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EDITORIAL

When John Roysse, with that instinct for publicity which was for hundred years ahead of its time, put sixty-three boys into a room six three feet long he was aiming at letting a little ordinariness into the Establishment. Power still rested in the hands of the traditional Estate the Church and the Nobility. There may not have been a royal road to Geometry, but there was a royal road to wealth and place. Then the Merchantry began to acquire riches and its sons looked forward to power. But they could not hope to gain power until they were educated. So the sixty-three sons of tradesmen, farmers and yeomen began their Latin grammar, and some who were connected neither with the nobility nor the clerisy began to claim their part in the government of the country. The simple by their own merits became gentle: and through the centuries this school played its part in resolving the barrier of class.

For the last hundred years there has been a warfare of attrition waged against the Establishment. Although it is still useful to be born to a title or to marry a Prime Minister's daughter, it is generally agreed that the 'corridors of power' must be kept open for ordinary unestablished feet to tread. Abingdon School stands as one of the doors to these corridors; people without title or fortune — not *armigeri* but (precisely speaking) *artifices* — can become gentlemen — men of worth, in every sense of the word. It sends its pupils into every profession, from the Silent Service to the Talking Shop.

But schools outside the state system are themselves vulnerable to attack. Various proposals have been made for the disposal of the independent and the direct-grant schools. We cannot say what will happen to us, but the School is right to believe in the future, to renew and extend its buildings, to adapt the curriculum to modern needs. As always, it welcomes boys from a wide range of background. It offers them a wide range of experience; in the classroom, from Greek to Woodwork; on the playing field, from Fives to Rugby; out of school from Arduous Training to the Choral Society.

But what, in the end, the School stands for is service; not power in its own sake, but the power of skill and knowledge for the good of all. That obligation to serve others which is the only justification for a form of privilege. When Her Royal Highness visits us she will see us serving a little more industriously than usual; yet we shall be fulfilling our object in being here.

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Spaces between the articles in this issue are appropriately filled with extracts from the Ordinances of John Roysse, annexed to his agreement with the Corporation of Abingdon dated 31st January, 1563.

SCHOOL NOTES

The conventional 'vote of thanks' which we offer in courtesy to the retiring Mayor is quite inadequate to express the gratitude we feel to Alderman Candy, who has identified himself so whole-heartedly with the School during his year of office. Our thanks go too to Mrs. Candy; we know that both of them will remain our firm friends in a more private capacity.

The most lasting memorial of Alderman Candy's mayoralty will be provided by the new display room for the Corporation Plate. The School was well represented at the opening ceremony, performed by Her Majesty's Lieutenant, the Hon. David Smith, on 8th February. For the first time this magnificent collection now has a worthy setting; and the general effect of the display, as seen from the Royse Room, is quite breath-taking.

We offer a warm welcome to Alderman Candy's successor-elect, Alderman J. Stanley. It is pleasant to think that it is another ex-parent (in our sense of the word) who will represent the Borough on the occasion of our royal visit.

We have heard with regret of the death of two friends of the School of many years' standing, Lady Radcliffe and Miss Etty.

Lady Radcliffe, wife of General Sir Percy Radcliffe, was the former owner of Lacies Court, a house which she had rebuilt with loving care after the disastrous fire of 1935. It was thanks to her generosity that we were enabled to acquire Lacies Court in 1950 on such favourable terms, and after she left Abingdon to make her home with her cousins, Lord and Lady Dorchester, she continued to take a real interest in the school.

Miss Etty, whose brother, the late Mr. John Etty, a former Mayor of the town, had served this School in his day both as Governor and (for a short time) as assistant master, was a very near neighbour of ours across the Park. She was a woman of boundless energy and goodwill who gave herself without stint to a variety of demanding and unpublicised good works, and who will be remembered most widely perhaps for her long record of service on the County Bench. It was a great grief to her when increasing deafness constricted the range of her activities; but she remained young enough in heart to enjoy the company of the succession of bachelor masters for whom she provided a home. It was one of her old boys', Mr. Horrex, who represented the Headmaster and the School at her cremation which took place privately on 4th April.

Though it is not yet time to say farewell to Mr. Keating, let us congratulate him on his appointment, with effect from September, as Director of Music at Clayesmore School. And so the Abingdon influence will spread ever more broadly . . .

We offer a warm welcome to two more young gentlemen who have recently joined the Staff nursery — David Gerald Phizackerley (born 17th March) and Richard Wilson Baker (born 21st March).

We do not usually bid farewell to student masters, but we must put on record our gratitude to Mr. M. A. Lang, on whom the absence of Mr. Tammadge imposed more responsibilities than he might reasonably have expected to carry.

Mr. Tammadge has indeed been "seen by rare glimpses" throughout the term. But unlike that other Scholar Gipsy who, it may be remembered, "came, as most men deem'd, to little good", he has been doing work for the Schools Mathematics Project which Professor Thwaites has assured us is of far-reaching value. Now we look forward to welcoming him back to the Maths Sixth ("the smock-frock'd boors" perhaps?).

And in May we hope to have with us for a month another student from Westminster College, Mr. John Melling, who read Modern Languages at Aberdeen University.

Once again we have the pleasant duty of expressing our gratitude to all those who have made gifts to the School during the past term. Our thanks go then to Mrs. Camplin (ex-parent) for a beautifully worked stole, embroidered by herself, for the Chapel; to Mr. Hyde-Parker for a further gift of workshop equipment; to Mr. Luker for a couple of exercise-books written by George Shepherd in 1776, and found recently when what was the family shop was being rebuilt; to Mrs. F. A. Martin of Sheffield, for a very good copy of Godwyn's Roman History ("printed for the use of Abingdon School"); to Mr. H. P. Tame (O.A.) for one of his finest flower-paintings; to Mr. W. H. Walker of Chessington for a handsomely-bound prize presented to Philip Morland in 1888; and (not least) to the anonymous donor of a fine Broadwood grand piano.

We are also very grateful to Miss Mary Baker, who has presented to us one of the very few available copies of "Historic Abingdon", a further series of articles by her late sister Agnes Baker, which has just been published by the Abbey Press.

Talking of our history, we are pleased to know that in spite of inevitable delays the project, sponsored by the Friends of Abingdon, to erect a tablet outside St. Nicolas' Church to commemorate St. Edmund of Abingdon, is going steadily forward.

The number of boys of the School Roll at the beginning of the Lent Term was 560, of whom 155 were in the Sixth Form.

Practically one-third of these sixth-formers are clients of the new 'clearing-house' for university admissions. So far as can be seen at this early stage, the new system is working very well. Certainly we have already received an encouraging number either of firm offers or offers that are subject to very reasonable conditions.

If the spell of arctic weather was not as long-drawn-out this year as in 1947, it was more severe while it lasted, and it presented a real challenge to an institution in which open-air activities normally play such a large part. Snow-clearing provided a means of exercise and of public service alike; the Borough and Christ's Hospital gratefully accepted our offer to accept responsibility for the clearance of the foot-paths round the School and the Park. 'Voluntary Service' made new demands which were cheerfully met. Basket-ball in the Gym almost achieved the status of a major sport, and inter-house matches were organised in the evenings for the boarders; we are grateful too to the R.A.F. for the additional facilities they provided for us. But even so we were all relieved when the thaw came and we could once again make at any rate limited use of the playing-fields. A special pat on the back is due to those dayboys from a distance who somehow managed to get to School on time whatever the road conditions. Indeed attendance remained high throughout the term. Apparently germs and microbes liked the cold as little as we did.

And those members of the School who were earning their pounds for the Quatercentenary Appeal found that snow clearance provided a literally heaven-sent money-spinner. The fact that the Head of the School was able to hand something over £500 to Mr. Hillary when School reassembled was a tribute to the organising ability of the prefects — and the hard work of Tom, Dick and Harry.

We congratulate T. J. King on winning the Boys' Singles at the recent Phyllis Court Tournament; and also (with D. S. Partridge) on winning the Boys' Doubles.

There have been two Parents' Evenings this term. The first was held on 7th February (for Third Forms), and the second (for Fifth Forms) on 28th February, after the Ordinary Level 'Mock Certificate' Examinations. Then on 14th March the examination in 'The Use of English' was for the first time taken *en masse*. It must be emphasised that a pass in this examination will very shortly be a compulsory hurdle for all university entrants.

The School Entrance Examination was held on 18th February. Interviews followed on 1st, 4th and 6th March.

Perhaps the most important event of the term was the Teaching Week, in the Chapel, which began at the end of January. It is more fully reported in Chapel Notes. Here we would merely say how heartening it was to see the large attendance at each of the voluntary weekday services. Our efforts on behalf of Oxfam are also reported elsewhere; but two 'off-beat' activities in aid of the Mayor's 'Freedom from Hunger' Appeal deserve mention. An unusually attractive exhibition of 'The Crafts of Persia' was held in the Royse Room in January; and at the end of March we provided stewards for a programme of

'Films of Abingdon Life' which was laid on in the Corn Exchange by Mr. Gostling.

The Ruri-decanal Conference was held at the School on 20th February, following a short Service of Intercession in the School Chapel.

The Common Market has provided a rich source of discussion. Parties of Sixth Formers have attended public meetings to listen impartially to Mr. Airey Neave, M.P., on 18th January, and to an opposition speaker exactly a week later. Then on 5th February they could hear Mr. Alan Williams, National Youth Officer of the United Nations Association, speaking on 'The Future of the United Nations' in our own Court Room; and on 1st March, ranging rather further afield, they were able to listen to the Rt. Hon. Patrick Gordon-Walker, M.P., speaking on 'The Future of the Labour Party' at Didcot.

We were pleased to welcome, on 15th March, Mr. A. N. Gilkes, who had last visited us, as High Master of St. Paul's, to preach in Chapel, and who now came in his new capacity as Director of the Public Schools' Appointments Bureau. We have also had visits this term from our Naval Liaison-Officer, Lt. Cdr. McCrossan (21st February) and his opposite number, General Cox (8th March). On 22nd February Commodore M. Cunningham spoke to Middle School on the possibilities offered by the Merchant Navy. And we hear that the Headmaster is flying to Cranwell during the holidays.

The musical activities of staff and boys have been multifarious. Six of our number took part in the performance of "Noyes' Fludde" in St. Mary's Church, Oxford, on 19th January. Mr. and Mrs. Pratt and a couple of boys provided the major part of the orchestra for Mr. and Mrs. Kitching's production of Handel's little-known opera 'Giustino' at Our Lady's Convent on 15th and 16th February. Mr. Vernon Jones gave a recital in Oxford on 9th February and on the following day Mr. Butterworth followed suit in Lacies Court. Other musical items are faithfully recorded on a later page.

Now for social events. Some of our number attended the Civic Youth Ball on 8th February at which the Mayor and Mayoress received the guests. On 27th March we had the pleasure of entertaining young ladies from Faringdon and Didcot to a Dance in the Court Room. If some of the prefects, for reasons which will appear later, did not dance with their usual finesse, at any rate it did not seem to affect their enjoyment of the evening. Later, on 30th March, the ladies of Didcot School played host in their turn. Those who were able to attend spent a very pleasant evening.

We were very glad to welcome the Abingdon Council of Churches Study Group to Lacies Court for three meetings this term. On 11th February and 11th March Dr. N. Spoor gave a talk, in two parts, on 'The Church of England', and on 1st April the Rev. B. Drewery spoke on 'The Methodist Church'.

On 30th January, in the Guildhall, the Headmaster gave the first of what it is hoped will be a series of annual lectures organised by St. Nicolas' Church. Choosing as his subject 'Church and School', he traced the connection between the two from the foundations of St. Nicolas' Church 777 years ago. (A printed version of this lecture will be available very shortly).

Other educational lectures we supported included the following:- a lecture by Professor Current, Harmsworth Visiting Professor of American History, on 'Abraham Lincoln', at the Oxford Girls' High School, on 15th February; a recital of some of Horace's Odes, set to music, at Reading on 8th March; a lecture on 'The Romans in the Upper Thames Basin', by Professor I. A. Richmond, given under the auspices of the Friends of Abingdon on 29th March; and two meetings organised by the Oxford and District Mathematical Society, at Oxford on 26th February (when Dr. Crank spoke on 'The Role of Mathematics in Industry') and at Marlborough on 11th March (when a programme of films was shown).

Our Mr. Horrex produced the Spring Show of the Abingdon Drama Club — 'The Rape of the Belt' — in which our Mr. Fairhead took a leading part.

On 26th March all members of the Fifth Forms saw the Laurence Olivier film of 'Henry V', supplied by Mr. Holloway. Two days later Mr. Gray presented his annual programme of Chemistry films to members of Upper School.

Saturday night entertainments this term included the following lectures —

9th February: Mr. Robert Langford on "Among the Eskimos of Baffin Land" (with slides).

9th March: Mr. Henry Clark, M.P. for Antrim North, on "The Mother of Parliaments."

16th March: Mr. C. J. Allen, F.R.S.A., M.Inst.T., A.I.Loco.E., on "The Future of the British Railways" (with slides).

Feature films were "North by North-West", "Romanoff and Juliet", "Caesar and Cleopatra", "Witness for the Prosecution", "The Man who was Nobody", and "The Clue of the New Pin."

The achievement of the Thirteen Proud Walkers, which is described in detail elsewhere, was faithfully recorded for Top People in the columns of *The Times* of 26th March.

The last Saturday of the term, 30th March, was even busier than usual. In the morning the Senior and Junior Orchestras performed in the North Berks. Musical Festival at Wantage. Then came the Senior Sports; and in the evening the Choral Society gave its Easter Concert in St. Helen's Church. Here we would especially thank Mr. Ernest Pratt who travelled down from Birkenhead to play the organ for us on this occasion.

The Inter-House P.T. Competition was held on 1st April. The Viney Cup was awarded to Reeves, who just had the edge over Tesdale. We are grateful to Mr. Hockey, of Larkmead School, who kindly adjudicated the Competition.

Later the same day came the Boarders' Concert, in the Court Room — this year an enjoyable show which succeeded in being funny without being offensive. Its success was largely due to very thorough rehearsal which resulted in a much more polished performance than usual. Budding Heads of Boarders, please note!

The end of term may have brought change, but scarcely rest, to many of our number. On the same day our Arduous Training Party left for Brecon and the first of our Scout Camping parties accompanied them for the first part of the journey. Later came the departure of the Skye Group for Ardnamurchan, while rather more orthodox contingents travelled to Nevers under Mr. Manly and to Palermo under Mr. Griffin. We can only hope that reports from Our Men in Foreign Parts will arrive in time for publication in this issue.

Now for more individual activities. The following are attending Short Works Courses organised by the Public Schools' Appointments Bureau: J. G. Bowen (Lloyds Bank); M. A. Faires (Fords); A. S. Harrison (Albright and Wilson). In addition I. W. D. Matson is representing us at the Rolls Royce Easter School; P. J. Snowley at the Manchester Course on Industry; M. E. F. Willey at the Ashridge Course for Arts boys. C. J. Dean and R. G. Parks have been attending the C.A.C.T.M. Sixth Form Conference at Jesus College, Oxford, from 3rd to 6th April; G. F. Keeys and N. P. Loukes are attending a later Conference from 20th to 23rd April.

And at School, apart from major construction and repair, a vast programme of 'tidying-up' is in hand. One thing about a Royal Visit — it does get done a lot of things which have been wanting doing for a long time.

We acknowledge with warm thanks the magazines we have received from sister schools and from service colleges. We welcome also a third issue of 'Figure', which contains an intelligible solution of that hoary brain-twister, the problem of the odd billiard ball; and the first number of the second volume of the 'Young Abingdonians' Express', edited by C. Ruck, and most beautifully produced.

We note that the 'Geographical Journal' for December, 1962, contains a commemorative article on Peter Heylyn with especial reference to the geographical works which he composed during his enforced retirement at Lacies Court.

Among the recent contributors to Q.C.A. has been a member of an old Abingdon family, Miss Dorothy Staniland, who reminds us that her father was one of the last boys to attend school in the Roysse Room.

The photographs in this issue are printed by courtesy of Mr. John Blagden, Mr. H. J. Milligan, A. R. L. Hewison and R. M. Kirby.

FROM THE HEADMASTER

A dull and frustrating term was redeemed at the very end by the epic of the Sixty-Three Mile Walk. What pleased me most about it was that not one of the thirteen boys concerned let the School down, nor even those who failed to complete the course can look back on a fine feat of endurance. My comment to the press that it is good just occasionally to do something that is quite pointless may have had rather too much weight attached to it; but there is something in it. Anyway, I shall think of these young men next time I hear jeremiads about the softness of modern youth.

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The Q.A.C. sherry party in January, and the extremely enjoyable London Dinner at the House of Commons on 18th February (thank you, Mr. Neave!) were exciting curtain-raisers for our celebrations. Now we are busy getting the School ready for the summer. The refurbishing of the Entrance Hall is almost complete. The Library is taking shape in front of our eyes. Painters can be seen in odd corners of the School which have not been decorated within living memory. I suppose we shall get straight before term starts in a week's time; if we do, it will be a fine tribute to the Bursar, for whom the word Quatercentenary will always have an ominous ring.

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Copies of the programme of the celebrations have just arrived from the printers. They will shortly be despatched to all parents, all members of the Old Abingdonian Club, and to a wide circle of friends of the School, so it is unnecessary to reproduce here a list of dates and events. If any reader of the magazine has not received a programme, will he please write to Mr. B. J. Montague, at the School, so that we can repair the omission. It will be a great help too if orders for tickets can be sent in as soon as possible, so that we have some idea of the numbers likely to be involved.

The programme does not of course contain details of the Royal Visit, which have just been cleared with the Palace authorities. It may therefore be of interest to say very briefly that Her Royal Highness Princess Margaret hopes to arrive at the School about 12.30 on Friday, 14th June, after a short visit to Dr. Barnardo's Home in Caldecott House. The whole School will be drawn up on the gravel to greet her, with Guard of Honour and the Band. She will then take sherry with the Staff, before lunching in School House. In the afternoon she will make a tour of the School and the grounds, seeing various school activities on the way. In the course of this tour she will open the new Grundy Library and unveil a commemorative tablet. Further presentations will take place in the Library. Then will come a brief visit to the Royse Room, on leaving which Her Royal Highness will see members of the School throwing buns from the roof of the County Hall in observance

of ancient tradition. Returning to the School, she will take tea with the School Prefects before leaving by helicopter from the Waste Cour Field. The School grounds will be 'sealed' throughout the day, but there will be admission by ticket for those who wish either to see the formal reception of Her Royal Highness in the morning or to watch the cricket match in the afternoon. Visitors are especially asked however to keep clear of the School buildings and the immediate neighbourhood of them during the afternoon so that Her Royal Highness may walk round as informally as possible.

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Perhaps too I can give a special puff to the commemorative magazine 'The Griffen', which Mr. Montague is producing. It is not just a mausoleum of the past history of the School (though of course that comes into it). It contains several articles by Old Boys who are doing interesting things. I have just read a contribution by H. A. Lunghi on his experiences in Russia which is the kind of thing which a Sunday newspaper (I mean a 'quality' one) would love to publish. Those who read his whole-page article in 'The Observer' recently will know what I mean. And this is only one of the many good things you are being offered for 5/-.

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Of course we must not be too cocky over this Quatercentenary business. There is a lot of heart-searching going on in the School at the moment and I hope that as a result of this year we may be able to sweep away certain cob-webs and introduce a certain amount of reform — both in and out of the class-room — which will the better equip us to face the challenge of the sixties. But having said this, let us not be too solemn about things. This is a very big event in the history of the School, a very big event in the lives of each one of us. That the Princess Margaret should wish to give up the better part of a day to a visit to this School is a tremendous honour. In return, we want to do everything we can to ensure that she enjoys her day and that she carries away with her a host of happy memories. And if we too can enjoy ourselves in the process, all the better!

J.M.C

THE QUATERCENTENARY APPEAL

The Quatercentenary Appeal Committee inaugurated the second phase of the Appeal by holding an informal sherry party in the Court Room on 25th January, to which all men (and women) of goodwill were invited. On this date the arctic conditions were at their worst, and this undoubtedly affected the attendance; but the response generally was much wider than we had dared to hope for. The Mayor and the Chairman of the Committee (Mr. John Hooke) set the tone with short ringing speeches, and if only the spirit engendered by the party can be

sustained throughout the year then we can reasonably hope to reach our revised target of £63,000. The follow-up pamphlet which was launched on this occasion struck a new note by paying pictorial tribute to John Roysse and it has already been the subject of much favourable comment. As a result, the total amount covered has crept up to over £47,000, so we now have less than £16,000 to go; but as always it is the last lap which will prove the most difficult.

We do not normally particularise contributions, but I think it should be put on record that there are now at least three private subscribers, two of them Old Boys, who are 'carrying' covenants which will ultimately bring us in a gross thousand pounds a head. On the day these words were written I received from a friend of the School a further personal covenant equal to the very generous covenant already covered by his firm. I am just as deeply touched when (as has happened) an elderly member of the cleaning staff brings me five shillings in cash. Other efforts too deserve mention. The boys themselves achieved their objective of *earning* over £500 for the Appeal during the Christmas holidays. Since then the Ladies of Abingdon, headed by Mrs. Gray, have inaugurated a series of coffee and sherry parties which have already raised about £100. As far as possible we hope to attach these special efforts to various items of the furniture and fittings of the Library, so that they may be permanently recorded on a special tablet on the library wall. Certain items are already covered. Our northern neighbours of John Mason High School are generously presenting us with an appropriately wrought fire-basket. The balance of the memorial fund to my wife, amounting to some £1,000, is covering the tables and chairs which will be in well-seasoned English walnut. But there are plenty more items waiting for a sponsor.

Nothing succeeds like success. I myself feel that if we can reach our original target of £50,000 by 1st June, then we can reasonably hope to achieve the revised target of £63,000 before the Appeal closes. This then is where we make a special appeal to all our friends. If you ever intend to help us, now is the time when your gift will be of most use.

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There follows a further list of subscribers. You will remember that we no longer use the *honorabilia* of life, except where they cannot properly be avoided.

J.M.C.

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VALETE ET SALVETE

Left 20th December, 1962

Upper Sixth Form Arts: C. M. Davis; A. R. White.
 Lower Sixth Form Science: A. D. Gardner.
 Form 5A: S. A. Janisch (last attendance 26th October).
 Form 5C: J. F. Hann.
 Form 3X: C. J. Patterson.
 Form 1X: R. L. Egan-Wyer.

Came 18th January, 1963

Form 1Y: C. L. Prickitt.
 Form 4F: D. J. Letley (18th February).

(1) First:- *The said John Roysse doth ordeyn that the said free schole
 shall be called the Free Schole of the Holy Trynytye, founded within
 the borough of Abyngdon, by John Roysse, citizen and mercer of London.*

CHAPEL NOTES

TEACHING WEEK

Unsocked, sandalled feet walking through freezing snow — a brown habit and white girdle swinging along the corridors — notices written in "Magic-marker" blue — hundreds of feet marching voluntarily into Chapel every night: these are some of the outward impressions of Teaching Week.

Father Martin, a Franciscan Friar from the Anglican Community at Ely Abbey, arrived on Monday, 28th January. He was entertained at tea by senior boys in the School Shop. In the evening, the Courtroom was packed for the showing of two films: "Your Inheritance", a slightly old-fashioned appreciation of the Church in this country, and "The Last Candle", the story of the conversion of a witch doctor. Some were disappointed that Fr. Martin did no more than say a prayer and make a few announcements on this first night.

But the announcements were important. They asked for constant and regular attendance at every evening Service; and for a good attendance at the daily celebration of Holy Communion. These requests did not go unanswered: each evening there was an attendance of anything between 140 and 200; while in the mornings, some two to three dozen gathered round the Altar to pray for God's blessing upon the week.

The theme of Fr. Martin's addresses (all of which, by the way, were delivered with great clarity and without help of notes), was the parable of the Prodigal Son. This was recorded by boys reading the various parts and played over in Chapel on the Tuesday evening. Fr. Martin

then spoke about the father and his purpose for his sons, linking this up with God and His purpose for man. The next evening we heard about the return of the Prodigal Son and traced the stages of his reconciliation with his father. As Jesus Christ is God-made-man, He is able to reconcile us with our heavenly Father. On Thursday, the father's clothing of the Prodigal with the best robe was used as a symbol of the sacramental life. The essence of the Christian religion is not just doing good works but "putting on" Christ. The Church was the subject of Friday's address and we studied the four "marks" of the Church which should be the characteristic features of all Christians: the Apostle's doctrine, the fellowship, the breaking of bread, and prayers. It was pointed out that shoes were put on the Prodigal's feet — so that he could go out into the fields and work. Christians, as Charles Wesley said, are "saved to serve", and so every Christian must witness for Christ in whatever job he is called to fulfil.

On the Saturday evening, in the Court Room, there was a demonstration of early Christian worship. This proved to be an effective display of how an early Christian Eucharist was celebrated and it made devotional preparation for the Holy Communion the next day. The fact that in the demonstration the elements consisted of School Shambuns and medicine bottles of Ribena, although at first sight incongruous served to emphasise the closeness of liturgy to life.

The climax of the Week took place in Chapel at 8 a.m. on Sunday morning. This was a Sung Eucharist. All who attended — and very many did — were taken by the powerful and lovely atmosphere of the Service. This was new stuff to some, but it will not be so in the future since we intend now to have such a Sung Eucharist every term, normally on the first Sunday at 8 a.m., with a sermonless Matins at 10.15.

In the course of the Week, Fr. Martin was asked many questions. One of them concerned the Elder Brother in the parable — how did he fit in? The answer was given in the sermon at Matins on Sunday. The Elder Brother stands for the Pharisee. There are elder brothers in the Church. Some Christians adopt a superior attitude, and are unloving and unwilling to forgive. And there are the elder brothers who remain outside the Church adopting an equally superior attitude, thinking that they can manage quite well without religion. If God is calling us to take a step forward in the Christian religion, we must not hesitate to obey.

Was the Week a success? By all the outward signs it was. But the real fruit of it may not be apparent for many terms, or even years, to come. But there are those already whose faith has been deepened, whose doubts have been clarified, and who have been helped towards decision. For this reason we look forward to another Teaching Week in about five years' time when the next generation may have a similar opportunity.

We are most grateful to the Rev. F. C. T. Lancaster, Vicar of Drayton, for preaching such an excellent set of sermons on the Thursday evenings of Lent. Using the song "Green grow the rushes", he produced some interesting pegs on which to hang his sermons which were about:

- a) the Pentateuch;
- b) the Gospels;
- c) the world, the flesh and the devil;
- d) Baptism and Holy Communion;
- e) the uniqueness of Calvary.

The whole series was entertainingly presented, and the 40 or so who attended each week were given much to think about. A pity, though, that there were not more than 40. Having a visitor for the special Chapel Services in Lent is the revival of a custom dating back to 1910.

In addition to our own Chapel, Chapel Furnishing, and Organ Funds the following have also benefited from our collections:

St. Helen's Church	...	...	£7 13 10
Royal School of Church Music	...	...	£8 4 11½
Society of St. Francis	...	...	£12 8 0
Student Christian Movement	...	...	£8 10 4
New Guinea Mission	...	...	£8 17 0
Dorchester Abbey Restoration Fund	...	...	£10 1 3½

The following have kindly agreed to preach in Chapel:

May 19th: Mr. R. J. Northcote-Green, Headmaster of Worksop College.

July 14th: The Revd. John Cooper, Rector of the Memorial Episcopal Church, Baltimore, Maryland, U.S.A.

July 21st: Mr. Hugh Lyon, former Headmaster of Rugby.

At the Founder's Day Service in St. Helen's Church on 15th June the preacher will be the Lord Bishop of Reading.

We gratefully acknowledge the gift of Hymn Books and Psalters from many of the parents of those who were confirmed last December. Another Confirmation gift was the donation of £15 15s. 0d. which has completed the payment for the dossal.

A parent and an O.A. (the same person!) has sent us a cheque to go towards the cost of decorating the Chapel. He writes: "Record it merely as from an O.A. and parent, grateful that amidst all the very worthy preparations and celebrations for this memorable year, the centre of all our hopes and aspirations for the future has not been overlooked." We are grateful. If any others would like to contribute, we may say that the cost of decoration has not yet been covered.

VOLUNTARY SERVICE

The work goes quietly on. Much useful help was given during the hard winter; and now, in the spring, gardens are being dug over and seeds planted. We have been delighted to receive more requests for help — these are always welcome.

We have also received commendations of the work our boys do, and of the way in which they do it. We print the following letter not so much in self-congratulation as in admiration of the lively octogenarian who wrote it:

"This afternoon I had a call from a nice polite young man offering to clear the snow. I was very sorry to have to decline his offer, as although I am 82 I am really quite active. There is quite a lot of snow on my drive, but there is a reason. I always dig a path to the gates but like to leave a bank of snow on the side to protect the water main from the frost. I should like to express my thanks to your School for this fine service."

G.R.P.

HOCKEY

No words can record the frustration which each member of the Hockey Club must have felt this term. It is perhaps better to forget the thirteen matches which were cancelled, and to remember instead the two matches that were played.

The first was against Old College, R.M.A. Sandhurst, which we lost 2—3. On a remarkably true pitch, the team played extraordinarily well, considering how little and unreal most of our practice had been. The School scored first in the first few minutes, through Bailey. Sandhurst equalised and then went ahead, and though Barrett, with a fine shot, equalised, Sandhurst scored again, and we failed to take advantage of several chances and so we lost the game. The main reasons why this match was lost were two — poor finishing by the forwards, after very good approach work, and the fact that the backs played square. The half-back line on the whole played well.

The second match was against King Alfred's School, Wantage, and this match also we lost 2—3. Wantage were slightly faster, and deserved their victory, but here again the main weaknesses were poor finishing in the circle, and lack of co-ordination in the defence.

It was not possible to field exactly the same team for both matches, and the main fault was a general lack of cohesion which would almost certainly have come with more practice. Individually there was plenty of talent and all in all, the players did very well in very disappointing circumstances. The majority of the term had been spent in circuit training in the gym., or a form of indoor hockey at the R.A.F. Abingdon, in a rather larger gym. We are very grateful to the Commanding Officer for allowing us to make use of it. Some other members of the Hockey Club, who were not in the first game, also profited from this amenity. Finally in desperation, and with the help of St. Helen's School, to whom we are very grateful for the loan of 'crosses', we played some enjoyable, though most inexpert games of lacrosse on top of the snow.

We sincerely hope that next year things will be more normal, and that the second eleven, which will consist mostly of completely untried players, will be able to function again.

The team consisted of: M. E. F. Willey; J. D. Urwick, D. M. Edelsten; A. W. Foster, S. R. Wilson, T. B. Moore; A. M. Forsyth, A. T. Barrett, G. J. Bailey, C. C. Ford, R. H. M. Burridge (Capt.).

Also played: T. R. Morris and D. D. Allen.

R.H.M.B.

A season so frustrating as this one inevitably places a very special kind of strain on the Captain and Secretary, and both Burridge and Foster have stood up to it very well. Burridge's own play, as left wing, in the match against Sandhurst was quite outstanding, and it is a pity that he did not have more opportunity to show his skill. L.C.J.G.

(3 Item: He doth ordeyn, That the maior and principall burgesses of the said boroughe for the tyme beinge, shall from tyme to tyme as occasion shal serve, chuse an honest sadde and discrete man, vertuous in livynge, honest in his behaviour, and charitable in his doyinges as nere as they may a learned man a priest or a wedded man, such as to them shall seme most mete, to be the scholemaster of the said freeschole, and that he hath no cure or benefice.

ATHLETICS

Although the prolonged snow and frost had gone by the beginning of March, the fields were in such poor condition that it was reluctantly decided that the normal standards competition could not be held. In its stead a modified competition was held for the junior forms — the events being one lap of Albert Park and 100 yards up the drive from the Lodge. The results was 1st—Blacknall 44 pts.; 2nd—Tesdale 33 pts.; 3rd—Reeves 31 pts.; 4th—Bennett 29pts.

Eventually it was possible to put a track down on the War Memorial field but not until after the O.A. match had had to be cancelled. Fore wet weather severely affected training and team selection was not made easier by examinations and other commitments, but in spite of these difficulties we had a fairly successful season. The Senior team beat Reading and Bloxham but were well beaten into third place in the triangular match against Radley and St. Edward's. However, in this last match the policy of fielding our strongest Under 16½ team at the expense of the Senior team helped to give our Juniors an unbeaten season.

On the last day of term we enjoyed a sunny afternoon's athletics at the Schools' Invitation Meeting at Radley. Our small team rose splendidly to the occasion, winning three events and gaining two second places.

Half Colours were awarded to A. E. Johnson and C. R. Winfield.

MATCHES

*v. Reading School (h), Wed., 20th March**Senior Match*

100 yards:	1—Blair, 11.0; 2—Yeomans (R); 3—Matson.
220 yards:	1—Blair, 24.4; 2—Yeomans (R); 3—Stewart.
400 yards:	1—Kirby, 56.6; 2—Matson; 3—Cogan (R).
880 yards:	1—Dipper, D (R); 2:7.8; 2—Gregson; 3—Dipper, R (R).
Mile:	1—Dipper, R (R), 4:57.1; 2—Garforth (R); 3—Scott (R).
High Jump:	1—Johnson, 5ft. 3½; 2—Cable; 3—Yeomans (R).
Long Jump:	1—Blair, 19ft. 5½; 2—Yeomans (R); 3—Constable (R).
Shot:	1—Ford M, 37ft. 0; 2—Flint I; 3—Piercey (R).
Javelin:	1—Bevitt (R), 156ft. 0; 2—Jennings (R); 3—Kandiah.
Relay:	1—Abingdon, 47.9; 2—Reading, 48.5.
(4 x 110)	

Result: Abingdon 57pts.; Reading 47 pts.

Junior Match (Under 16 on 1st Sept., 1962)

100 yards:	1—Cath (R), 11.5; 2—Marsh S; 3—Bell.
220 yards:	1—Bell, 25.7; 2—Corps; 3—Cath (R).
440 yards:	1—Marsh S, 60.0; 2—Pearman (R); 3—Hassett.
880 yards:	1—Avery, 2:19.3; 2—Scholfield (R) and Young (R).
High Jump:	1—Roblin, 5ft. 0½; 2—Davis RB; 3—Pearman (R).
Long Jump:	1—Bell, 18ft. 8½; 2—Taylor W (R); 3—Taylor J (R).
Shot:	1—Taylor W (R), 37ft. 7; 2—Simpson (R); 3—Bosley P
Javelin:	1—Davis RB, 121ft. 5½; 2—Calvert (R); 3—Avery.
Relay:	1—Abingdon, 50.5; Reading, 50.9.
(4 x 110)	

Result: Abingdon 55 pts.; Reading 38 pts.

*v. Bloxham School (a), Sat., 23rd March**Senior Match*

100 yards:	1—Prakash (B), 10.2; 2—Blair; 3—Matson.
440 yards:	1—Prakash (B), 54.5; 2—Kirby; 3—Matson.
880 yards:	1—Gregson, 2:8.5; 2—Fowler (B); 3—Liversidge.
Mile:	1—Lander (B), 4:55.9; 2—Spackman; 3—Thursfield (B)
High Jump:	1—Johnson, 5ft. 3; 2—Caudwell (B); 3—Henderson.
Long Jump:	1—Blair, 19ft. 3; 2—Bell; 3—Prakash (B).
Shot:	1—Winfield, 42ft. 11; 2—Liddington (B); 3—Ford M.
Discus:	1—Gibbs (B), 137ft. 6½; 2—Marsh T; 3—Cutler (B).
Javelin:	1—Marsh T, 157ft. 1; 2—Balding (B); 3—Kandiah.
Relay:	1—Abingdon, 1:38.5; 2—Bloxham.
(4 x 220)	

Result: Abingdon 48 pts.; Bloxham 36 pts.

Junior Match (Under 16 on 1st Jan., 1963)

100 yards: 1—Corps, 11.2; 2—Marsh S; 3—Price (B).
 440 yards: 1—Marsh S, 59.1; 2—Humble (B); 3—Hassett.
 880 yards: 1—Avery, 2:16.6; 2—Lamont (B); 3—Millington (B).
 High Jump: 1—Davis RB, 4ft. 11; 2—Bullwinkle (B); 3—Roblin.
 Long Jump: 1—Laing (B), 16ft. 9½; 2—Corps; 3—Hassett.
 Shot: 1—Cornet (B), 39ft. 0; 2—Davis RB; 3—Morgan.
 Discus: 1—Davis RB, 118ft. 5½; 2—Cornet (B); 3—Avery.
 Javelin: 1—Davis RB, 119ft. 9; 2—Avery; 3—Lamont (B).
 Relay: 1—Abingdon, 1:46.3; 2—Bloxham.
 (4 x 220)

Result: Abingdon 52 pts.; Bloxham 26 pts.

Schools Invitation Meeting (at Radley) Tues., 2nd April.

Senior 440 yards: 5th—Kirby, 53.9.
 Senior 880 yards: 1st—Gregson, 2:5.9.
 Senior Long Jump: 2nd—Blair, 20ft. 6½; 6th—Bell, 19ft. 0½.
 Senior Shot: 2nd—N. Bosley, 40ft. 4½.
 Senior Javelin: 1st—T. Marsh, 163ft. 4½.
 Junior 440 yards: 1st—S. Marsh, 55.3.

The details of the Senior and Junior Triangular Matches against Radley and St. Edward's on 28th March are unfortunately not available. However it is hoped that a brief report of this fixture will appear in the next *Abingdonian*.

THE SCHOOL SPORTS

(Wed., 27th and Sat., 30th March)

Wind and rain affected both Sports Days and a particularly heavy shower on the Saturday at the start of the afternoon made the ground very soggy—the discus circle in particular being exceedingly treacherous. A number of spectators watched practically the whole of the afternoon's activities from the pavilion, fortified by tea sold in aid of OXFAM. At one time the number of officials out in the rain far exceeded the number of competitors and spectators combined!

In such conditions it was hardly surprising that no records were broken, and it was certainly the weather which prevented the Captain of Athletics, T. A. Marsh, from establishing a new distance in the javelin. In all other meetings in which he was able to take part he threw at least ten feet further than the existing record.

At the end of the preliminary Sports Day Reeves had a 75 pts. lead over the other Houses, but on the Saturday they fared badly and Tesdale soon overhauled them and built up a substantial lead. However scoring heavily in the mile and winning both relays, Bennett pulled up from third place and scraped home to their third successive victory by two points.

At the conclusion of the Sports, the Challenge Cups were presented from the pavilion by Mrs. Keating.

Results

- 100 yards (U/12): 1—Stafford, 14.5; 2—Hubbard; 3—Galbraith.
 100 yards (U/13): 1—Carr, 13.9; 2—Rose; 3—Semmenne.
 100 yards (U/14): 1—Froggatt, 12.2; 2—Gibbs; 3—Hunt.
 100 yards (U/15): 1—Hassett, 11.9; 2—Wilde; 3—Coomber.
 100 yards (Open): 1—Blair, 10.9; 2—Matson; 3—Corps.
 220 yards (U/12): 1—Galbraith, 34.5; 2—Hind; 3—Harfield.
 220 yards (U/13): 1—Janz, 31.5; 2—Fellows; 3—Rose.
 220 yards (U/14): 1—Gibbs, —; 2—Froggatt; 3—Dobbs.
 220 yards (U/15): 1—Hassett, 27.2; 2—Coomber; 3—Bradfield.
 220 yards (Open): 1—Blair, 25.3; 2—Kirby; 3—Marsh S.
 440 yards (U/13): 1—Rose, 72.4; 2—McLaughlin; 3—Snodgrass.
 440 yards (U/14): 1—Gibbs, 64.1; 2—Cook; 3—Burton.
 440 yards (U/15): 1—Hassett, 60.0; 2—Coomber; 3—Bradfield.
 440 yards (Open): 1—Gregson, 55.6; 2—Kirby; 3—Marsh S.
 880 yards (U/14): 1—Gibbs, 2:51.7; 2—Cook; 3—Burton.
 880 yards (U/15): 1—Hassett, 2:31.5; 2—Bradfield; 3—Coomber.
 880 yards (Open): 1—Keeys, 2:11.2; 2—Liversidge; 3—Kirby.
 Mile (U/15): 1—Bradfield, 5:46.2; 2—Hassett; 3—Coomber.
 Mile (Open): 1—Gregson, 5:0.2; 2—Avery; 3—Liversidge P.
 Shot (U/15): 1—Blackburn, 32ft. 9ins.; 2—Cook; 3—Bosley J.
 Shot (U/16): 1—Davis R, 35ft. 0ins.; 2—Blackburn; 3—Evans P.
 Shot (Open): 1—Winfield, 40ft. 4½ins.; 2—Flint I; 3—Marsh T.
 Discus (U/15): 1—Brice, 87ft. 11ins.; 2—Burn; 3—Blackburn.
 Discus (U/16): 1—Davis R, 116ft. 7ins.; 2—Evans P, 3—Longstaff.
 Discus (Open): 1—Marsh T, 103ft. 7ins.; 2—Matson; 3—Flint I.
 Javelin (U/16): 1—Gillespie, 118ft. 3in., 2—Davis R; 3—Hassett.
 Javelin (Open): 1—Marsh T 2, 145ft. 10ins.; 2—Kandiah; 3—
 High Jump (U/13): 1—Janz, 4ft. 3ins.; 2—Luff; 3—Ellis. [Harrison
 High Jump (U/14): 1—Gibbs, 4ft. 5ins.; 2—Jackson D; 3—Froggatt
 High Jump (U/15): 1—Cockerill, 4ft. 5½ins.; 2—Heading; 3—Jackson
 High Jump (Open): 1—Johnson, 5ft. 3½ins.; 2—Kitto; 3—Cable. [I
 Long Jump (U/14): 1—Hunt, 14ft. 3ins.; 2—Burton; 3—Banes.
 Long Jump (U/15): 1—Beckett, 16ft. 4ins.; 2—Painton; 3—Coombe
 Long Jump (Open): 1—Blair, 19ft. 7ins.; 2—Bell; 3—Johnson.
 Junior House Relay: 1—Bennett, 4:1.6; 2—Blacknall; 3—Tesdale.
 (8 x 220)
 Senior House Relay: 1—Bennett, 3:32.5; 2—Blacknall; 3—Tesdale.
 (8 x 220)
 Senior Medley Relay: 1—Bennett, 4:5.4; 2—Blacknall; 3—Reeves.
 (880, 440, 220, 220)
 Inter-House Competition: 1—Bennett 119; 2—Tesdale 117; 3—Reev
 100½; 4—Blacknall 94½.

Heber Clarke Cup (Senior Victor Ludorum): 1—Blair 15 pts.; 2—Marsh T 12 pts.; 3—Gregson 10 pts.

Shallard Cup (U/15 Victor Ludorum): 1—Hassett 24 pts.; 2—Coomber 14 pts.; 3—Bradfield 12 pts.

(13) *Item: The said schollers in the sommer tyme shall come to schole at six of the clock in the mornynge, and at five at night to break upp schole; and in the winter, at seven of the clock in the mornynge, and at fyve at night to break upp schole, yf that shall be so thought mete by the discretion of he maior and his brethrene.*

CROSS COUNTRY

Though the snow and ice curtailed our activities for most of the term, they never brought them to a standstill. Until practically the end of February circuit training and laps of Albert Park were the order of the day as the roads were too treacherous to venture further afield. This made us moderately fit for the changed venue of the Old Abingdonian match, but our lack of stamina over a long course was shown up in the match at Radley.

A large number of fixtures had to be cancelled, and it was a great blow to the newly formed under 15 team when their only match was called off at the last minute because of 'flu' amongst their opponents.

The following represented the School on more than one occasion this term: F. A. Bisby, R. K. Gregson, R. M. Kirby, I. W. D. Matson, J. D. Spencer (5 times); B. S. Avery, P. W. Liversidge, D. H. Williams (4 times); N. A. G. Spackman (3 times).

RESULTS OF MATCHES

16th February: Road Relay v. Old Abingdonians

1st—Old Abingdonians			3rd—School II		
Bampton RJC	8 : 28	(4)	Bisby	7 : 52	(1)
Sheard JA	7 : 47	(4)	Williams DH	7 : 53	(2)
Harvey RW	7 : 09	(1)	Spencer JD	8 : 04	(3)
Sale P	7 : 00	(1)	Kirby	7 : 45	(3)
30 : 24			31 : 34		

2nd—School I			4th—School III		
Matson	7 : 53	(2)	Liversidge	8 : 02	(3)
Avery	7 : 47	(1)	Marsh VA	8 : 08	(3)
Spackman	7 : 45	(2)	Loukes	8 : 42	(4)
Gregson	7 : 35	(2)	Burn BAF	9 : 00	(4)
31 : 00			33 : 52		

21st February v. Radley and St. Edward's (at Radley)

1st—St. Edward's 33 pts.; 2nd—Radley 45 pts.; 3—Abingdon 113 pts.

(Scorers: Gregson 15, Bisby 16, Matson 18, Kirby 19, Spackman 22, Williams DH 23).

27th February v. The Queen's College (a)

1st—Queen's 39 pts.; 2nd—Abingdon 43 pts.

(Scorers: Kirby 4, Gregson 5, Matson 7, Bisby 8, Spackman 9, Spencer JD 10).

2nd March: Culham Road Relay

1st team finished 22nd (Bisby, Kirby, Matson, Gregson).

2nd team finished 31st (Spencer, Avery, Liversidge, Williams DH).
(40 teams took part).

6th March v. Cokethorpe School (h)

1st—Abingdon 27 pts.; 2nd—Cokethorpe 61 pts.

(Scorers: Gregson 2, Matson 3, Kirby 4, Avery 5, Bisby 6, King TJ 7).

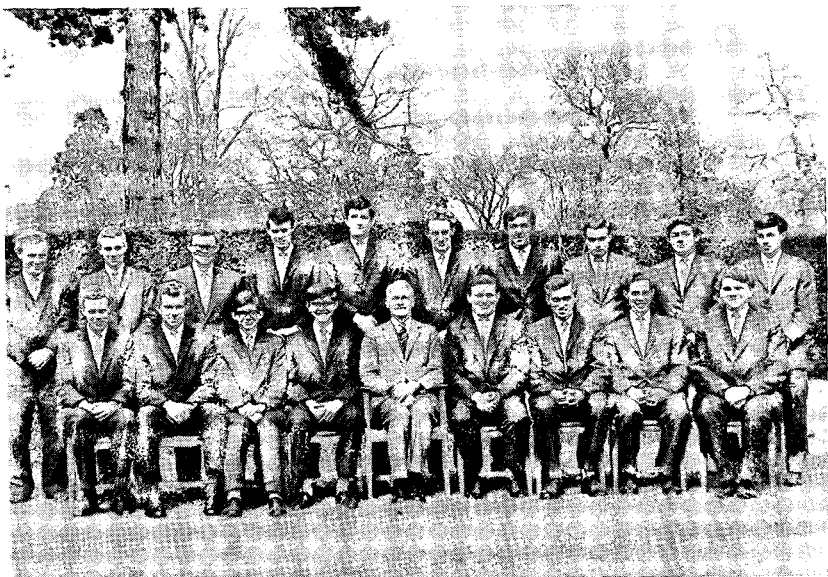
R.H.B.

(16) *Item: He doth ordeyn, That the said schollhouse shall be swept and made clenne every Satterday by some of the youngest schollers, such as the master shall appointe.*

ROWING

Training during the first half of the term was confined to work in the gym, walks and running, as well as the meritable snow-clearing. As soon as water became available again tubbing began and the new tub four proved extremely valuable. As soon as practicable four eights were formed, and as many juniors as possible were accommodated, although conditions were so often unsuitable that the latter did not get as much rowing as they would have liked. One junior crew managed to stove in the bows of the Admiral and had a short swim, with no ill effects, as a sort of baptism to the 1963 season. The boat had to be carried back from half way down Culham Reach when it was swept away by the stream, and will probably be out of action all next term. Old members of the Boat Club will remember a similar occurrence in the days of the Admiral's youth.

Two eights were entered for the Reading University Head of the River Race on 16th March. Their apparently poor showing, the 1st VIII finished 92nd and the 2nd VIII 116th, was hardly surprising as both crews were ordered to paddle the course and not to attempt a proper row. In addition the 1st VIII suffered a series of contretemps at the start which cost them a ten second penalty. However, no serious harm was done: both our crews showed promising form at a strong paddle.



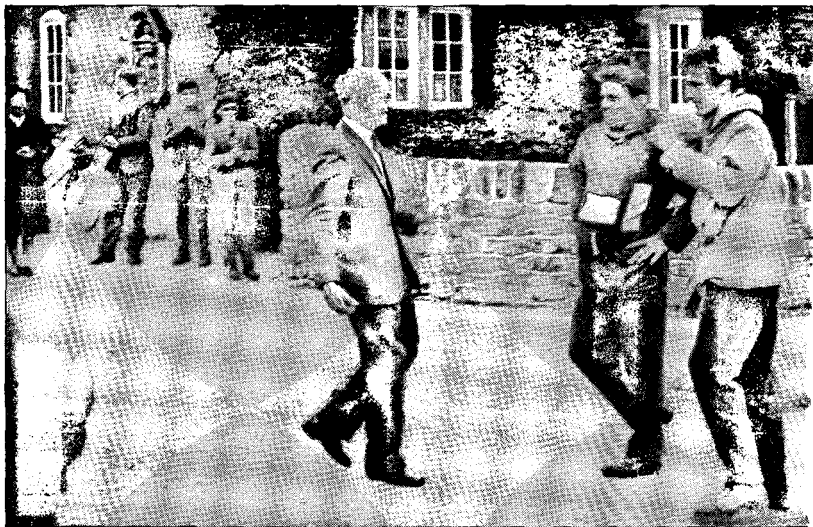
THE SCHOOL PREFECTS — ON PARADE



— AND MEN AT WORK



AWAITING TRANSPORT TO WORCESTER



— AND FIRST HOME
(Cold Pastoral — or Danse Macabre?)

CREWS

1st VI		2nd VIII	
Bow	E. N. Broadway	Bow	S. J. Baker
2	D. J. B. Hewison	2	N. P. Loukes
3	B. G. Mackay	3	E. C. C. Crouch
4	B. A. F. Burn	4	R. C. Leathem
5	M. J. Evans	5	C. W. F. M. Cox
6	N. A. H. Bosley	6	P. V. Bosley
7	J. J. Mackenzie	7	J. A. Simms
Stroke	J. Bowthorpe	Stroke	P. G. D. Matthews
Cox	B. E. Goldsworthy	Cox	P. G. Dowling

E. D. J. Hunter was unable to row in the 1st VIII owing to injury.

R.G.M.

FIVES

During the cold weather the court was used more extensively than usual, but considering that it was never affected by the adverse conditions an even better response might have been expected.

The only match played was a home fixture against Bloxham School. The team was: G. J. Bailey, C. C. Ford, M. S. Ford and T. A. Marsh. The School first pair started well and beat their opposite numbers 15—10, but Bloxham's superior court craft and greater stamina enabled them to win the match comfortably by 115 points to 71.

In the Senior House Knockout Tournament Bennett, with three members of the first four in their team, easily beat Tesdale 120—59 in the final.

T.A.M.

(21) *Item: He doth ordeyne, That the maior and principall burgesses of the said boroughe for the time beinge, shall have power and authoritye to bring learned men into the said schole, to examine as well the said master of his learninge as also the said schollers, whether they doe profitt in their learninge or not, by his doctryne.*

COMBINED CADET FORCE

For much of the term, the weather forced upon us a considerable degree of hibernation — unwelcome always, and particularly so when we wished to inaugurate the new system of alternating ceremonial and mufti parades. In the event, the first of the former had to be cancelled, while the second held in conditions which were still Arctic, was greatly curtailed and necessarily lost some of its value. One full-scale inspection was, however, held. Taken by the Headmaster, it proved a real success, in terms of turn-out and esprit de Corps . . . We look forward to being able to parade, next term, in line on Upper Field; this the thaw would not allow during the month of March.

Field Day, on 19th of that month, included one unusual feature — a visit, by the R.A. and Signal sections, to the Imperial War Museum. Film was shown of Gunner and Signal activities during World War I. Subsequently the cadets were left free to tour the museum individually . . . All exhibits are admirably labelled, and explanation of them in detail would be superfluous; it was felt, even so, that the visit would have been more purposeful and rewarding if guides had been provided — as they are on a visit to a Service establishment . . . C.D. Section put in a day's training on the range of Winnersh while B and C Coys. carried out a patrol exercise which afforded useful practice for the impending Basic Test and Army Proficiency exams. In these, all but 4 of the 76 candidates passed the Basic, and 29 out of 38 — with one credit only — secured the Army Proficiency Certificate. In view of the limitations imposed by the winter weather, these were reasonable results.

To date the response for Camp at Plasterdown is, at 20 volunteers, derisory. We expect to see, at the very least, a doubling of these numbers in the first few days of the coming term.

S.C.P.

ROYAL NAVAL SECTION

The Lent term has not been a very exciting one. Most of the time has been spent trying to pass exams. and at the end of term some nine cadets passed the written part of Proficiency, which was held during Field Day, at H.M.S. Sultan.

Those who were not concerned with Advanced Proficiency spent Field Day at the Atomic Defence School at Portsmouth, where an interesting day was spent watching a demonstration of damage control, and of the principles of buoyancy.

We are very grateful to Lieutenant-Commander E. Over of H.M.S. Sultan, for arranging our Field Day for us.

We have much missed S/Lt. Tammadge this term, and are much looking forward to his return to us next term.

L.C.J.G.

R.A.F. SECTION

Little of note has been carried out this term. The weather prevented much activity outside the classroom, and those who had failed their proficiency examination last term had ample time for revision this.

We did, however, have a very interesting day at U.S.A.F. Brize Norton. On our arrival we were led into a palatial building, described by our American friend as "a typical R.A.F. Mess", where we were entertained to coffee and shown a film about Strategic Bomber Command. This was followed, after lunch, by a conducted tour of the base.

When the time arrived for our departure, the conducting officer

extended a tentative invitation to a social evening in the near future — yet another example of the courtesy and hospitality which we enjoyed throughout the day.

During the Easter holidays, Sergeant Godfrey, Corporal Nichol and Cadet Sheard have visited Norfolk on a Gliding Course. This comes after their very successful visit to R.A.F. Biggin Hill where all three were selected to go before the Final Selection Board which awards Flying Scholarships.

Next term promises to be very busy. We will be receiving a new intake into the Section and will be preparing for the visit of an R.A.F. Officer for the Annual Inspection.

Finally, we look forward to our visit to Germany during the holidays and are only waiting for the Air Ministry to confirm the date.

D.W.M.

ARDUOUS TRAINING

We ventured to Wales again this year, the area chosen being the Brecon Beacons. It is always difficult to fit in a detailed "recce" before the actual course and as we had been in the same district two years ago, we took pot-luck and chose as our base a site provided by the War Office. Imagine our dismay on arrival to find that the nearest track was at least a mile away and we had to cross a stream at the bottom of what amounted to a very deep canyon.

A quick decision was called for because we were all hungry and weary after the journey by road. I decided that we would use our small bivouacs for the night in a field and settle a definite base the following day. 24 hour rations were handed out with the small solid-fuel stoves and soon everyone was busy, the main topic of conversation being the biscuits (universally agreed, fit only for the C.O.'s dog).

The next morning we set up a base on the side of a track. We had taken two 160 lb. tents, one being a dormitory and the other a store. Those who have been 'arduous' before will realise the importance of this because if the weather is against you, it is almost impossible to carry on if you have nowhere to stand up and change. It also meant that we were able to work centrally under cover.

The weather we experienced was, to say the least, variable. It was very cold at night and one morning we woke to find everywhere covered with a blanket of snow. Luckily however, we did not get a lot of rain and we were therefore able to carry out the main training subject only on cloud on the hills.

The boys were split into two groups for a 48 hour exercise when they went over the hills and far away carrying their requirements on their backs. They camped overnight in a field next to Tal-y-bant station and were lucky enough to see the one and only train a day which goes on that line.

Other marches were done over the hills, the most memorable being the one on to the Beacons themselves when the day was clear and the view most remarkable. The least enjoyable was a march mainly on roads, of about 25 miles. Most boys found this rather dull and very hard work after cross-country marches.

From a personal point of view, I found this course one of the most enjoyable. The boys proved to be a good bunch who, despite the wide disparity in ages, worked as a team. To mention a few individuals: Mackenzie looked like someone straying from the Russian Front in 1944 and his beard rivalled Mr. Fairhead's. He also managed to read under the most extraordinary conditions. Bosley continued to produce useful gadgets throughout the eight days, providing a light for the tent, late night drink from his private store among other things. King MJF, deserves special mention for the way he stuck it out despite very bad blisters.

If anyone wants to go on next year's course, when we shall be going to Scotland, and is not sure what is involved, see one of the following who accompanied me this year and ask for first hand information: R. M. Kirby, J. J. Mackenzie, D. J. Hewison, E. Broadway, E. D. Hunter, D. E. Joyce, D. J. Jessett, P. V. Bosley, D. H. Willis, M. C. G. Holloway, D. G. Clubley and M. J. F. King. B.J.M.

SCOUTS

34th North Berks.

The weather naturally curtailed outdoor activity for most of the term. While the snow was still fresh one or two tracking games were played. An experimental game of mat-football in the snow on Lower Field was enjoyed by those taking part and was the first use that was made of the School grounds during the term. Three formal inspections were held and we were fortunate in having the District Commissioner on two of these occasions to present second class and proficiency badges. On the other, a patrol competition to produce the first mug of tea was won by Bradfield's patrol in a time of less than forty minutes: that only one patrol failed to light its fire in this time was highly creditable to all concerned as the snow was still lying thick upon the ground.

For Field Day we paid our annual visit to Youlbury. Various hike parties took advantage of some useful practice and many scouts went out on their second class journey. The first patrol cooking of the term was slow because difficulty was experienced in keeping the fires going.

Holiday activities included three hike camps, details below, and two one night patrol camps at Youlbury. The two patrol leaders Egelstaff, R. A., and Carr, M. T. D., are to be congratulated on their initiative and planning, and it is to be hoped that more patrols will follow their example. It is regretted that as usual we could not be fully represented

on the St. George's Day Parade but this year we had the privilege of carrying the Queen's Colour and the District Flag at the ceremony.

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With the kind assistance of Corps transport six of us arrived at Cwm Cynwyn in the late afternoon on 2nd April and set up camp at over 1,000 feet on the northern slopes of the Beacons. The following day in clear sunny weather we followed the Roman track southwards over the range into a region of reservoirs of the Cardiff Water Works. Climbing over the top of Twyn Mwyalchad more than 2,000 feet high, we made our second camp in the Nant ddu Valley. Next morning we met Richard Welch and John Dickinson, as arranged, and after a stop at the Storey Arms, the highest Y.H.A. hostel in England and Wales, we had a long trek before camping on land at Cwn Cwdi farm. Now the weather had broken and there were some heavy snow showers.

On the Friday morning we walked the short three miles back to the original camp site. Then after lunch with the snow falling fast and very poor visibility half the party followed the path straight up the Bryn-teg spur. It was an eerie experience not knowing exactly where we were and we decided to turn back when the path became very rocky. A hundred feet down the weather suddenly cleared and we had one of those glorious panoramic views away to the Black and Cambrian Mountains. We discovered too that we had failed to reach the summit of the Craig Cwm Cynwyn, 2608 feet, by only some fifty feet. Next day (6th April) we said goodbye to the Arduous Training group in a heavy snow storm, and were thankful to find that the snow line was reached before we drove onto our main trunk road home.

Those taking part: G. J. Bailey, R. Welch (O.A.), J. Dickinson, I. L. M. Carr, B. H. Ford, A. Rose, A. W. Semmence. M.N.W.

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The second of the scout hike-camps took place in the Cotswolds. Mr. Keating accompanied Egelstaff, the elder Carr, and the Edwards brothers.

We left Broadway at noon on Tuesday, 16th April, and walked seven miles roughly south, up into the hills on the east of the main Cheltenham road. Our camp site was a good one, in a sheltered valley near Wood Stanway, and this was fortunate, since it was to become our base for two nights. Rain began to fall during the first night, and continued unceasingly throughout Wednesday; and it was decided that our tents were too wet to be carried. Instead of our planned hike we made an excursion to Winchcombe, bought provisions and had a meal.

On Thursday morning the sun came out to stay, and by the time we were ready to strike camp the tents had completely dried. Our walk back to Broadway, by a different route, was extremely pleasant with fine views across the Vale of Evesham as far as the Malverns. G.M.K.

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The third hike camp was in Snowdonia; the party of seven climbed many of the major peaks. On the 23rd of April a well-known Morris Isis Traveller lent to us by the Group Scoutmaster sped up the A5 carrying a large load of scouts, food and equipment. The car was left at Capel Curig. The first camp was established in a commanding position overlooking Llyn Llydaw below Snowdon. Next day we climbed Snowdon in just over an hour, and were in time to see the first train to run since last October come puffing up the hill. We did not stay to help clear snow from the line. After a walk along Grib-goch we descended via the disused copper mines, and were fascinated by the "fool's gold" and other minerals found in profusion there.

Next day we ascended Glyder Fawr with all our equipment, came down past the awesome cliffs of Devil's Kitchen, and climbed up to camp at a remote tarn at 2,200 ft. below Carnedd Dafydd. That evening we climbed the ridge to see the sun set in the sea far beyond Anglesey. Naturally we bathed in our tarn the next morning, and found we could translate its Welsh name . . . That day we traversed the whole high ridge of the Carnedds, enjoying the immense view and the hot sun. Next day (27th April) we came down, retrieved the car and drove home in a pleasant daze via Ludlow and Worcester.

The party consisted of: Mr. Blagden, R. E. N. Bradfield, R. A. Egelstaff, R. H. Ginger, D. R. Langmead, J. R. Poole, D. S. Rogers.

J.B.

MUSIC NOTES

There were three main musical events out of school. At the beginning of term several boys took part in an ambitious and most successful performance of Britten's "Noyes Fludde" in St. Mary's Church, Oxford. The School was able to contribute to the large force of singers and instrumentalists in this work, and able to provide one of the hand-bell team which plays an important part in the final scene.

Four members of the School helped to provide the orchestra for Handel's "Guistino" at Our Lady's Convent, while several boys enjoyed seeing this revival of a delightful pastoral-heroic drama, last produced nearly 250 years ago.

The highlight of the term was the first Subscription Concert, given by the Amadeus Quartet. It was a great privilege to hear this superb quartet playing Haydn, Bartok and Beethoven — showing us that the string quartet at its best is the finest and most expressive medium for music. On a larger scale but with comparable brilliance, the Handel orchestra played a programme ranging from Telemann and Handel to Elgar and Britten to complete the season's concerts.

In contrast to the large audiences for the Subscription Concerts, a recital by Mr. Butterworth was not well supported — a pity, as his

brilliant playing would have appealed to the least musical. We are fortunate to have so good a technician and so patient a mentor to teach our flautists.

The band has had more to do now that the C.C.F. has a full parade every month, and our brass players have responded well. It is particularly encouraging to have so many young players not only among the trumpeters but also in the less spectacular but vital sections below.

Reeves won the "Choirs and Orchestras" section of the House Music Competition, not solely because they are blessed with a good selection of mature performers but also through the admirable efforts of their captain. Bennett and Blacknall were second and third respectively, with Tesdale a disappointingly poor fourth. We shall continue to run this section of the competition in the Lent term as the performances gained a great deal from having had more time to practise than is available in the Summer.

The two full-scale concerts were given by the orchestras and the Choral Society. The orchestras provided a wide variety of music in the Sunday evening concert to a large audience in the Court Room. The Senior Orchestra showed some improvement in the string section and the Junior Orchestra pulled off some technically quite advanced works with more confidence and musicianship than we have heard from them before. Two chamber items, by Mozart and Loelliet, both sensitively and carefully played, completed the programme.

Some thirty candidates presented themselves for the Associated Board examinations this term. No results are available at the time of writing.

G.M.P.

The Choral Society's performance of Fauré's 'Requiem' occurred on 30th March in St. Helen's Church and we are grateful to Mr. James Fairlie for the following comments.

"Compared with the Christmas Carol Service and its strong element of tradition, the School's Lenten offering of music gives more scope for experiment, especially in the choice of a longer choral work. This year, on the last Saturday evening of term, Fauré's 'Requiem' was the Choral Society's contribution — but first a word about the parts played by the instrumentalists in the earlier part of the programme. Ernest Pratt again brought out the capacities of the Church organ in his authoritative playing of Franck's 'Chorale in A minor', a 'welcome change from Bach!' A string quartet (three quarters of it members of the School) gave a well-knit performance — with a fair bit of life in it — of Theme and Variations from Schubert's 'Death and the Maiden'.

The 'Requiem' was a success. Its restrained solemnity and its long phrasing made considerable demands on the choir, especially on its younger members. But the trebles acquitted themselves well; and the balance of voices, in spite of previous doubts, was remarkably good.

The soloists, Susan Williams and N. P. Loukes, helped towards the total effect: Loukes with a surprisingly mature voice led the choir into a moving rendering of 'Libera Me.' Throughout there was a strong feeling of control; and Mr. Pratt is to be congratulated on bringing this about.

It was good that the Recital was introduced by the Chaplain in the Parish Church. One cannot help asking whether the advantages of the organ aisle might not be outweighed by the meaningfulness of giving such a Recital in the central aisle in front of the altar. But it was a fine offering, and we are grateful." J.F.

(14) *Item: The said scholemaster shall teach his schollers as well nurtere and good manners, as lyterature and vertuous lyvyng and Christian authors for their erudition.*

FREEDOM FROM HUNGER CAMPAIGN

Schools are always being asked to support charities — indeed more appeals are probably received by Headmasters than by any other class of men. Most of these are eminently worthwhile but of course only a few find their way on to the list of Chapel Collections.

Sometimes, however, a particular charity really catches the imagination of the School, and boys pester the Headmaster to be allowed to do all sorts of things in aid of it. World Refugee Year was one such cause and it looks as though the Freedom from Hunger Campaign will be another. After a bumper Chapel Collection in October things remained quiet for some time, but towards the end of March various ideas were put forward, the first fruits of which can be seen in the list below. I hope the enthusiasm will not cool off during the holidays.

Collection after Choral Society's production of Fauré's Requiem in St. Helen's Church				£17 16 0
Sale of tea on Sports Day	...	...		£4 6 7
Auction Sale organised by 2Y	...	...		£8 4 0
Auction Sale organised by 2X	...	...		£5 16 11
Collection in Masters' Common Room	...			£5 14 6
Sundries	...	...	...	£2 6 9
				£44 4 9

On 21st February a number of boys went to Oxford to attend a half-day conference on "Hunger" sponsored by the Council for Education in World Citizenship, and on 28th and 29th March members of the School acted as stewards at a film show in the Corn Exchange organised by the Rotary Club in aid of the Freedom from Hunger Campaign.

R.H.B.

LXIII

The idea of celebrating the Quatercentenary by walking 63 miles from Worcester to Abingdon originated in the Prefects' Common Room and it was there that all the planning took place. All I had to do was to give my approval (which I did with alacrity), to see that the parents were in the know, and to ensure the co-operation of the School doctor — who was as keen about the project as I was myself.

Briefly, what happened was that thirteen of the School Prefects travelled to Worcester by train on the evening of Sunday, 23rd March, and then set off, in small groups, to walk home by the main road — just that. The night was wet and stormy, and it was tough going over the Cotswolds, but only two of the participants had to be picked up before morning — and they, bless them, insisted on going out again, after a few hours' rest, to walk in the last thirty miles with their friends. One more, whose knee gave way, was collected after doing about forty-five miles. A fourth was forcibly abducted by the School doctor, with a temperature and a sore throat, when only three miles from home. The remaining nine completed the course. Any idea of a race had been played down but it was pretty clear that Marsh and Burn had determined to be the first home. It is alleged that they did the first fifty miles without a break. The last lap slowed them down, but even so they completed the course in remarkably fine time; and they timed their arrival opportunely, so as to give a large number of staff and boys the opportunity of welcoming them home — though they can scarcely have been in a condition to realise that the School bell was ringing sixty-three times in their honour. By now the groups had spread out and some of them had broken up. Three more participants arrived individually in the course of the evening. The last four came in together in the early hours of Tuesday. Later the same morning one of them cycled five miles in to School.

It only remains to add that all thirteen have been given the unique — and well-deserved — privilege of wearing a special tie bearing the monogram LXIII; and to thank all those members of the staff, and especially Dr. Fisher and Sister Bright, who looked after them before, during, and after the walk.

There follows a summary showing the time of arrival at the School and the overall time taken; and two brief extracts from the logs of the participants.

B. A. F. Burn, T. A. Marsh	4.45 p.m.	20 hrs. 15 mins.
M. S. Ford	6.45 p.m.	22 hrs. 15 mins.
C. R. Winfield	9.25 p.m.	24 hrs. 55 mins.
A. C. L. Fraser	10.05 p.m.	25 hrs. 35 mins.
K. W. R. Dixon, N. P. Loukes	1.15 a.m.	28 hrs. 45 mins.
T. J. Pegram, A. R. Redgrave		

Also walked: R. H. M. Burr ridge; P. E. Cable; C. J. Dean; P. J. Leather.

There will be other 'Sixty-three projects' during the summer, notably a relay race from the Palace of Westminster to the School (63 miles!) which is planned to take place on 1.5.63; but nothing can take the edge off this particular achievement.

J.M.C.

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"... At 2 o'clock on Monday morning Leather was too ill to continue, so the two future medicos in the group took him in hand and rang the Headmaster, who immediately came out to pick him up . . . Later, at 8.45 a.m. Burridge was discovered sitting by the road with an injured knee; he was, however, able to continue with us until well past Chipping Norton, when the Headmaster ordered him to discontinue . . . Dean also was ordered off, this time by Dr. Fisher, when we were only 3 miles from Abingdon, because he had contracted a temperature, migraine and a bad leg. Here Winfield and Leather went on, as the former was still very energetic, and Fraser continued at a slower pace with Hugh Fisher . . .

No account could be complete without expressing our deepest thanks to all those who helped us. We can only try to express our gratitude to the Headmaster, Dr. Fisher, the masters and ladies of the staff, the parents and friends, and to Sister Bright, who had to put up with us all when we arrived back."

P.J.L./C.J.D./A.C.L.F./C.R.W.

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"A.M.G.O.T. was a wartime term which was usually misinterpreted as 'Ancient Military Gentlemen on Tour': with boater, trilby and walking-stick this could aptly have been applied to our group, especially during the last few miles of the walk. From the outset the 'Gentlemen of England' had decided to enjoy the project, as well as to finish the course. For the first 20 miles spirits were high, and not even the extreme nocturnal conditions could dampen them; however, dawn found us less happy crawling up Broadway Hill, and mid-morning saw near-dejection at Moreton-in-the-Marsh . . .

Gradually the weather improved, and our spirits with it, so by our lunch stop at Chipping Norton we were virtually merry. Here, as everywhere, we were surrounded by many experienced walkers and expeditionaries who knew the route well and had completed just such a walk in half the time . . . Our second night trek began on the Oxford By-Pass, by which time tiredness had crept upon us; however, the encouragement and company of friends from school sustained us until we reached Abingdon.

We arrived back at School on Tuesday morning after 28½ hours on the road. There may be easier ways, but to us this seemed a worthwhile and enjoyable method of spreading the Quatercentenary Good News from Worcester to Abingdon."

T.J.P./K.W.R.D./A.R.F.R./N.P.L.

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And as we go to press — on 1.5.63, in fact — the Cross-country VIII has added its quota to the gaiety of School (and nation) by carrying a message of greeting from our local Member, Mr. Neave, at the Palace of Westminster, to the Headmaster, at Abingdon. Running in relay, they completed the course (of exactly 63 miles!) in well under the target time of 6.3 hours. This project was well covered by press and television. We wait to see what the papers make of it all. Meanwhile, congratulations to Kirby and his team, warm thanks to Mr. Neave for the very great trouble he took to help us over this. J.M.C.

ARDNAMURCHAN — 1963

Scotland is a far cry from Abingdon and Ardnamurchan is its furthest limb, or so it seems to weary hitch-hikers. These started on Wednesday, 3rd April, cars laden with stores that day and the next, and all but two were there to pitch camp on the Friday afternoon. Furneaux arrived with Flint in his ancient Wolseley Hornet on Sunday, having broken an axle at Preston. He was lucky to find another there.

The tents were soon erected a hundred yards from the sea on the north of the peninsula at Grigadale. The site was a grassy level, with sand underneath and Scotland's most westerly mainland ending in a lighthouse less than a mile away.

The purpose of the Skye Group is scientific and members had during the Lent Term prepared individual projects covering botanical, meteorological, geological, ecological, conchological and land-use aspects. Mr. Goodchhild, of the Conchological Society of Great Britain, had spent a day with the Group during the term showing them how to collect molluscs. In Ardnamurchan both marine and non-marine shells were collected which will be sent to the Society for identification; this should help them in their current survey of British shells.

The Atomic Energy Division of the Geological Survey had lent three scintillation ratemeters which were used to determine the radioactivity of the different strata encountered. Readings were taken every 200 yards along north-south traverses half a kilometre apart and noted on six-inch geological maps specially prepared for the expedition.

Collections of specimens were soon made and reference books were searched for identification. It is sometimes difficult to name a moss or grass, sea-shell or snail, and even limestone can be mistaken for igneous rock. Miles of wandering entailed patient reading back at H.Q.

And what wandering! Clambering over rocks by the sea, over precipitous crags, walking and leaping across boggy moors and streams — it is the Highlands of Scotland wherever you go. There were a dozen peaks in the vicinity worthy of an ascent, and the view of heathery slopes, bogs, lochs and islands was wonderful and without blemish.

If one is to believe the geography books, this is the land of oceanic influences, drizzle and driving rain, low clouds and gales, winters seldom frosty, summer very cool. Not so this April. These scientists roamed the wild mountains and shores in strong sunshine, getting sunburnt, while at night there were two or three degrees of frost. The sun was strong, the moon full and bright, the red sunsets full of promise. A snowy gale in the early hours put an end to this after a week and the last four days were cold, changeable and blustery, except that fine weather blessed the packing of tents and stores.

One evening driftwood was collected, and a large fire illuminated a ring of sentimental faces and inspired camp songs. Crouch had his guitar and provided ideal accompaniment.

Misfortune struck Cable's car in the form of a large boulder which bent the front axle and much else. Luckily the car can be mended there in Kilchoan, but in the meantime Moorshead and Cable had to return home by train with a large part of the expedition's equipment. The car will be fetched at a later date.

The party packed its tents and walked the six miles to Kilchoan on the last Monday, there to sleep the night in the empty manse and to catch the local bus to Fort William at 7 a.m. on Tuesday, 16th April. Throughout that day all West Scotland was conscious of Abingdon scholars, pack on back, hitching lifts or walking in the rain under sky-high mountains hidden in the clouds.

Among others the Skye Group wish to thank Messrs. Maggi, Ltd.; Nestle's, Ltd.; H. J. Heinz, Ltd.; Mr. and Mrs. Burgess of Ferry Stores, Kilchoan; Mr. Macmillan of Grigadale; Mr. H. Bisby; Mr. B. N. J. Bosley; the 10th and 34th North Berkshire Scout Troops for the loan of equipment.

The party consisted of: Mr. Blagden, Mr. Moore, Mr. Brian Williams (Marlborough College), F. A. Bisby, M. A. Bisby, N. A. H. Bosley, J. Bowthorpe, P. E. Cable, E. C. C. Crouch, H. F. Flint, T. Furneaux, R. K. Gregson, T. A. Marsh, R. C. H. Moorshead, M. R. Morris, J. L. Walton.
E.T.M.

SICILY — 1963

It was raining when we reached Palermo — we had had grey skies all the way through France and Italy, except for a brief spell of sunshine in Rome — and our spirits when we reached the hotel at Sferacavallo were not high; but within minutes the clouds rolled away, the sun came out and shone almost continuously, except for one cloudy day, until we came back.

Under such circumstances it is not perhaps surprising that the first things many of us wanted to do was to swim. Within half an hour of

our arrival the first boy entered the water from the little beach adjoining the hotel and several others followed his example. In the days that followed most of us swam several times, and much enjoyed basking in the sun.

Not all of the time, however, was spent in so leisurely and inactive a fashion. We had planned to spend four days sight-seeing at places away from Palermo, and in some ways the first of these, the ancient city of Segesta, with its Greek theatre and partly finished temple, was the most satisfying.

On the only dull day we went to Cefalu. Our intention of spending a leisurely morning on the beach was foiled by the absence of sun, but a dead dolphin, a very large one, which lay in the sea close to the beach, and the crowd which collected round it, held our interest for some time, and the rest of the time we spent in exploring the town, cleaner than most small Sicilian towns, and more accustomed to foreigners, and in looking at the Cathedral. We found it disappointing after Moreale to whose world famous Cathedral we had made our second visit, though the principal mosaic, the Christ, was even finer than its counterpart there.

Our last excursion was to Agrigento, to see the temples there, and if they lacked the charm and peace of Segesta, the walk down along the old Greek road from the furthest temple (ascribed to Juno Lacinia), past the almost complete Temple of Concord to the Temple of Hercules was unforgettable, largely because of their position on the crest of a ridge just inside the bastion of the natural walls of the city. The two most lasting impressions will be the Temple of Concord as one approached it up the hill, looking from the slight distance like a new building, and the enormous size of the Temple of Olympian Zeus, big as a football pitch, now, alas, entirely in ruins.

When we look back, however, after some years on visits of this kind, it is often not the great Cathedrals, or ancient temples, or places of interest that we remember best, but rather quite trivial incidents or glimpses of the life of the people as we pass among them. There was an old peasant, who showed us the way through his land to the hillside we wanted to walk up, and came up himself to show us the best way down when we went wrong, and, not content with refusing a well-deserved tip, told us he would like to offer us some of his lemons, but that he had not very many. He was a poor man, but we were his guests — and we felt very humble. There was the driver of a small Fiat, capable of holding six adults in rather cramped comfort, who drove us adventurously back from Palermo one day with fourteen people in the car — six of them small children who occupied the back seat with their parents. There was the glimpse of Etna, a white triangle seventy miles away, still dominating its island even from that distance, which we caught as the bus took us to Agrigento. There were the groups of peasants in lines of three or four or five riding their mules or donkeys

home in the evening after the day's work among their vines or olives or lemons, some of them going considerable distances to the village or town which inevitably stood at the top of a hill, patiently accepting the hardships of their life. There were the patience and good humour of the crowds, and the absence of hooligans, though there were plenty of young people about, and the cheerfulness and friendliness of the people, and the man who suddenly on the trolley-bus to Monreale announced 'Primavera', and sang a song about Spring, and then took his hat round among the passengers, most of whom were standing and could not see him.

There was the enchantment of the moon path across the bay to Sferracavallo, to the lights of the village, and the outline of the hills beyond, and the moon herself dimming with her own brilliance a whole skyful of stars.

These, and many more like them, are the things we shall never forget.

L.C.J.G.

NEVERS — 1963

For the third successive year a school party visited Nevers, France, for three weeks. After the loud cries of "Vive l'Angleterre" as we travelled through France, when there was little chance of a reply, it was amusing to watch the awestruck expressions of the boys as they were enthusiastically welcomed by their French speaking hosts.

We soon noticed that this first feeling of awe had given way to one of ease after a few days. The central square became the meeting place of "les gosses anglais", and many hours must have been spent discussing the exciting possibilities of riding mopeds in England, at fourteen and without a licence. Others would be seen gesticulating as they explained the rules of cricket or the superiority of English cooking. We even saw one of the boys proudly explaining the way to Paris to a lost Frenchman. With complete equanimity he had pointed in the opposite direction and said "Voilà!"

Too soon the three weeks were over. We had enjoyed the hospitality of the municipality at a reception held by the mayor. We had gallantly lost a basket-ball game against our hosts, despite the inclusion of extra players whenever the referee's attention was diverted. All of the boys seemed to enjoy themselves. Some had travelled to Paris, others even further afield. Our French hosts, too, seemed to enjoy our visit, and many expressed the hope that they would see us again next year.

Although the final day was slightly marred by an over-zealous Customs official we arrived in Abingdon only half an hour later than expected, tired but with happy memories of our stay in France, and looking forward to the return visit of the French boys in the summer.

D.W.M.

JEU D'ESPRIT

Thanks to the kindness of Mr. Edward Marshall, of Rugby, we have come into possession of a lampoon on the Rev. William Kennedy, D.D. (Headmaster 1775-1792) written by his great-grandson Edward Marshall (later Marshall-Hasker) who entered Worcester College, Oxford, from this School in 1792 and later became a fellow of Oriel. The name of Edward Marshall appears in the printed list of 'declamants' at the School Prize-Giving in 1785, so it would seem that he may have left School two or three years before going up to Oxford. Yet another Edward Marshall, his father, appears in our records as winning a Pembroke Scholarship in 1752; he too subsequently migrated to Oriel, of which college he ultimately became senior fellow.

The poem consists of six lines of Latin verse, written by hand on a scrap of scribbling paper. There is a marginal note 'E.M. Scr (ipsit) Enstone'. Enstone, a little village in Oxfordshire, was apparently the family home; it was there that his father died in 1798. It must have been written before young Edward went up to Oxford, for Kennedy, who is clearly addressed as a living man, died in August, 1792.

Even charitable judgement could not claim much intrinsic merit for these verses. There is a gross false quantity in the first line which many of our readers will doubtless spot at first glance; and the word *tubuli* in the fourth line is extremely rare, and when it is used it is for a 'water-pipe' and not in the anatomical sense which is required here. But we reprint them as they stand as a footnote to the history of the School.

Ad Gulielmum K——, Scholae Abingdoniensis magistrum

Corporis immensae vires, torosaque membra
Dum iactas, metuis nil, Gulielme, mali;
Hinc crebro et largo vini te proluis haustu;
Ignescunt tubuli, crescit et inde sitis.
Sic veniunt febres tarda comitante podagra,
Viribus ipse tuis tu, Gulielme, ruis.

Publication of this lampoon had a pleasant epilogue. An anonymous donor offered a generous prize for the best verse translation of it. The two best entries were found to be from members of Common Room. Their versions follow, above the thin disguise of their initials.

FACILIS DESCENSUS AVERNO

Dear William, you think there can't be a chink

In your armour of manly prowess,
While those mussels* you flaunt and mammoth strength vaunt —
But watch your step nevertheless.

To fill this great hulk you must swill down in bulk

Chateaufneuf du Pape best '49†;
Then your stomach aflame cries for more of the same —
O pernicious addiction to wine!

Then fever breaks out, with concomitant gout

That slows a man, mussels and all;
Thus, though it's bizarre, the bigger you are,
The harder, dear William, you fall.

I.C.M.

* *mussels* (sic) representing *torosa*.

† assuming 1749 to be a vintage year?

— ITEM

O William when you boast your strength
 Your splendid rippling thews,
 Your massive bulk, you have no fear
 Of any ill that brews.

Full off with copious draughts of wine
 Your inner man you swill,
 But with the fires which warm your heart
 Your thirst grows greater still.

So fevers come and gout withal
 To slow your halting gait;
 Poor William, your very strength
 Accelerates your fate.

G.F.D.

(18) *Item: He doth ordeyne, That the schollers and children of the said schole at such time as they shall go to church to here service or preachings, shall goe two and two together, with their bokes in their hands, soberly and discreetly.*

SCHOOL SOCIETIES

ROYSSE SOCIETY

At the first meeting of the term, on 23rd January, another new member was welcomed to the Society, C. R. Winfield. Business over, P. J. Leather read a paper entitled "Advertising." This he dealt with under four headings: advertising and economy, advertising and the consumer, advertising and its practice through mass media, and, lastly, advertising and the emotions. Messrs. Gray, Hillary and Owen, our staff guests, were very helpful in discussion, and R. Van Wagenen produced some amusing quirks of American advertising as exemplified by the very popular "Brand X" soap powder. In general, however, the discussion, though running freely, tended to be superficial.

"China — Civil War and Revolutions" was the title of the second paper of the term, read, on the 28th February, by R. D. Van Wagenen. This dealt with the re-establishment of the Kuomintang, the rise to power of Chiang-Kai-Shek, and the final victory of the Communist Party, lead by Mao-Tse-Tung; and it then described the present economic situation in China. Mr. Talbot and the Headmaster set the ball rolling, and the discussion continued strongly upon the subject of China, its present and future power, and its relation with the United Nations.

The last meeting of the term was held on the 13th March in School House Reading Room, when B. A. F. Burn gave his swansong on "Nationalization." The paper dealt thoroughly with the arguments for and against nationalization, its history and its possible extension. Our three economists, Mr. Willis, Mr. Montague and Mr. Booth, all stepped in at the beginning of the discussion, which centred around the question of British Railways, and public transport as a whole. The meeting had to be closed by force by the Chairman whilst members were still arguing over the somewhat dubious fate of the railways.

We should like to extend our warmest thanks to the Headmaster, and his household, for their hospitality throughout the term, without which the Society's meetings would not have been so successful.

A.C.L.F.



ATHLETICS TEAM, 1963



ARDUOUS TRAINING IN WALES



THE SKYE GROUP AT ARDNAMURCHAN



ST. EDMUND SOCIETY

At a committee meeting held in the Summer Term 1962, it was decided to limit the Lent Term programme to two meetings, as the Teaching Week, led by Father Martin, would take place early in the term.

The first of these meetings was held in the Court Room when two Fact and Faith films were shown: "The Prior Claim" and "Of Books and Sloths." These, as previous films have been, proved to be very popular. In an interesting and logical way, a Christian Scientist put over the message of the Gospel, relating it to the wonders of science revealed in each film.

Mr. Harold Loukes spoke to the Society in the Library on 11th March, giving the sixth talk in the series "Branches of the Christian Church." He dealt with the Quaker brethren, relating its historical origins and presenting a clear picture of its integration in the Church of today. The interest of his audience was evident by the searching questions addressed to the speaker.

With a full programme for the future, we look forward to a continuance of the recent good attendances. J.B.

LITERARY SOCIETY

"Women in Literature" was the subject chosen by the Chairman, N. P. Loukes, for the first meeting of the term. He took, as the basis for his paper, characters from Dickens, Thackeray and Hardy, and criticised their portrayal of the female character. Jane Austen emerged as the greatest artist, whose female characters are peerless amongst earlier and certainly more modern novelists. We would thank very warmly Mr. and Mrs. Loukes for their kind hospitality at this meeting.

We are also very grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Exon for entertaining the Society for its second meeting on 7th March. The Secretary read a paper on Dickens. Immaturity of character, sentimentality, insincere socialism and complicated plot were the main sources of criticism but the paper upheld that in spite of Dickens' shortcomings as a great novelist his entertainment value was rarely surpassed.

After two papers which had concentrated on the novel-form of art, the Society visited the New Theatre, Oxford, for its final meeting. "Who'll save the Plowboy?" was the play we saw and featured Harry H. Corbett, Maxine Audley and Donald Donnelly, amongst the cast. Critiques of the play were almost as varied as our own mean attempts at criticism. Corbett's American accent was at times reminiscent of the younger Steptoe and the tragedy was generally slow in developing. Nevertheless it was an interesting finale to a term of limited activity.

R.H.M.B.

THE HISTORIANS

Both the meetings held this term were notable for an unusual, if not unorthodox, approach to historical subjects.

At the first meeting, the Society, assuming that they were meeting on the eve of the King's execution, debated the motion that "In the opinion of this house it is unwise to execute King Charles." The motion was proposed by A. W. Foster and I. J. Newbold, opposed by T. J. Pegram and D. S. French, and was carried by one vote. This debate helped us to appreciate the attitudes of the puritan and royalist factions.

The Rev. G. Bowker of Steventon dealt almost exclusively with attitudes of mind in his paper on the English Reformation, at the second meeting. This was an interesting new approach to the subject. The paper was followed by a general discussion on religious evolution.

We are very grateful to Mr. Montague for acting as sponsor this term.

J.D.U.

TURNOR SOCIETY

The first meeting of the Society, which has enjoyed a varied and successful term, was held on 25th January when Mr. Malcolm Shaw, Lecturer at Hunter College, New York, spoke on "Congress and Parliament; a Comparison." The differences between these two institutions were clearly outlined by following the passage of a typical Bill through each; much emphasis was placed upon the Doctrine of Separation of Power.

On 8th February Mr. John Robins (O.A.) gave a talk entitled "Witchcraft in Central Africa", based upon specialist knowledge gained from his duties as a District Officer. Some of the instances cited seemed amusing to us, but the belief in magic underlines the primitive state in which many tribes still live.

"NATO" was the subject for our final meeting held on 22nd February, the speaker being Cmdr. H. Mulleneux, D.S.O., R.N. A history of the organisation was followed by an illustrated synopsis of its mechanics and functions. NATO's vital importance today was clearly emphasised.

T.J.P.

DEBATING SOCIETY

Both meetings this term have been very well attended, for which much thanks must go to the 'all star' debate, but there is still a lack of speakers from the floor of the house.

The Headmaster, the Chaplain, Mr. Horrex and Mr. Fairhead attracted over 150 boys and masters to the Court Room on Friday, 1st March, to hear them speak as a Schoolmaster, a Clergyman, a Scientist and an Artist. These four representatives were imagined to be trapped in a leaking balloon and three had to jump out to lighten the load. After four excellent speeches which mixed wit, seriousness and strong argument, the house judged the Artist as most worthy of being saved. The Society would like to thank these four masters for giving up their time and for providing such an enjoyable meeting.

Almost as many people were present on the 22nd March to hear J. D. Spencer and R. A. Rozier successfully propose that "The Christian Church does not answer the needs of modern society." They were opposed by J. Bowthorpe and I. A. Walkinshaw.

G.F.K.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

On 8th March, Mark Bretscher, O.A., gave a talk on the highly topical subject of "Molecular Biology." Speaking from personal experience gained at Cambridge whilst working under Dr. J. Crick, he was able to outline all that was known of D.N.A., the "coil of life", how this molecule alone was responsible for the inheritance of character during reproduction, the synthesis of proteins and the general control

of the cell metabolism, including cell replication. Finally, he produced experimental evidence to back up the theory that this incredible molecule was able to determine specific enzyme formation by means of a triplet code concerning the sequence of bases in the D.N.A. molecule. All in all, the lecture proved invaluable to biologist and biochemist alike.

Our second guest speaker was Mr. D. Horrex, who gave a lecture entitled "Computers — their present and future use", on 22nd February. He first described the general layout and flowline of a computer and showed how the general case could be adapted to suit the particular purpose. With the aid of slides, several types of electronic "memories" were exhibited, and the whole was very useful in explaining the animated cartoon film "The Information Machine", which Mr. Horrex then showed. By the end of the afternoon an interesting and enjoyable time had been had by all.

There was a very good attendance at the last meeting of the term, on 15th March, when the two films "More Power from the Atom" and "Detergents" were shown. A.C.L.F.

THE CRITICS

The standard of the Society has been maintained this term despite a certain amount of apathy amongst some of the members. It should be realised that membership of an evening society does imply some obligation for members to attend and to be prepared to read a paper if asked. R. C. Leatham spoke on "The Romantic Poets" at the first meeting on 21st February, in which he outlined the characteristics of five poets backed ably with quotation; a compact and comprehensive survey, which led on to a lively discussion.

At the second meeting D. J. Jessett read a paper on "Elizabethan and Pre-Elizabethan Drama." He dealt with the History of Drama until Jonson's day and compared the Elizabethans with their forbears and Shakespeare with his contemporaries. Finally, on 25th March, P. G. Henderson led a meeting on "Comic Verse" in which his own selection was followed by contributions from members. In all, an enjoyable evening. T.J.P.

THE SYMPOSIUM

An amusing account of "The Little People" was read by R. M. Kirby at the first meeting on 28th January. A tangent of the subject — psychology and the supernatural — proved to be very absorbing. Mental telepathy, dream-interpretation, and clairvoyance were discussed at length.

For the second meeting of the term, Mr. and Mrs. Exon kindly invited us to their home in Kennington, where F. C. R. Exon read a paper entitled, "The Common Market", which consisted of a comprehensive study of its origins and aims. Members were distinctly in favour of the Common Market. Discussion ranged over a wide field: world economics, the over-population problem, and sea-bed cultivation were reviewed with feeling and enthusiasm.

M. J. Giddings wound up the term with "A Sketch on the Theatre and Drama through the Ages." Discussion concluded that, in spite of competition from cinema and television, the theatre will always draw a steady, select audience.

A special word of thanks must be given to Mrs. Smithson, who has provided refreshment for the two meetings held in the School Shop. J.B.

MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY

On the 4th February, three Esso films, "Fawley Achievement", "Energetically Yours", and "Veterans of the Road", were shown. Three weeks later, Mr. A. M. Wood of the Oxford University Press spoke to the Society on "Mathematics for Publication." He explained the photo-setting and hot metal methods of printing and illustrated by examples how to overcome the particular difficulties in printing Mathematical Notation. We were pleased to welcome some members of St. Helen's School to this meeting.

At the final meeting, 8th March, four members read short papers: R. M. Kirby—"The Great Flood", S. M. Nicholl—"Pythagoras and Kepler", R. J. Parsons—"Decibels", and C. J. D. Bailey—"Eddington's Problem." P. E. Dixon was elected Assistant Secretary of the Society.
C.J.D.B.

MODERN LANGUAGES SOCIETY

Our four meetings this term have been varied.

The first on 1st February, was modified to enable our members to watch a television film of the 'nouvelle vague' entitled 'Hiroshima, mon Amour', which although, or perhaps because it was dubbed in English, we found most interesting and instructive.

At the next meeting on 15th February, we read parts of Goethe's "Faust, Part I", mainly for the benefit of our 'S' level scholars.

On 1st March we attempted something which we had avoided for a long time — a discussion in French: on this first occasion the subjects ranged from De Gaulle and the Common Market, and the future of Europe, to Corneille's tragedies. The whole programme was introduced by J. D. Urwick, whom we thank most warmly.

Our last meeting, the most enjoyable, which we held on 15th March, was a joint one with St. Helen's French Club, at which we read poetry by assorted authors — Goethe, Baudelaire, Hebbel and Heine, to mention a few.

We should like to express our thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Hasnip for their kind help and hospitality, and to St. Helen's French Club for giving us such excellent support at our last meeting.

R.W.E.

PLAY READING SOCIETY

Tchekov is now well established in the Society: it was pleasant, therefore, to read "The Cherry Orchard" on 17th February. Despite the lack of senior members, a satisfactory performance was maintained, as it was in the next play, Jonson's "Volpone." This was more taxing, owing to its length and the other complications of 17th century drama.

For various reasons the attendance for Bolt's "A Man For All Seasons" was poor. This did, however, offer an excuse to ask Mr. and Mrs. Griffin to take part, upon whose reading any comment would be impertinence.

In contrast there was a good attendance for the last meeting of term, when Sheridan's "The Rivals" was read. It was good to hear some new voices, notably R. J. M. Bennett, who tackled the part of Capt. Absolute very competently. For this meeting, as for the whole term, our thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Griffin for providing such congenial surroundings.

N.P.L.

MUSIC SOCIETY

The first concert of the term took place on 15th October, before a disappointingly small audience and provided a varied programme. It began with the remainder of Mozart's Flute Quartet, the first movement of which we heard last term. Mr. Keating then introduced some interesting arrangements of canons, one for a wind group and two for two cellos. Loillet's first Sonata brought the concert to a close.

The second half of the term was taken up with rehearsing certain items for the orchestral concert held on Sunday, 10th March, and the Choral Society's performance in St. Helen's Church at the end of term, comments on which appear elsewhere. For its second informal concert, the Society was privileged to hear the 'K.B.' Six. This performance, which was enjoyed even by the most high-brow of our members, ended a successful term on an extremely high note.

J.F.

THE FORUM

It is sad to mention the small numbers attending the meetings of the Forum, but once again only the faithful few turned up regularly.

The first meeting was held on the first day of term, 18th January, when the Common Market failure was still a burning issue. Opinions varied as to de Gaulle's motives, but all agreed that Britain should still try to join. Views were also divided upon journalists' privileges and the Honours List.

At the next meeting, on 15th February, discussion ranged over such topics as the leadership of the Labour Party — and that of the Conservatives — the political implications of Princess Margaret not going to Paris, the assassination of Kassem, and on the subject of societies themselves.

The Labour Plan for University expansion dominated the last meeting on 8th March, when further education in this country was discussed. Other subjects included M. Bidault's interview on British television and the more frivolous topic of clothes for naked animals.

P.J.L.

JOINT CLUB

Three meetings were held this term, comprising two socials and one visit to the theatre. We entertained our opposite numbers for the first social in the Heylyn Room, and then the ladies returned the compliment also in the Heylyn Room. Unfortunately for this second meeting there was a great dearth of boys: as a result the social did not have the liveliness that it is wont to have.

For the theatre trip "Who'll Save the Plowboy?", starring Harry H. Corbett, seemed the ideal choice. In fact it turned out to be far too taxing a play and was not entertaining enough. We do, however, thank the ladies of St. Helen's for entertaining us for coffee beforehand.

N.P.L.

CHESS CLUB

At the end of last term we were knocked out of the *Sunday Times* Competition by Magdalen College School (5—1), but in a return match this term, we beat a weakened Magdalen team 4—2. Owing to the bad weather several early matches were postponed and so our first match was on the 20th February, in which we beat Southfield School (away) 4½—1½ and later our junior team beat their juniors 4—2.

On 3rd March A. S. Hollis, Esq., of the England team, gave a simultaneous display, winning thirteen games and drawing two.

Earlier in the term, a School team beat the Common Room 6—2, and Form 5A drew against the rest of the School. There was also a first VI league and two other senior leagues as well as knockout tournaments for the Junior Dayboys and Waste Court, and on Monday, 1st April, 1Y beat 1X 6—2.

1st VI League Champion: M. F. Wells; Junior Dayboys' Knockout: Burton; Waste Court: Deuchar or Wilkinson (competition unfinished).
A.E.M.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

Ciné Section

The whole of this term has been taken up by a more concentrated shooting programme.

By the end of the Summer term we hope to have three or four new films ready for showing; one will be devoted entirely to the conversion of Big School to the New Library. The main film, which is at the moment entitled "Letters to America", in which Peter Mann is starring, will not, unfortunately be ready for 14th June, so we shall not be able to boast of a Royal Première.
P.A.W.

THE FILM SOCIETY

At the first meeting we saw a showing of the film "North by North-west", which contained many good examples of Hitchcock's suspense technique.

The second film, "The Lavender Hill Mob" was the comedy film of the term starring Alec Guinness. These first two films were chosen to contrast with the next two of the term's films. "Murder Incorporated", a thriller culminating in a fifteen minute chase which even Hitchcock would have envied, provided the contrast to "North by North-west."

The fourth film, "The Horse's Mouth" showed Alec Guinness in a more sophisticated comedy. The clever difference in his character portrayal emphasized his great skill as an actor.

At the last meeting five films were shown, all made by amateurs. Even allowing for the difficulties surrounding their makers they were still on the whole disappointing. The one exception was "Highway", filmed from high speed cars moving along American roads, and accompanied by an apt jazz score.
M.J.E.

JAZZ CLUB

Our first meeting was held on the 8th February and we were very pleased to have sixteen members present for the playing of some Brubeck and Bilk recordings. In the discussion that followed we all agreed that we preferred the Brubeck, which was original and had some definite feeling, to the Bilk, which we considered to be the imitation of a noise we had heard many times before.

At the second meeting C. J. Corps introduced records of Wilbur de Paris, Papa Celestin and Kid Ory. The meeting lasted fifty minutes and we all left admiring even more these great exponents of trad jazz. Because Ory had proved so popular at the previous meeting, the third was devoted to listening to some of his records and to discussion of his technique. The Club has had a most enjoyable and profitable term.
A.W.F.

CAMPANOLOGICAL SOCIETY

We were very pleased to welcome to our Service ringing at the beginning of term, Mr. T. Page, a student master from Cambridge, who, being a very accomplished ringer and method composer, has helped us a great deal with our ringing this term. We are very grateful to him and only wish that his stay could have been longer.

At the practice on 15th March, we successfully rang, in 45 minutes, a Quarter Peal of 1260 Plain Bob Minor. Those taking part were: Treble—D. G. Clubley, 2—C. Carter, 3—M. Hodge, 4—Mr. T. Page, 5—R. W. Ellaway, 6—C. I. Rowson, who also conducted a well struck Quarter. The peal was subsequently reported in the ringers' own journal "The Ringing World." We hope to ring many more peals in the near future as our contribution to this year of celebrations. C.C.

THE ARTS CIRCLE

One meeting only has been held this term, at which Mrs. Audrey Blackman gave a most interesting and lively account of "Ceramic Sculpture." Mrs. Blackman, who is herself an exhibitor at the Royal Academy, expertly outlined the development of ceramics through the ages up to the present day, illustrating her lecture with colour transparencies. The Society was also shown examples of her own work. We were fortunate indeed in obtaining an authority of Mrs. Blackman's standing to speak to us on this subject.

The planned Exhibition of Early English Watercolours, whereby the Society hopes to commemorate the Quatercentenary of the School's foundation, is rapidly materialising. M.J.H.L.

AERONAUTICAL SOCIETY

At the beginning of the term, an election was held for the position of Assistant Secretary and A. F. Stewart was finally chosen.

During the term, three extremely interesting lectures were given — all by members of the Society. On 25th January, D. R. Sheard spoke to us about Rocket propulsion and on 15th February, the Secretary gave a talk on the Parachute. The last meeting on the little known subject of South American Air Forces was given by R. L. Cripps. D.J.S.

TAPE RECORDING SOCIETY

Although upset by the weather, the programme for this Lent Term has been very successful.

The highlight for ten members was a visit to Broadcasting House on 5th February. Although snow threatened to prevent the trip, we braved the elements and it turned out to be a most worthwhile visit.

Apart from this outing there have been three meetings. The first, the termly general meeting, was for members only. At the second we were pleased to welcome Mr. F. Walker from Shepperton Film Studios, who gave an illustrated lecture entitled "Film Recording Methods." The last meeting took the form of a talk and demonstration, given by M. C. Johnston, on "Building Your Own Tape Recorder."

Another lecture, advertised in the School Calendar for 22nd February, had to be postponed until next term, the lecturer being snowbound.

Throughout the term, work on the sound track for the School Film has been proceeding slowly. M.C.J.

HOLIDAY CLUB

The Club had an uneventful winter session. Owing to the very bad weather, it proved impossible to play any of the three games — two rugger and one soccer — that had been arranged.

However, a very successful Social was held in the Little Theatre at Caldecot House and for this we are very grateful to Mr. Brampton. Our thanks are also due to John Spencer and his band who played so well for us. Everyone enjoyed themselves enormously in spite of an unfortunate power cut halfway through the evening.

We are looking forward to the Easter vacation when it is hoped that we shall have fixtures against Abingdon R.F.C., the Abingdon Minors and the Abingdon Hockey Club. M.S.F.

JUNIOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY

There have been three meetings this term. For the second meeting we welcomed our first distinguished speaker to the Society. This was Mr. A. K. Boyd (author of 'Spithead Story') who gave us a very interesting lecture on "Christ's Hospital". A body created by royal charter in 1553 under the influence of Sir John Mason, Christ's Hospital has a fascinating history, especially as it has so many connections with the School.

The Society outing next term will probably be to Woburn Abbey. Projects are under way for Founder's Day and we are hoping to have an Elizabethan exhibition to suit the special occasion. A.P.F.

JUNIOR KNOWLEDGE SOCIETY

Two meetings were held this term. The first was a film show in which two films were shown, "The Enchanted Isle" and "Rig 20." At the second meeting two first form committee members were elected and the members thereafter enjoyed a quiz with the committee versus the rest. R.A.F.

SCHOOL LIBRARY

The Grundy Library is steadily approaching completion and shows every sign of fulfilling our highest expectations. During the next few weeks we shall have an extremely strenuous time moving in and rearranging, but we shall have to keep the present Libraries running as long as possible. For the latest presentations we offer many thanks to the Master of Pembroke College for his latest book *The Liberal Party*: to Martin Scott-Taggart, O.A., for *Christianity and Paradox* (Hepburn): to D.S. Lloyd, O.A., for *The History of the Royal Corps of Signals*: to the British Atlantic Committee for *Nato*: and to Hugh and Ian Flint for a handsome two volume *History of the Scots Guards*, signed by H.M. King George VI.

Our latest addition to the Reference Section is Keesing's Contemporary Archives. G.F.D.

O.A. NOTES

BIRTHS

BRACKLEY. On 5th April, 1963, to the wife of Fl/Lt. Michael J. Brackley (1954), a son, Owen Anthony.

EMERTON. On 7th February, 1963, to the wife of Philip J. Emerton (1952), a second son.

HOWARD. On 17th April, 1963, to Helen, wife of Fl/Lt. John Howard (1956), a daughter.

STROSS. On 11th January, 1963, to Anne (Heywood), wife of Raymond Stross (1933), a son.

MARRIAGES

AYLIN-ELLIOTT. On 23rd February, 1963, at the Royal Garrison Church, Aldershot, Capt. Clyde G. P. Aylin (1953), D.E.R.R., to Penelope J. Elliott.

BLAKE-HANLAN. On 23rd February, 1963, at Holy Trinity Garrison Church, Iserlohn, Charles Patrick Hyde Blake (1956), R. Ulster Rifles, to Valerie, daughter of Major and Mrs. Wells Hanlan.

McLOUGHLIN-HANFORD. On 29th September, 1962, at St. Mary's Church, Shaw-cum-Donnington, Newbury, Ian McLoughlin (1956) to Patricia A. Hanford.

MORSE-DUBOIS. On 23rd February, 1963, at St. Peter's, Woodmanstern, Richard Henry Morse (1957) to Madeleine Dubois.

DEATHS

We learn belatedly of the death some four years ago of John Radburn Hewer, M.R.C.V.S., at the age of 75. He was at the School from 1894 to 1901 and proceeded to the Royal Veterinary College. In the Final Examination he was awarded the Gold Medal. In the First World War he served in the Army Veterinary Corps and received the O.B.E. For many years he was in practice at Swindon. His younger brother Richard (1898-1904) was killed in action in Palestine in 1918 while serving with the Berks. Yeomanry.

We have just heard too of the death in Kenya, on 6th April, of G. A. (Tony) Wood (1929), brother of J.D., P.R., and J. M. Wood, at the early age of fifty. On leaving school Tony Wood was employed with a firm of heating and ventilation engineers, and subsequently farmed in Southern Rhodesia. He was commissioned in the Royal Navy during the War. After demobilisation he held a number of appointments in East Africa, and at the time of his death he was managing a farm. We offer our deep sympathy to his wife Margaret, sister of John and the late Robert Emmett (both O.A.s).

A recent issue of "*Unilever International*" contained a most glowing and interesting appreciation of R. W. Slatter (1930). As a result of rheumatic fever contracted in the winter of 1939-40 in Flanders when he was a subaltern in the Gloucestershire Regt., he lost his sight. However, after 7 months at St. Dunstan's he returned to his former job with R. S. Hudson Ltd., which had now merged with Lever Bros. In 1955 he was transferred to British Oil and Cake Mills at Bristol where he is responsible for the poultry food side of the business. "He leads such a full and normal life that it is hard to believe that Bob cannot see."

Edgar Rice (1928) has now returned home on retirement after 29 years in the Veterinary Service in Kenya, and is settling at Weston on the Green, Oxon. We were very sorry to hear that he was the victim of a savage attack by a native last autumn and recovery has been slow and painful.

H. A. Lunghi (1939) provided the main feature in the "Observer" of 25th February, with a brilliant assessment of the character and work of Stalin.

Durnford Newman (1935) now rejoices in the titles of Senior Mechanical and Electrical Engineer and Deputy Chief Engineer, AM Works Directorate for London Airports. These last include Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted and so he is responsible for the electrical lighting, heating and power of a fair-sized town.

Richard Taylor (1951), B.O.A.C. Capt., had the honour of piloting the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh on their recent Australasian Tour. Including the time spent surveying the route he spent three months in the sun and escaped our rigorous winter.

Dudley Richardson (1942) is now Lecturer in Botany at the South West Essex Technical College, Walthamstow, responsible for the Degree Courses in Botany. He and his family are settled at Ware.

Dr. P. G. Cope (1954) is Senior Anaesthetist at Southampton General Hospital.

John Thistlewood (1954) has a post in the University of Bristol Department of Anaesthetics, and is also studying for his Primary F.F.A.R.C.S.

Dr. Brian Smith (1957) is at Edgware General Hospital until June.

Major R. A. Clay (1948), having completed his course at Staff College, is at H.Q., 33 Arty. Bde., Albany Street, N.W.1.

Capt. J. R. Pratt (1955), R.A.S.C., is Instructor in Expedition Training at a new Junior Tradesmen's Regt. at Rhyl and is finding it a change to be teaching 15-17 years olds.

Capt. D. S. Lloyd (1954), R.C.S., is with 4th Signals Regt. in Germany, and can claim the added initials A.M.I.E.E.

Capt. Brian Leech (1952), in 5 R. Tank Regt., is also stationed in Germany.

Hearty congratulations to Michael Westwood (1962) now Pilot Officer, who was awarded the Scroll of Merit at the Passing-out Parade at South Cerney R.A.F. Centre.

Colin Scragg (1957), late of the Metropolitan Police and now a Tpr. R.T.R., has been recommended for a Regular Commission.

Fl/Lt. C. G. Rowe (1938) is at R.A.F. Lyneham, Wilts and Fl/Lt. Michael Brackley (1954) at Grantham.

Stephen Woodley (1957) partnered by R. T. Ponnampalam won the Men's Doubles in the Berkshire Badminton Championships.

John Buckland (1957), who is with Premix, and Ian Parsons (1955) R.A.F., played for Oxfordshire in the Quarter Finals of the County Rugby Championship and G. Dimond (1958) has again played for Berkshire.

Bryan Winkett (1957) is attached to the Animal Health Division of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, and concerned with the regulations governing the import and export of animals and animal products.

Frank Jeal (1956) after graduating at Oxford is engaged in research at Bangor University.

David Morris (1959) who is taking his Finals in Law at King's College, London, in June, will then enjoy a three months' spell in Australia working with The Commercial Bank of Australia Ltd., under the Inter-University Australia Committee Scheme.

Norman Badley (1947) is General Manager of Chilton-Solenoid (UK) Ltd., manufacturing electrical apparatus at Hungerford.

Philip Emerton (1952), a Chartered Accountant, was formerly with Prestfibre Ltd. of Reading, where he succeeded another O.A., Jack Carter (1937). In 1962 he joined a firm of Accountants in Slough.

Peter Downer (1953) is a lecturer in Botany at the Technical College, Middlesbrough.

Barry Hiscock (1955) of Shell-Mex, is now at their Computer Centre, Hemel Hempstead. He has a daughter aged $2\frac{1}{2}$ and a year-old son.

Peter Scott (1943) is in private practice as an architect at Newbury.

Roger Scott-Taggart (1958) after gaining a 2nd Class in Economics at T.C.D., has joined the Economics Department of Unilever.

Roy Burton (1960) and Alan Lansdown (1960) have passed the Intermediate Exam of the Institute of Chartered Accountants.

Michael Burdge (1954) is with the Advertising Branch of British Transport.

Trevor Walker (1955) is with Tanganyika Tea Co. in S. Tanganyika and his hobby is big game hunting. He is engaged to Peter Wintle's sister.

Nigel Pridham (1958) has abandoned the car trade for Canada Life Assurance. He is at the Croydon branch with 5 years' exams before him.

Randell Moll (1961) is at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford, reading for his London B.D. degree.

We apologise to John Candy and Peter Sheard for omitting their names from last issue's list. John is articled to Critchley, Ward and Pigott, Accountants in Oxford, while Peter is at Hamble Aeronautical College.

M. A. Hedges (1962) is an apprentice at the National Gas Turbine Establishment, Farnborough. He goes to Imperial College, London, in September.

R. C. White (1962) is doing his first year's Engineering training with Vickers Armstrong at South Marston, Swindon (where he might encounter Ian Oliver) prior to a 3 year University Course at Southampton.

Terence Libby (1961) and John Bunce (1962) have joined the University Air Squadrons at St. Andrew's and Loughborough respectively, while T. I. Silvey (1959) who is studying Aeronautics at Imperial College is a member of London University Air Squadron.

Jonathan Utin (1959) who has been farming in Virginia for the last two years is entering Virginia Polytechnical Institute in the autumn to work for a Science Degree in Dairying.

Christopher Gosling (1961), now working with Wright, Rain and Co., is hoping to manage a few months' working holiday in U.S.A. before entering the Agricultural College, Cirencester.

Alan Pritchard (1960) is studying Librarianship at Watford College of Technology.

J. R. Bomford (1961) is doing a Mechanical and Agricultural Engineering Course at Ryecotewood College, Thame, which means a 5 years apprenticeship with 2 months each year at College.

Michael Blythe (1959), at present teaching in Australia is reported to be coming home to take up a commission in the Army.

O.A. CLUB NOTES

The Quatercentenary London Dinner, the 19th of the series, was held in the Harcourt Room at the House of Commons on Saturday, 23rd February, 1963. We are most grateful to our Member, A. S. M. Neave D.S.O., M.C., for sponsoring, and S. A. Paige for arranging, an excellent and most enjoyable occasion. Over a hundred members and guests were present and before dinner many of them enjoyed a conducted tour of both Houses.

The Speeches were brief and stimulating. The President, R. E. Eason, proposed the health of the School to which the Headmaster replied with an encouraging picture of the present state and future hopes of the School. Gerald Phizackerley exercised his customary wit in proposing the Club and Geoffrey Bosley replied. Mr. Neave added a timely postscript. We hope that the very representative company will be encouraged to support next year's dinner in similar strength.

Members will by now have received the programme for the Quatercentenary celebrations. We merely remind them that on Friday, 14th June, there will be the first day of the Old Boys' Cricket Match and in the evening a grand Quatercentenary Ball in the Officers' Mess at the R.A.F. Station. The Annual Dinner will be held this year on the night of the Rugger Match, Saturday, 30th November.

Those who wish to play in the Cricket or Tennis matches are asked to let the Secretaries know in good time — for a change:

Cricket: P. J. Millard, 14 Chequers Road, Basingstoke, Hants.

Tennis: J. T. Cullen, Frilford End, Frilford, Abingdon.

Club Secretary: N. J. Holmes, 100 Ock Street, Abingdon.

GETTING TOGETHER

One of the objects we have before us this year is to strengthen — in many cases, renew — the bonds between the School and the Old Boys. To this end we have organised three 'weekends', each allotted to Old Boys of a different vintage. The first of these functions has already been held, over the weekend of 16th February, when about fifteen Old Boys who left the School between 1945 and 1955 gathered for tea in the Prefects' Common Room at 4.30 on the Saturday. After tea the Prefects showed them round and entertained them before delivering them to the Heylyn Room where they found Dick Eason, the President of the O.A. Club, and three or four members of the staff waiting to give them sherry. Dinner followed in the School Shop, very informally. Speeches were cut to the minimum. Arrangements had been made to lodge those who could stay overnight and attend Chapel the next morning. There was general agreement that the whole function was a big success. As far as I was concerned, it was a joy to find myself sitting for dinner between two 'boys' who were Prefects in School House when I arrived in 1947 and whom I had not seen for at least a dozen years.

Similar 'weekends', for those of even older vintage, are planned for the 4th and the 25th of May. The whole point of these functions is that they should be small and intimate. It is just not possible therefore to invite all Old Boys who are eligible: but if any senior Old Boy who has not been in touch with us recently would like to write to me, I will try to fit him into the list for 25th May.

At the other end of the scale, we invited all our hundred odd Old Boys who are *in stat. pup.* in universities and service colleges in the United Kingdom (and Ireland!) to foregather for an informal supper at the School on the eve of Sports Day, Friday, 29th March. The response was most encouraging. Curious, too, for the number of acceptances was, *honestly*, just 63. Sherry in the Court Room was followed by beer and sandwiches in the School Shop. Tongues wagged freely until the closure was forcibly applied at 11.0 p.m. Clearly this is something that must be repeated. We shall do it again next year — though without the Quatercentenary as an excuse for hospitality, I think we shall have to charge something next time!

And, to complete the story, Peter Millard is organising an informal party for Old Boys in the Reading area on Wednesday, 24th April, which will at any rate test whether there is a demand for such regional gatherings. I hope there is, for they can do much to supplement the rather more official functions that take place in Abingdon and London.

J.M.C.

THE PRECINCT PAVING

O.A.s of the 'twenties who contributed to the cost of paving a part of the Precinct, will like to know that the job is now done and the flags have been suitably inscribed with the initials of the donors. In addition two stones have been set aside to commemorate respectively the Old Boys of that era who fell in the Second World War and the then Assistant Masters of the School.

CAMBRIDGE LETTER

Sir,

In spite of the numerical superiority of the opposition, we at Cambridge can field a side as various and as talented as any in the O.A. lists. Here in the middle of the swamp there are eleven of us in residence. Deep in the realms of post-graduate work is Mark Bretscher who hob-nobs with the Nobel Prize winners in the Cavendish Laboratories, whilst his younger brother Peter can occasionally be intercepted in his progress from digs to labs to parties. The bystander might be forgiven if he assumed from Keith Haarhoff's attendance at Addenbrooke's Hospital that the gentleman was reading medicine. In fact he assures us that he reads Natural Sciences (if he remembers rightly), and having already made one successful attempt to delude the examiners on a technicality he spends his time before the next round sticking pins into a wax model of the Oxford correspondent and imbibing ferociously. We congratulate him on his recent election as Captain of Boats. Caius College has the honour of housing all these gentlemen: we hope though that she is not becoming to this university what College X may be to another. Martin Scott-Taggart (King's), now the elder statesman, bemoans the fact that the University authorities will not let him take his

Ph.D. as yet. He is preparing to leave for the U.S.A. so as not to let his talents stagnate.

Also disdaining to let the grass grow under his feet is Lt. Nick Antrobus, R.E. (Clare), who commutes between Cambridge and the city: the 'R.E.' we are informed does not stand for "Retired Early." Of the freshmen, Robin Ogg finds Corpus conveniently near to Mill Lane to put in a token appearance at random Law lectures before the Cambridge ale houses begin to ply their daily trade. More athletic is David Weir (Fitzbilly), who graced the University Hockey Trials with his presence last September. Snow on the ground this term forced him to return to the C.N.D. and to attendance at the theatre, where he claims to be working for the English exams. Tony Martin (Jesus) preserved his Northern connections during the cold weather by turning to Lacrosse, and was in the C.U. Ospreys team that beat Oxford 17—0. Anthony Bowker, of Trinity, has a more sensible attitude and stays inside, combining his squash and fencing with the Conservative Association, where he has drunk sherry with the Home Secretary. Emrys Jones is always good for a cup of coffee in Trinity Hall when he is not propping up the bar in the Union, but keeps unusual working hours. Roger Havelock lives amidst the rural beauties of Midsummer Common, and spends his time, like the rest of us, trying to find Emmanuel.

Finally we should like to wish the School every success in the summer celebrations, and add our own contribution to the Quatercentenary Year — by the oddest of coincidences there are 63 public houses in the centre of Cambridge!

Your Cambridge Correspondent.

DUBLIN LETTER

Sir,

Now that Roger Scott-Taggart has left us for Unilever, there remains but five O.A.'s here at Trinity on the left bank of the gentle Liffey. Nevertheless, the rock-climbing tradition is still strong; both Tim Wright and Gerald Farrington often disappear to the West to scale some wicked crag. When back from the sublime Tim is an enthusiastic deep sea fisherman, while Gerald sings folk songs in various coffee houses.

John Day has taken to wearing bow ties, though only in the darkest corners of the Mod. Lang. School or underneath the car he is building. John Kelly has joined the University Players, appearing most recently as Everyman. Alan Smith continues to write for College magazines, and has made a brief appearance in "Of Human Bondage" which was partly shot in TCD.

Rumour has it that more Abingdonians may seek entrance to Trinity in October. We look forward to their joining us. They will draw strength from the sweet waters of this city, as does

that humble and obedient servant,

Your Dublin Correspondent.

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G. F. Duxbury.

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SUMMARY OF GAMES FIXTURES

CRICKET — FIRST ELEVEN

May

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| Sat. 11 | v. | Newbury Grammar School (h). |
| Sat. 18 | v. | Royal Masonic School, Bushey (a), 11.30 a.m. |
| Wed. 22 | v. | Pangbourne Nautical College (h). |
| Sat. 25 | v. | Bloxham School (h). |
| Wed. 29 | v. | Berkshire Gentlemen (h), 11.30 a.m. |

June

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| Sat. 1 | v. | Abingdon C.C. (h). |
| Tues. 4 | v. | Nottingham High School (h), 11.30 a.m. |
| Sat. 8 | v. | The Common Room (h). |
| Wed. 12 | v. | Pembroke College (a). |
| Fri. 14} | v. | Old Abingdonians (h). |
| Sat. 15} | | |

Wed. 19	v.	Magdalen College School (h).
Sat. 22	v.	Incogniti C.C. (h), 11.30 a.m.
Sat. 29	v.	Solihull School (a), 11.30 a.m.
Wed. 3	v.	Brentwood School (a), 11.30 a.m.
Sat. 6	v.	Oratory School (a).
Sat. 13	v.	R.G.S., High Wycombe (h).

TENNIS — FIRST VI

Wed. 8	v.	The Common Room.
Sat. 11	v.	Radley College (h).
Wed. 22	v.	Magdalen College School (h).
Sat. 25	v.	Bloxham School (h).
Wed. 29	v.	Culham College (h).
Wed. 12	v.	Reading School (h).
Fri. 14	v.	Old Abingdonians (h).
Sat. 15		
Wed. 19	v.	Pangbourne N. College (a).
Sat. 22	v.	Leighton Park School 2nd VI (a).
Sat. 29	v.	Berkhamsted School (a).
Sat. 13	v.	R.G.S., High Wycombe (h).
Sat. 20	v.	Abingdon L.T.C. (a).

ATHLETICS

Sat. 18	Match v. Westminster College (a).
Sat. 1	Berks. A.A.A. Championships.
Tues. 4	Match v. Stamford School and Pocklington School (at Stamford).
Wed. 5	North Berks. Schools' Championships.
Wed. 19	Match v. Magdalen College School and Newbury Grammar School (at Iffley Road).
Sat. 29	Berks. Schools' Championships.

ROWING

Sat. 25	Wallingford Regatta.
Sat. 1	Reading Clinker Regatta; Twickenham Regatta.
Sat. 8	Walton Regatta; Oxford City Regatta.
Wed. 12	Boat Club Regatta.
Thur. 20	Pangbourne Schools' Regatta.
Sat. 22	Marlow Regatta.
Wed. 3	Henley Royal Regatta — 1st day.
-Sat. 6	Henley Royal Regatta — final day.

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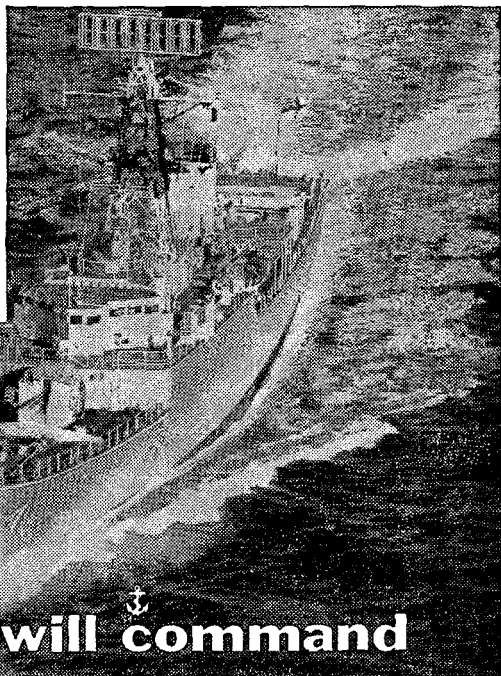
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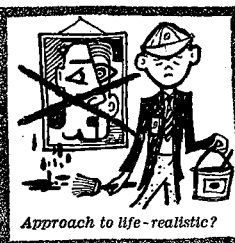
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