Modern art — continuation or schism." The author, A. J. Varney, gave an informative and well-written account of the trends in modern art from the time of the impressionist painters.

Discussion centred on the relation of the purely aesthetic and representational element in art. The meeting ended with a vociferous and dogmatic discussion on the artistic merit of photography.

E. G. Jones read a paper entitled "The problems of adolescence — a social study", at the second meeting. The period of adolescence was defined and described, statistical data were produced relating to the habits of teenagers today, and later an example was cited of particular importance to the members of the Society, that of university entrance. Various causes for the present deplorable behaviour of adolescents were proposed in the ensuing discussions, prominent being advertisements in its many forms.

At the final meeting of the term R. C. Luker read a paper on "Newman and the Oxford Movement." The author described the conditions of the Anglican Church early in the nineteenth century, the ecclesiastical climate in which Newman found himself, his part in the Oxford Movement, and finally his conversion to Roman Catholicism. The Society discussed the reasons why Newman altered his attitude towards the Anglican Church, and this led to the technical distinction between the Anglican and the Roman Catholic faiths. The subject of Church Unity dominated the latter part of the discussion.

I should like to extend our warm thanks to the Headmaster and his household for their hospitality, which has contributed so much to the success of the past term.

A.M.Q.F.

THE DEBATING SOCIETY

Three meetings were held this term. At the first, P. G. Sheard and T. J. Pegram proposed the motion that "The bomb should be banned. They were heavily defeated by the other side of the house represented by A. J. Oxley and T. I. Hall. The speeches were lively and interesting so much so in fact that Mr. Holloway declared that it was the best debate he had attended for a long time.

The motion at the second meeting was — "This House has no confidence in the Government." D. Weir and A. J. Varney attacked the Tory policies and their complacency at a time when we were on the brink of the Common Market. T. J. Pegram and T. A. Marsh, who opposed, expressed their faith in the present government and its leader but it was apparently not strong enough to convince the majority of the House as the motion, following a nation-wide trend, was carried.

"Society strangles the individual" was the third motion of the term. P. J. Webb, adopting the 'Art for Art's sake' line, and G. G. Stonor who disagreed with the ethical restrictions imposed by society, spoke in favour. They were opposed by C. R. Winfield and K. W. R. Dixie who based their more conventional argument on Emerson's remark "Society exists for the benefit of its members, not the members for the benefit of society." The motion was defeated.

Our thanks are due to all the speakers, to the newly elected chairman I. A. D. Martin, and, of course, to our sponsor, Mr. Holloway.

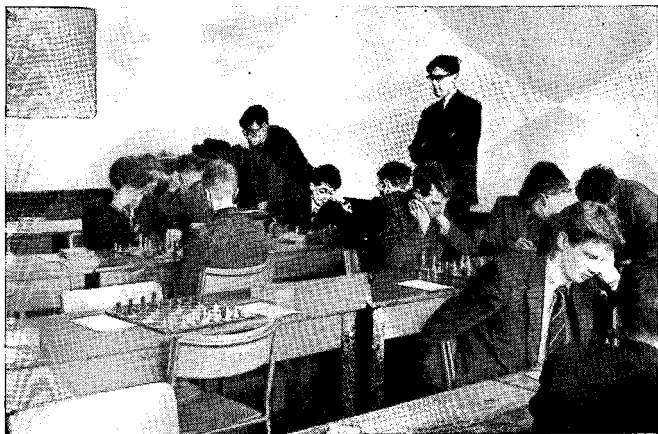
C.R.V.

TURNOR SOCIETY

Two meetings have been held this term, very different in subject matter but equally interesting to our members.

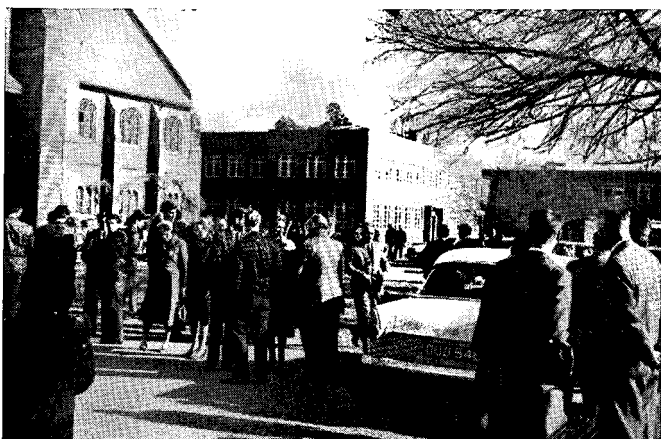
At the first meeting we welcomed Mr. Raymond Cripps, M.A. journalist, photographer and writer who spoke to us about his profession. The enthusiasm of Mr. Cripps for his very varied job was particularly apparent when he recalled some of the interesting men and women whom he had photographed and interviewed. Meeting people was obviously a most important element in Mr. Cripps' business.

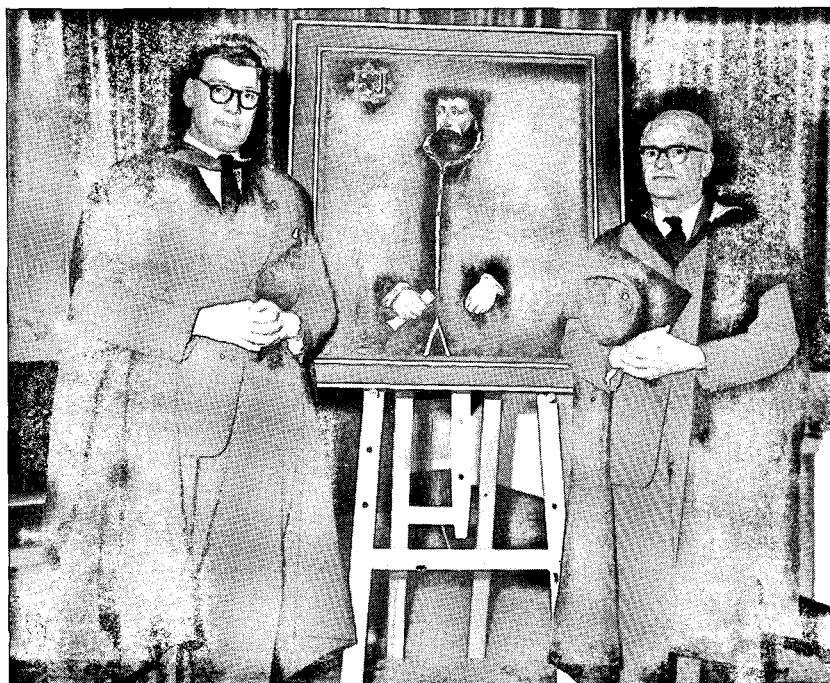
INDOORS



OUT
DOORS

AFTER
SUNDAY
CHAPEL





THE NEW
 (John Mason School, 28th February, 1962)



THE OLD
 (Big School, about ten years ago, shortly to be converted into the Library)

For our second meeting we heard about life in the Aswana Islands from Ratu Serupepi Naivalu, a Fijian chief and headmaster. Speaking in excellent English, Mr. Naivalu, who had changed into native costume before his talk, told us about education and progress in modern Fiji. Perhaps the most interesting part of his talk was his description of the racial mixture in the population, European, Indian, Chinese and Fijian living side by side amicably and to mutual advantage.

The Society is grateful to both speakers and we look forward to further interesting talks in the Summer term.

B.R.R.

LITERARY SOCIETY

The Society opened a lively term with a characteristic Literary Hotch-Potch. Before any papers were read D. Weir was elected Chairman. R. S. Haynes then introduced "The Ivory Tower" and A. R. White bravely attacked modern "kitchen-sink" drama, which was equally vehemently defended by the rest of the Society. Mr. Stratford, the Chairman, P. J. Webb and J. Mackenzie also read interesting and controversial papers.

Mr. and Mrs. Weir very kindly entertained the Society for its second meeting, and we do thank them most warmly for their hospitality. L. A. D. Martin called his paper "The Character of Shakespeare's Tragic Hero" and afterwards very competently weathered a hurricane of criticism and questions, which ranged from Wilde to Aeschylus. The atmosphere of such a famous bookshop proved to be most conducive to literary discussion. R. H. M. Burridge was elected Secretary in place of J. M. Bunce who resigned after a very active term of office.

Sheridan's "School for Scandal", boasting a cast highlighted by Ralph Richardson, Margaret Rutherford and Anna Massey, and produced by John Gielgud, entertained many members of the Society for its final meeting of the term. Some returned disappointed by the inadequacy of a potentially excellent cast; others elated by the magnificence of both the actors and the set. Opinions may have differed but all agreed it was a very entertaining evening and fitting finale for the term.

R.H.M.B.

ST. EDMUND SOCIETY

The Lent Term has been one of great significance for the Society, or it was at the first meeting of the term, on 8th February, that the preliminary discussion took place which led to the establishment of the highly successful Voluntary Service Scheme (which is described on another page).

At the second meeting — on the 2nd February — we were privileged to have three guest speakers: the Vicar of Abingdon, the Rev. J. H. S. Dixon and his two curates, the Rev. Gordon Roe of St. Michael's and the Rev. John Moore of Christ Church, Northcourt. They spoke on: "The Church in Abingdon." Mr. Dixon gave a general outline of the parish, its churches and the duties of its vicar. Mr. Roe and Mr. Moore described their work, with special reference to the part of Abingdon in which their churches were situated. In addition Mr. Moore showed some slides to illustrate the conversion of the Tithe Barn into Christ Church.

Two "Fact and Faith" films were shown on 15th March at the final meeting of term. In one, "Dust or Destiny", wonders in nature which seem inexplicable were shown to be part of an ordered world, created by God. In the other, a commentator answered questions put by doubters on the existence of God.

A.J.O.

CRITICS

At the first meeting of the term, although D. J. French's paper on "Restoration Comedy" had been kept in cold storage over the holidays, a very erudite discussion took place, which centred on the reasons why Restoration comedy seemed to have lost most of its appeal for the modern audience.

The second paper, "The Life of Oscar Wilde" read by D. C. Dunn, was more personal than literary, but nevertheless, owing, perhaps, to the nature of the subject, provoked much criticism from the anti-Wilde members.

N. A. G. Spackman's paper on "Shakespeare's conception of the tragic hero" was undoubtedly the most useful of this term's papers. He showed the transition that took place from the idealistic to the realistic hero, pointing out the influences brought to bear on the playwright at this time.

Many thanks to our sponsor, Mr. Holloway, who has always contributed so much of value to discussion.

C.J.D.

THE SYMPOSIUM

The first meeting of the term was held in the School Shop on Monday, 5th February. After the election of new members, B. R. Rosevear presented a paper entitled "The State of British Sport" which provided good material for discussion. At the second meeting, on Monday, 26th February, C. R. Winfield read a paper on "The British Character" and the members were able to agree upon certain points which they thought typified the British people.

For the third, and final, meeting on Monday, 26th March, Mr. and Mrs. Keating very kindly invited us to their home. The normal procedure was varied and the meeting took the form of a free discussion on the subject of General Reform. This was entirely successful and provoked both serious and witty suggestions, all of which were argued hotly.

The high standard of discussion which has from the start been a feature of this Society has been maintained throughout this term.

J.A.R.W

THE MODERN LANGUAGES SOCIETY

This has been an interesting and varied term. At the first meeting on 2nd February J. J. Mackenzie introduced and played a wide selection of continental gramophone records. His choice of material was certainly appreciated by all, and it made a pleasant change from the more usual play-reading evening.

On 23rd February, however, for the second meeting, we returned to drama and read "Britannicus" by Jean Racine, prior to seeing it at the Oxford Playhouse in a production by the O.U. French Club. Although this is a brilliant play, as those who saw it at the theatre can testify, it is too long to read at one session, as we attempted to do. Next time we read a classical play we shall spend two evenings over it and increase our enjoyment.

"Man and Superman" by G. B. Shaw is also a long play. At our final meeting we managed, by careful cutting, to read and enjoy it. The original plan was to compare the Don Juan legend as portrayed by Shaw with Molière's play of the same name. Our final decision was that no recognizable affinity existed between them. All the same the comedy rounded off the term's activities very nicely.

Once again we should like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Hasnip for all they have done to help us; not least for their kind hospitality and excellent refreshments.

D.W

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

The Society got off to a good start this term with the showing of two films entitled "Worms" and "Traveller's Tale." The former showed in full colour the vast diversity of Annelid forms; and the latter dealt with the extraction of various chemical forms from their ores.

In the following meeting, S. D. Thornton gave an extremely interesting talk on "Biochemical Methods." He showed us how the mysteries of protein structure are solved using the modern techniques of paper chromatography and electrophoresis, and brought along several chromatograms to illustrate the talk. It is a pity, however, that so few people came to what was a most valuable lecture.

The term finished on a high note with a first class lecture by C. M. Johnston, Esq., on "The Function of Hearing."

Dealing quickly with the physiological and anatomical aspects of hearing, Mr. Johnston went on to describe certain causes of deafness, and how they may be diagnosed.

He showed us the audiometer which produces pure tones over a vast frequency range, and played a tape recording of a young deaf child trying to count from one to ten. A most interesting talk was appropriately finished by the exhibiting of a variety of hearing aids varying from the ancient speaking trumpet to the modern transistorised hearing aid.

M.R.M.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

There were two meetings this term; more would have been arranged if there were the enthusiasm we have the right to expect. Membership of the Society is open to everyone, but it seems certain that there are many amateur photographers in the School who neither take advantage of the darkroom facilities and assistance offered by the Society, nor contribute anything to the meetings and exhibitions.

On 9th February, Mr. Hedley Green, a local architect, spoke on "Art and Architecture in Northern Europe", showing some of his own colour slides. On 30th March, the former chairman of the Didcot Camera Club, Mr. Tait, commented on and criticised prints and colour slides brought to the meeting by members of the Society: this was interesting and instructive. The Founder's Day Photographic Competition and Exhibition will be held next term; our aim is to improve on the high standard of last year's Exhibition.

D.C.S.V.

FILM SOCIETY

The Society's first meeting this term was something of a 'surprise packet'. The ordered film, "The Defiant Ones" was held up in the post owing to the G.P.O. work to rule. Instead we were able to show another film by the same producer, Stanley Kramer, "Inherit the Wind" which turned out to be a court room drama with a difference.

The next film was Sir Carol Reed's classic, "The Third Man" with its subtle interplay of characters steeped in the atmosphere of post-war Vienna.

"Elmer Gantry" was something of an experiment chosen because of Bert Lancaster's Oscar-winning performance in the title role, an experiment which proved very successful.

The final film "Some like it hot" was perhaps the most popular of all. Many members will agree that this was perhaps the best film Marilyn Monroe has made.

The Society will not be viewing films in the coming Summer term but will resume film viewing meetings next Michaelmas term.

M.J.E.

CHESS CLUB

The main match of the term was that of the 1st VI against Bedford Modern School in the semi-final of the Sunday Times Schools' Tournament. After a strong start, the School was very unlucky to lose by 4 games to 2, this being our only defeat so far this season.

Other matches played were the 1st VI against an Abingdon Town 'B' team, whom we beat 5—1, and a Senior and Junior Match against The Oratory. The Seniors won by 3 games to 1, the Juniors by 4—0.

In addition, during the term, a match against the the Staff has been progressing, the final result of which was 6—0 win for the School VI.

Thus, so far this season, the School has won 6 matches of the 7 played, quite a remarkable achievement in our second year of match play!

J.B.G.

THE FORUM CLUB

This term it is pleasant to report an increase in attendance and in the interest shown in the Society. On 2nd February, by way of an innovation, we held an open meeting. There was only one topic for discussion — the School Shop, and Mr. Sewry kindly consented to attend our meeting and to deal with any points which came up. As well as complaints, many constructive ideas were put forward — some of which have since been put into practice and it was obvious that the Forum had found another useful function to fulfil.

The second meeting was a more traditional affair, again held in a packed Helyn Room. For three-quarters of an hour there was lively discussion on such vital topics as the U.S. space shot, Hanratty's guilt and university entrance.

At the final meeting, on 16th March, M. J. Nelson was in the chair and conducted a discussion on further points of national import: the Liberal success at Orpington, the report on smoking and lung cancer (and here one member remarked on the number of Staff who had suddenly changed to pipe smoking) — the serious problem of the O.A.S.

It is to be hoped that next term's meetings are as interesting as these have been.

D.W.

MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY

Four meetings of the Society were held during the Lent Term.

On 9th February, R. P. Thompson and C. A. B. Spackman came from Pressed Steel, where they are student apprentices, to discuss the prospects of industry to-day.

"Dots and Dees" was the subject of a lecture by E. E. Ironmonger, Esq., of Westminster College when he came on 20th February. He outlined the work of Leibniz and Newton in the field of calculus.

The School's calculating machine was used to demonstrate the desk computer at a lecture on 20th March which Dr. L. Fox of Oxford University Computing Laboratory gave. He also described the programming of automatic computers. Some mathematicians from the School of St. Helen and St. Katharine and from Radley College came to this meeting.

At the final meeting of the term, on 30th March, R. C. White gave a very interesting talk on "The Fourth Dimension".

P.S.Mck.R.

CAMPANOLOGICAL SOCIETY

On 2nd March, members of the Society attempted a quarter peal in three Doubles Methods (Reverse Canterbury Bob, Grandsire and Plain Bob), in memory of Jeremy Grimes. The attempt was held at St.

Nicolas' Church, by kind permission of the Rector, but it was unfortunately lost after the first 720 changes, because of a miss-call. Those taking part were Miss M. R. Cross, Clifford Carter, Christopher Dean, Martin Tarran-Jones, Alexander Rowson, and Christopher Rowson.

Before the ringing preceding the Carol Service in December 1961, a book token was presented to Miss Cross by the Secretary, as an appreciation of her help during the past year, and it is hoped that with her help, the Society will be able to attempt many more peals in the near future.

An innovation, recently made, has been to hold joint practices with the bellringers of Culham College. These have proved very beneficial, especially to those new members of the Society who have just been learning to ring. Now that the ringing practices have been improved, it is hoped that many more members of the School will take up the ancient and well worthwhile art of bellringing.

C.C.

THE ARTS CIRCLE

This term an Arts Circle was begun under the sponsorship of Mr. T. G. K. Fairhead. The aims of the Society are to form a collection of reproductions and even the occasional original work, to organise outings to exhibitions and galleries, and to invite guest speakers to lecture to the club. We are honoured in having as our Patron Professor E. K. Waterhouse, C.B.E., of the Barber Institute of Fine Arts, Birmingham University.

There has only been time for one meeting, at which the officers of the Society were appointed. The Society's first meeting was quite well attended, and the following were appointed officers: Secretary—A. J. Varney; Under Secretary—M. J. H. Liversidge; Committee Members—F. C. A. Exon, Kortright and S. A. Marsh.

M.J.H.L.

RECORDER CLUB

Although we have had no concerts to work for this term we have not been idle. The standard of the club has improved considerably since last term, and during the term some new music has been purchased, music which is pleasant, and enjoyable to play. A bass recorder has also been purchased, thus enabling us to play four part music.

G.B.E.

LOCOMOTIVE SOCIETY

One meeting was held this term at which three films were shown: 'Making Tracks', 'Groundmark for Progress' and 'Diesel Train Ride'. The first showed the way in which tracks are prefabricated in sections on weekdays then laid on Sundays. The second gave an idea of the preparation of land for the automated freight marshalling yards which have been built at Thornton (Dunfermline) and Margam (South Wales). 'Diesel Train Ride' showed the views which can be seen from the diesel multiple units now familiar on British Railways. The Society regrets the threatened withdrawal of the Abingdon Branch passenger service.

R.D.

PLAY READING SOCIETY

During the past few years this Society has become far more avant-garde in its outlook, reading comparatively newer and therefore more difficult plays; this term we continued the process, although it could hardly be said that we did so at the first meeting on the 4th February, when we read "Twelfth Night." This old favourite gave the term a good start, setting a standard of reading happily maintained in Sean

O'Casey's "The Shadow of a Gunman", read on the 18th February, which was greatly appreciated and enjoyed.

The peak of this term was reached on the 25th February when Elizabeth Johns, Margaret Rose, Verlaine Craik, Susan Brough, and Susan Williams were invited to join us in reading "Under Milk Wood" by Dylan Thomas. Although some of the junior members were perhaps a little overwhelmed by this unusual play, everyone read with gratifying understanding and liveliness.

It was disappointing that the Boarders' Concert rehearsal had to impinge on the last meeting, at which Bernard Shaw's "You Never Can Tell" was read. The enjoyment of this was, as for all the other meetings, greatly heightened by the kind hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Griffin, to whom we are extremely grateful.

N.P.L.

AERONAUTICAL SOCIETY

This term lectures by members were "Designing Aircraft" by P. Rainey and "Project Mercury" by D. R. Sheard. An unusual meeting was held when Mr. Christopher Spackman (O.A.) gave a lecture, on a Monday evening, on "The Problems of Minimum Take-off Run — or V.T.O.L."

The outstanding meeting of the term was a visit to 232 Operational Conversion Unit at Royal Air Force Gaydon, near Leamington Spa. We were allowed to enter the cockpits of Valiant and Victor bombers and taken to the Control Tower to see the men behind the scenes. We ended with tea at the Officers' Mess.

A.J.L.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Owing to the games days being switched around, it has been rather difficult to fit in meetings in such a way that there could be a worthwhile attendance. This term we have had one outing and one meeting.

The outing was to the Museum in the County Hall, Abingdon, which was very interesting.

The meeting was in the Radcliffe Room which is ideal for our purpose. The Secretary gave a short talk on "The Fourteenth Century Painted Ceiling at St. Helen's Church, Abingdon." Plans were then discussed for the Summer term. As our main outing we hope to go to the "Tower of London." Plans were also made for Founder's Day when we hope to provide material for another exhibition.

A.P.F.

JUNIOR KNOWLEDGE SOCIETY

As usual four meetings were held this term. For the first, after the election of the Committee, Mr. Keating gave a talk on "Photography as a Hobby." The second was for members' talks, the third a film on Australia called "The Back of Beyond."

The last meeting of the term was a Quiz, the Y forms beating the X forms by 57 points to 53.

L.P.H.

MODEL BOAT CLUB

Over the winter, the Model Boat Club has awaited the return of the good weather for more Saturday afternoon meetings at the Lake at Ripon Hall. During the dinner-hour however in the Art Room, meetings have been held to discuss worth-while forms of activities for the future and types of models to be constructed within the club. The latest idea in this respect has been to set to work on a model harbour along with small water-line models of ships in dock. The club's membership is

still about fifteen, but we hope to attract even more people with forthcoming events.

M.G.T.

CAMPING CLUB

Only one meeting was held during the term, as it was the 'close season' as far as Camping is concerned. At the meeting T. Hall spoke on 'Outward Bound Schools.' His talk was well illustrated with slides, maps and pamphlets.

A number of expeditions are planned and it is hoped to have reports of these at next term's meetings.

M.A.B.; P.J.H.

HOLIDAY CLUB

Owing to heavy frosts it was impossible for us to play either of our two annual fixtures for the Christmas Holidays. The fixture with an Abingdon Rugby Club side, due to be played on Boxing Day, was called off at the last moment and later in the holidays the fixture with the Minors Football team also had to be cancelled. The social however, held on the 16th January, was a great success and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Again we are indebted to Mr. Brampton for the loan of the Little Theatre and to parents of members without whose help the social could not have been such a success.

M.S.F.

OXFORD LETTER

ir,

Max Beerbohm once wrote: "Undergraduates owed their happiness chiefly to the consciousness that they are no longer at school. The nonsense which was knocked out of them at school is all put gently back at Oxford or Cambridge." And when better to assimilate it than during an Oxford summer? We naturally spare a thought for those who see Schools in a few weeks' time and who make as few public appearances as possible; but for the majority the sweet music of our lives, even "When time is broke and no proportion kept", has yet to turn sour.

In spite of his tutor's question — "Do you need a good degree, Mr. Harvey?" — the University's new Captain of Cross-Country (St. Edmund Hall) has denied that he is following Herb Elliot's example and retiring to concentrate on work. George Darroch (Merton), having successfully passed Prelims. at his second attempt is enjoying life to the full: when he can spare the time from playing darts and records he acts as the University representative for the Anglo-Scottish A.C. (Perhaps someone should tell him that he will not be allowed a second attempt at Schools). Randell Moll has played hockey for St. Peter's, Robert Johnston (Pembroke) and Graham Howlett (Magdalen) row in college crews, while Roger Green (Merton) is looking forward to another croquet season.

But I must not give the impression that we concentrate all our energies on sport. A few Abingdonians have infiltrated into key positions in University societies: Graham Howlett is Secretary of the

O.U. Student Christian Movement; two of our number have for some strange reason become ardent educational reformers, John Sheard (Pembroke) being the President and Robin Dickenson (New College) a committee member of the University Education Society; Frank Jeal (St. Cath's) is still one of Oxford's leading morris-dancers; and Tony Haynes continues to play a variety of instruments in both orchestras and jazz groups.

With traffic congestion in Oxford so great a problem nowadays we were surprised to see Peter Ford (New College) sitting in a stalled car in the middle of Carfax one afternoon. Perhaps the voles that he keeps in his room had been drinking the petrol. Brian Winkett (Pembroke) reconciled to the fact that he will soon have to earn a living, has come across congestion of another kind — with the Appointments' Board.

Resisting the temptation to write at length on the activities of Keith Haarhoff (Caius, Cantab), who seems to spend more time in the area of this university than in his own, I conclude by paying tribute to those of us who are seldom seen. An Oxford letter would not be complete without mention of Peter Gray and Brian Kibble (Jesus), and Humphrey Bowen and Ian Kirby (Pembroke). Having mentioned them I shall leave them in peace,

and am honoured to remain, Sir,

YOUR OXFORD CORRESPONDENT.

O.A. NOTES

BIRTHS

EWING. On 11th March, 1962, to Wendy, wife of Kenneth W. Ewing (1930), a daughter, Nicola Sarah.

JAMES. On 11th March, 1962, to Daphne, wife of Bernard James (1953), a daughter, Diane.

LAY. On 6th April, 1962, to Jean, wife of Peter J. Lay (1954), a daughter, Sarah Catherine.

LEACH. On 21st January, 1962, to Margaret, wife of Peter F. Leach (1940), a daughter, Sarah Lucy.

LEIGH. On 16th January, 1962, to Lilian, wife of Colin Leigh (1941), a daughter, Vanessa Jane.

MARRIAGES

FURBY-WOOLLEY. On 30th December, 1961, at St. John's Church Dunkinfield, Cheshire, Jim Furby (1951), to Olga Patricia Woolley.

WOND-MATTINGLEY. On 3rd March, 1962, at St. Michael's Church Abingdon, Trevor J. Wond (1956) to Diana Mattingley.

BECKER-BROWN. On 2nd April, 1962, at Weymouth, John M. H. Becker (1957) to Jakki Lesley Brown.

Sir George Sinclair (1931) has been adopted as prospective Conservative candidate for the Dorking, Surrey, Constituency, where he will receive able support from S. D. Plummer (1931) who is Secretary of the local Party Association.

We congratulate two former members of the Staff, both Headmasters, on their new appointments: P. W. Martin (1940) moves from Lincoln School to Warwick and R. D. Baynes (1951) from Richmond Grammar School, Yorks to Stationers' School, London.

Nigel Hammond (1957) has received his first appointment as Geography Specialist at Workshop College and George Nichol (1957) Churchfields School, a Comprehensive School at West Bromwich.

We were very pleased to see Pat — or rather Hon. Mr. Justice — Osdell (1931) and Peter King (1945) home on leave from East Africa and also Martin Leftwich (1942) from the forests of Nigeria. Hilton Bailey (1939) is still concerned with road-making materials, and is recently moved from Warwickshire to Bedford.

Campbell Stott (1946), in the Taylor Woodrow concern, is at present Chief Engineer in sole charge of airfield construction at Auckland, New Zealand.

Peter Lay (1954) has transferred to Ferranti Ltd. and is a Senior Electronics Engineer in the Aircraft Equipment department at Bracknell. Michael Cullen (1945) has now completed his tour of service with Shell's Indonesia Company and after a spell at London headquarters is likely to return to Northern Ireland.

Capt. Beville Stevens, R.A.S.C. (1951) has again been posted to Tripoli, N. Africa.

Of our younger Naval officers, David Camplin (1959) is Sub.Lt. in M.S. Blake in the Mediterranean. In August he goes to R.N. Engineering College, Manadon, for a four-year course leading to B.Sc. (Eng.). Christopher Cobley (1957) is Sub.Lt. in H.M.S. Roddington at Malta and Christopher Loukes (1959) has been appointed to H.M.S. Imperdown, at Plymouth.

Jim Furby (1951) whom we congratulate on his recent marriage is Research Engineer with Padley and Venables, of Dronfield, Chesterfield.

Kevin Taylor (1953), who is with Concrete Ltd., has been appointed Development Manager with their new Subsidiary, 'Bison Garages Ltd.' At the Reading Head of the River Race on 17th March, D. R. Gerring is stroking Bristol University I and C. H. Woodham (1961) the Faversham Technical College crew.

Geoffrey Crockford (1952) of the Dept. of Human Anatomy at Oxford, was part author of an article on 'Protective Clothing for very hot conditions', which appeared in the New Scientist of 8th Jan., 1962.

Richard Redknap (1954) has returned from the Bahamas with his wife and family — four sons — and is looking for a suitable job in England. Whilst abroad, he played rugger for a Bahamas XV against Trinidad.

Michael Brackley (1954) has been granted a permanent Commission in the R.A.F. Secretarial Branch, which means a loss to the teaching profession.

O.A. CLUB NOTES

The 14th London Dinner was held on Friday, 9th March, 1962, at The Constitutional Club, Northumberland Avenue. We were glad to be back at the familiar venue and have to thank Stanley Paige very warmly for all the hard work he puts in to make the evening a success. There was quite a good turn-out of the 'middle-aged' members but few of the youngest Old Boys who must be encouraged to attend the enjoyable function.

The President, G. A. H. Bosley, proposed the health of the School to which the Headmaster replied with a brief review of events and some sound advice. A. R. Tammadge proposed the health of the Club with mathematical precision and profundity and H. B. Healy wound up the Speeches appropriately.

Next year being 1963 we must make a great effort to muster a good hundred at the Dinner.

LOST ADDRESSES

Information as to the present addresses or whereabouts of the following members of the Club is urgently needed to bring our records up to date. Anything helpful will be welcomed by G. F. Duxbury, Abingdon School.

J. P. Aldersley, '38	A. E. Carter, '41	L. C. George, '20
P. V. Aldiss, '46	D. G. Carter, '40	P. B. D. Glover, '52
P. J. Aldridge, '05	R. M. Carter, '56	G. J. Goodey, '33
R. F. W. Andrews, '35	M. Chase, '46	J. S. C. Greenwood, '40
L. S. Bailey, '30	R. M. Cory, '07	R. Grey, '43
H. S. Baker, '99	A. C. Croasdel, '25	A. M. D. Greene, '28
J. M. Ball, '46	F. Crossland, '17	J. H. Guy, '29
E. R. Barber, '20	N. H. Crossland, '32	E. D. Grimwood, '18
H. W. C. Barnes, '12	D. A. Culmer, '40	N. D. O. Hall, '58
J. A. C. Barnes, '42	J. E. Cutteridge, '42	P. H. Harris, '43
K. W. Barr, '32	E. C. Davies, '15	R. Hedger, '40
J. Beary, '48	W. G. Davis, '33	R. M. Hodgson, '25
P. F. C. Berry, '50	R. L. Dawson, '28	T. H. Hodgson, '29
J. Bond, '12	W. G. C. Denny, '29	F. C. L. Humphrey, '40
T. F. Bowman, '03	K. G. Detmold, '10	A. Hiles, '97
G. A. R. Boyd, '31	R. E. Dew, '41	T. O. Inwood, '50
K. C. Bradbury, '26	A. G. Dillabough, '60	W. G. E. Jacob, '32
A. F. Bragg-Smith, '26	F. H. Edey, '04	A. N. James, '46
E. J. Bride, '17	D. P. Edsall, '30	D. H. Jenkins, '21
M. G. Brinsmead, '06	C. B. Edwards, '14	D. Jones, '37
R. E. Broadbent, '27	L. L'E. Edwards, '09	E. O. Jones, '41
A. F. Brown, '53	J. A. Engall, '31	J. C. T. Jones, '31
P. R. Brown, '47	F. V. Enoch, '13	F. L. Kitto, '20
R. F. Brown, '31	G. Farnsworth, '41	D. A. Large, '39
B. W. L. Buckland, '24	N. S. Field, '31	R. B. Leach, '09
M. A. Butler, '06	A. L. Fleet, '34	I. T. Leon, '23
E. C. Cann, '34	N. S. Florida, '54	J. K. Leon, '24
N. A. Carr, '22	J. G. B. Fuller, '06	R. H. S. Lesser, '44

P. J. Liles, '58	C. W. G. Pulford, '47	F. Taylor, '21
L. A. Lloyd, '20	M. A. L. Randell, '56	G. L. Thatcher, '20
R. B. Long, '01	D. W. H. Ridout, '50	E. H. Thomas, '11
C. E. Lowe, '23	R. S. L. Robinson, '27	P. T. Thomas, '26
W. Lupton, '18	H. N. Rogers, '11	Lt.Col. R. F. L.
B. N. Margrave, '47	S. W. R. Royse, '25	Thomas, '25
R. H. Marshall, '40	P. C. Sarsfield-Hall, '55	C. F. Trevor, '45
D. B. Martin, '56	E. D. E. Schwier, '48	R. L. Triggs, '31
H. J. Mason, '22	W. R. E. Scrivener, '17	G. E. T. Trugdian, '42
W. H. C. Mayhead, '28	C. A. Scragg, '57	H. N. Trye, '29
G. M. G. McFarlane, '22	H. D. Shallard, '25	R. N. Trye, '27
V. H. Miller, '19	S. W. D. Shallard, 24	J. H. Wakefield, '08
R. E. G. Morewood, '33	J. G. Shepherd, 09	J. G. Waldron, '27
T. F. T. Morland, '20	R. F. Simmonds, '37	M. D. Wells, '37
J. W. G. Mortleman, '00	H. F. D. Smart, '31	R. W. F. C. Westgate, '41
H. M. C. Mulkern, '41	E. H. Smeeth, '21	M. D. White, '45
A. J. Newbury, '21	K. Casson-Smith, '25	P. A. Wimberley, '36
E. A. Passam, '27	D. G. Smith, '28	C. R. Woodley, '56
N. V. Pearson, '27	P. D. Smith, '29	P. H. Wooster, '38
G. B. Peck, '37	W. G. Smith, '35	J. G. Wright, '57
P. B. Pfordten, '32	P. J. Squire, '29	J. R. Young, '41
B. E. Price, '57	C. J. E. Steff, '27	M. J. A. Young, '57
K. Prior, '33	J. Stephenson, '39	G. Wilson, '10
I. T. Pritchard, '01	A. H. K. Stevens, '21	
	G. S. Strachan, '49	

Old Abingdonian Trust Fund

In pursuance of their policy of full support for Appeal the Trustees have donated £550 as a first instalment. The size of future instalments will depend very largely on how many of the considerable number of 1955 Pavilion Covenanters are kind enough to renew for a further term. They will be hearing from the Treasurer before long. Meanwhile we are most grateful to T. E. Gardner for a second renewal and to Joseph Lay for a new Covenant.

G. F. Duxbury.

FIXTURES

CRICKET — FIRST ELEVEN

May		
Wed. 9	v.	The Common Room (h).
Sat. 12	v.	Newbury Grammar School (a).
Sat. 19	v.	Royal Masonic School, Bushey (h).
Wed. 23	v.	Pangbourne Nautical College (a).
Sat. 26	v.	Bloxham School (a).
Wed. 30	v.	Berkshire Gentlemen (h).
June		
Sat. 2	v.	Abingdon C.C. (a).
Wed. 13	v.	Pembroke College (h).
Sat. 16	v.	Old Abingdonians (h).
Wed. 20	v.	Leighton Park School (h).
Sat. 23	v.	Incogniti (h).
Sat. 30	v.	Solihull School (h).

July

Wed. 4	v.	Magdalen College School (a).
Sat. 7	v.	Oratory School (h).
Sat. 14	v.	Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe (a).

ROWING

May

Sat. 19		Thames Ditton Regatta.
---------	--	------------------------

June

Sat. 2		Reading Clinker Regatta.
Sat. 9		Oxford Royal and Wallingford Regattas.
Thur. 14		Colts VIIIs Regatta, Pangbourne.
Sat. 16		Reading Amateur Regatta.
Sat. 23		Marlow Regatta.

July

Wed. 4		Henley Royal Regatta—first day.
Sat. 7		Henley Royal Regatta—final day.
Sat. 21		Boat Club Regatta.

TENNIS — FIRST VI

May

Sat. 5	v.	The Common Room (h).
Sat. 12	v.	Radley College (a).
Wed. 23	v.	Magdalen College School (a).
Sat. 26	v.	Bloxham School (h).
Wed. 30	v.	Culham College (h).

June

Sat. 2	v.	Pangbourne Nautical College (h).
Wed. 13	v.	Reading School (a).
Sat. 16	v.	Old Abingdonians (h), 11.30 a.m.
Wed. 20	v.	Leighton Park School 2nd VI (h).
Sat. 30	v.	Berkhamsted School (h).

July

Sat. 14	v.	R.G.S., High Wycombe (a).
Sat. 21	v.	Abingdon L.T.C. (h).

 Terms of Subscription

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.

All subscriptions to the Club or enquiries relating to it should be sent to D. B. West, Esq., 1 Norman Avenue, Abingdon.

"The Abingdonian"

Old Boys and others can obtain the magazine in three ways:

1. *By Banker's Order (minimum 7/6) payable to the Old Abingdonian Trust Fund. Forms of Covenant which will add over 60% to the value of all subscriptions to the Fund of 10/- and over will gladly be accepted.*
2. *By compounding for Life Subscription: 5 guineas maximum 2 guineas minimum, according to age.*
3. *By subscription to the Magazine at current price, at present 7/6 per annum.*

All subscriptions to the O.A. Trust Fund and "The Abingdonian", or questions relating to them should be sent to G. F. Duxbury, Abingdon School, Berks. He will also be glad to receive news from and concerning O.A.'s for inclusion in the magazine, and particularly prompt notice of all changes of address.

DENE BOOKSHOP

ABINGDON

NEW AND SECOND-HAND BOOKS

PRINTS MAPS MUSIC BOOK TOKENS

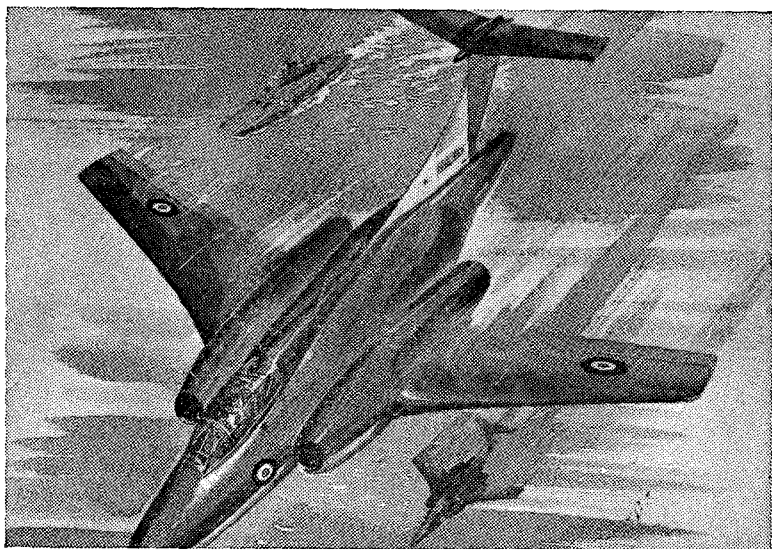
STAMPS LENDING LIBRARY

BOOKS AND LIBRARIES PURCHASED

When in Abingdon come and browse

5 East Saint Helen Street

Telephone 741



One of the best jobs in the world

Fleet Air Arm Buccaneers moving at ten miles per minute above H.M.S. Ark Royal. Two squadrons of these aircraft are scheduled to come into service this year giving greater speed and power to Britain's nuclear age Royal Navy.

The men who fly these machines have a training second to none in the world, starting with a six months' course at Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth.

You could be among those selected for training as a pilot, observer, or helicopter pilot. Among your qualifications there must be a zest for flying, an attraction for the Naval way of life and the ability to pass the Interview Board.

You must have passed G.C.E. 'O' Level (or equivalent) in English Language, Mathematics and three other approved subjects.

There are basically two engagements, pensionable service to age 38 for those between 17 and 22, or 12 years' service for men between 22 and 26. Officers may terminate their engagements at 5 (Helicopter Pilots only), 8 or 12 years with gratuities of £775, £1,500 and £4,000 respectively.

For further details apply to: Captain G. C. Mitchell, Royal Navy, Officer Entry Section FSM/16, Admiralty, London, S.W.1.

Fly as an officer in the ROYAL NAVY

Going Our Way?

you aim to start out on a career (not just take a job); if you like meeting people of all sorts of people); if you are interested in what goes on around you (and in the wider world outside) then there is much that will satisfy you in our service.

For we provide an amazing variety of working facilities through an organization of nearly 2,300 branches—large and all—in the cities, towns and villages of England and Wales and the Channel Islands. We have, too, offices at the big airports, at the Ocean Terminal, Southampton and in several of the big liner yards. The Midland is everywhere—in everything. You will find no lack of variety if you join us.

SALARIES ARE GOOD

A basic salary scale compares favourably with any in similar fields. Examples:—

Age	Provinces	Central London
17	£290	£390
18	355	455
21	410	510
24	540	640
31	880	980

do remember that these are only the guide figures. Every young man of promise is given practical help and encouragement and those, for example, who move into a Special Grade will receive at least £160 above the figure indicated.

► PROSPECTS ARE EXCELLENT

Promotion is based solely on merit (and, moreover, on merit regularly, impartially and widely assessed). Training is provided at every stage to prepare all who respond to it for early responsibility and the Bank's special scheme for Study Leave will be available to assist you in your studies for the Institute of Bankers Examinations. A very high proportion indeed of present-day entrants will achieve managerial rank, many of them in their 30's. For these, the minimum salary will be £1,600 a year with the certainty of rising to higher—often very much higher—figures.

The highest positions in the bank are open to all and at the top are rewards that would satisfy even the most ambitious.

► PENSIONS ARE FREE

A non-contributory Pension Scheme brings a pension equal to two-thirds of final salary after full service.

► YOU SHOULD HAVE

a good school record (G.C.E. passes at 'A' level entitle you to one year's seniority on the salary scale, and earn exemptions in certain subjects of the Institute of Bankers Examinations). Sound health, absolute integrity and the will to succeed are also essential.

► WE SHALL HAVE

pleasure in arranging for you to have an interview with a District Staff Superintendent at one of a number of convenient centres in London and the Provinces, but please write first to:—

THE STAFF MANAGER,

MIDLAND BANK LIMITED

HEAD OFFICE, POULTRY, LONDON, N, E.C.2.



**Bailey's
of Abingdon**

E. Bailey & Son (Footwear) Ltd.

*Shoes for
School,
Sports and
Staff*

*Shoe Repairers to Abingdon School
for Half a Century*

O.A.

ITEMS FROM STOCK

BLAZERS & CRICKET CAPS
CRESTS - LINKS - BADGES
KNITTED & WOVEN SCARVES
WOOL SWEATERS
TIES AND SQUARES

NOW AVAILABLE IN TERYLENE

Shepherd & Simpson
(ABINGDON) LTD
TAILORS & OUTFITTERS MARKET PLACE, ABINGDON TEL. 216