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Shortly before our Quatercentenary Celebrations, the following message of loyal greeting was submitted to Her Majesty the Queen:—

ALL MEMBERS OF ABINGDON SCHOOL IN THIS THE FOUR-HUNDREDTH YEAR AFTER ITS REFOUNDATION IN THE REIGN OF QUEEN ELIZABETH THE FIRST EAGERLY AWAIT THE VISIT OF HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS MARGARET AND JOIN IN LOYAL AND AFFECTIONATE GREETINGS TO HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH THE SECOND.

To this message Her Majesty was graciously pleased to make the following reply:—

I SINCERELY THANK ALL MEMBERS OF ABINGDON SCHOOL FOR THEIR KIND AND LOYAL MESSAGE AND I SEND THEM MY WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD WISHES ON THE CELEBRATION OF THE FOUR-HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DATE OF THEIR SCHOOL'S REFOUNDATION.

ELIZABETH R.

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Of the two photographs opposite, the upper shows H.R.H. Princess Margaret applauding the fall of a wicket in the Old Boys' match, the other, reproduced from the "Abingdonian" of 1958, shows Admiral Clifton-Brown presenting the Morland Prize to Martin Broadway on the occasion of his last year as Chairman of the Governors.

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*Michaelmas Term, 1963*

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## OBITUARY

It is with profound regret that we heard just before going to press of the death of Admiral Clifton-Brown, who passed away in the late evening of Friday, 6th September, at his home in Pusey. He had been increasingly weak for some time. The end, when it came, was peaceful and unexpected.

Vice-Admiral Frances Clifton-Brown, C.B., C.M.G., D.L., J.P., who was born in 1874, was educated at Cheam and at H.M.S. Britannia. A distinguished naval career culminated in his appointment as Head of the Naval Mission to Greece from 1917 to 1919. On his retirement he settled down to a busy life in the country. He took an active part in the conduct of his own home farm, and membership of the County Council opened the door to a wide field of public service. Yet somehow he found, or made, time to serve his own village and church too and to keep wicket for the village team until an advanced age. He served as High Sheriff of Berkshire in 1931 and was a Deputy Lieutenant of the County. During the Second War he led his local Special Constabulary. Later he returned to the Faringdon Bench as Chairman.

His connection with the School, which was always so dear to his heart, was close and of long standing. He was appointed to the Governing Body in 1929 and was elected Chairman in 1944. He resigned in 1958 but his interest in the School remained unabated. It was a great sorrow to him that he was unable to be present at our Quatercentenary Celebrations this year.

It was during his tenure of office as Chairman that the School secured admission to the revised Direct Grant List; and it was largely due to his wise guidance — based on shrewd judgement and on earthy common-sense — that the unprecedented expansion of the post-war years was effected so smoothly. But it is above all for his personal quality that he will be remembered. There can be no-one in North Berkshire who has been loved more widely or more deeply. He was a man of simple faith and of limpid integrity, who was constitutionally incapable of any form of pride or selfishness or malice. Nobody could be in his company without feeling the better for it. For him, if for anyone, we can be sure that the trumpets have sounded on the other side.

The funeral, which was private, took place on Tuesday, 10th September. A service of thanksgiving will be held at 2.30 p.m. on Thursday, 3rd October, at his own village church at Stanford-in-the-Vale, at which School and County together will have the opportunity of expressing their gratitude for the Admiral's life of service to his Queen and to his fellow-men. Meanwhile our thoughts are with Mrs. Clifton-Brown, who has tended him with such loving care since their marriage in 1952. It is her devotion that made the evening of his life so radiantly serene, and we offer her our deep sympathy and affection.

J.M.C.

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## EDITORIAL

In a year — albeit a year of celebration — when we are conducting critical self-appraisal, we must not confine ourselves to the domestic running of the school. Of course the problems of the Sixth Form, the forms of punishment to be employed, are important issues, but in an age when man can circle the globe in a mere ninety minutes and the peoples of the world are beginning to realise each other's existence and to seek a formula by which they may live together peacefully, the public schools of Britain must consider what they can do to this end. It is so easy for a boy at school to become detached from the outside world, to live in an ivory tower completely isolated from the problems of life, especially in a boarding school; indeed it is highly desirable that there should be a sense of security in which a child may grow up and mature, but a young man of eighteen is today fully capable of understanding what life demands. However in the last few years the whole trend of life at School has leaned towards a greater awareness of what the future has in store for the boy leaving school.

The old image of the public schoolboy as a young gentleman completely different from anyone else is as out of date as the Model T Ford. Indeed Abingdon, we like to believe, is one of the forerunners of a new breed of public school in which boys from all walks of life rub shoulders. But if we look round, how many boys from other parts of the world can we see at Abingdon? Admittedly several transatlantic friends stay with us — this year the names of no less than four appeared in the Prize List — and every summer the Entente Cordiale is renewed, yet our ranks are swelled by a pitifully small contingent from Africa and Asia. This is a characteristic of all public schools but a regrettable one. In the interests of future world unity some effort must be made to ensure that boys from different nations can live together under one roof and get to know each other's way of thinking, each other's outlook. The first truly international school has just been established — let us hope the first of many.

At a time when peaceful co-existence is at a premium and at last beginning to become a possibility, the need for exchange between nations is more pressing than ever. As many people have stated, the young people of today are the citizens, the statesmen, of tomorrow. The public schools today are waking up to the need for social integration within this land. Let us try to convince them that co-operation and understanding between races is not only a worthy ideal, but a necessity.

## MR. ALSTON

It is hard to believe that anyone who carries his years as lightly as Mr. Alston should have reached the age of retirement, but the calendar is inexorable and on the 30th July he completed his 126th and last term at the School. This note is far from being an obituary, and is not

even a valediction, for we look forward to having him among us for many a year. It is simply an inadequate expression of our gratitude to J.B. for all that he has given to the School where he has spent almost the whole of his teaching life.

It is, perhaps, inevitable that as schoolmasters grow older they are better known and appreciated by past rather than present pupils, and the boys of today probably have little idea of how much he has done in so many varied spheres — unless their fathers have told them. After active service in World War I he took up his Classical Scholarship at Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, and from there came to Abingdon in 1921. He was an accomplished games-player with every kind of ball, and for the next 25 years he was the mainstay, and often the only coach, of all the school games except rowing. As a former Harlequins player he was the chief instrument in the School's change-over to rucker in 1928, and for many years built some good teams from slender resources. He was no less formidable an opponent at cricket, tennis or golf.

For most of his time he was a resident tutor or housemaster, first at the Lodge, with the youngest boarders, for a few years at School House, and finally at Waste Court. Many Old Boys will remember him as tempering discipline with sympathy, and taking a paternal interest in their youthful problems; and long after the drudgery of the classroom is forgotten they will remember the endless trouble he took, and the endless patience he showed, in trying to drive some Latin and Greek into the thickest head. Other activities and interests were legion; he was C.O. of the O.T.C., he ran the Sports, he sang in both serious and light-hearted vein, he looked after the Challenge Cups and kept an eye on the grounds, and if any co-ordinating was required J.B. was the man to do it. And lastly, as doyen of the Staff he has done much to foster the happy atmosphere of the Common Room and good relations with the Headmaster, which are largely responsible for the healthy climate of the School. His has been a wonderful record of devoted service, and we can only wish J.B. a retirement as long and happy as it is well-deserved.

G.F.D.

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We reproduce below a letter received from Mr. Alston —

To the Editor of "The Abingdonian"

6th Sept., 1963

Dear Sir,

May I take this opportunity to record my sincere thanks to the Governors, boys, Old Boys and parents, as well as my colleagues, for their kind and generous expressions of affection and their good wishes for my retirement.

I hope to live in or near Abingdon, and I shall always watch the progress of the School with the greatest interest and confidence.

J. B. E. ALSTON.

## SCHOOL NOTES

Full reports of our Quatercentenary Celebrations are given elsewhere. Here we would express the thanks of the School to all of those who helped to make them so successful — from the Lord Lieutenant down to the youngest of our new boys.

We announce with regret the death of the Earl of Lindsey and Abingdon, High Steward of Abingdon and a former member of the Governing Body, which occurred on 12th September, 1963.

It was not because of his work as Architect of the School Library that Mr. Duncan West was recently appointed to the Commission of the Peace for Berkshire, but it was a happy coincidence all the same that he should receive the honour at this particular time. In this form of public service he is following in the footsteps of his uncle and of his father, who was for many years Chairman of the Borough Bench.

We cannot allow Mr. Harry Wheaton to retire from his office as local representative of the North Berks Herald without expressing our appreciation of his long span of service both to the Town and to the School, of which he was for some years a representative Governor. He enjoyed an additional link with us too as the father of a former Head of School (Rev. David Wheaton). Few local papers can enjoy more respect than the N.B.H.; and this is largely due to his honest reporting and down-to-earth editorials. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Wheaton all good fortune in the years that are to come.

We congratulate Mr. Booth on his marriage to Miss Christine Mary Parker, which was solemnised at St. Anne's Parish Church, St. Anne's-on-Sea, on 10th August; and also Mr. Blagden and Miss Roberts on their engagement which was announced at the end of term. Possibly too we ought to congratulate the Headmaster on the discrimination with which he chooses his secretaries. Now that three of them have deserted him in the same way in so short a time it has been suggested that the remaining bachelors of the staff might like to have some say in the next appointment.

Two little girls have joined our establishment in the course of the term. We wish all good future to Gillian Mary Murray (born 18th June) and to Rachel Margaret Anne Montague (born 22nd June).

We have recently entertained for a fortnight our first Oxford student (Mr. B. H. B. Dickinson of Balliol) under the HMC Scheme for the attachment of potential schoolmasters. We hope that his experience here will not have deterred him from the profession.

This term we say farewell to three members of the staff, Mr. J. B. E. Alston, Mr. G. M. Keating and Mr. K. H. Rutherford. An appreciation of Mr. Alston's life-time of service to the School appears on another page. But we should like to add our own tribute to him, and

to offer him our affectionate thanks as we wish him many years of happy retirement.

We shall miss Mr. Keating too, for during his three years with us he has made his cheerful, dynamic presence felt in so many ways — in the class-room, the organ-loft, and the Music Room, and also on the Waste Court Field. Our good wishes go with him, and Mrs. Keating, as he takes up his appointment as Director of Music at Clayesmore.

Mr. Rutherford has only been with us for a year, but in that time many of us have learned to appreciate his quiet, kindly good-nature and his ripe experience. Now that he is finally retiring from the profession it is pleasant to know that he proposes to stay on, at any rate for some time, as our neighbour and friend.

We welcome four new masters who are joining the staff in September. Mr. J. H. Arkell, BA, who was Head of School at Stowe, read English at Selwyn College, Cambridge, and rowed in his College First Boat. Mr. P. B. Billington, BA, ARCO, was educated at Ellesmere and Hull University, where he read Music, and has just completed his course for the Music Teachers' Certificate of London University. He has also studied at the Guildhall School of Music. Mr. R. T. Randolph, MA, who was head of his house at Marlborough, read Classics and Theology at Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, and for the last four years has shared the advanced classics at King Edward VI School, Southampton. Finally, Mr. M. R. Morelle, BA, who was Head of School at Sevenoaks, before going up to Jesus College, Oxford, where he read Chemistry and played for his college 1st XV, comes to us after a couple of years' experience in industry; he was commissioned as a pilot in the R.A.F. during his national service. We hope that all of them will enjoy their time at Abingdon.

At the end of the term Colonel Parker relinquished the command of the CCF, which he had held for some seventeen years. In that time the size of the Corps has more than doubled and advanced naval and air sections have been added to its establishment. Successive Inspecting Officers have paid high tribute to the efficiency of the Corps under Col. Parker's command and we would thank him on behalf of the School for all that he has done. At the same time we wish good fortune to his successor, Mr. Montague.

We say farewell too this term to Mrs. Yeulett, who is reluctantly giving up the post of Housekeeper in the School House because of her domestic commitments. In thanking her, we wish well to her successor, Miss Ross-Slater.

For similar reasons Mrs. Smithson has been compelled to give up the management of the School Shop. We are most grateful to her for what she has done to give the Shop a good start, and we welcome the new Manageress, Mrs. Macklow.

And talking of Americans, we say farewell this term to no less than seven of our members who are returning across the Atlantic after spending one or more years with us. This is the kind of intellectual cross-fertilisation which can do nothing but good. We wish them well; and we look forward to seeing some at least of them when they return as Rhodes Scholars.

Conversely, there is one new boy to whom we shall offer a special welcome, and that is Kurt Bowen who spent a year with us as an eleven-year-old dayboy and is now after an interval of years coming back from Canada to spend another year with us as a boarder.

Other visitors to the School this term have included successive parties of American, German and Austrian Schoolmasters respectively, all of whom seemed to be impressed very favourably: and (very pleasant this) a party of nuns from the Convent of the Nativity of our Lord at Maidenhead who came over to Lacies Court during August to revisit their war-time haunts.

We are grateful to kind friends for various benefactions: to Miss Cullen for a collection of prize books: to Mrs. D. L. V. Fraser for a lovely doll to be raffled for the Quatercentenary Appeal: to Mr. P. H. Horwood for a very old copy of the Abingdonian; to Mr. M. A. Jaunet for a collection of music: to Mr. H. P. Tame, OA, for one of his own delightful flower-paintings: and to Rev. H. F. Shepherd, OA, for a delicate painting of Pembroke College.

We were especially touched when Mr. Eason presented to us the Goblet which he won at Henley some forty years ago, for we know how much it must have meant to him.

The number of boys on the School Roll at the end of the Summer Term was 555. This included 191 boarders and 153 (an increase of 18 on last year's number) in the Sixth Form.

Entrance Scholarships this year were awarded to M. J. Stilwell (formerly of Windsor House, Slough) and C. J. A. Maude (Kildersham House). C. M. Dobson (Abingdon School) was awarded an honorary exhibition.

We congratulate M. C. G. Holloway and D. J. Joyce who have been awarded a Reserved Cadetship at R.N.C. Dartmouth, and an Army Scholarship to R.M.A. Sandhurst, respectively. Congratulations also to B. G. Mackay on securing the Joint Services Cadet Badge after a 5-day course at Aldershot; and to F. A. Bisby who has gained his Queen's Scout badge, the first in the School Scout Troop's history. Similar awards have been won, extramurally, by Geoffrey Bailey, John Dickin-son, Nigel Bosley and Peter Bosley.

Two Parents' Evenings were held during the term, one for the Sixth Forms on 30th May, and one for the Fourth Forms on 27th June. On 5th June a meeting was held for all interested parents to discuss



"The School Mathematics Project"; there can be very few schools which could have collected so many parents who were able to talk knowledgeably about such an abstruse subject. Mr. Tammadge, who has played a great part in planning the project, conducted the meeting, supported by Mr. Milton and Mr. Tyson. Once again the School has the good fortune to be in at the beginning of what may well prove to be a new revolution in teaching. An article on the project by Mr. Tammadge will be found on a later page.

Mr. Barnes of the Public School Appointments Bureau visited the School on 10th July whilst on 28th June Sub. Lieut. James Milne, R.N., who left the school in 1959, addressed the Fifth Forms on the subject of careers in the Royal Navy.

An unusual form of entertainment came the way of the boarders on Sunday, 12th May, when the School was visited by Sylvia Read and William Fry with their Theatre Roundabout. Instead of an evening service, they gave a recitation entitled "My Brother's Keeper" — an unorthodox entertainment on the theme of Man's responsibility to Man — in the Chapel, reading from authors ranging from Henrik Ibsen to Dylan Thomas.

On 5th May the School provided a bugler at St. Helen's Church, in the form of Sgt. Redgrave, for the British Legion, who were dedicating their new standard; and on the evening of the 9th, the Band performed in the Pre-service Demonstration on Hales meadow. The R.A. Section had planned to give a demonstration on this occasion but unfortunately the transport for their equipment failed to arrive.

Commonwealth Youth Sunday came on 26th May, when a large contingent from all three sections of the CCF turned out to represent the School in the march past and the service. In both this and the Annual Inspection of the CCF held on 21st June, the standard of turnout was outstanding as Air Marshal Sir Robert Saundby, the Inspecting Officer, was able to testify. The Air Marshal, in appreciation of the enthusiasm shown, asked that a half-holiday be granted to all members of the Corps, and this was held on the last Thursday of term.

A praiseworthy venture came on 7th May, when a choir and orchestra, organised and conducted by N. P. Loukes, and composed entirely of dayboys, gave a miniature concert to an audience of parents and boys, in aid of the Q.C.A., the proceeds being earmarked for the new Music School. "1563" — a composition to celebrate the Quatercentenary — provided a light interlude when played by the K.B.-Six.

Seven of our Sixth Formers attended the Department of Education's Geography Course held at Charlbury over the weekends of 8th June and 15th June.

On 24th May a party attended a talk in Oxford given by Dr. Lampport on "Political Developments within Russia in the 20th Century"; on

the 13th June another party went to a meeting on "Education", organised by the local Labour Party; and on 11th July the School was represented at the Friends of Abingdon lecture "With a camera into the 13th century" given by the Archdeacon of Wiltshire. A party of modern linguists visited Molière's "L'Avare", performed by the St. Edmund Hall Players on 30th May; and another group attended Goldoni's "Mine Hostess" on the 16th May at the Unicorn Theatre, where the Head of School was playing the part of a servant; June 25th saw yet another group visit the Unicorn Theatre to see Handel's opera "Agrippina", in which Mr. Horrex was singing; and on 12th June a few members of the School went to a performance of "Elijah" in St. Helen's Church.

On the evenings of 17th and 18th June we were hosts to the Abingdon Christian Stewardship Campaign, whose dinners were held in the grand marquee erected on Upper Field for the Quatercentenary luncheon.

The London Philharmonia, conducted by Sir Adrian Boult, gave a pre-season concert in Dorchester Abbey on 29th May, to which a small but select party ventured. Later on in the term, the St. Edmund Society paid a visit to the Dorchester Abbey Festival, at which Donald Swann and the London Bach Singers were performing.

Members of the Literary Society and the Critics visited London on 17th July to see "Doctor's Dilemma" at the Haymarket Theatre.

On 13th July, many Lower Sixth Formers went on an excursion to Chilton to see the Proton Linear Accelerator at the N.I.R.N.S. Rutherford High Energy Laboratory. We are grateful to Dr. Stafford who helped Mr. Horrex organise this. Then, on 25th July, a group of serious mathematicians attended a whole-day Autocode Computer Programming course at Harwell.

The Abingdon Rotary Club, despite prior warning, was somewhat startled to hear what four prefects (N. P. Loukes, A. R. F. Redgrave, T. J. Pegram, K. W. R. Dixon) had to say on 7th June, when they were addressed by them. However, after the initial dismay, the Club accepted the "inside" account of the Prefects' 63 mile walk with the humour that it warranted.

The Mock Certificate "A" level examinations were held between 6th and 11th May in preparation for the real examinations starting on 8th July. On 4th July a supplementary entrance examination for prospective pupils was held in Lacies Court.

The sporting event of the term came on 18th July when the Prefects challenged the Common Room to a game of cricket. *Mirabile dictu*, the Prefects won by seven wickets. Celebrations were held over (or continued) till the Prefects' Party, held the next evening. (Has anyone tried to play croquet in the dark before?) On 24th July the Prefects' Dance was held in the Guildhall and we should like to thank all

those who came to the dance and made it so enjoyable. Our thanks go also to the Mayor for the loan of the Great Punchbowl from the Borough Plate.

We were very pleased to see, on 18th May, our friends from Limehouse, who came down from St. Anne's to have tea and look around the School.

Several sixth formers attended the annual Mayor Making on 22nd May at the invitation of the Mayor-Elect, Alderman Stanley.

A few enthusiasts ventured to a very different kind of function on 20th July when they visited the Vintage Traction Engine Rally at Appleford.

Several volunteers helped at the Fete organised in aid of Dr. Barnardo's at Caldecott House on 25th May, and they returned to assist again on 29th June at Dr. Barnardo's Open Day. It is not certain in what capacity the helpers acted, or at which side of the counter they assisted, but they seemed to have enjoyed themselves; the brace of house-prefects who went to the Friends of Abingdon Fete on the evening of 19th July were particularly reticent about their activities.

Two recitals at the School this term. On 14th July, Mr. and Mrs. Keating, with Mr. Cecil, gave a recital in Lacies Court, for oboe and piano, with Mrs. Keating as soprano. The music was quite delightful even if the audience was not as large as one hoped. The following Sunday evening G. H. Hallett of 5A (Organist of Marcham Church) gave a recital in the Chapel in aid of the Q.C.A.

The House P.T. Competition was held on the morning of 25th July, when Bennett won the Viney Cup. We are grateful to Mr. Cree of Wallingford Grammar School who kindly gave up his morning to adjudicate for us.

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

**Cricket—**

The Fletcher Cup for the highest batting average in the 1st XI:

D. A. M. Bent (463 runs; highest score 104 not out; average 36).

The Morris Cup for the best all-rounder: A. T. Barrett.

The Prefects' Common Room Prize for the most promising junior cricketer: N. K. Cook.

**Tennis—**

The Buckley Cup for the winner of the Open Singles: T. J. King.

**Shooting—**

The West Cup for the best senior shot: R. K. Gregson.

The Darbyshire Cup for the best shot under 16: P. J. Evans.

The mathematics problems prize went to G. H. Cockcroft.

On 20th and 22nd July the Boat Club held its regatta, and the Sailing Club had their regatta and barbecue on 25th July. The swimming sports were held on 24th July and on 29th July were held the examinations of the Royal Life Saving Society.

The Quatercentenary concert on 26th and 27th July, Prize-giving Day on 27th July, and the Leavers' Service on 28th July heralded the end of term. The boarders enjoyed the usual end-of-term suppers on 29th July and afterwards School House challenged Crescent House to a variety of activities — even including "slow" and "fast" cycle racing around Waste Court Field. For the record, this year the Prefects easily defeated the Masters in the Tug-of-war.

The end of term saw not only the holiday makers leave, but also some of the more hardworking members of the School. The army contingent of the CCF went off to camp at Plasterdown, Tavistock. The next day the Naval contingent departed for Scotland just before the Scouts left for Sapperton. Later in August the Air Section flew to Germany to camp with the R.A.F. at Wildenrath. Others attended the Welsh School-boys' Camp. Two of our number went off on P.S.A.B. Courses (D. Hayward with Unilever Merseyside, J. D. Urwick to an introductory course at Edinburgh). Peter Bosley formed part of the British Contingent at the 11th World Jamboree in Greece.

The holiday VIII of the Gryphon Boat Club rowed at Maidenhead and Henley Town Regattas and did not disgrace themselves. Two members of the 1st XI, D. A. M. Bent and M. S. Ford, played for the Berkshire Bantams and in the match against Windsor accounted for over 140 runs between them. Playing for Abingdon in the Cricket Week, Mr. Hillary made a highest score of 107 and J. M. Bunce scored 97 not out.

During the first half of August many of our members entertained their opposite numbers from Nevers. Renewed greetings to M. Foray who once more accompanied the party; welcome to M. Royot, who took over from him half-way through the visit.

One evening in mid-August the Headmaster could have been seen riding round the Park on the box seat of a fine specimen of a vintage fire-engine. This was the by now notorious vehicle in which a party organised by two Old Boys, Randall Moll and Terence Libby, succeeded in reaching the Sahara. The only item of equipment missing was the bell. School House was able to repair the deficiency by the temporary loan of one of our own fire-bells — now safely returned.

Prior to departure, Moll and Libby were interviewed on Channel 8 by, of all people, David Lloyd (O.A.). Curiously enough, members of the School marooned in Northern England found that they had to make do at that time with a production directed by another OA, Michael Grigsby.

After over 100 years of honourable service to the people of Abingdon, our branch line closed, at any rate to passengers, on the evening of September 7th. Of course, it has never been quite the same thing since the old Bunk ceased to run, but still . . .

The School paid its last salute to the railway on Tuesday, 23rd July, when we chose to travel by special train on our excursion to Coventry. This is almost certainly the last time a full-length steam-powered passenger train will be seen in Abingdon Station, for we are informed that the line is not going to be maintained to passenger standards.

One of our members is doing his best to travel by rail while he can still do so. It was reported in the Press that during one week in August Robin Dowson travelled no less than 3,300 miles on a 'Freedom of Scotland' ticket — after which he must surely have deserved the special reception given in his honour at the St. Enoch Hotel.

The rebuilding of the Trustee Savings Bank in Stert Street, which occupies the traditional site of the mediaeval school, not only involved breaking open the subterranean channel of the River Stert but also revealed a beautifully made dry-stone well the existence of which was unknown. It would be pleasant to think that this was the water supply of Richard the pedagogue and his successors in the Middle Ages.

For the photographs in this issue we are indebted to Mr. Milligan, Photographer; The Guardian; London Express News; Keystone Press Agency; Oxford Mail; Mr. J. Blagden; Mr. R. Welch and A. Hewison.

We are very grateful for the magazines we have received from other schools and colleges.

### FROM THE HEADMASTER

No Headmaster could have had a wiser or more devoted Chairman than Admiral Clifton-Brown and I owe him much for the help he gave me during his tenure of office. I shall always remember too the personal kindness that he showed to my wife and to myself when we arrived in Abingdon nearly seventeen years ago. Our friendship continued after his retirement. For him, dying so peacefully after such a wonderful life of service, we cannot grieve. But so many of us will be thinking at this time, with affection and sympathy, of Mrs. Clifton-Brown.

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Last term I expressed the hope that Princess Margaret would enjoy her visit, and that we too should enjoy ourselves in the process of entertaining her. I can say without presumption that both hopes were fulfilled. Everyone in the School will have his own memories of

two wonderful days. My own dominant feeling as I think back is still one of gratitude to Her Royal Highness and her staff for making things so easy for us, gratitude to all at this end who took part in a magnificent job of team-work. And here I must make special mention of Mr. Montague who proved the ideal adjutant for this kind of operation. Never once during the months of planning, never once on the day itself, was his imperturbability shaken however outrageous the demands I made on him. His monument remains in 'Griffen', which I am bound to say I think one of the best things of its kind I have ever come across. Certainly my own specially-bound copy of it will always be among my most-treasured possessions.

I was particularly pleased too to see how the Celebrations brought us all together — both literally and in a much deeper sense. It was touching to find how many of the young masters who have left us in recent years managed to escape from their own schools to share in some part at least of the celebrations. The Old Boys too were present in force, and the attendance book, filled with so many evocative signatures, will have an honoured place in our archives. And my last, though certainly not my least, 'credit' goes very properly to the Mayor of Abingdon and his colleagues, whose co-operation ensured that the Royal Visit should be a unifying rather than a divisive factor.

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And now the party is over and we must get down to solid work again. It is ironical that in a year which has seen the reputation of the School leap up to new heights we are forced to admit that in certain departments of school life — in the examination room, on the rigger field, on the river — our record has been disappointing. Next year we hope for better things; and we have reason to expect that we shall see them.

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Now that the Library is completed there is bound to be some kind of breathing-space before we are in a position to tackle our next big building project; but I shall hope to tell you more about the Governors' plans in our next issue. Meanwhile, the most interesting of our minor holiday projects has been the adaptation of the ground floor of Heylyn's to accommodate Mr. Murray's six boarders. We wish him well with his new charge.

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I am sure Mr. Alston knows what I think about him, so if I add a flower to the many bouquets that have already been directed towards him it need be no more than a small one. But I have known Mr. Alston now for over sixteen years and he has worked very closely with me — first as housemaster of Waste Court, more recently as the *doyen* of the Common Room — and my respect for his integrity and his loyalty has grown steadily throughout that time. I have relied so much on his judgement that I shall miss him immensely.

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Lastly, the *Sunday Times* in a recent article on Education, in which there was very sympathetic reference to this School, quoted me as saying that this was 'a public school with a difference', I believe that to be true. Self-analysis is rarely profitable unless it is regarded as a prelude to action. But I think it might be good for all of us in this particular year to ask ourselves firstly where this difference lies and secondly whether we are doing all we can to make sure that every boy at this School has clearly put before him the opportunities, the obligations and the challenge which lies behind this definition.

J.M.C.

## THE QUATERCENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

To present a complete account of our Quatercentenary celebrations would call for a special publication of the size — and price — of 'Griffen'. Here we can only hope to record very briefly and factually those events which are not fully covered elsewhere in the magazine.

In the broadest sense, of course, the celebrations began early in the year, when we gave the first of our four parties for selected groups of Old Boys; and they will end with the production of 'Caesar and Cleopatra' in December. But the focal point was provided by the events of Friday and Saturday, June 14th and 15th, when the visit of Her Royal Highness the Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, inaugurated two days of mixed solemnity and revelry. The weather, which had broken the previous week, was unexpectedly kind to us, and the whole of an exhaustive programme was carried through so smoothly and happily that all the months of anxious planning seemed amply worth while.

Never have School and grounds looked as spotless as they did on the Friday morning. The sun shone just strongly enough to make the rain-swept shambles of yesterday's rehearsal seem like a bad dream. From an early hour the police began to move in and all approaches to the School were sealed. Excitement grew as word came that the helicopter containing the Princess had landed safely at Caldecott House. Then, punctually to time at 12.25 p.m., as the School bell began to ring 63 times, the Royal Cars entered the School House drive. The Lord-Lieutenant presented the Chairman of the Governors and the Headmaster to the Princess and the Headmaster escorted her into his house where Mrs. Stow and the members of his own family were waiting to be presented. A few minutes later the Royal Party emerged and walked through the wicket-gate on to the Gravel. As the Princess passed the bay of the New Library she saw on her right the serried ranks of ladies of the staff, parents and Old Boys. In front of her were the Guard of Honour and the Band. Staff and boys completed the other two sides of the square. After the Royal Salute, the Guard Commander, Captain Holloway, was presented to the Princess and accompanied her

as she inspected the Guard. Helena Cobban then came forward to offer a posy of fresh flowers to the Princess, after which a limited number of formal presentations took place. The Chairman presented the Vice-Chairman (Mr. G. R. F. Bredin, CBE) and Mrs. Bredin, the Senior Member of the Governing Body (Ald. S. Freeman, OBE) and Mrs. Freeman, and the Bursar (Cdr. R. I. Hoyle, RN); and the Headmaster presented the Second Master (Mr. D. O. Willis) and Mrs. Willis, the Commanding Officer of the C.C.F. (Lt.-Col. S. C. Parker, TD), the four senior prefects, and, finally, the senior member of Common Room (Mr. J. B. E. Alston), who invited Her Royal Highness to take sherry with the Staff. As Mr. Alston escorted her towards the main door of the School there was a spontaneous outburst of applause which rounded off very happily the more formal part of the proceedings.

After sherry in the Common Room, where the remaining members of the Staff were individually presented, the Headmaster escorted the Princess through School House to his own dining room where he and Mary Cobban had the honour of entertaining her to luncheon. The remaining guests were the two ladies-in-waiting (Miss Fiona Myddelton and Miss Jane Allday), the Lord-Lieutenant and Lady Helen Smith, the Chairman and Mrs. Stow, Mr. Alston, and the four senior prefects. Meanwhile Mrs. Dook, the Headmaster's sister, presided over a subsidiary luncheon party outside in the Marquee. After lunch the two parties joined for coffee in the Drawing Room.

In the afternoon Her Royal Highness visited one of the dormitories of School House on her way to the Chapel, where the Chaplain showed her the silver and the Choir repeated the anthem ('Let all the World') which they had sung at the Thanksgiving Service on the preceding Sunday. Thence by way of East Door to the main entrance where the Bursar was waiting to present the School Architect (Mr. D. B. West, TD), representatives of the contractors for the new Library (Messrs. Symm and Company), and Mr. Hanks, the foreman in charge of the work. The Princess opened the north door of the Library with a beautifully-engraved silver-gilt key (presented by the Contractors) and was shown round it by the Architect and the Librarian (Mr. G. F. Duxbury). Then a number of distinguished visitors were admitted through the West Door and a further series of presentations took place. Among those presented or reintroduced at this stage were the Mayor and Mayoress, the Recorder of Abingdon and Mrs. Bulger, the Town Clerk and Mrs. Nicholson, several other members of the Governing Body, the Master of Christ's Hospital, representatives of the Old Boys and the Appeal Committee, and senior members of the domestic staff, including Mrs. Boyles, the *doyenne* of the school employees. When all were assembled Her Royal Highness unveiled a commemorative plaque and the Head of the School (N. P. Loukes) presented her with two commemorative volumes (specially-bound copies of Godwyn's Roman History and of 'Griffen') and invited her to take tea with the School Prefects.



Leaving the Library with the Headmaster, Her Royal Highness continued her tour of the School. The general idea was that she should see as many boys as possible, not so much doing things for her benefit as practising for what they would be doing on the next day (Founder's Day); and to the delight of all she more than once diverged from the appointed route in order to see more closely what was going on. As she crossed the Gravel from the Library she stopped to watch the cricket match against the Old Boys just long enough to see a wicket fall (and this provided one of the most delightful of the countless photographs of the day). Entering the Science Block, she made a thorough inspection of the Chemistry and Biology Laboratories before going up on to the flat roof. Then round by the Teaching Block — where she was entertained by chess in the open air, Latin songs through the window — and so to the Court Room where the orchestra was in full rehearsal, and she listened to them playing a couple of pieces. After stopping for a few minutes under the School Shop canopy to watch a part of the rehearsal for the Evening Entertainment, she walked on to Lacies Court where Mr. Duxbury showed her the exhibition of some of our archives. Returning to the Jekyll Garden, she was very much amused by a shortened version of the 'Highway Code' sung by the Staff Quartet.

Now came the time for her visit to the town. The royal cars were waiting at the top of the drive and accompanied by the Headmaster she drove by way of Park Road, Conduit Road and Ock Street to the Guildhall. Here the Mayor was waiting to receive her and to present to her Alderman Candy and Alderman O'Connor, who showed her the Royse Room — the ancient home of the School — and the Corporation Plate. Then from the balcony she was able to watch the historic ceremony of the bun-throwing in which, by a pleasant gesture of the Mayor's, some of our boys were invited to take part shoulder to shoulder with members of the Council.

Returning to the School by the direct route, Her Royal Highness found all the prefects lined up at the head of the drive. After presentations had been made, the Head of the School escorted her to the School Shop, where she sat for tea between him and the junior prefect (P. J. Mann). After tea she returned, by way of Park Road and Park Crescent, to School House, where she said goodbye privately to members of the Headmaster's family. Thence, again by car, to the Waste Court Field where the whole School was drawn up, at a discreet distance from the helicopter, to say farewell. The last goodbyes were said, and three final cheers rang out as the helicopter rose into the sky.

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Memories remain, and will be enlivened by the photographs, many of which we print in this magazine. Unfortunately it needs colour to do the day full justice. We can only ask posterity to believe that, whether by accident or by design, Her Royal Highness' dress was exactly the same shade of cerise as the School flag. But what we shall

remember most is the obvious and genuine interest which she took in every item of this long and exhausting programme. We hope that even if Her Royal Highness could not hear our farewell cheers she could at any rate sense what we were feeling. Never can gratitude, good wishes and loyal affection have been more heart-felt.

At the risk of some repetition we print below an account of the visit as seen by one of our American visitors. But first for the rest of the celebrations of these two days. We had no time to feel flat after the Princess' departure, for the same evening came the Quatercentenary Ball of the Old Abingdonian Club, held, by very kind invitation of the Commanding Officer, Group-Captain Sowrey, AFC, in the Officers' Mess at the Aerodrome. And a very successful function it was too. On the following morning took place the service of Commemoration in St. Helen's Church, which was packed to capacity for the occasion. Indeed the service was relayed to an overflow of the congregation in the Churchyard. Added solemnity was given by the attendance in state of the Mayor and Corporation. The Choir sang Purcell's anthem 'Rejoice in the Lord Alway' and the Bishop of Reading preached the sermon. In it he related the history of the School to the history of the nation during the last four hundred years, and expressed his firm belief that such a school still had its part to play in fostering the spiritual well-being of the country.

Returning to School in brilliant sunshine, our visitors thronged round the marquee, where sherry was served *al fresco*. Just on six hundred sat down to lunch. The Chairman was supported by the Mayor and Mayoress and by Sir Keith Murray, KCB, the Chairman of the University Grant Committee. Other guests included the Bishop of Reading, Mr. Airey Neave, DSO, OBE, MC, MP, the Vice-Chairman of the Berkshire County Council (Air-Commodore L. W. Dickens, DFC, AFC), Mr. J. S. Wingate-Paul, HMI, the Bursar of Pembroke College (Mr. G. R. F. Bredin, CBE), the Chairman of the Oxfordshire Education Committee (Mr. C. J. Peers), the Deputy-Director of Education for Berkshire (Mr. R. J. Hornsby), the Commanding Officer of the RAF, Abingdon (Group-Captain F. B. Sowrey, AFC), the Master of Christ's Hospital (Mr. H. G. Mullard), the President of the Old Abingdonian Club (Mr. R. E. Eason, TD), the President-Elect of the Old Abingdonian Club (Sir George Sinclair, CMG, OBE), the Vicar of Abingdon (Rev. J. H. S. Dixon), the Town Clerk (Mr. E. J. Nicholson), the Chairman of the Abingdon Rural District Council (Ald. H. Cornish, MBE), the Editor of The Times Educational Supplement (Mr. James), the Director of A.E.R.E. (Dr. F. A. Vick), the Clerk of Christ's Hospital (Mr. F. Lewis), Mr. R. H. Barrow, CBE, Rev. M. Jelbert, several members of the Governing Body, and a baker's dozen of headmasters. Special mention should also be made of Mr. Peter Layng (son of the Rev. Thomas Layng, Headmaster 1881-1913); of Messrs. H. A. N. Medd and A. C. Vivian, Old Boys who were present as such at the similar luncheon in 1913; and of Mrs. Clifford

Ellis and Major V. C. Buckley, benefactors whose names have figured in the Prize List for many years.

If we say that the speeches were mercifully few and comparatively short we mean no disrespect to the speakers who all in fact rose to the occasion admirably. Sir George Sinclair proposed the health of the School and the Headmaster responded. The Chairman proposed the health of the Guests and Sir Keith Murray replied in a speech which struck just the right note. He was supported by the Head of the School who said his thank-you in a deceptively off-beat way.

We emerged in the middle of the afternoon to find the cricket match again in full swing and the School alive with activities which called for attention — among them the quite admirable loan exhibition of early English water-colours which had been so efficiently organised by Michael Liversidge. Once more to the marquee for tea, where we had the gargantuan birthday-cake prepared for us with loving hand by the Secretary of the Old Abingdonian Club, Mr. N. J. Holmes. And finally to the Jekyll Garden for the Evening Entertainment — a daring mixture of solemn masque and irreverent revue which is covered below in an appreciation by Mr. E. H. F. Sawbridge. It formed a fitting epilogue to two very wonderful days.

#### AN IMPRESSION

The *Daily Express* called it "shocking pink", and perhaps it would have been in most people's eyes. But everyone at the School on the afternoon on 14th June knew that Princess Margaret was wearing a cerise coat and hat for the occasion, matching perfectly the flag that fluttered from the tower as she came on to the gravel in front of the main entrance. The dining room windows, their frames newly painted, were hidden by a motley yet strangely placid crowd of boys, Helena Cobban waited with an official posy (cerise, of course) in the main doorway, another human swarm stood behind the thin line of presentees, and on the Princess' right the Guard of Honour presented arms while the band played the National Anthem.

The tableau had been rehearsed by the great majority of the participants the day before, with appropriate stand-ins, in a drizzle which threatened to drown the spirit connected with the royal visit. But the heavens managed to smile on the following day; the improved weather certainly added to the joy of the occasion. The spontaneity of the welcome despite the months of preparation and weeks of intense activity was, however, largely due to Her Royal Highness' own personality, which showed to great advantage in the Common Room, the science laboratories, and especially the School Shop. She seemed to be interested in the School — its buildings, its activities, and its people — and this interest had both the immediate effect of inspiring our affection for her and the long-range effect of causing us to appreciate more fully what she saw for the first time.

The spontaneity and good humour of the School's welcome were fully matched by the Princess' reaction to the School — it is this mutual spirit above all that made the visit a success and a fond memory for many of us. The celebrations of 2063 will doubtless be spectacular, but it is hard to see how they could leave a pleasanter impression in the minds of so many people than the Quatercentenary Year has done.

R.V.W.

## QUATERCENTENARY EVENING ENTERTAINMENT

15th JUNE, 1963

"A delightful summer's evening, some most attractive beds of roses, no midges and a thousand people dressed in a wide variety of clothing from cerise and white cotton frocks to dinner jackets. A huge open air stage erected in the Jekyll Garden with these spectators surrounding three sides of it. A Fanfare seemingly from the skies — 'Enter Chorus'. A Masque? A Greek Play? 'Twelfth Night'? Not exactly — but a grand mixture of all three: Comedic, Ayres, Courts Galliards and — Song, Women and Wine.

This was the climax to the Great Occasion of H.R.H. Princess Margaret's visit. The producers, Mr. Fairhead and Mr. Horrex, had surpassed themselves; with only six weeks at their disposal they were able to put on a magnificent fare of entertainment, much of it of a very high standard. It is customary to acknowledge producers in final paragraphs but thanking these two quasi-magicians in the second is intentional for without their inspiration the large audience would have been deprived of one of the best evenings that your correspondent has ever spent. Mention must be made of the superb programme: a booklet of Broadsheets, one for each anniversary of 1563, and each suitably printed in the style and wording of its own period.

The Head of School was an admirable Chorus and opened with a witty monologue of Heroic Couplets, culminating in ". . . on the stage rolls Roysse", who amid appreciative applause arrived disguised as the Headmaster — accompanied most appropriately by fifteen tolls of the School Bell. This ringing of the bell fifteen times was used, together with electronic music, to mark the change over between each century. The effects throughout except for some over-recording in Part II were produced in a masterly way and Mr. Horrex and his minions must be commended for this difficult task well done: there must have been many yards of cable and at least six tape recorders in use. I liked too the way in which as each scene finished the departing cast sat at the east end of the stage to watch the other scenes.

After the Headmaster, there then entered the 'original' 63 pupils who took their places at desks arranged along the two long sides of the stage. All were dressed in period cassocks and 'No. 63' (played by T. J. Wood) was in this and every scene the last to be seated as the School-

master (narrator) arrived. Queen Elizabeth and her Court arrived to portray the Masque of 1563. How brave of Mr. Tyson. But he looked every bit as good as the pictures one sees of the first Elizabeth — and he played the recorder supported by 'a goodly companie' in a delightful quartet.

Electronic music was used most imaginatively to cover the period 1563 to 1663 and for ensuing gaps between the centuries. Mr. Blagden was the new Schoolmaster for 1663 — and how well he spoke. Nell Gwyn did not appear but the Laughing Cavalier did, impersonated by E. D. Hunter. The Masque here included a stately Pavane with as near as makes no difference the correct steps — a feat enough in itself. "My bonny lass she smileth" was sung most convincingly by Mr. Pratt and his Quintet, though I suspect they began a tone too high because the audience's applause drowned the note of the tuning fork.

1763 brought Mr. Griffin as Schoolmaster and again we were treated to "Oratory most excellent" as Pepys had uttered some years earlier. Unfortunately the 1763 Masque was 'masked' for a time, and the fireworks and music — Handel of course — only just managed to play out time before George III (played by Mr. Talbot) and his Queen (Miss Bright) appeared with their entourage. John Wilkes, alias Mr. Baker, was excellent as was his athletic deportation by Messrs. Ballinger and Blackburn. Six rustics entered to entertain the Royal gathering but they were hardly 'nymphs and shepherds'. They danced round the sundial in the centre of the stage (cleverly covered so as to hide an amplifier and microphone) but were so rustic that the microphone which had inadvertently been left on magnified their 'gracious steppings' to the amusement of the audience. But Mr. Talbot's exit with his high stepping Germanic strutting was masterly.

For the year 1863, we were entertained as Schoolmaster by the Rev. G. R. Phizackerley. The way he gave his humorous commentary in Johnson-cum-Dimbleby style was indeed clever. The scene was St. George's Chapel, Windsor, on the occasion of the wedding of the Prince of Wales and Princess Alexandra of Denmark — and who better to play these parts than Mr. and Mrs. Potter? The Archbishop of Canterbury (Mr. Mortimer) was 'resplendent in cope and mitre' and he must have been very thoroughly versed in what to do when officiating at a royal wedding. Bow Bells were substituted for those of St. George's and Mr. Murray, appropriately, came in with a salver of Champagne (sic) for the wedding guests — disguised as John Brown, the Queen's Scots footman. Then after enjoying "God bless the Prince of Wales" as rendered by Messrs. Pratt, Dean, Fairlie and Loukes, we watched a very well rehearsed waltz, led by Mr. and Mrs. Potter who would surely win any TV dance prize anywhere.

And thereafter — 'Exeunt Omnes'. Last? . . . 'No. 63' of course. The final glimpse of these actors was of Queen Elizabeth, last to depart, with a knowing nod to the audience.

Part III was a glorified version of Boarders' Concert — and very good it was, too. The 'Timebeats', a kind of Temperance Seven', began, and we heard, amongst other things, an electric guitar being played properly. R. C. Leathem and P.A. Wedgwood gave three amusing duologues and M. S. Ford and T. A. Marsh (seemingly just back from the '63 Walk') interrupted various scenes with their long walks to and fro across the stage. 'Los Umbrages', complete with togas and banners bearing SPQR, sang an extremely clever Calypso-cum-Top-Twenty song with an enchanting chorus, "Care ad me, ad te: saluta me". Mr. Horrex with Dean, Fairlie and Loukes next treated us to "Bo to Beaumont" and, later, to a very funny "Bo-be-de-Beaumont" and a mass of folklore. Miss Gingell and others entered various competitions under the title 'Beat the Clock', which were most competently compered by I. C. Lamberton. In this item, as in others, the slickness of the stage-hands (and Mr. Owen) was very creditable.

The 'Bo to Beaumont' Quartet reappeared with "O, who will o'er the downs so free", dressed as City commuters. This brought back memories of Eranos in the Roysse Room, and the rolled umbrellas were used most pointedly. Messrs. Horrex, Keating, Montague and Pratt maintained old traditions of setting Marples to music and chanted "Adhaesit Pavimento", which being interpreted is the Highway Code Part I, to Barnby chants various. This was superb. I liked the Purcellian touch of each syllable of 'ob-struc-ti-on' being emphasised. Their singing — and it was dead in tune throughout — showed that it is possible to sing anything to Anglican chants. Later, R. G. Parks ('My dear Dior') was admirable as commentator in his Fashion Parade where various key figures in the School paraded in front of us in garb ranging from sub. fusc. to boaters. "What you will" Or "As JJH and TGKF like it" was all too short but they both managed to portray at least five Shakespearean characters at a time. The Highway Code team came on again and 'mouthed' the opening chorus of 'The Mikado' to music that varied in speed and pitch emanating from the sundial. This was very good — at times their silent enunciation was so good that they looked like a certain ITV advertisement for toothpaste — but was spoilt by the recording being too loud and distorted. One wondered whether this stunt was a record: but they certainly had it taped.

The 'Falcons', an off shoot of the Downbeats, complete with winkle-pickers and guitars, brought proceedings to a close and after a fine display of fireworks, the complete cast of Parts I and II began to twist on the stage, interrupted only by the pseudo bun-throwing from the roof of the School Shop. And so the curtain was brought down. The Headmaster thanked Mr. Horrex and Mr. Fairhead and indeed all those who had contributed to the success of the evening, saying that "this is the ideal way of ending these two memorable days".

Our revels ended, we departed our several ways, remembering the magnificent evening behind us; visualising the splendid costumes; and

silently praising and thanking the participants and the sixty or more people mentioned on the programme who had worked behind the scenes. "And so to bed . . ." to quote N. P. Loukes alias Pepys — and your correspondent drove back home to Hertfordshire supremely proud of his connection with such a School. To ALL — our thanks." E.H.F.S.

### PRIZE-GIVING DAY

With Founder's Day — and what a Founder's Day — safely behind us, one might have expected the events of Saturday, 27th July, to be something of an anti-climax. But this was far from being so. Instead, nearly everyone from the Headmaster down to the smallest third former detailed to carry a chair found the occasion, by comparison with other years, a pleasant and relaxing one, with plenty of time for preparation and for enjoyment. After the great happenings of Princess Margaret's visit, the organization of Prize Giving Day was comparatively simple — only those perhaps who had taken part in the Concert on the previous evening and were due for the second performance that day were really hard put to it at this time: they indeed had had no time for relaxation but on the contrary had been rehearsing feverishly for many days before.

Thus with no St. Helen's Service in the morning the actual Prize Giving in the afternoon was the main feature of the day's activities. After the conclusion of the Prize Giving, tea was taken by parents and boys in the Precinct of the School Shop. This variation on the normal Founder's Day 'At Home' was an inspired contribution to the QCA by the ladies of the staff and parents. The selling of cups of tea, sandwiches and cakes not only helped to swell the Appeal funds and relieve administration but proved to be a pleasing and restful interlude for many visitors who were able to spend an hour or two wandering through the School grounds before making their ways to the Corn Exchange for the special Quatercentenary Concert in the evening. This musical concert — a truly excellent production — is reviewed for us below: it was a most fitting finale to a wonderful School year. There were no formal exhibitions of School work but for those interested there was an Organ Recital in the Chapel, a programme of School films in the Court Room or a display of Quatercentenary photographs in the Lempriere Room.

On the evening of the next day, Sunday, the now traditional Leavers' Service in St. Nicolas' Church took place. In his address, the Headmaster spoke about the qualities which leavers would be taking with them from School into adult life. The most important of these were, he said, the three qualities of character — *breadth*, or the ability to live with and work for our fellow men; *depth*, the basic integrity and sense of values which is the true foundation of wisdom; and *height*, the faith to rise above the cares and preoccupations of this world: all of them qualities most perfectly found in the Christian life.

The Prize Giving itself was held in the Corn Exchange, tastefully decorated by Mrs. Willis, Mrs. Bevir and Mrs. Munson, and we were honoured to have the Master of Pembroke College, Mr. R. B. McCallum, M.A., to distribute the prizes. In the unavoidable absence of the Chairman of the Governors, Mr. McCallum, as senior Governor present, took the chair himself — surely a unique occasion! The Headmaster began his report by welcoming Mr. McCallum; he then went on to give his account of what he described as an eventful year. Although, he said, we had achieved a record number of GCE passes, it was important to remember that it was the quality of pass that mattered nowadays. He emphasised the growing flexibility of the School curriculum with the development of bridge subjects such as Economics and to review the games records and out-of-school activities, mentioning particularly the high musical reputation enjoyed by the School. The Headmaster said that he deplored the popular tendency to satirize everything which made life more gracious but he felt that the boys of the School by and large displayed the right kinds of character. He concluded by referring to Princess Margaret's visit when Town and School united in their welcome; to the forthcoming retirement of Mr. Alston and to new development plans.

The Master of Pembroke then distributed the prizes and in the address which he gave afterwards expressed his pleasure that the sixth form syllabuses avoided over-specialization. He stressed the fact that boys leaving School today had great opportunities in spite of increasing competition and affirmed his belief that at the School they were given a fine foundation for their lives.

Prof. Cormack then thanked Mr. McCallum and the proceedings ended with the singing of the National Anthem.

#### THE ENDOWED PRIZES

The Morland Prize (presented by Messrs. Morland in memory of W. T. Morland, O.A., and awarded for all-round merit)—T. A. Marsh; The Thomas Layng Reading Prize—N. P. Loukes, *prox. acc.* P. A. Sugg; The Smith Chemistry Prize—M. R. Morris, P. G. James, A. S. Harrison, R. J. Davis; The Ball Science Prize—A. C. L. Fraser, E. C. C. Crouch; The Biology Prize (presented by Dr. and Mrs. Charles Ford)—F. A. Bisby, R. D. Thornton; The Bevan Essay Prize—M. J. Giddings; The Bevan Scripture Prizes—M. J. Giddings, B. D. Diffey, P. H. Fletcher, A. McI. King, D. C. L. Murphy, J. E. Hesketh; The Ellis Prize for Character—T. A. Marsh; The Ingham Physics Prizes—P. W. Liversidge, S. Lewis; The Ingham Music Prizes—N. P. Loukes, A. R. Gibbs; The Henderson Cricket Prizes—G. F. Keeys, P. H. Blackburn; The Common Room Bat—D. A. M. Bent; The Initiative Cup—The XIII; The IV Science Times Cup—J. N. Clarke.



## THE SCHOOL PRIZES

The Mayor's Prize for Service to the School (presented by Ald. J. Stanley, J.P.)—T. J. Pegram; The Headmaster's Prizes—B. A. F. Burn, C. J. Dean, P. J. Leather; The Old Boys' Prizes—English Verse: K. W. R. Dixon, English Essay: R. H. M. Burridge, History Essay: P. R. Munson, Geography Essay: P. N. Atkins, Mathematics Essay: A. G. Rowson, Modern Languages Essay: R. W. Ellaway; The Van Wagenen Essay Prize (presented by Colonel R. W. Van Wagenen, Dean of the American University, Washington, U.S.A.)—J. D. Urwick, *prox. acc.* T. J. Pegram; The Prize for General Achievement (presented by H. Cornish, Esq., M.B.E., J.P.) — N. P. Loukes; CCF Prize—U/O T. A. Marsh; The Junior Reading Prize (presented by C. C. Woodley, Esq., OA)—R. J. Nancarrow; The Music Prizes—Choral (presented by E. H. F. Sawbridge, Esq.), Senior: N. P. Loukes, Junior: R. J. Nancarrow, Pianoforte, Senior (presented by Miss Sheldon Peach): F. R. Howlett, Junior: R. J. Pickavance, Organ (presented by the Director of Music): P. A. Wedgewood, G. H. Hallet, Woodwind: A. G. Fairlie; The Art Prizes—M. J. H. Liversidge, P. M. Osborne; The Library Prize—F. C. A. Exon; The Gardening Prize—D. J. Jesstt; The Handicraft Prizes—A. M. Jell, A. F. Martin.

## THE FORM PRIZES

Sixth Form (Upper)—Classics: C. J. Dean, English and History: R. D. Van Wagenen, R. Dowson, Mathematics: P. E. Dixon; Sixth Form (Lower)—Classics: A. F. G. Wiggins, English: M. J. Giddings, History: P. G. Henderson, Mathematics: S. M. Nicholl; Fifth Forms—Classics: S. J. Denny, English: B. D. Diffey, Mathematics and Physics: M. F. Wells, General Achievement: C. M. N. Jamieson; Fourth Forms—General Achievement: C. S. Downes, Languages: P. H. Fletcher, Science and Mathematics: P. G. Hodgetts; Form 4L—P. J. Sparrow; Form 3A—J. N. Clarke, A. C. Putman; Form 3X—P. D. Heast; Form 3Y—B. M. Edwards; Form 2X—E. J. Hadley; Form 2Y—P. J. Munnoch; Form 1X—A. J. Cowley, R. W. Hamilton; Form 1Y—C. L. Prickett.

## THE QUATERCENTENARY CONCERT

We are indebted to Miss Susan Williams for the following critique of the Concert, performed on the evenings of 26th and 27th July.

"The Quatercentenary Concert, as the Headmaster explained, took on significance not only as part of the School's celebrations, but as the last musical function arranged by Mr. Pratt and Mr. Keating before they took up new posts. They chose a varied and ambitious programme, including pieces which would daunt many a professional orchestra. It is a mark of their own, as well as their pupils', ability that the concert was so successful.

The first movement of Beethoven's Fifth Symphony is not to be lightly undertaken, especially as the opening piece of a concert; the Senior Orchestra took some time to settle into it, uncertainty marring the wind parts in particular. But tension and nervousness wore off gradually and vigorous playing from all sections of the orchestra meant that the final chords were carried off with considerable panache.

The attractive arrangement of Vaughan-Williams' 'Fantasia on Greensleeves' which followed kept close to the character of the original folk-tune. If the ensemble tended to lay more stress on a slightly wooden precision rather than on grace and expressiveness, they were still able to convey, under Nick Loukes' modest conducting, the serenity which is the chief quality of the piece. They had obviously put in some hard work, as had the band for their two Handel pieces: these both showed a musical sense and a restraint which often go overboard in the enthusiasm and brio of school bands. The 'Gavotte' in particular was refreshingly well-phrased.

An ambitious beginning by the Senior Orchestra was followed up with something equally difficult to bring off, the Mozart clarinet concerto in A major. Here again, however, good training was in evidence and rescued the players from some awkward moments in the nervously slithering strings. The soloists were well cast for their respective moments; Keith Dixon and Peter Fletcher might both have done themselves more justice had they adopted a more alert and confident attack, but both produced delicate runs and pleasing tone. In the last movement the orchestra came into its own, sounding less anxious and sharing something of the competence and fluency of Tony Mortemore's performance. All told, the concerto was a notable achievement.

Under Mr. Keating, the Junior Orchestra played a Haydn Moderato and Allegretto and Handel's 'Floridante' marches. The first was a little tentative. The marches, with accurate percussion and a good wind trio, were brighter and tidier, perhaps because the players enjoyed them more.

Stanford's "Songs of the Fleet", another major undertaking, were well done, and maintained the Choral Society's high standard. Only one of the songs, the difficult 'Middle Watch', really failed to make its full effect. In the rest, expression, diction, and (for the most part) pitch, were good, and balanced by a strong sense of rhythm and timing. Nick Loukes sang with apparent ease and clarity, producing some fine tone; one felt that he could be still better if his breathing were firmly controlled and his enunciation more vigorous. The songs throughout were convincingly interpreted, with the help of a sensitive accompanist, and there were few vocal slips to detract from the robust dignity of the music.

After so many-sided a display of the School's musical prowess, there was still the highlight to come, in the shape of Mr. Ernest Pratt's setting of Psalm 150, specially composed for the occasion. For me this brought to mind the Mediaeval Mystery Plays, and further back in time,

the jangling music which must originally have accompanied the Psalms — as was no doubt intended, for the opening fanfare itself promised a dramatic and ritualistic setting. Choir and full orchestra coped well with intricate rhythms and difficult intervals, plainly enjoying the striding beat and the chances for cymbals and drums to hold the stage. The orchestral passage leading to the final invocation was most impressive, and though the extended climax seemed a little long drawn-out, it was only because the musicians were holding back for the last magnificent outburst. This was music which spanned the centuries, making a fitting conclusion to the Quatercentenary Concert, if not to the celebrations in general; conclusion also to an evening which demonstrated a high level of accomplishment and widespread interest in music throughout the School. May that tradition continue!"

### ARISING OUT OF QUATERCENTENARY YEAR

We were delighted that her visit to the School gave Her Royal Highness the opportunity of paying a visit too to Caldecott House, for as President of Dr. Barnardo's Homes she takes an active interest in their work. Then in the afternoon her drive to the Roysse Room gave the town an opportunity to join with the School in offering its affectionate greeting.

But this was not the only way in which the age-old connection between Town and School has been emphasised in the course of this year. Just occasionally history provides a pleasant opportunity of repeating itself. In 1743 the Corporation contributed £20 towards the cost of building a gallery at the South end of the Roysse Room to serve as a School Library. In 1963 the Corporation have presented to the School the main chandelier in the new Grundy Library.

This is not all. In 1563 the Corporation celebrated the refounding of the School by presenting John Roysse with a 'hogshead of wyne' which was brought up the river to 'Culneham' by barge. On 13th June, 1963, the Headmaster invited the Mayor and Corporation to take wine with him at the School, to meet the Chairman of the Governors and Mrs. Stow and to view the Library on the eve of its opening by Princess Margaret. For this 'computation' a cask, coopered by Messrs. Morlands of Abingdon, and filled with sherry presented by Messrs. Fergusons of Reading, was brought up the river the previous day to the School Boat House in a four-oared gig rowed by junior members of the Boat Club. The result was an extremely pleasant function at which short complimentary speeches were made by the Mayor, the Chairman, and the Headmaster. The guests included also the senior officers of the Corporation, representatives of the two firms concerned, and Mr. Heavens, the cooper. The cask, which remains the property of the School, is

made of oak, banded with copper, and at the end it is incised as follows —

## LXIII

ABINGDON SCHOOL — THE CORPORATION OF ABINGDON

1563—1963

IN VINO VERITAS

NECNON CONCORDIA

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Press coverage of our celebrations has been copious and on the whole commendably accurate. Our '63' ploy seems to have captured the imagination. The relay run from the House of Commons to the School (63 miles) on 1.5.63 put both the runners and the Headmaster on the air two days later. Shortly afterwards we received a cutting from the "San Francisco Chronicle" of 31st March, which gave a displayed account of the Great Walk, picked up from "The Times". The Royal Visit of course attracted a covey of press-men and photographers, who were organised most efficiently by representatives of the Central Office of Information. We had a sympathetic write-up, a delightful photograph, and a review of the Evening Entertainment in the "Times Educational Supplement"; and the N.B.H. went to town with special supplements before and after the celebrations.

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To recapture our memories of the celebrations, a long-playing record has been prepared, with a descriptive sleeve, which contains on one side, serious music (including the two anthems) and on the other excerpts from the second half of the Evening Entertainment. Her Royal Highness has graciously accepted a copy of this record which we are assured has given her 'great enjoyment.' And thanks to the good offices of Mr. Gostling and the C.O.I. we were able to take an official film of the celebrations which is now being processed.

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This is an era of centenaries and quatercentenaries, but the number of schools celebrating their anniversaries this particular year is very small. Among them is St. Edward's, that flourishing youngster whom we greet on its first-hundredth birthday. We thought our programme was exhaustive until we saw theirs . . . And we discovered too that one of the best-known French schools, the Lycée Louis-le-Grand, of Paris, was celebrating its quatercentenary this year with high pomp so we exchanged greetings. We noticed that their envelope carried a special quatercentenary stamp issued by the French Post Office and bearing a picture of the School. This is one of the few ploys that we had not used; though with the present spate of commemorative stamps anything might have happened.

And we also exchanged greetings with Abingdon (Va), a town which has some personal link with the School through the Cox family.

## CHAPEL NOTES

On Trinity Sunday we celebrated the Sixtieth Anniversary of the Dedication of the Chapel. At a special Service of Thanksgiving the Headmaster preached on the value of the Chapel in the life of the School. Many years were spanned by the readers of the Lessons — Mr. W. A. Rudd who came to the School as an Assistant Master in 1904, and B. A. F. Burn, a new O.A. who, as the Headmaster remarked, stands a good chance of being present when the Chapel's Centenary is celebrated in 2003. During the Service, three heraldic strips for the Altar step and two Servers' kneelers were dedicated. They bear a wide variety of coats of arms all of which have either historical significance for the School or personal association with the Headmaster. A key to their identity has been placed upon the NE wall of the Chapel. All the embroidery was carried out by friends of the School under the tireless inspiration and leadership of Mrs. Munson. It is an exquisite piece of work and countless hours must have been put into it. We are most grateful.

Princess Margaret included the Chapel in her tour of the School and expressed her admiration of its loveliness. She sat in one of the pews and listened with rapt attention as the Chapel Choir sang "Let all the world" by Eric Thiman. The Choir can rarely have sung so beautifully as it has done during the Summer Term. Its high spot was, of course, the Singing of Evensong in Coventry Cathedral. Many spines tingled at the sheer beauty of that memorable Service. Earlier in the term the Choir sang its now traditional Ascension Day offering of worship from the roof of the Science Block. One noticed that cyclists and pedestrians in Park Road paused awhile before proceeding, no doubt refreshed, on their way to work.

Although numbers can be notoriously deceptive so far as the things of the Spirit are concerned, nevertheless it is interesting to record that this year's Communions — 2,216 — are the highest ever: one of the fruits of Teaching Week?

Under the auspices of the Abingdon Council of Churches and with episcopal permission, the Liturgy of the Church of South India was celebrated in the Chapel on the evening of 10th June. As the Altar was still in its South India position the following morning, the Anglican Liturgy was celebrated westwards. Perhaps this increasingly "with it" position is something to be experimented with. The Sung Eucharist at the beginning of term seems to be a popular innovation. So also is the sermonless Matins on the same day!

Roger Parks left at the end of term after four years' devoted work as Sacristan. To him must go the credit for beautifully arranged flowers, brilliantly polished silver, tactfully reminded servers and many unseen, unglorious but necessary jobs quietly done. His solid reliability meant that one never had to fear that things might not be ready for any

Service. His parents have added to their already considerable generosity to the Chapel by presenting two white pulpit falls — Mrs. Park's own work — as a parting gift. We also record with gratitude the gift of green pulpit falls by the parents of Angus Fraser. These gifts mean that the Chapel is now, from the point of view of liturgical colours, complete. Next target? — a carpet for the aisle.

On Sunday, 12th May, David Gerald Phizackerley was baptised in the Chapel.

Some of the Summer Term's Collections.

St. Helen's Parish Church	...	...	8	9	0
Royal National Lifeboat Institution	...	...	10	0	0
S.P.C.K.	...	...	7	15	10
St. Helen's and Chapel Funds					
(Founder's Day Service)	...	...	80	10	9
St. Mary's, Ludgershall	...	...	8	0	0
Dr. Barnardo's	...	...	8	5	0
British Council of Churches	...	...	7	17	0
New Guinea Mission	...	...	6	13	0
St. Nicolas' Church (Leavers' Service)	...	...	10	15	0
Chapel Box	...	...	3	8	9½

Chapel flowers have been provided by: Waste Court, Bennett House Seniors, 3Y, The Critics, 3X, The Cobban Family, Bennett House Juniors, The Roysse Society, First and Second Elevens, Crescent House, 3A, The Masters' Common Room. To all of them, our thanks.

Visiting preachers for the Michaelmas Term are as follows:

6th October: Mr. C. J. Lipscomb, M.A., L-ès-L., Headmaster of Henley Grammar School.

20th October: Mr. W. M. M. Milligan, M.B.E., T.D., M.A., Warden of Radley College.

27th October: Rev. J. H. S. Dixon, Vicar of Abingdon and Rector of St. Nicolas'.

17th November: Mr. R. D. Baynes, M.A., Headmaster of the Stationers' Company's School.

We are looking forward especially to hearing Mr. Baynes, who started his teaching career at Abingdon just after the War.

On 13th October, there will be no Morning Service in the Chapel, as all Boarders will be attending the Parish Church of St. Helen, where the preacher will be the Headmaster.

### VOLUNTARY SERVICE

Well over 100 visits have been paid during the Summer Term. Some 16 boys have been looking after 20 old people. I always find it interesting to read the reports of each visit and to discover that some have cleaned windows or watched telly or dug the garden, while others have made the tea, played dominoes, or just chatted.

We were sorry that Mrs. McIntyre of Gainsborough Green had to go to hospital and we hope that she has now fully recovered.

Several faithful Voluntary Servants — Bailey CJD, Ellaway, Marsh, Parks, Willey MEF — have left us this term. I shall be asking for replacements in the Michaelmas Term.

G.R.P.

## THE GRUNDY LIBRARY

To convert the utilitarian and gloomy Big School-room of 1870 into a memorial library provided a formidable challenge, for the architect was bound to work within the limitations imposed by the size of the room and the position of the doors and windows. It is generally agreed that in meeting this challenge the School architect, Mr. Duncan West, has been outstandingly successful, and that we now have a library of which any school could be proud.

The main — and indeed the only attractive — feature of the room as it stood was the handsome bay-window which occupied almost all of the southern end. This has been retained and a long window seat has been fixed beneath it. Running up the eastern side of the room are a couple of large study bays, the layout of which has been dictated by the east windows. At the north end is what may be called a reference and recreational area where newspapers and magazines are to be found. In order to provide room for as many books as possible — ultimately some 10,000 in all, or about twice our present stock — a gallery has been built along the north and west sides only, where it will not obstruct the windows. The western leg has its edge broken around the bookcases which support it. This has the double advantage of reducing its apparent length and of giving more space round the book-cases that stand on it. Access to the gallery is by means of a delightfully elegant spiral staircase. The broad, northern leg of the gallery (somewhat reminiscent of the gallery in the Roysse Room) provides further space for study; and the front rail of it has been adapted to frame the Hailstone portrait of W.M.G., after whom the room is named. The original north window was never very attractive. It has been replaced by a smaller, stone-mullioned window shaped to follow the line of the new barrel ceiling. This has had its 'tunnel' effect reduced by the introduction of a series of panelled arches. The provision of the gallery has made it necessary to replace the mock-gothic doors on the north and west walls by square-headed ones which are much more in keeping with the look of the room.

Adjoining the Library is a small but manageable Librarians' sanctum, formerly a part of the Junior Study of School House, which is connected with the Library by a hatch and a book-chute.

The floor has been strengthened and has been entirely resurfaced in American oak. The joinery has been carried out in light and dark woods

(oak, teak and iroko), beautifully over-polished. The use of anodised aluminium trimmings and of deep royal blue panels produces a striking effect. The four large panels in the gallery bear the arms of Roysse, Bennett, Blacknall and Tesdale; and the arms of various public bodies associated with the School are picked out on the stone corbels.

Of the two original stone fire places, the one to the south has been removed, while the northern one has been replaced by a new one of blue Clipsham stone with an aluminium hood and a wrought iron fire-basket, and with ingle-seats on either side.

The Library is heated by narrow radiators placed around the base of the book-cases. Lighting is provided by a combination of chandelier, wall brackets, and concealed tubular fittings. The tables and chairs were specially designed by Messrs. Nicholls and Janes of High Wycombe, in association with Mr. Peter Millard (OA), and are made out of English walnut. The chairs are upholstered in royal blue leather to match the general colour scheme of blue and silver.

Above the fireplace hangs our charter — now at last fittingly framed and curtained in blue velvet — with to left and right respectively the plaque unveiled by Princess Margaret and a beautiful head and shoulder photograph signed by Her Royal Highness. The plaque, which is of aluminium, bears the following inscription —

THIS LIBRARY  
 WAS OPENED BY  
 HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS MARGARET  
 COUNTESS OF SNOWDON  
 ON 14th JUNE 1963  
 TO MARK THE FOUR HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY  
 OF THE REFOUNDATION OF THE SCHOOL.  
 IT WAS CREATED OUT OF THE OLD BIG SCHOOLROOM  
 AND BEARS THE THE NAME OF A MUCH LOVED  
 HEADMASTER  
 WILLIAM MITCHELL GRUNDY

On the east wall, between two windows, hangs the clock of 1743; the process of cleaning it revealed the original decoration which has now been restored after being hidden for so many years. On the north wall, under the Gallery, are mounted the medals and decorations of the late Lord Glyn of Farnborough, some time Vice-Chairman of the Governors. At the end of the long gallery hangs the original school roll of 1732. While we have no intention of allowing the Library to be 'cluttered up' it is very gratifying to have somewhere we can properly display our most treasured possessions. Later a special tablet will commemorate specific gifts to the Library. Meanwhile a temporary notice



records the following benefactions received before the opening day —

"The tables and chairs were paid for from the balance of the Lorna Cobban Memorial Fund (of which the silver in the Chapel represents the primary objective).

"The main chandelier was presented by the Corporation of Abingdon.

"The fire basket was presented by John Mason High School, Abingdon.

"The shelving of the reference section on the ground floor was paid for by the efforts of the Ladies of Abingdon.

"The shelves and the furniture in the North Gallery were paid for from the earnings of the boys of the School.

"The globe in the North Gallery was presented by the Architect."

The globe is of especial interest in that it records the fact that Mr. West's grandfather and father each in turn worked as boys in Big School and subsequently served as School Architect. In addition, the silver-gilt key used by Princess Margaret to open the Library and now displayed above the commemorative plaque, was presented by the Contractors.

— It only remains to add that the value of the Library has already been amply demonstrated. The number of books borrowed in the week has shot up; it is reported that during one wet luncheon-hour as many as (yes!) 63 boys were counted studying, reading, or just quietly browsing. We have deliberately adopted the principle of open access for all, right down to the first form, and it is pretty clear that the boys themselves are so proud of their Library that they can safely be trusted to respect its amenities. Indeed, it is even alleged that the cleaners automatically lower their voices on entry.

And so it stands, a monument to a great Headmaster, a monument to the generosity of hundreds of Old Boys (for this we regard as their special share of the Quatercentenary Appeal); a monument too, we would add, to an inspired and devoted architect, to reliable contractors, and to honest craftsmen.

## SALVETE ET VALETE

*Valete — left 2nd April, 1963*

Upper Sixth Form Arts: B. A. F. Burn.

Upper Sixth Form Science: C. R. Winfield.

Lower Sixth Form Maths.: I. G. Moore (last attendance 2nd March).

Form 5C: D. B. Burleigh (last attendance 22nd January).

Form 3Y: A. S. Jackson.

*Came 30th April, 1963*

Form 1Y: D. G. Nasmyth.

Form 3Y: D. C. Cullen.

## EXAMINATION RESULTS

Our results at 'Advanced' level this year were disappointing, for although some of our second-year candidates put up promising performances their seniors failed over all to come up to expectations. Possibly a certain amount of over-confidence came into it. The moral is of course that one should never take success for granted or assume that progress is automatic. The new grading system makes direct comparison with previous year difficult, but it certainly shows up the boy who scrapes a bare pass.

At 'Ordinary' level results run pretty true to the form-book; the total of over 700 subject-passes represents a substantial advance on last years' record figure. Once again there was a series of disappointing failures in the sixth form, a steady run of success in the fourth forms, where most boys were taking one or two subjects 'in advance'. Once our new programme of 'minority time' has run its full course, we should begin to see a much bigger proportion of successes in the sixth form — provided only that the boys themselves respond and accept the fact that success in the odd Ordinary level paper calls for a much harder effort than some of them produce at the present moment.

Advanced level results are appended, in alphabetical order. The usual school abbreviations are employed. In addition, the asterisk (\*) indicates the mark of distinction, the obelisk (†) the mark of merit, in the new 'Special' papers.

J.M.C.

### ADVANCED LEVEL PASSES, G.C.E.

C. J. D. Bailey (M, M, P); F. A. Bisby (P†, K, B†); M. A. Bisby (P, K); E. Blaze (K, B); R. D. Booker (K); D. R. Brown (L, G, AH); I. G. Burns (M, P, K†); R. H. M. Burridge (H+H); P. E. Cable (K, Z); J. P. Clack (Ec/PS); D. L. Clarke (P); N. P. W. Coe (P, K); E. C. C. Crouch (P, K); R. J. Crumly (E, H, J); M. J. I. Day (P, K\*, B†); C. J. Dean (L, G, AH); K. W. R. Dixon (L, G, AH); P. E. Dixon (M, M, P); R. Dowson (E, H†, J†); D. M. Edelsten (H, J, Ec/H); R. W. Ellaway (F, N); M. J. Evans (B\*); F. C. A. Exon (E\*, H); M. A. Faires (P, K); C. C. Ford (P, K); M. S. Ford (K, B†); A. W. Foster (H, Ec, Ec/H); A. C. L. Fraser (Bot, Z†); D. J. French (H†, J, Ec/PS); R. A. Hall (M); P. J. Hardwick (P); A. S. Harrison (M, P, K\*); P. B. Havelock (P, K); D. J. B. Hewison (P); P. G. James (P, K); J. R. Jennings (L, G, AH); D. J. Jessett (K, B†); G. F. Keeys (H); T. J. King (P, K\*, B\*); R. M. Kirby (M, P); P. J. Leather (Ec/PS); C. J. Leeson (N); S. Lewis (P, K); P. W. Liversidge (M, M, P, Ec/PS); B. J. Lodge (Ec/PS); B. G. Mackay (K, B); J. J. Mackenzie (F); P. J. Mann (M); T. A. Marsh (Bot\*); I. W. D. Matson (M, P†); P. G. D. Matthews (P); R. C. H. Moorshead (P); M. R. Morris (P†, Bot, Z); T. J. Mortimore (P, B); P. R. Munson (H†, J, Ec/PS); I. J. Newbold (H, J); S. M. Nicholl (P); S. J. Opie

(M, P); R. J. Ormerod (M, M, P, Ec/PS); R. G. Parks (K, Bot, Z); R. J. Parsons (P); T. J. Pegram (Ec/PS); D. R. Sheard (P); D. F. K. Smith (B); R. A. Smith (E, H); M. S. Southern (P, K); N. A. G. Spackman (H, J); J. D. Spencer (P, K, B\*, Mas); A. F. Stewart (N); D. W. Taylor (M†, P); S. D. Thornton (P, K†, B); M. L. Thorpe (M, P); T. J. Tilly (P); R. B. Topham (B); J. D. Urwick (F, H+H); J. L. Walton (P, K); R. D. Van Wagenen (E, H); C. J. Westell (H, J); A. E. W. Willey (P); M. E. F. Willey (H, Ec); A. R. Williams (Ec/PS); D. H. Williams (E, H, J); S. R. Wilson (H, Ec).

J.M.C.

### QUATERCENTENARY APPEAL

The impact of the Quatercentenary celebrations ensured that the Appeal maintained the impetus which had been given to it earlier in the year, and as a result the total amount covered crept steadily up until it reached a total of some £53,000. There it remains, and apart from our annual assault on the new parents we shall not mount any further frontal attacks until the end of the year when we shall make a final effort to bridge the comparatively small gap that now separates us from our revised target figure of £63,000.

A long list follows of those who have either contributed to the Appeal or raised the level of their annual contributions in the course of the past term. It includes the names of many Old Boys. A large number of these appear as a direct result of the personal letters written to their contemporaries by members of the O.A.C. Committee; so their efforts, for which we are duly grateful, were clearly worth-while. The total covered by the Old Boys now amounts in all to some £13,000, representing 300 subscribers. It is pleasant to think that this sum almost exactly equals the cost of the new Library which we regard as the Old Boys' own tribute to W.M.G.

We are very grateful too to all of those whose special efforts have swelled the total. The Ladies of Abingdon (bless them!), having already raised over £200 towards the furniture of the Library by way of coffee and sherry parties, girded themselves afresh and provided tea for parents, in the Precinct, after the Prize-Giving, the whole of the proceeds (about £40 in all) being devoted to the Appeal. The expenses of the Evening Entertainment on Founder's Day were inevitably so great that it did little more than break even; but when the accounts for the Quatercentenary Concert are completed there should be a handsome sum over for the Appeal. The ploy with the car-stickers also proved quite profitable: and we hope that the sales of Griffen will soon have covered the cost of publication and will begin to show a balance on the right side.

But ultimately our hopes now rest on the individual parent or Old Boy who is full of good-will but who has not yet got around to making

a contribution. Now please is the time for him to do so. There may too be some whose means have improved since they first began to contribute, and who are now in a position to step up their contributions; and others who would like to say thankyou, in a material way, for all that this year of quatercentenary has meant to them.

But if you are honestly giving as much as you can properly afford, then please regard this note as one of information rather than exhortation. We don't want to batter our friends about this Appeal until they are punch-happy, nor do we wish to purchase success at the cost of goodwill.

Lastly my own thanks to the members of the Appeal Committee, who are still meeting regularly and who provide the driving-force behind the Appeal.

J.M.C.

*Sixteenth List of Subscribers, 29th March, 1963 – 23rd July, 1963*

(Honorific titles and decorations are omitted except for Mrs., Rev. and Sir).

\* Covenanted Subscription (F) Further or increased subscription

† Annual uncovenanted subscription

K. Ablewhite (F)	M. M. Comely
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## CRICKET

### FIRST ELEVEN

Inexperience and promise for the future have been the keynotes of this season — a promise in most cases as yet only partly fulfilled. The only really senior players, Keeys and M. S. Ford, disappointed by their lack of consistency in performance and their failure to provide leadership, though it must be admitted that theirs was a heavy burden. Probably we expected too much from a very young side of whom nine should be available next year and seven for two more years. It is to their credit that they were equally cheerful in victory and defeat and that they have learnt some of the necessary lessons. They certainly gave us some dramatic finishes early in the season — victory with the last ball against Newbury, with the last ball but two against Royal Masonic and an eventful final over against Pangbourne — but thereafter much of the sting went out of the cricket. The Berkshire Gentlemen were all but beaten when the last five wickets tumbled for only six runs. Against the Town, numbers 9 and 10 were allowed to get away with it and turn defeat into victory. A revival against Nottingham, on tour and very welcome visitors, was followed by a deplorable batting collapse against Pembroke — the first time we have lost this match. The Old Boys' match was most enjoyable, a two-day match for the first time, but again there was not enough experience to respond to a challenge which set the School to score something over ninety an hour on Upper Field. And so to three bad batting collapses against Incogniti, Brentwood School — a new and much prized fixture — and our old rivals, Magalen College School. Three matches were not played because of rain — Solihull, Oratory and R.G.S., High Wycombe.

From this rather gloomy sketch of the season, there emerge a few bright points. First, the tremendous improvement in Bent's batting, which earned him the Common Room Bat and Fletcher Cup, and also his growing understanding of the game which gained him the Captaincy for next year. Secondly, the emergence of the opening partnership of Bent and Shellard which bids fair to rival the achievement of Bunce and Goodwin and which has already produced a new record for the first wicket of 205 runs. Thirdly, the steady improvement of Henderson as wicket-keeper once he was established in that responsible position. Fourthly, the eagerness to learn, common to the whole team, and their loyalty and co-operation. A measure of the talent present in this not very successful side is found in the fact that Keeys, M. S. Ford and Bent have been asked to play in all the Berkshire Bantams matches and Barrett in those for which he is available. At the time of writing, Bent has already made 96 not out and Ford 52 for them.

It is difficult to pin down any particular aspect of the game in which this side's weaknesses lay but possibly the fielding was the most revealing feature. Bent was outstanding, especially close up behind the

wicket, and Fairlie was a splendid cover point until his fractured thumb unhappily put an end to his cricket for the second part of the season. Partridge held a couple of brilliant catches and M. S. Ford was always on his toes. C. C. Ford's throwing improved markedly though his ground fielding was often suspect, and Barrett was usually safe in the covers. In general, however, there was lack of agility and a slowness of reaction which gave away runs and missed vital wickets. This will undoubtedly be remedied in time but it has been very trying for bowlers and interested onlookers alike. Of the bowling, all that can be said is that nobody bowled with consistent accuracy and although Keelys on certain occasions performed very well he was not the spear-head which he ought to have been, nor did Barrett develop into the attacking bowler we had hoped for. Too often the initiative lay with the opposing batting side, and there was little apparent effort to wrest it from them. These factors, coupled with the consistent failure of the middle batting have made 1963 a rather patchy and uncertain season.

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Regular members of the Eleven were: G. F. Keelys (capt.); M. S. Ford; D. A. M. Bent; P. N. Shellard; A. T. Barrett; C. C. Ford; J. Fairlie; D. S. Partridge; M. L. Thorpe; P. G. Henderson; T. R. Morris; G. J. Bailey.

The following also played: P. H. Painton; J. R. Jennings; P. B. Godfrey; T. B. Moore; and D. W. Penney.

Full Colours were awarded during the season to: D. A. M. Bent; P. N. Shellard; A. T. Barrett and C. C. Ford.

Half Colours were awarded to: P. N. Shellard; J. Fairlie; D. S. Partridge; M. L. Thorpe; and P. G. Henderson.

D. A. M. Bent won the Fletcher Cup with an average of 35.6 and was also awarded the Common Room Bat. The Morris Cup was awarded to A. T. Barrett as the best all round cricketer in the side. G. F. Keelys and P. H. Blackburn won the Henderson Cricket Prizes. The prize awarded by the Prefects' Common Room to the most promising junior cricketer, won last year by Blackburn, went this year to N. K. Cook.

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Bennett House beat Blacknall House in the final of the Senior House Matches, a replay having been necessary.

Tesdale House beat Reeves House in the final of the Junior House Matches.

Reeves House won the Senior House League Cup and Blacknall House won the Junior League.

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## DETAILS OF FIRST ELEVEN MATCHES

Played 13; Won 4; Drawn 3; Lost 6; Cancelled 3.

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*v. Newbury Grammar School (h), 11th May. Won by 5 wickets.*

<i>Abingdon School</i>		<i>Newbury G.S.</i>	
Bent, b Cryer	26	Wilson, not out	26
Shellard, c Fox, b Cryer	40	Bailey, c & b Keeyes	5
Jennings, run out	18	Evans, run out	8
Ford, MS, b Evans	20	Cryer, lbw Keeyes	0
Ford, CC, run out	17	Harding, lbw Keeyes	0
Barrett, not out	21	Miller, c Fairlie, b Ford, MS	6
Partridge, not out	22	Pattison, M, c Fairlie, b Keeyes	2
		Pattison, A, b Keeyes	0
		Fox, c Barrett, b Keeyes	0
		Peel, c Fairlie, b Ford, MS	0
		Anderson, b Thorpe	4
Extras (b 9, lb 2, nb 1)	12	Extras (b 2, lb 1)	3
Total (for 5 dec.)	<u>176</u>	Total	<u>54</u>

Fairlie, Thorpe, Keeyes, Painton did not bat.

Peel 0.31, Anderson 0.38, Fox 0.12, Miller 0.22, Cryer 2.19  
Evans 1.40.

Barrett 0.10, Thorpe 1.5, Keeyes 6.27, Ford, MS 2.8, Bent 0.1.

*v. Royal Masonic, Bushey (a), 18th May. Won by 8 runs.*

<i>Abingdon School</i>		<i>Royal Masonic, Bushey</i>	
Beni, c Calder, b Skillicorn	91	Calder, b Barrett	14
Shellard, b Skillicorn	67	Lomas, b Keeyes	143
Fairlie, c Thomas, b Skillicorn	2	Woodford, b Barrett	0
Ford, MS, b Skillicorn	20	Skillicorn, b Barrett	3
Barrett, c Astill, b Woodford	3	Astill, c & b Keeyes	0
Ford, CC, c Williams, b Skillicorn	1	Mees, c Ford, MS, b Keeyes	21
Partridge, b Skillicorn	3	Nesbitt, lbw Keeyes	9
Jennings, not out	9	Curry, c Barrett, b Keeyes	3
Thorpe, b Skillicorn	8	Povey, run out	3
		Williams, not out	0
		Thomas, c Partridge, b Keeyes	0
Extras (b 2)	2	Extras (b 2)	2
Total (for 8 dec.)	<u>206</u>	Total	<u>198</u>

Keeyes, Painton, did not bat.

Skillicorn 7.66, Lomas 0.64, Woodford 1.54, Nesbit 0.22.

Barrett 3.21, Thorpe 0.14, Keeyes 6.101, Ford, MS 0.38, Partridge 0.25.



*v. Pangbourne Nautical College (h), 22nd May. Match drawn.*

*Abingdon School*

Bent, not out	100
Shellard, c Lane-Nott, b Byrne	102
Extras (b 1)	1
<b>Total (for 1 dec.)</b>	<b>203</b>

*Pangbourne Nautical College*

Woolley, st Painton, b Ford, MS	1
Shanks, c Fairlie, b Ford, MS	19
Byrne, c Painton, b Ford, MS	10
Brown, st Painton, b Bent	39
Neale, c Shellard, b Ford, MS	10
Coburn, b Bent	2
Lane-Nott, c Fairlie, b Partridge	7
Howard, c Ford, CC, b Partridge	21
Aitkeh, run out	13
Plumner, not out	0
Down, not out	0
Extras (b 3, lb 2)	5
<b>Total (for 9)</b>	<b>157</b>

Ford MS, Fairlie, Ford CC, Barrett, Partridge, Godfrey, Thorpe, Keays, Painton, did not bat.

Brown 0.24, Down 0.23, Byrne 1.42, Shanks 0.66, Aitken 0.46.

Keays 0.53, Ford, MS 4.61, Bent 2.24, Partridge 2.13.

*v. Bloxham School (h), 25th May. Won by 3 wickets.*

*Bloxham School*

Free, lbw Moore	13
Abbott, c Partridge, b Ford, MS	41
Gibbs, b Keays	18
Thame, lbw Keays	0
Hemmings, run out	6
Long, c Partridge, b Ford, MS	5
Bateman, run out	5
Vincent, b Ford, MS	0
Deeley, c Moore, b Ford, MS	6
Herbert, c Painton, b Ford, MS	0
Nash, not out	4
Extras (b 3)	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>101</b>

*Abingdon School*

Bent, b Gibbs	11
Shellard, b Gibbs	17
Ford, MS, b Tame	6
Fairlie, b Gibbs	0
Ford, CC, c Long, b Tame	17
Barrett, not out	34
Moore, lbw Herbert	5
Partridge, c Gibbs, b Herbert	7
Thorpe, not out	5
Extras (lb 3)	3
<b>Total (for 7)</b>	<b>105</b>

Barrett 0.10, Thorpe 0.20, Moore 1.25, Keays 2.25, Ford, MS 5.18.

Gibbs 3.48, Tame 2.33, Herbert 2.21.

*v. Berkshire Gentlemen (h), 29th May. Lost by 18 runs.*

<i>Berkshire Gentlemen</i>		<i>Abingdon School</i>	
A. T. Davis, c & b Barrett	8	Bent, lbw Booth	78
T. G. Evans, c Fairlie, b Keeyes	81	Shellard, b Neate	10
M. Vallance, b Partridge	28	Ford, MS, b Oats	1
W. J. Phipps, c & b Partridge	0	Fairlie, b Oats	18
P. B. Dunthorne, c Bent,		Ford, CC, c Davis, b Brooks	21
b Partridge	12	Barrett, c & b Neate	19
C. E. W. Brooks, b Ford, MS	20	Moore, c Vallance, b Booth	3
T. Lake, b Keeyes	5	Partridge, b Neate	0
F. Booth, b Ford, MS	4	Thorpe, lbw Neate	2
F. W. Neate, c Partridge, b Keeyes	7	Keeyes, not out	0
P. H. Oats, c Ford, CC, b Keeyes	6	Painton, b Neate	0
H. L. Lewis, not out	1		
Extras (b 6, lb 1)	7	Extras (b 8, nb 1)	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>161</b>

Barrett 1.21, Thorpe 0.9, Keeyes 4.52, Ford, MS 2.41, Bent 0.16, Partridge 3.33.

Oats 2.45, Neate 5.27, Brooks 1.48, Davis 0.24, Booth 2.13.

*v. Abingdon Cricket Club (h), 1st June. Lost by 2 wickets.*

<i>Abingdon School</i>		<i>Abingdon C.C.</i>	
Bent, c Roper, b M. Smith	2	A. Humphries, c Painton	0
Shellard, c Roper, b Harris	15	b Penny	33
Ford, MS, b Harris	12	G. Evans, run out	16
Fairlie, b Allen	9	M. Smith, c Partridge, b Keeyes	4
Ford, CC, b Harris	3	C. Roper, c Partridge,	22
Barrett, c D. Smith, b M. Smith	24	b Ford, MS	6
Partridge, st Roper, b M. Smith	26	J. Bunce, c Thorpe, b Bent	19
Thorpe, not out	32	A. Ambrose, lbw Ford, MS	3
Keeyes, b Allen	0	D. Smith, lbw Partridge	17
Penny, b Harris	8	P. B. Dunthorne, run out	14
		J. Harris, not out	8
Extras (b 4, lb 6)	10	K. Allen, not out	
<b>Total (for 9 dec.)</b>	<b>141</b>	Extras (b 8)	142

Painton did not bat.

R. M. Whiting did not bat.

Smith, M 3.61, Smith, D 0.8, Harris 4.18, Whiting 0.6, Allen 2.38.

Barrett 0.16, Penny 1.15, Keeyes 1.32, Ford, MS 2.23, Partridge 1.27, Bent 1.21.

*v. Nottingham High School (h), 4th June. Won by 18 runs.*

<i>Abingdon School</i>		<i>Nottingham High School</i>	
Bent, b Owens	26	Cunningham, c & b Barrett	7
Shellard, b Palfreman	15	Warsop, lbw Keeyes	9
Ford, MS, st Anthony,		Harvey, b Barrett	5
b Johnson	45	Haywood, c Ford, MS, b Keeyes	16
Fairlie, c Anthony, b Johnson	5	Owens, c Barrett, b Ford, MS	14
Ford, CC, c Haywood,		Anthony, lbw Keeyes	5
b Johnson	4	Palfreman, c Barrett, b Keeyes	15
Barrett, c Haywood,		Moody, lbw Keeyes	19
b Palfreman	10	Barclay, b Keeyes	1
Moore, c Cunningham, b Johnson	4	Aylett, not out	7
Partridge, st Anthony, b Johnson	0	Johnson, c Bent, b Keeyes	5
Thorpe, run out	0		
Keeyes, st Anthony, b Johnson	6		
Painton, not out	0		
Extras (b 4, lb 1)	5	Extras (b 9, lb 1, w 1)	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>114</b>

Palfreman 2.41, Owens 1.32, Moody 0.20, Johnson 6.34.      Barrett 2.39, Thorpe 0.8, Keeyes 7.38, Ford, MS 1.18, Partridge 0.0.

*v. Pembroke College (a), 12th June. Lost by 4 wickets.*

<i>Abingdon School</i>		<i>Pembroke College</i>	
Bent, c Price, b Johnson	4	N. G. Phelps, st Henderson,	
Shellard, st Moody,		b Ford, MS	48
b Broome-Witts	37	O. R. Stansfield, c Thorpe,	
Ford, MS, b Johnson	0	b Keeyes	29
Ford, CC, c Price, b Johnson	0	J. Stoker, lbw Keeyes	6
Barrett, c Johnson,		K. F. R. Lofthouse,	
b Broome-Witts	40	lbw Ford, MS	3
Fairlie, st Moody,		F. E. B-Witts, c Thorpe,	
b Broome-Witts	0	b Keeyes	4
Morris, c Millar, b Bampton	0	D. B. Moody, not out	0
Thorpe, b Bampton	0	R. J. C. Bampton, c Shellard,	
Partridge, b Bampton	0	b Ford, MS	0
Keeyes, not out	4	P. J. Price, not out	1
Henderson, c Moody			
b Broome-Witts	0		
Extras (b 2, lb 1)	3	Extras	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>Total (for 6)</b>	<b>91</b>

Millar 0.26, Johnson 3.39, Broome-Witts 4.13, Bampton 3.6, Herriot 0.1.      P. Herriot, D. R. D. Johnson, G. Millar did not bat.  
Keeyes 3.43, Barrett 0.20, Ford, MS 3.28.

v. Old Abingdonians (h), 14th, 15th June. Match drawn.

<i>Old Abingdonians 1st innings</i>		<i>Abingdon School, 1st innings</i>	
D. M. Goodwin, b Keeyes	32	Bent, c. Whiteford, b Goodwin	29
B. A. Whiteford, c Bent, b Thorpe	11	Shellard, b Baldwin	50
W. Phipps, lbw Ford, MS	25	Barrett, b Baldwin	1
B. G. Budden, b Keeyes	0	Ford, MS, b Rosevear	6
M. J. Brackley, lbw Barrett	30	Ford, CC, not out	52
B. R. Rosevear, lbw Keeyes	5	Fairlie, c Brackley, b Rosevear	0
P. J. Penny, b Barrett	16	Partridge, c Penny, b Rosevear	0
R. Clewley, c Ford, CC, b Partridge	11	Morris, b Baldwin	1
R. F. Burton, lbw Barrett	0	Thorpe, b Davis	1
C. M. Davis, c & b Partridge	5	Keeyes, not out	17
R. J. Baldwin, not out	0		
Extras (b 3, nb 1)	4	Extras (b 3, nb 1)	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>Total (for 9 dec.)</b>	<b>161</b>

Henderson did not bat.

Barrett 3.25, Thorpe 1.33, Keeyes 3.24, Ford, MS 1.11, Partridge 2.29, Bent 0.13.

Davis 1.32, Whiteford 0.16, Baldwin 3.54, Goodwin 1.24, Rosevear 3.31.

<i>Old Abingdonians, 2nd innings</i>		<i>Abingdon School, 2nd innings</i>	
B. A. Whiteford, c Barrett, b Partridge	48	Bent, c Baldwin, b Goodwin	18
D. M. Goodwin, c Ford, CC, b Keeyes	26	Shellard, lbw Whiteford	16
W. Phipps, c & b Partridge	70	Barrett, lbw Goodwin	34
R. Clewley, lbw Partridge	17	Ford, MS, not out	38
M. J. Brackley, not out	5	Partridge, c Phipps, b Budden	4
P. J. Penny, b Partridge	10	Ford, CC, c Budden, b Davis	7
B. G. Budden, c Keeyes, b Partridge	2	Morris, not out	7
B. R. Rosevear, b Barrett	0		
R. F. Burton, lbw Barrett	0	Extras (lb 2, nb 2)	4
Extras (b 6, lb 1)	7		
<b>Total (for 8 dec.)</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>Total (for 5)</b>	<b>128</b>

C. M. Davis, R. J. Baldwin did not bat.

Fairlie, Thorpe, Keeyes, Henderson did not bat.

Barrett 2.27, Keeyes 1.59, Ford, MS, 0.36, Bent 0.26, Partridge 5.29.

Whiteford 1.39, Davis 1.21, Goodwin 2.19, Baldwin 0.25, Budden 1.21.

v. *Incogniti Cricket Club* (h), 22nd June. Lost by 10 wickets.

<i>Abingdon School</i>		<i>Incogniti Cricket Club</i>	
Bent, b James	52	W. J. Allenby, not out	57
Shellard, b March	7	D. Corrie, not out	42
Barrett, b March	1		
Ford, MS, hit wicket, b James	15		
Ford, CC, b Cameron	6		
Morris, hit wicket, b James	1		
Bailey, c March, b James	0		
Thorpe, lbw Cameron	0		
Partridge, c Page, b Cameron	0		
Keeyes, c Cameron, b James	9		
Henderson, not out	0		
Extras (b 5, lb 5)	10	Extras (b 2, lb 1)	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>Total (for 0)</b>	<b>102</b>

D. Moody, K. L. Hinkley-Smith, G. V. H. Cameron, A. Page, M. Vallance, R. E. Alton, J. March, J. C. M. Millar, P. James did not bat.

March 2.27, Millar 0.17, James 5.32, Cameron 3.15.

Barrett 0.27, Thorpe 0.18, Keeyes 0.31, Ford, MS 0.23.

v. *Brentwood School* (a), 3rd July. Lost by 7 wickets.

<i>Abingdon School</i>		<i>Brentwood School</i>	
Bent, c Russell, b Acfield, IR	20	Russell, lbw Barrett	11
Shellard, c & b Acfield, IR	2	Jones, b Barrett	11
Barrett, b Acfield, IR	1	Crabtree, c Keeyes, b Partridge	23
Ford, MS, b Acfield, DL	33	Bowman, not out	38
Ford, CC, c Harvey, b Acfield, IR	4	Harvey, not out	20
Morris, b Russell, SN	4		
Keeyes, b Acfield, IR	1		
Bailey, c Watts, b Acfield, IR	16		
Thorpe, c Russell, SN, b Russell, TB	3		
Partridge, not out	16		
Henderson, b Russell, TB	4		
Extras	0	Extras (b 1, lb 2, w 1)	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>Total (for 3)</b>	<b>107</b>

Russell, Waite, Acfield, Robbins, Watt, Acfield, IR did not bat.

Acfield, IR 5.49, Acfield, DL 2.29, Russell, SN 1.20, Russell, TB 2.6.

Barrett 2.32, Keeyes 0.25, Ford, MS 0.14, Partridge 1.19, Thorpe 0.13.

*v. Abingdon School Common Room (h), 13th July. Match drawn.*

<i>Abingdon School</i>		<i>Abingdon School Common Room</i>	
Bent, lbw Booth	6	A. A. Hillary, not out	86
Shellard, c Murray, b Baker	48	R. G. Mortimer, lbw Keeyes	12
Barrett, c Booth, b Hillary	39	R. H. Baker, c & b Keeyes	5
Ford, MS, c & b Mortimer	7	L. C. J. Griffin, c Ford, CC,	
Ford, CC, c & b Hillary	1	b Keeyes	4
Bailey, c Mortimer, b Hillary	3	I. C. Murray, lbw Ford, MS	0
Partridge, not out	30	M. W. Vallance, not out	15
Morris, not out	27	Extras (b 3, w 1, nb 1)	5
Extras (b 4, lb 1, nb 1)	6		
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Total (for 6 dec.)	167	Total (for 4)	127
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Thorpe, Keeyes, Henderson, did not bat.		G. M. Keating, F. Booth, J. V. Tyson, C. J. Owen, G. M. Pratt did not bat.	
Owen 0.36, Hillary 3.22, Booth 1.47, Mortimer 1.32, Baker 1.22.		Keys 3.33, Partridge 0.12, Ford, MS 1.33, Ford, CC 0.23, Barrett 0.18.	

*v. Magdalen College School (h), 25th July. Lost by 5 runs.*

<i>Abingdon School</i>		<i>Magdalen College School</i>	
Bent, c Hickman, b Smith	0	Morris, run out	18
Shellard, b Smith	34	Hunter, lbw Thorpe	0
Barrett, b Hancock	28	Hancock, b Barrett	38
Ford, MS, c Taylor, b Hancock	7	Smith, c Henderson, b Keeyes	27
Ford, CC, c Wyatt, b Smith	0	Taylor, not out	28
Morris, b Hancock	0	Hickman, hit wkt., b Barrett	4
Bailey, c Wyatt, b Hancock	14	Wyatt, not out	0
Partridge, run out	11		
Keeyes, b Smith	5		
Thorpe, not out	7		
Henderson, lbw Madden	3		
Extras (b 1, lb 1, nb 1)	3	Extras	0
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Total	111	Total (for 5)	115
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Smith 4.51, Madden 1.29, Hancock 4.29.		Barrett 2.22, Thorpe 1.10, Keeyes 1.53, Ford, MS 0.22, Partridge 0.9.	

## BATTING AVERAGES

	No. of Innings	Not Out	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average
Bent	14	1	463	100*	35.6
Shellard	14	0	460	102	32.9
Barrett	13	2	255	40	23.2
Ford, MS	13	1	212	45	17.7
Ford, CC	13	1	147	52*	12.3
Partridge	13	3	119	30*	11.9
Keeys	8	3	42	17*	8.4
Thorpe	10	3	58	32*	8.3
Morris	7	2	40	27*	8.0
Fairlie	7	0	34	18	4.9

Also batted: Moore 3.0.12.5.4; Bailey 4.0.33.16.8.3; Henderson 4.1.7.4.2.3; Jennings 2.1.27.18.27; Painton 2.1.0.0\*; Penny 1.0.8.8.8.

## BOWLING AVERAGES

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Partridge	48.5	6	209	14	14.9
Keeys	192.2	45	621	37	16.8
Ford, MS	123.1	27	390	22	17.7
Barrett	134.3	36	319	15	21.3
Thorpe	51.4	12	145	4	36.3

Also bowled: Bent 26.5.3.101.3.34; Moore 5.0.25.1.25; Penny 2.0.15.1.15; Ford, CC 5.2.23.0.—

## SECOND ELEVEN

The team this year seemed from the first to be one of all-rounders with a slight preponderance of seam bowlers, a sad lack of an obvious wicket-keeper and no natural opening partner in the batting for Taylor. However, Henderson was quick to seize the chance behind the stumps as was Morris to try his hand at opening with Taylor. So well did they succeed that they, together with the Captain, Bailey, left us with reluctant pleasure to join the 1st XI. The burden of all three tasks fell upon Taylor. His experience, watchful control and example (not least in the nets), was well-rewarded by a good win in the final match of the season at M.C.S. In that game, too, Munson, newly raised in the order as Taylor's opening partner, shewed his true worth with the bat and as an off-spinner. Both are to be congratulated on their award of well-deserved half-colours.

Earlier in the season, under Bailey's captaincy, the team's tradition of enjoyable and well fought matches thrived. The team is to be commended for its spirit which never faltered in spite of the fact that, owing to cancellations by opponents and a spell of bad weather, only

half of the original fixture list was played. Perhaps it was partly this lack of match practice which caused the standard of fielding to be below what one has come to expect in recent years.

In spite of all its frustrations the season was a rewarding one; especially pleasing was the development and promise of two younger members of the team, Dunthorne and Godfrey.

#### Results

(Played 5, Won 4, Drawn 1)

*v. Newbury G.S. (a). 11th May. Won by 65 runs.*

Abingdon 127 for 4 dec. (Godfrey 40, Bailey 31 n.o.) .

Newbury 62 (Moore 5 for 36, Dickinson 5 for 22).

*v. Bloxham (a). 25th May. Won by 4 wkts.*

Bloxham 110 for 8 dec.

Abingdon 114 for 6 (Johnson 53).

*v. Abingdon C.C. (a). 1st June. Drawn.*

Abingdon C.C. 141 (K. Woolley 67).

Abingdon 132 for 6 (Morris 41, Jennings 44 n.o.).

*v. King Alfred's, Wantage 1st XI (h). 10th July. Won by 111 runs.*

Abingdon 181 (Bailey 82 n.o.).

King Alfred's 70.

*v. Magdalen College School (a). 20th July. Won by 21 runs.*

Abingdon 135 (Taylor 35, Munson 49).

M.C.S. 114 (Munson 6 for 45, Moore 4 for 33).

The following played: J. W. Dickinson, P. B. Godfrey, P. R. Munson, D. W. Taylor (5 matches); G. J. Bailey, F. J. Stiff (4 matches); P. G. Henderson, J. R. Jennings, A. E. Johnson, T. R. Morris, T. B. Moore (3 matches); J. W. B. Dunthorne, D. E. Joyce, S. R. Wilson (2 matches); P. H. Blackburn, A. M. Forsyth, R. A. Jackson, D. W. Penney, J. D. Urwick (one match). C.D.B.M.

#### COLTS ELEVEN

The Colts had a successful season, winning four out of six matches and losing only one. It was a pity that the matches against Reading and Oratory were rained off.

This was a workmanlike, rather than a brilliant side, and success was due more to some good bowling than large scores or fine batsmanship. Penney was the most consistent and successful bowler, taking twenty wickets at a cost of 6.35 each; but Heading, Davis and Jackson also bowled well on occasions.

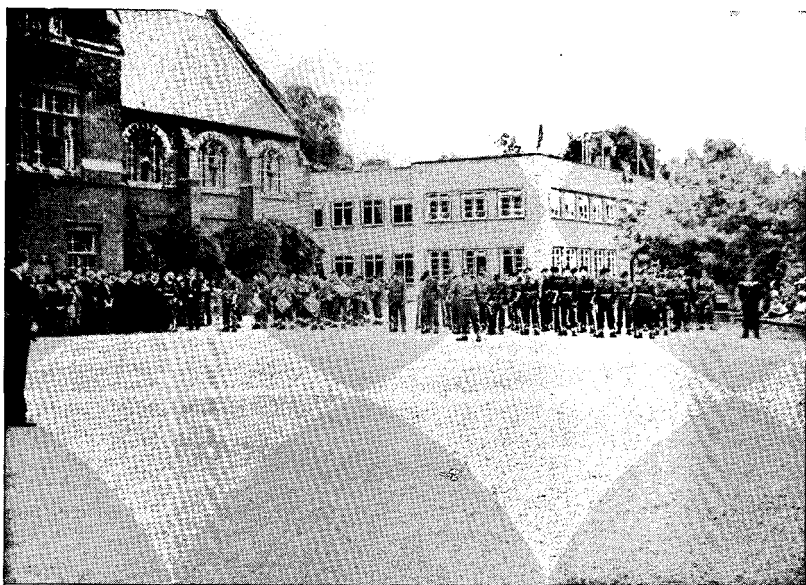
The batting never really lived up to its promise. Evans, Davis and Blackburn all made useful scores, but Davis was the only one to reach



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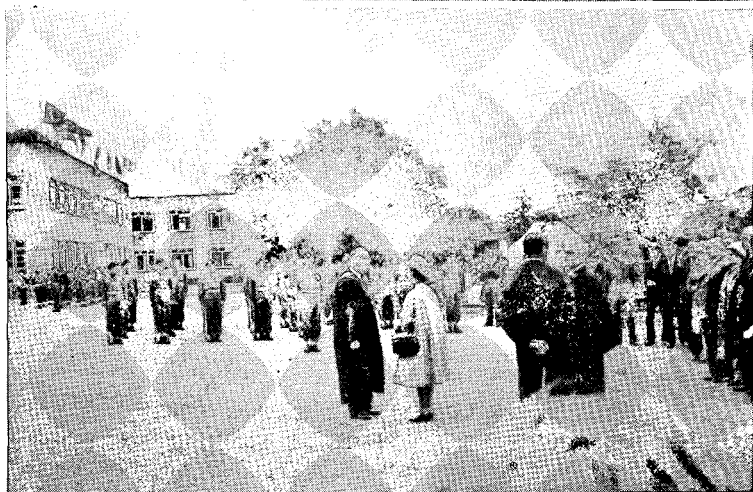
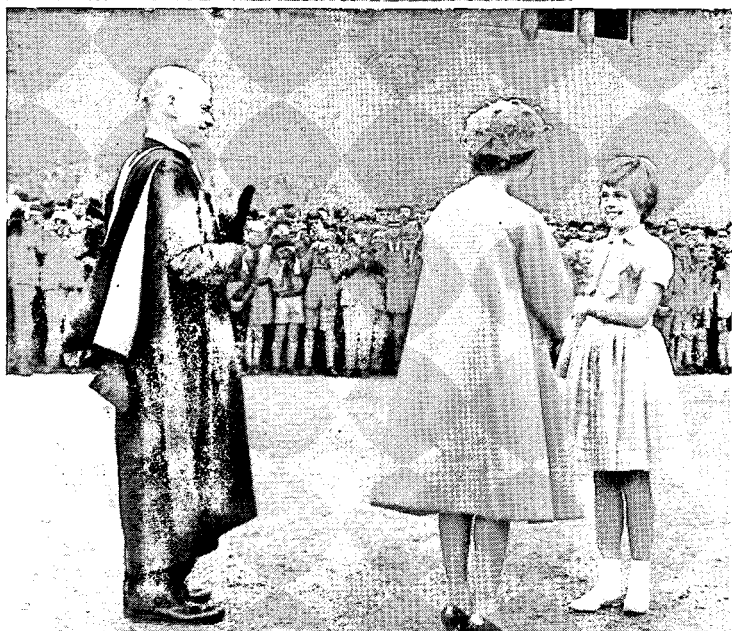


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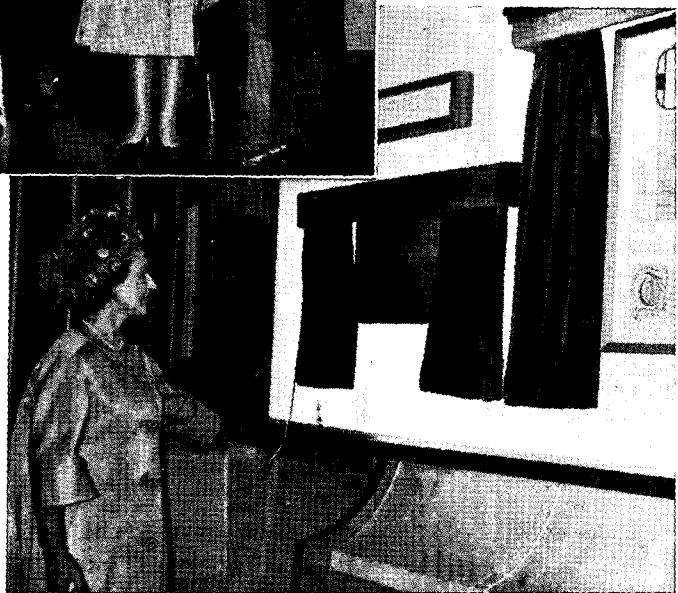


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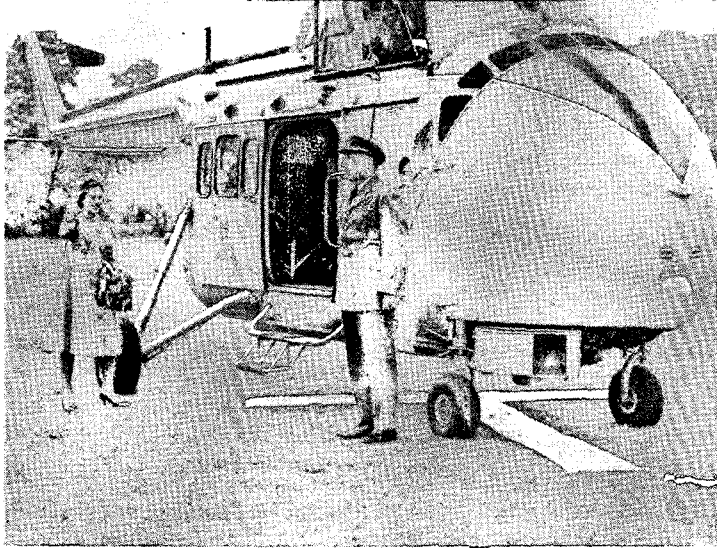


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FOUNDER'S DAY



Lady Sinclair with the Old Boys' 400th Birthday Cake



Imperial Votaress — J.V.T.



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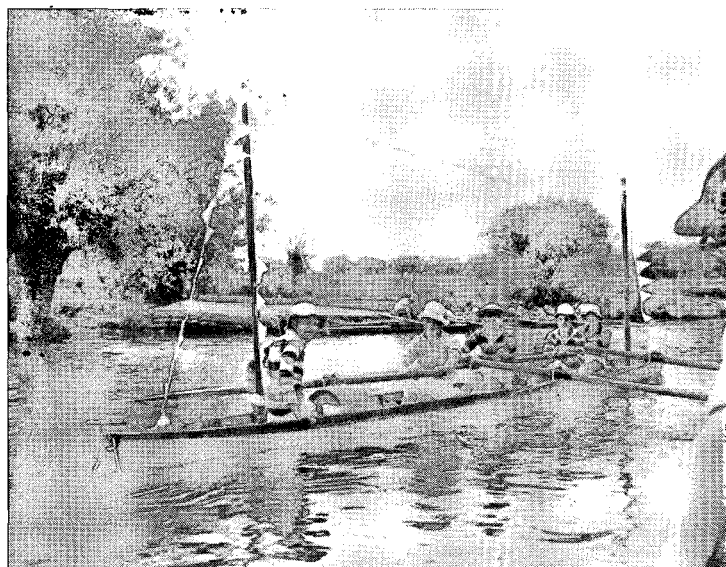
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— TO SEE THE TWO CATHEDRALS



H.R.H.  
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Conveying the  
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Idyll  
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(JB and SR)



50, and all were out more than once to lazy shots. Mellor and Penney also batted well on more than one occasion, both perhaps with more dogged determination than style. Several other promising batsmen failed to do themselves justice.

The fielding was patchy. Ground fielding was generally good and throwing in accurate, once the season had got under way. I hope, however, that the side learnt the lesson that dropped catches make it more difficult to win — certainly one more match could have been won if all the catches had been held.

Both Davis and Painton kept wicket competently; and Evans was a quiet and efficient captain who handled his bowling well.

#### Results

*v. Radley College (a), 11th May. Lost.*

Abingdon 72; Radley 73 for 5 (Penney 5 for 26).

*v. Pangbourne Nautical College 2nd XI (h), 22nd May. Won.*

Pangbourne 94 (Penney 4 for 31, Heading 3 for 3); Abingdon 95 for 5 (Evans 37).

*v. Bloxham School (h), 25th May. Won.*

Bloxham 75 (Penney 4 for 22; Heading 6 for 21); Abingdon 76 for 4.

*v. Cokethorpe Park School (a), 22nd June. Won.*

Abingdon 130 for 8 dec. (Davis 50); Cokethorpe 73 (Davis 3 for 20).

*v. Douai School (a), 26th June. Drawn.*

Douai 77 (Jackson 5 for 31, Davis 3 for 19); Abingdon 52 for 6.

*v. St. Edward's School (h), 20th July. Won.*

St. Edward's 68 (Davis 4 for 19, Penney 3 for 16); Abingdon 70 for 7.

The full team was: P. J. Evans (capt.), D. W. Penney, R. A. Jackson, R. B. Davis, P. H. Blackburn, M. J. Heading, P. H. Painton, J. B. Morgan, N. G. Burns, J. C. Mellor, N. D. Brice.

Also played: A. R. Coffee (twice); R. A. Chaplin, D. G. Halstead, R. F. Gillespie, N. C. Ware (once each). L.C.J.G.

#### JUNIOR COLTS' ELEVEN

The Juniors Colts side has had rather a mixed season. At full strength, they were a very powerful team but unfortunately this was not often the case because of calls from above. The reserve strength was thin but to give credit where it is due fought hard.

Two points arise out of the season. First, the inability on several occasions to press home a good start — this was more marked on the bowling side — and perhaps more aggression is called for. It was pleasing to see that Blackburn was not slow to attack in the later matches. Secondly, there was a marked improvement in the fielding in the latter half of the season, more mobility developing and several good catches being held.

Coomber and Halstead could always be relied upon to give us a steady opening and Halstead is capable of becoming quite a fair wicket keeper. When they were with us, Blackburn and Heading were outstanding as run scorers, well backed by Brice and Cook. Vowles disappointed as a bat — he tried to hit the ball too hard — but more than made up for it with his bowling. The bowling was — or could be — very strong. Cook shows great promise as a left arm opening bowler and surprised many batsmen by his pace from such an awkward angle — one rarely meets left arm over the wicket. Harper spins the ball well but does not vary his flight enough. Heading is a useful left arm spinner and Ford, BH showed promise as an all rounder.

In conclusion, this could have been a very good side but circumstances were against it. Blackburn proved an able captain who has already a good grasp of the game and should do well later on. They were a very pleasant team to coach — win or lose — which in itself is a good thing.

#### Results

(Played 7; Won 1, Drawn 3, Lost 3)

*v. Newbury G.S. (a). 11th May. Drawn.*

Newbury 147 for 6; Abingdon 95 for 6 (Coomber 22, Vowles 20 n.o.).

*v. Radley College (h). 18th May. Lost by 98 runs.*

Radley 163 for 2 dec; Abingdon 65.

*v. Bloxham School (a). 25th May. Lost by 72 runs.*

Bloxham 122 for 9 dec.; Abingdon 50.

*v. Salesian College (h). 12th June. Drawn.*

Abingdon 125 for 4 dec. (Halstead 47, Blackburn 42); Salesian 41 for 9 (Cook 5 for 15).

*v. Oratory School (h). 26th June. Lost by 8 wkts.*

Abingdon 51; Oratory 55 for 2.

*v. M.C.S. (h). 17th July. Won by 81 runs.*

Abingdon 128 for 5 dec. (Heading 40 n.o., Cook 25); M.C.S. 47 (Cook 5 for 30).

*v. St. Edward's School (h). 20th July. Drawn.*

St. Edward's 127 (Harper 4 for 22); Abingdon 87 for 7 (Coomber 24).

The full team was: P. H. Blackburn (capt.), D. G. Halstead (w/c.), R. Coomber, M. J. Heading, N. K. Cook, R. G. Coulbeck, M. J. Vowles, J. H. Harper, M. D. Brice, P. H. Painton, T. K. Simmons.

The following also played: P. E. Gibbs (four times); E. A. C. Crouch, B. H. Ford (three each); P. K. Booker, E. P. Caton, M. A. Roden (two each); F. J. Dobbs, A. M. Jell, R. J. Nancarrow (one each).

F.B.

## JUNIOR ELEVEN

## Results

- v. Newbury Grammar School (h), 11th May. Lost by 59 runs (Dobbs 7 for 39).
- v. Cokethorpe Park School (h), 22nd May. Lost by 7 wickets.
- v. Magdalen College School (a), 3rd July. Lost by 6 wickets.

*and 'A' XI matches:*

- v. Millbrook House (h), 26th June. Won by 6 wickets (Varley 5 for 4).
- v. Christ Church Cathedral School (h), 5th July. Won by 9 wickets (Ford 24, Dobbs 7 for 6).

The team was drawn from: N. K. Cook (capt.), R. J. Nancarrow, E. P. Caton, B. J. W. Bradley, P. E. Gibbs, M. W. Parry, A. Rose, B. H. Ford, J. Y. McLaughlan, D. N. Hunt, F. J. Dobbs, J. F. Goldsworthy, P. M. Osborne.

Also played in 'A' matches: N. V. Moore, N. J. Booker, B. J. Fellows, A. J. Varley.

## ROWING

The most satisfying aspect of the rowing this season has been the tremendous enthusiasm of our oarsmen. Enthusiasm has always been a salient feature of the Boat Club, but this year there has been a quite remarkable surge of keenness which has led to much good racing, and has largely compensated for a lack of material success.

Our 1st VIII set the example by developing a high standard of physical fitness and determination.

Owing to the amount of training time missed in the Lent Term when the river was frozen, the Eight was not ready to race early in the term and had fewer races before Henley than we should have liked. It acquired a fair turn of speed however, and came on rapidly in training at Henley. In the race against Beaumont College the School went off very fast and took an early lead of half a length. Beaumont were not to be rattled however, and gradually wore us down and went past to win in a time which compared more than favourably with the other heats of the event on the first day. Disappointing — but our turn will come!

The 2nd VIII, at any rate on home waters, was the best we have so far produced, and the 3rd VIII, Colts VIII and fours showed what could be done by a real determination to win their races.

High-lights of the season were provided by the Quatercentenary Regatta when we welcomed our old friends Magdalen College School

and Bedford Modern School and inhospitably suffered only one reverse at the hands of the B.M.S. 1st VIII; the performances of the 3rd VIII at Oxford Royal Regatta, and the Colts VIII at the Pangbourne Schools' Regatta; and in the Boat Club Regatta at the end of term by the finest sculling final ever witnessed here, the exciting defeat of the Boarders by the Dayboys — the first time this race has been rowed in eights — and the substantial margin by which Blacknall House won the newly established trophy, 'The Eason Goblet' for House Rowing.

It is difficult adequately to express our gratitude to Mr. R. E. Eason, O.A., for the handsome gift of the beautiful goblet, which he won in 1923 at Henley Regatta, to mark our Quatercentenary. After winning the Silver Goblets and Ladies Plate at Henley, in 1923, and gaining his Blue at Oxford in 1924, Mr. Eason for many years coached the highly successful Radley crews, taking them to successes in the Ladies Plate and the Princess Elizabeth Cup. He has also been, and still is, a Steward of Henley Royal Regatta, and has found time to be President of the Old Abingdonian Club and to take a great interest in Abingdon's rowing. Now, in his retirement, he is a Governor of the School, and guide and mentor to the Boat Club.

A final and heart-felt expression of gratitude is due to the Captain and Secretary of Boats, J. J. Mackenzie and M. J. Evans for their excellent work this year, and to the many parents who have supported us at regattas and private races, provided transport and entertainment for our crews, and so magnificently backed up the enthusiasm of their sons often at great personal inconvenience. This applies particularly to those who have helped with the activities of our holiday rowing, the Gryphon B.C. It is this support which makes the coaches feel that win or lose their efforts are worth-while and rewarding.

R.G.M.

### CREWS

1st VIII		2nd VIII	
Bow	E. N. Broadway	Bow	S. J. Baker
2	N. P. Loukes	2	P. N. Atkins
3	B. G. Mackay	3	E. C. C. Crouch
4	E. D. J. Hunter	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

(D. J. B. Hewison rowed in the crew until Henley).      (D. G. Clubley & R. W. Schnellmann rowed at 2 & 7 respectively at Bedford Regatta).

## 3rd VIII

Bow	W. R. Lynn-Robinson
2	A. R. L. Hewison
3	C. M. N. Jamieson
4	M. A. Bisby
5	P. A. Bartlett
6	A. J. Longstaff
7	E. J. Roblin
Stroke	N. P. Coe
Cox	J. S. Hutchins

## Colts VIII

Bow	D. H. Willis
2	S. M. Nicholl
3	I. C. Lamberton
4	S. P. Sewry
5	I. R. Hewes
6	C. H. Portman
7	R. W. Schnellmann
Stroke	D. G. Clubley
Cox	W. M. Marshall

(D. Clare rowed in the crew at the Pangbourne Schools' Regatta)

## Results

## FIRST EIGHT

*June 1st. Twickenham Regatta. Junior-Senior Eights.*

1st Round: Beat Thames R.C.,  $\frac{1}{2}$  length.

2nd Round: Lost to Twickenham R.C., 2 lengths.

*June 8th. Walton Regatta. Junior-Senior Eights.*

Lost to Westminster School I,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  lengths.

*July 6th. Henley Royal Regatta. Princess Elizabeth Cup.*

Lost to Beaumont College by  $3\frac{1}{2}$  lengths.

*July 27th. Bedford Regatta. Junior-Senior Eights.*

Lost to Maidenhead R.C. by  $1\frac{1}{2}$  lengths.

## SECOND EIGHT

*May 25th. Wallingford Regatta. Junior Eights.*

Lost to Avon R.C. by 1 length.

*June 1st. Twickenham Regatta. Junior Eights.*

Lost to Kingston G.S. by 2 lengths.

*June 8th. Walton Regatta. Junior Eights.*

Lost to Westminster Bank by  $\frac{1}{2}$  length.

*June 22nd. Marlow Regatta. Junior Eights.*

Lost to Wycliffe College I by 3 lengths and Cheltenham College by  $\frac{3}{4}$  length.

*July 27th. Bedford Regatta. Junior Eights.*

Lost to King's School, Chester I by  $\frac{3}{4}$  length.

## THIRD EIGHT

*May 25th. Wallingford Regatta. Junior Fours.*

A four from the 3rd VIII lost to Reading University by a canvas.

*June 1st. Reading Clinker Regatta. Maiden Eights.*

Beat Reading School easily.

Lost to Kingston R.C. by  $\frac{1}{2}$  length.

*June 8th. Oxford Royal Regatta. Maiden Eights.*

Round 1: Beat Shrewsbury School by 2 lengths.

Round 2: Beat Monkton Combe School by  $\frac{1}{2}$  length.

Final: Lost to Radley College by 1 length.

*June 20th. Pangbourne Schools' Regatta. Third Eights Event.*

Lost to St. Paul's III by 1 length.

Beat Camford School III by 1 length.

Lost Final of Losers' Race to Carmel College II and Monkton Combe III.

## COLTS EIGHT

*May 25th. Wallingford Regatta. Maiden Fours.*

The Bow Four: lost to Shiplake Court by 2 lengths.

The Stern Four: beat Acton County G.C. by 2 lengths.

lost semi-final to Windsor G.S. by 2 lengths.

*June 1st. Reading Clinker Regatta. Maiden Eights.*

Beat St. George's School by 2 lengths.

Lost to Westminster School by 3 feet.

*June 8th. Oxford Royal Regatta. Maiden Eights.*

Lost to Radley College by  $1\frac{1}{2}$  lengths.

*June 20th. Pangbourne Schools' Regatta. Junior Colts Event.*

Lost to Radley College by 2 lengths and Shrewsbury School by a canvas.

Beat Westminster School by 3 lengths and St. Edward's School easily.

## SCHOOLBOY FOUR

Bow: D. N. Clare; 2. D. W. Tanner; 3. R. W. Schnellmann; Stroke: A. J. Longstaff; Cox: T. J. Wood.

*July 13th. Reading Working Men's Regatta. Junior Schoolboy Fours.*

Round 1: Beat Sir Wm. Borlase School and Reading Bluecoat School by 3 lengths.

Round 2: Beat Crowland R.C. by 1 length.

Final: Beat Wanstead G.S. and Wellington College,  $\frac{1}{2}$  length.

In private fixtures we entertained two fours from Oratory School who rowed against four of our crews. We had three wins and one defeat.

Two of our crews raced a Radley College Social four. Our 'A' crew won by 2 feet and our 'B' crew lost by 3 lengths.

*Quartercentenary Regatta. June 12th.*

- Race 1 Abingdon I beat Bedford Modern II.  
 2 Abingdon II beat Magdalen College School I  
 3 Bedford Modern School I beat Magdalen College School II.  
 4 Bedford Modern School II beat Magdalen College School I.  
 5 Abingdon I beat Magdalen College School II.  
 6 Abingdon II beat Bedford Modern School I.  
 7 Abingdon II beat Bedford Modern School II and Magdalen College School II.  
 8 Bedford Modern School I beat Abingdon I and Magdalen College School I.

Raced over  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile course. All Second Eights received  $\frac{1}{2}$  length start over First Eights.

*A.S.B.C. Regatta*

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

**Results**

Bennett Cup for Senior House Fours: Tesdale.

Order of finishing of Senior 'Bumps': 1—Tesdale; 2—Bennett; 3—Reeves; 4—Blacknall.

2nd Division 'Bumps': Winners—Blacknall.

Order of finishing: 1—Blacknall; 2—Bennett; 3—Tesdale; 4—Reeves.

Pixell Cup for Intermediate House Fours: Blacknall beat Reeves.

Morrell Cup for Junior House Fours: Blacknall beat Tesdale.

Gig Pairs: Blacknall beat Reeves.

Pierpoint Cup: Dayboys VIII beat Boarders VIII.

Haarhoff Cup and Mayor's Waterman Trophy: E. N. Broadway beat D. G. Clubley by 6 feet.

Eason Goblet for the House gaining most points: Blacknall.

We are grateful to Miss Chichester for presenting the Prizes.

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The Gryphon B.C. entered for events in the Maidenhead Regatta on 3rd August and the Henley Town Regatta on August Bank Holiday. Results were as follows:-

**At Maidenhead:**

Junior Fours: Gryhpon lost to Burway, 3 lengths.

Junior Eights: Gyphon lost to Weybridge,  $\frac{1}{2}$  length.

**At Henley:**

Novice Fours: Gryhpon lost to Shrewsbury and Pangbourne, 3 lengths.

Junior Eights: Gryphon lost to Charon B.C. but beat Glasgow Schools,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  lengths.

## ATHLETICS

This summer, for the first time, full-time athletes were able to benefit from a 3-lane 440-yards track which they marked out and maintained on Waste Court Field. This greatly helped with training — although, of course, cricket still had priority during normal games time. A start was also made on the new field events area in the N.E. corner of the field.

The first fixture was a "friendly" match at Westminster Training College. P. J. F. Blair and N. P. J. Bell did well in the sprints and both took advantage of the downhill run-up in the long jump in which all four competitors bettered 20ft. T. A. Marsh threw well in the field events but Westminster generally had the edge and finished comfortable winners.

In the Berkshire Championships at Reading on 25th May A. O. B. Akinbiyi won the Youths' Long Jump with 19ft. 1½ins.; Bell the Youths' Furlong in 24.2 secs.; S. A. Marsh the Youths' Quarter-mile in 54.4 secs.; while A. F. Stewart, P. E. Cable, R. M. Kirby and Bell took second places.

The match against Stamford and Pocklington was closer than the final score suggests since the result was in doubt right up till the final event. If all our athletes had lived up to their reputations we might just have won but it is only fair to record that a number of our opponents also failed to produce their best form. Any despondency over this defeat was soon dispelled by a surprisingly easy victory in a new triangular fixture against Magdalen and Newbury, the highlights of which were some fine half-miling by the Magdalen captain, Barton, and Kirby's victory over the same runner in the quarter mile.

Twenty-one of our competitors were selected to represent the district in the County Schools' Championships at John Mason High School. Our only winners were A. E. Johnson (5ft. 6ins. in the High Jump) and R. K. Gregson (2 mins. 6.6 in the Half Mile), but I. W. D. Matson (10.3 secs. in the 100 yards), Bell, Blair, Kirby, Liversidge, S. Marsh, T. Marsh, and N. A. G. Spackman were all second in their events. Blair and Bell were later invited to represent Berkshire at the All England Championships but unfortunately neither could accept because of examination commitments.

On Wednesday, 26th June, we took an "A" team and some Under 15 competitors for a match at Cokethorpe. This proved to be a very close contest which we finally won 109—95. The highlight of the term was undoubtedly a six-school meeting at Radley on the following day to which we sent individuals rather than a full team. Conditions were ideal, the competition keen and our contingent surpassed themselves gaining eleven first places and putting up as many personal best performances.



A "septathlon" contest (100, 440, Mile, Long, High, Javelin and Shot) was organised towards the end of term but there were so many other activities going on that not all members of the club were able to take part. It was fitting that Kirby, the hard-working secretary of athletics, should become the first champion — largely due to hitherto unknown talent in the high jump. T. Marsh was second and A. T. Barrett (of the 1st XI) was third.

This term's team was built around T. A. Marsh (captain) in the throwing events and P. J. F. Blair in the sprints and long jump. The former set a fine example by his dedicated training and although his javelin throwing did not show the improvement we hoped for it was pleasing to note his progress with the Shot (44ft. in competition). The latter recovered well enough from a motor-bike accident to show great power in the long jump but as yet his flight is still far too uncontrolled. Unfortunately last year's outstanding quarter-miler, V. A. Marsh, was prevented by injury from taking an active part in any athletics this year but his place was very ably filled by R. M. Kirby who has now developed into a very strong runner indeed. (His best time of 51.8 seconds is  $1\frac{1}{2}$  seconds better than the school record).

During the term full colours were awarded to R. M. Kirby, R. K. Gregson and P. W. Liversidge, while N. A. G. Spackman, P. E. Cable, S. A. Marsh, N. P. J. Bell, A. F. Stewart, C. J. Corps, I. R. Flint, J. Kandiah and A. O. B. Akinbiyi received half-colours.

R.H.B.

### MATCHES

As promised in the last issue of the "Abingdonian", we print first the details of the match:

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

#### Senior Match

100 yards:	1—Williams (R) 10.2; 5—Blair.
220 yards:	1—Williams (R) 23.2; 2—Blair; 6—Stewart.
440 yards:	1—Hanscombe (E) 52.0; 4—Kirby; 5—Gregson.
880 yards:	1—Hanscombe (E) 2:05.8; 3—Gregson; 5—Liversidge.
Mile:	1—Peel (E) 4:36.2; 2—Vere Hodge (R).
High Jump:	1—Wietzel (R) 5ft 5; 4—Cable.
Long Jump:	1—Williams (R) 20ft 0½; 3—Blair.
Shot:	1—Spottswood (E) 42ft 2; 2—Winfield; 4—Flint IR.
Discus:	1—Spottswood (E) 129ft 11; 6—Marsh TA.
Javelin:	1—Butterworth (E) 155ft 1; 3—Marsh TA; 5—Kandiah.
Relay:	1—Radley; 2—St. Edward's; 3—Abingdon.
Result:	1—Radley; 2—St. Edward's; 3—Abingdon.

*Junior Match (under 16½ on 1st January, 1963)*

100 yards:	1—Corps 11.1; 3—Marsh SA.
220 yards:	1—Bell 24.3; 4—Corps.
440 yards:	1—Wright (R) 55.3; 2—Marsh SA; 6—Hassett.
880 yards:	1—Avery 2:09.9; 6—Bradfield.
Mile:	1—Millward (E) 4:48.7; 4—Avery.
High Jump:	1—Johnson AE 5ft 5; 4—Kitto.
Long Jump:	1—Wright (R) 18ft 3½; 2—Bell; 5—Jennings.
Shot:	1—Johnson AE 39ft 10; 2—Bosley PV.
Discus:	1—Davis RB 107ft 6; 5—Avery.
Javelin:	1—Tuck (R) 128ft 1; 4—Ford CC; 5—Davis RB.
Relay:	1—Abingdon 48.6; 2—Radley; 3—St. Edwards.
Result:	1—Abingdon; 2—Radley; 3—St. Edward's.

## Details of the main Summer matches:

*v. Stamford and Pocklington (at Stamford). Tuesday, 4th June.*

100 yards:	1—Sharpe (S) 10.7; 4—Blair; 6—Bell.
220 yards:	1—Blair 24.1; 2—Mayfield (S); 3—Bell.
440 yards:	1—Kirby 54.3; 2—Simpson (P); 3—Marsh SA.
880 yards:	1—Cross (P) 2:5.4; 3—Liversidge; 6—Gregson.
Mile:	1—Cross (P) 4:45.4; 4—Avery; 5—Spackman.
High Jump:	1—Buckton (P) 5ft 9½; 4—Cable; 6—Johnson AE.
Long Jump:	1—Buckton (P) 20ft 0½; 2—Blair; 6—Bell.
Shot:	1—Madderson (P) 45ft 11½; 2—Marsh T; 3—Flint I.
Discus:	1—Foxcroft (P) 128ft 10; 2—Marsh T; 5—Flint I.
Javelin:	1—Marsh T 146ft 10½; 2—Haynes (P); 4—Kandiah.
Relay:	1—Stamford 46.3; 2—Pocklington; 3—Abingdon.
Result:	1—Pocklington 74; 2—Stamford 65; 3—Abingdon 59.

*v. Magdalen and Newbury (at Ifley Road). Wednesday, 19th June.*

## Seniors

120 yards:	1—Blair 12.2; 2—Matson; 3—Daube (M).
220 yards:	1—Blair 23.9; 2—Stewart; 3—Daube (M).
440 yards:	1—Kirby 52.8; 2—Barton (M); 3—Stewart.
880 yards:	1—Barton (M) 1:58.6; 2—Liversidge and Gregson.
Mile:	1—Spackman 4:51; 2—Richardson (N); 4—Spencer.
High Jump:	1—Tanswell (N) 5ft 5½; 2—Cable; 4—Kitto.
Long Jump:	1—Blair 20ft 3; 2—Tanswell (N); 4—Akinbiyi.
Triple Jump:	1—Blair 40ft 0; 2—Tanswell (N); 3—Kirby.
Shot:	1—Marsh T 42ft 10; 2—Flint I; 3—Harrison (N).
Discus:	1—Marsh T 120ft 11; 2—Doggett (N); 3—Matson.
Javelin:	1—Marsh T 154ft 5; 2—Lansley (N); 3—Kandiah.
Relay:	1—Abingdon 46.9; 2—Magdalen; 3—Newbury.

*Juniors*

- 120 yards: 1—Corps 12.6; 2—Pyke (M); 3—Marsh S.  
 440 yards: 1—Marsh S 53.9; 2—Steer (M); 3—Bell.  
 880 yards: 1—Avery 2:9.2; 2—Knowland (M); 4—Owen.  
 High Jump: 1—Roblin 5ft 0½; 2—Widdows (N); 3—Groves (M).  
 Long Jump: 1—Perriss (N) 19ft 7½; 2—Bell; 4—Corps.  
 Relay: 1—Abingdon 48.4; 2—Magdalen; 3—Newbury.

Combined Result: 1—Abingdon 172; 2—Newbury 83; 3—Magdalen 65.

*Meeting with Radley, Bradfield, Cheltenham, St. Edward's and Malvern (at Radley). Thursday, 27th June.*

Results of events in which we took part:

*Senior*

- 100 yards: 1—Blair 10.3.  
 220 yards: 1—Blair 23.5.  
 440 yards: 1—Kirby 51.8.  
 880 yards: 3—Liversidge 2:04.0; 4—Gregson 2.04.3.  
 Mile: 6—Spackman 4:49.  
 Long Jump: 1—Blair 21ft 4.  
 Shot: 3—Flint I 38ft 1.

*Junior (under 16½ on 1st January, 1963)*

- 100 yards: 1—Corps 10.6.  
 220 yards: 1—Bell 24.2.  
 440 yards: 1—Marsh S 53.6.  
 880 yards: 1—Avery 2:06.0.  
 High Jump: 1—Johnson 5ft. 4; 4—Kitto 5ft 1.  
 Long Jump: =2—Bell 18ft 7½; 6—Corps 18ft 0½.  
 Shot: 1—Johnson 43ft 1.  
 Relay: 1—Abingdon 48.8.

## THE LXIII MILE RELAY RUN

"Scholae magistro Abendonensis, hoc anno quadringentesimo post scholae restaurationem, Airey Neave, Parliamenti Senator de Bercsirie septentrionali parte, salutem plurimam.

Et hanc chartam octo discipuli eiusdem scholae ferant alterutri invicem tradentes dum sexaginta tria miliaria (qui numerus semper Johanni Royse cordi erat) cursu peragunt de Londinio usque ad burgam Abendonie.

Floreat Schola in sempiternam eruditionem."

Soon after 10 a.m. on 1.5.63, in front of a whirring TV camera, Mr. Airey Neave, M.P., started this message on its 63-mile journey from

the Palace of Westminster to the School. Apart from the first and last legs, the scroll, securely sealed in its relay baton, was carried in roughly one-mile stretches by R. M. Kirby, R. K. Gregson, B. S. Avery, F. A. Bisby, P. W. Liversidge, J. D. Spencer, N. A. G. Spackman and I. W. D. Matson, while Messrs. Baker and Keating in a Minibus and Mr. Tyson in his car were in attendance.

Despite a moderate headwind and incessant drizzle nearly 24 miles were covered in the first two hours. Soon after Maidenhead the rain started beating down, soaking the runners to the skin in seconds as they climbed out of the vehicle. We reached Henley, 40 miles from London, in 3½ hours after a rather slower five miles over rainswept hills, and began the long climb up Bix Hill, shortening the individual runs so as to share the load equally. Strong head winds made the going hard for the last 10 miles or so, but the rain had stopped by now, and the runners gradually stepped up the average to more than 11 m.p.h. once again. The entire eight ran the last leg through the streets and up the drive where a small crowd cheered in a remarkably fresh-looking team. The TV cameramen had been at school interviewing the Headmaster and now they filmed him receiving the scroll from Kirby and congratulating the runners. The entire distance of 63 miles was covered in 5 hours 47 minutes (an average speed of 10.9 m.p.m.) well inside our target of 6.3 hours.

The club is proud to have been able to mark the School's Quatercentenary in this way and takes this opportunity to thank all those who helped to make it possible — especially the Speaker of the House of Commons, the Lord Great Chamberlain, Mr. Airey Neave, the Headmaster, the Metropolitan Police, Mr. Duxbury, Mr. Fairhead, Mr. Keating, Mr. Tyson and the driver of the Minibus.

R.H.B.

## TENNIS

1963 has appropriately been one of our most successful seasons, seven matches being won and one match against another school being lost, though two matches were rained off.

The 1st pair, P. J. Leather and I. J. Newbold, have proved an excellent combination; Leather providing the brilliance with powerful serving and volleying, while Newbold had the steadiness and sagacity, knowing just where to place a winning forehand drive, and making few service errors.

The 2nd pair, T. J. King and N. R. Leach, have not quite fulfilled our best hopes. King in his driving and all court covering has had no equal, but he still lacks the ability to press home his volleys and to put them away. Leach has been something of an enigma; he can produce the most lethal volleys and power services, and yet so often his game has

degenerated into a succession of double faults and fluffed returns; while at his best he has completely dominated the play.

The 3rd pair has been a variable quantity, the search for a good partnership proving unsuccessful. D. N. Laybourne certainly justified his place in the VI by his pertinacity and steady play, but he still lacks power, particularly in his volleying. K. W. R. Dixon had the power, but rarely achieved consistency. In Dixon's absence, two juniors, first M. J. H. Liversidge and later R. E. N. Bradfield deputized very successfully, raising our hopes for next year.

There were no less than 53 entrants for the Buckley Cup, in which P. J. Leather, I. J. Newbold, D. S. Partridge, T. J. King, reached the semi-final; and Leather made his appearance in the final for the third year in succession, only to be defeated by King, who won 1/6, 6/4, 6/0 in a very fluctuating match. T. J. King had previously distinguished himself by winning the Phyllis Court Open Under 18 Singles, and with D. S. Partridge the Open Under 18 Doubles, in April.

The 2nd VI often included up to 4 juniors, and although only one match was won, good practice was obtained against two 1st VI school sides and an experienced Culham College Student 2nd VI. In the earlier junior VI matches, a variable team was played to try out most of the new entrants, but as later matches were rained off the full potential was never realized; though the considerable promise of several juniors was shown in their appearances in the 2nd VI and, in two cases as mentioned, the 1st VI. The juniors have been greatly helped by the weekly visits of Mr. Lay and we again thank him for his most valuable coaching.

We congratulate T. J. King on the award of Colours and his appointment as secretary for next season, and I. J. Newbold on being made Captain. We must also express our grateful thanks to P. J. Leather for all his hard work in two onerous years of captaincy, and for the inspiration he has given to juniors and seniors alike, raising the standard all round. If he does leave before next season his support will be sadly missed.

H.M.G.

### FIRST VI MATCHES

May 8th v. The Common Room (h). Won 8—1.

May 11th v. Radley College (h). Won 5—4.

May 22nd v. Magdalen College School (h). Lost 1½—7½.

May 25th v. Bloxham School (h). Won 6½—2½.

May 29th v. Culham College (h). Lost 1—8.

June 12th v. Reading School (h). Won 9—0.

June 14th—15th v. Old Abingdonians (h). Won 10½—4½.  
(9 doubles and 6 singles).

June 22nd v. Leighton Park School 2nd VI (a). Won 6—3.

July 13th v. Pangbourne Nautical College (a). Won.

July 20th v. Abingdon L.T.C. (a). Lost 2—7.

The matches against Berkhamsted School and R.G.S., High Wycombe were cancelled.

#### SECOND VI MATCHES

(1st Pair: A. E. Willey and P. E. Dixon; 2nd Pair: A. C. Hoddinott and M. J. H. Liversidge; 3rd Pair: R. E. L. Bradfield and R. P. Jessett; also played: B. C. Orland, M. R. Louth, R. J. Luttman and M. G. Cockman).

May 18th v. Salesian College (h). Lost 1½—6.

May 22nd v. Magdalen College School (a). Lost 1½—7½.

May 29th v. Culham College (a). Lost 2—7.

June 22nd v. Staff and Ladies (h). Won 6½—2½.

July 10th v. Wallingford G.S. (h). Lost 4—5.

The match against Oratory School was rained off.

#### JUNIOR VI MATCHES

(1st Pair: R. E. N. Bradfield and R. P. Jessett; 2nd Pair: R. J. Luttman and M. G. Cockman; 3rd Pair: G. Walkinshaw and A. P. Fawcett; also played: D. S. Jackson, J. T. W. Kenney, G. A. Macdonald and A. R. Cantwell).

May 18th v. Salesian College (a). Drawn 4½—4½.

May 25th v. Bloxham School (a). Won 5—4.

June 5th v. Dragon School (h). Lost 2½—6½.

The matches against Douai School and Shiplake Court were rained off.

P.J.L.

#### YOULL CUP AND THOMAS BOWL: PUBLIC SCHOOLS' TENNIS COMPETITION

##### *Youll Cup*

1st Pair: P. J. Leather, I. J. Newbold.

2nd Pair: T. J. King, D. S. Partridge.

##### *Thomas Bowl (Under 16 years)*

1st Pair: R. P. Jessett, R. E. N. Bradfield.

2nd Pair: R. J. Luttman, M. G. Cockman.

Owing to the Davis Cup, the venue was changed from Wimbledon to Eton College, and the new setting proved very pleasant and accessible, some of us returning to follow the closing stages. Our Youll Cup team lacked a 'Nichols' or a 'Woodley', but was otherwise well balanced and appeared good enough for 2 or 3 rounds given a favourable draw; but out of an entry of 85 Public Schools, we were faced with R.G.S. High Wycombe, who were unusually strong this year and in fact ultimately

defeated Charterhouse in the final. Our 1st pair had a flash of brilliance to reach 3—3 in the first set, but went down 3—6, 1—6; while our 2nd pair lost 3—6, 2—6, to their opposite numbers.

In the Thomas Bowl, our junior pairs lost in the first round to Winchester I and Stowe II respectively. Our pairs did their best, but were handicapped by lack of experience on high bouncing hard courts — the one all weather amenity we still greatly need to put us on a par with other schools.

H.M.G.

## SWIMMING

Apart from a few glorious days in June, the weather has been so bad that swimming has been limited to the hardy ones among us.

Some thirty boys took part in a swimming display on Founder's Day, during which D. J. Brown personally raised £5 for the Quatercentenary Appeal.

The Swimming Sports were held on Wednesday, 24th July and although the weather was not warm enough to draw many spectators, those who did attend saw some very exciting events. Of the thirteen records previously standing, ten were broken during the course of the afternoon. The outstanding swimmers of the day were the Wharton twins who broke two records each and P. H. Blackburn who broke three records. Obviously the School possesses a number of very good swimmers and this encourages the prospect of a few swimming matches next year. The Sports were won by Tesdale House and at the end of the afternoon the Cups and Certificates were presented by Miss Gillian Gingell.

### Results:

#### *Open Free Style (2 lengths):*

1—P. H. Blackburn, 27.8 secs. (record); 2—C. Wharton; 3—T. R. Morris.

#### *Junior Diving:*

1—J. W. Sagar; 2—P. H. Blackburn; 3—P. K. Ablewhite.

#### *Under 16 Breast Stroke (4 lengths):*

1—A. Wharton, 1 min. 24.5 secs. (record); 2—R. D. Shuck; 3—R. A. Egalstaff.

#### *Open Free Style (4 lengths):*

1—P. H. Blackburn, 1 min. 7.5 secs. (record); 2—P. W. Liversidge; 3—R. B. Davis.

#### *Under 14 Backstroke (2 lengths):*

1—R. K. Blackburn, 43.6 secs.; 2—J. E. North; 3—A. C. Ellis.

#### *Open Breast Stroke (4 lengths):*

1—T. R. Morris, 1 min. 27.6 secs. (record); 2—N. P. Loukes; 3—R. N. Carter.

*Under 16 Free Style (4 lengths):*

1—C. Wharton, 1 min. 7.2 secs. (record); 2—P. H. Blackburn; 3—D. J. Brown.

*Senior Diving:*

1—R. H. M. Burridge; 2—D. H. Willis; 3—P. H. Blackburn.

*Under 14 Breast Stroke (2 lengths):*

1—P. G. Munnock, 43.3 secs.; 2—A. C. Ellis; 3—P. K. Ablewhite.

*Open Back Stroke (4 lengths):*

1—R. B. Davis, 1 min. 26.9 secs. (record); 2—E. D. Hunter; 3—R. H. Burridge.

*Open Free Style (10 lengths):*

1—C. Wharton, 3 min. 46.6 secs. (record); 2—A. Wharton; 3—P. W. Liversidge.

*Under 16 Backstroke (2 lengths):*

1—P. H. Blackburn, 36.3 secs. (record); 2—C. Wharton; 3—M. J. Theophilus.

*Open Breast Stroke (10 lengths):*

1—A. Wharton, 4 min. 18 secs. (record); 2—T. R. Morris; 3—G. J. Bailey.

*Under 14 Free Style (2 lengths):*

1—P. K. Ablewhite, 36 secs.; 2—C. E. Lilley; 3—R. K. Blackburn.

*Junior Relay (4 x 1 length):*

1—Reeves, 59.8 secs.; 2—Tesdale; 3—Blacknall.

*Senior Relay (4 x 1 length):*

1—Reeves, 59.7 secs.; 2—Blacknall; 3—Tesdale.

The Green Cup for the House with the most points — Tesdale House.

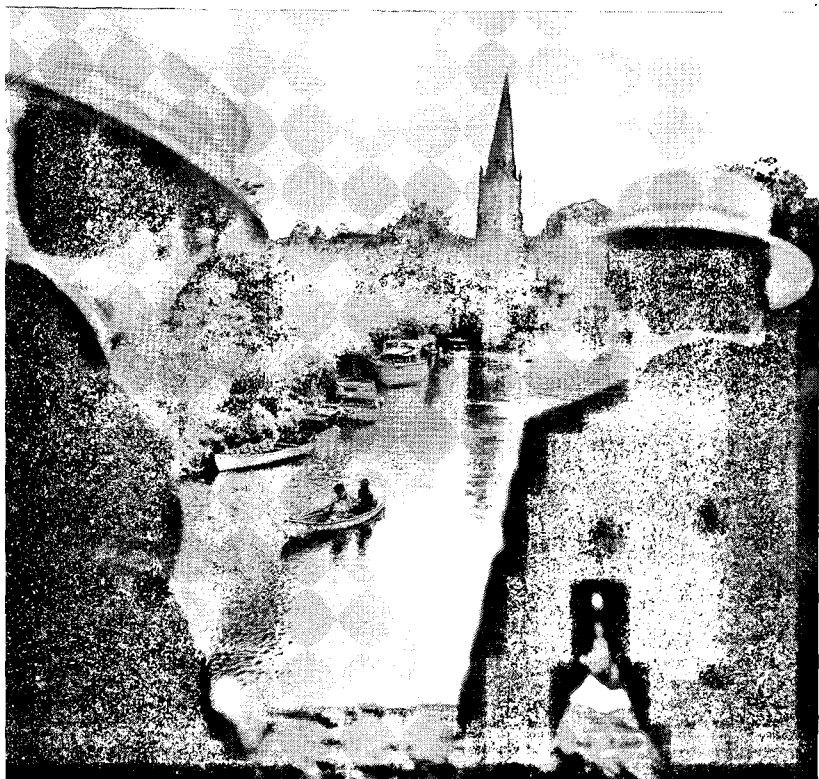
The Becker Cup for the best freestyle swimmer — C. Wharton.

The Elliot Cup for the boy with the most points — P. H. Blackburn.

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The examinations of the Royal Life Saving Society were held on Monday, 29th July, and were largely successful. The following awards were made: *Award of Merit*—T. R. Morris; *Bronze Cross*—C. D. Le Voi, D. N. Roblin; *Instructor's Award*—D. Clare, C. D. Le Voi; *Bronze Medallion*—M. J. Arundel, M. A. Ballinger, F. A. Bisby, D. J. Brown, D. Button, M. T. Carr, N. K. Cook, S. S. Coe, D. C. Cullen, R. B. Davis, R. A. Egalstaff, P. J. Evans, R. A. Forsythe, P. J. Hardwick, P. B. Havelock, P. D. Heast, F. R. Howlett, M. C. Hunter, B. M. Johnston, M. F. Kirby, M. S. Livingston, L. R. Llewellyn, P. R. F. Morgan, R. J. Nancarrow, I. Nayler, T. A. Parfitt, J. W. W. Sagar, M. J. Theophilus, J. L. Walton, and A. N. R. Wharton; *Intermediate Certificate*: P. K. Ablewhite, P. A. Bartlett, J. R. Burton, M. M. Clift, R. D. Egalstaff, J. T. Kenney, D. R. Langmead, M. G. Lewis, M. G. Martin, W. K. Minter, J. E. North, T. R. Paxton, K. C. Richardson, G. C. Ruck and C. J. Spearing.

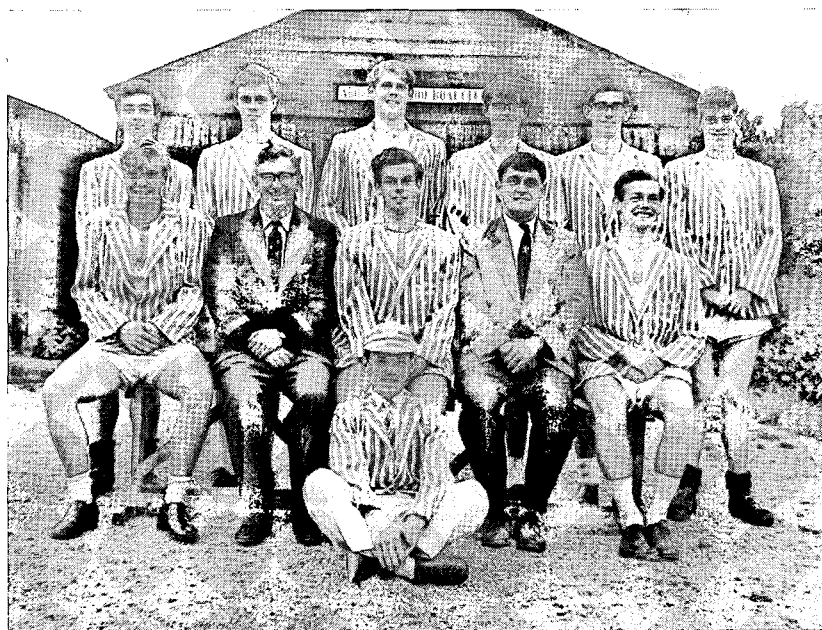
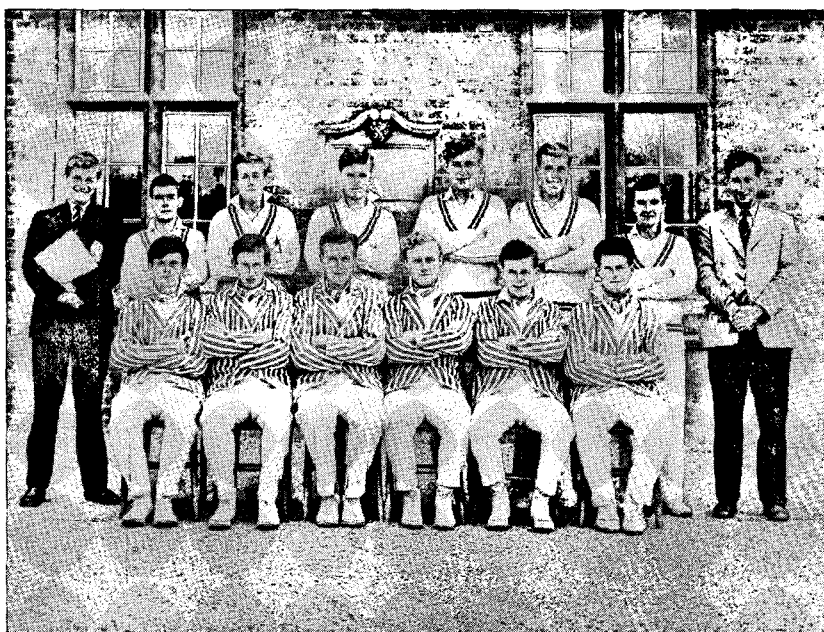




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## COMBINED CADET FORCE

The big event of the Corps summer — the Annual Inspection — was in this Quatercentenary Year, overshadowed by the Royal visit. For this occasion we mounted a Guard of Honour of 24 N.C.O.s and Cadets selected from something like twice that number who took part in early practices. The Guard, pronounced "very smart" by Her Royal Highness, was commanded on the day by Capt. Holloway. A testing experience, for which all ranks fully deserve the thanks and congratulation which we renew to them now.

Because a number of N.C.O. instructors were practising for the Guard for a month of Tuesdays, preparations for the Inspection had to be fitted in, as regards the training programme, on Field Day, held in fine weather on 21st May. The opportunity was taken to practice several of the exercises and demonstrations due to be put on for the Inspecting Officer. One parade day only was available between Princess Margaret's visit and the inspection of the Contingent by Air Marshal Sir Robert Saundby, K.C.B., K.B.E., M.C., D.F.C., A.F.C., D.L., and the value of our preliminary canter on Field Day a month earlier was clearly seen when we became "inspection-minded" after Big Weekend.

To a lesser extent we were able to rehearse the ceremonial parade when we turned out a representative contingent for the Commonwealth Youth Sunday parade. On the big day, the parade passed off very well — perhaps an extra-special effort as a farewell gesture to the retiring C.O.?

Increased commitments during the University term and subsequently at their own Camp, meant, alas, that we lost the services of our R.A. and Signals instructors from O.U.O.T.C. A real blow, particularly to the Signallers who were unable to work in their usual classification exam. For those in the Section who have not left it is hoped to arrange this in the Michaelmas term.

The altered framework of the C.C.F., long promised by the War Office, is now published. The changes involved will, it is thought, affect us less than they will the large compulsory contingent; but we hope they will mean, for all, a new energy, a fresh sense of purpose. With this document in front of him, Major Montague will scarcely need to look into the corners — cluttered up, in any case, with the "third legs" of the "ex"! — to find work for his new broom to do . . .

## ANNUAL CAMP: PLASTERDOWN, DEVON

A contingent of 6 officers, 1 S.S.I. and 26 cadets attended Plasterdown C.C.F. Camp from 30th July to 7th August. These figures it need scarcely be said, represent a new low in camping strength, and mark, we hope, the furthest swing downward of the pendulum which began with the floods and food-poisoning at Gandale five years ago.

Administratively, camp went very well, and food, for the cadets particularly, was good in quality and quantity. On the training side, however, too many schemes went "agley", for us to feel that we had got full value out of it . . . Thus, on the first day we did (remarkably enough, in view of our record in this respect in the last few years) get on the range. But we had to wait an unconsiderable time for it! Three Schools had to be fitted in on one day, there was the almost inevitable delay in starting the day's shooting, with the result that, having reached the area soon after 1000 hrs., we had to wait for a couple of hours, for our turn. The actual shooting, though, was very efficiently run for us by the shooting team of 1st. Bn. South Wales Borderers, who sponsored the Camp. On the second day, we embarked on a 72-hour Arduous Training exercise, in sunshine so hot that two Cadets suffered from heat exhaustion, and one of them had to drop out of the exercise. This, in the event, proved to be less of a blow than it seemed; for on the Friday morning the mist came down, and the exercise had to be abandoned, as visibility was down to a few yards. Much of the day was spent by officers of the contingent in rather pathetic Champ-bound efforts to locate the one patrol which had gone astray. A shade too realistic, this — but eventually the lost sheep emerged from the mist at one of the check-points; and we felt the time had come to call it a day.

A second mist made it impossible, on the Sunday, to hold the open-air drumhead service which had been planned. A real pity, the more so as the Royal Masonic School had in camp their full Band, 70 strong, who had given a really impressive performance when beating Retreat on the Friday evening.

The final day had its frustrations also. A regular officer had been laid on, by way of a change, to exercise us in fighting patrols. Because of his other commitments, we had to accept that he would R.V. with us in the field. Alas, he never did; and much of the morning was frittered away in uncertain comings and goings. Sea Vixens from H.M.S. Victorious were having some target practice that day in our area; a strong invitation had been given to Contingents to be in the target areas to get the feel of coming under air attack. Accordingly, after lunch, we moved into the target areas and spread ourselves defensively around them. There were, however, only 2 planes involved, each of which — arriving in the target area 40 minutes late — made only two runs at us, at 200 or so feet. To soldiers hardened to the daily menace of the Beverleys this was scarcely the hair-raising experience we had been promised.

All in all, though, a smooth-running, pleasant camp, which served very well as a "digestif" at the end of a crowded term. Why don't YOU try it, next time?

S.C.P.

## R.N. SECTION

The summer term is inevitably one that is often interrupted by preparation for Inspection and school examinations, and there is consequently little to record.

Field Day again saw the Section divided — one half went to Portsmouth where an enjoyable day was spent on an M.F.V. — though it was a pity that the compass platform had just been painted, so that we were unable to do any practical navigation. The other half spent an instructive and pleasant day at Surbiton, in boats.

We are grateful to Lieut. Cdr. E. Over, R.N., of H.M.S. Sultan for his continued interest in us and our welfare, and for arranging the M.F.V. trip for us.

*Annual Training*

'One of the best' — that was the verdict of some of the more experienced members of the party this year. There was certainly plenty of variety: sailing in whalers, messing about in canoes, a whaler-pulling race, trips to sea in an M.F.V. and a coastal mine-sweeper, and several exercises involving walking over the moors, either by compass or map-reading by natural features. The high-light was a twenty-four hour exercise involving camping over-night, carrying out one of several exercises the following day. It is worthy of record that five out of our contingent of seven volunteered for the most arduous of these exercises, climbing An Teallach (3,474 feet high), on a day when volunteers were difficult to come by, and it is a pity that incessant rain prevented them from reaching the top.

All this happened in the North-West of Scotland, in Loch Ewe, and bad weather just didn't seem to matter.

Altogether a very enjoyable and valuable week's training, and we are very grateful to Cdr. Mason and his staff for organising it. L.C.J.G.

## R.A.F. SECTION

After receiving a new entry of cadets into the Section much of the term was spent preparing for the visit of Air Marshal Sir Robert Saundby, who was to conduct the Annual Inspection of the C.C.F., and who showed a keen interest in the activities of the Section.

Since Field Day visits to R.A.F. stations are now limited to one each year, it was decided that the day should be spent on the Berkshire Downs. The Section was divided into groups and each group given a specific task to carry out. After walking some twenty miles all returned weary and footsore, but without mishap.

The term has been marked by the award of a Flying Scholarship to Cadet Sheard. He is to be warmly congratulated on winning one of the most keenly contested prizes which the C.C.F. and A.T.C. can offer. Having completed his course during the holidays he has now been

awarded his Private Pilot's Licence. We hope that Cadet Sergeants Godfrey and Nicholl will have similar success in January.

The year's activities were brought to a very satisfactory conclusion when Air Ministry confirmation was received for our annual camp in Germany. We were flown from R.A.F. Topcliffe, in Yorkshire, to R.A.F. Wildenrath. Both officers and cadets were accommodated in the Officers' Mess, and the camp was both interesting and enjoyable, with a varied programme of flying and visits, including trips to Dusseldorf, Cologne and the Rhineland. After a very eventful week the party was flown back to R.A.F. Abingdon on 29th August. D.W.M.

## SCOUTS

### *34th North Berks*

This has been a most successful term, during which a large number of varied activities have been completed. These included two visits by the D.C., the first to present a Queen's Scout badge to F. A. Bisby, the second to present Mr. Blagden with his warrant. Bisby thus becomes our first Queen's Scout and is to be heartily congratulated upon his success. May this achievement be an example to others.

On 14th and 15th June we played an important part by escorting the Royal Party on its tour of the School and by manning the Information Centre and School entrances.

Five of the seven patrols had at least one weekend camp at Frilford during the term. Three of the patrols attended the District Competition camp and the Woodpeckers, led by Ivan Carr came third of the fourteen patrols competing. Near the end of term three seniors and four scouts spent a weekend preparing a training ground for a Scoutmasters' course at Youlbury. Robert Schuck swam in the Abingdon Seniors Relay team that beat the Didcot team and finally everyone joined in a Camp-fire at the H.Q.

A climax to these activities was the Summer Camp at Sapperton near Cirencester where M.N.W., J.B. and thirty-nine scouts — a record number — camped for ten days. Our grateful thanks go to the 10th North Berks at Didcot and to Mr. B. N. J. Bosley, O.A., in particular for the loan of tents, which enabled each of our six patrols to have a proper patrol tent. The camp was a great success, the outstanding features being the high standard of the kitchens and the gadgets, bridges and tree camps constructed. The Camp-fire Song Books printed by Mr. Blagden contributed to the great success of the many camp-fires, at one of which we were able to say our last thanks to Mr. Keating for all of the time and energy he has given to scouting during the last year. It was pleasant to have Richard Welch with us in camp again and to be able to congratulate him on the award of his Queen's Scout badge. We hope to see something of him in the coming months while he is studying at Westminster College. M.N.W./F.A.B.

## THE MATHS PROJECT

*(It is generally known that our Head of Mathematics, Mr. Alan Tammadge, was seconded for the Lent Term to assist Professor Thwaites of Southampton with the School Mathematics Project. What he was actually doing for most of the time was to prepare the pilot text book for the first year of the project. Here he himself tells us what the project is all about. We may add that the reason why we did not actually introduce the project until this year was because Mr. Tammadge wished to bring it in from the eleven-year-old entry rather than in middle-school).*

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There can be no doubt that the place of mathematics has changed radically since the war. The sudden technological explosion has, of course, necessitated a large increase in the number of men and women taking mathematics as part of degree or professional courses. It is also having the result that it is becoming almost unthinkable that those in managerial, political or executive positions should be innumerate, i.e. unable to appreciate reports or arguments put symbolically or numerically. At the same time the invention of the electronic computer has altered completely the scope of the subject itself. New branches of mathematics have been needed and these have enabled mathematical and statistical methods to be applied to production, management, even government. Research by these methods can now be carried out in subjects hitherto immune, medicine, semantics, literature, for example.

There seems equally little doubt that the subject taught in the school must reflect this change. The fact that nearly one hundred and fifty parents attended a special Parents' Evening held on 30th May with the title 'The School Mathematics Project' confirms, I suspect, both the change in status of the subject and the increased interest in numeracy. It also emboldens me to write this article.

The S.M.P. is an attempt by schoolmasters, aided and abetted by dons, to devise a new syllabus and a new approach which will meet the needs of today. It was born after the Southampton Conference of 1961, when senior mathematicians from four public schools, Charterhouse, Marlborough, Sherborne and Winchester, decided to write a new text for their first year (13+) boys. The basis of the Project was quickly broadened to include four schools of different types, Battersea (maintained grammar), Exeter (direct grant), Holloway (comprehensive) and Winchester High (girls). The first text remained the 13+ (third form) text, but work on an 11+ text is now in hand. 'A' Level books are also in course of production and a set of seven books from 11+ to university entrance is the objective. All the texts are produced, in the first instance, in duplicated form. They are used in the schools, discussed and amended and only then are to be published by the C.U.P., the first in 1964.

It is at the 11<sup>+</sup> level that Abingdon School became involved. The first forms started to work on the new material in September, 1962, and first reports are encouraging. Mathematics heads the popularity poll in at least one of the first forms. Staff and boys alike are enthusiastic and look forward (possibly in slightly different ways) to a specially set 'O' Level examination in July, 1966.

What is new about it? Dr. Geoffrey Mathews of St. Dunstan's College has said that mathematics should be Pleasurable, Profitable and Pure! I subscribe to this view and would add that it should also be Understandable, reasonably Useful, not Unduly mechanical and Up-to-date. The objective of the S.M.P., with which we are now linked, is to provide a sound mathematical education for the 80% of the grammar school population who do no mathematics after 'O' level, to make them numerate. We feel that it must be possible to do this without making the subject trivial for the 20% who do.

To make the subject more understandable we tackle the subject in an experimental vein. We replace Euclidean geometry as the medium for teaching logical reasoning by algebra, in which precise formulation and logical symbolism are easier, and are not bedeviled by the necessity of referring to a figure. We seek to give a feeling for structure and an understanding of functionality. We feel that teaching the algebra of matrices, sets, transformation groups side by side with the algebra of numbers helps this. In geometry we are trying to teach awareness of spacial relation, in three dimensions equally with two. Algebraic treatment will be given where appropriate. The transformations of rotation, reflection and translation will be used to explore Euclidean space and to establish any results of obvious importance. The existence of other geometries will not be ignored.

The usefulness of the subject will be made clearer by taking arithmetic out of the 'three taps filling the bath with the plug out' era and applying it to statistics, probability and to problems of the project type in the answers to which, it may be hoped, boys will be interested.

We shall be up-to-date in teaching a little topology, some of the techniques of linear programming, in showing some of the powers of modern computers. We are trying to find a formula which will allow continuous change in the syllabus, so that we shall be still up-to-date in ten years time.

We shall avoid undue mechanical arithmetic by teaching the use of the slide rule and the desk calculating machine. Four are already available in this school. We think that it is in programming a solution and estimating the answer that boys find the meat of a problem. We shall try not to destroy all their enjoyment by rote examples for the improvement of 'technique', a technique never used by the great majority after leaving school! Who has used his log tables lately?

To sum up, we are adopting an exploratory, find-out-for-yourself approach, by including some of the subject matter of 'modern' mathem-



atics and making time for a deeper understanding of the subject by relaxing the purely mechanical side. We think by these means to increase the numeracy of the many without spoiling the chances of the few. It is also one of the prime aims of the project that the few should become less few.

A.R.T.

*A further article on the Project by Mr. Tammadge will be found, under the curious title of 'Is Maths Pop?', in the current issue of WHERE? (the educational counterpart of WHICH?).*

### MUSIC NOTES

The summer term is always a busy one for our musicians, but the additional performances to celebrate our quatercentenary have made Summer 1963 a most exceptional term. That despite the continual pressure everyone maintained enthusiasm, punctuality at rehearsals, and a good standard of performance is a great credit to the stamina of the boys taking part.

The Dayboy Orchestra got in first, with a recital in aid of Q.C.A. This group, which grew out of Reeves' House Orchestra, gave a quite admirable performance. We produce too few conductors, and it was encouraging to find N. P. Loukes wielding a baton with such complete assurance. The Dayboy Orchestra appeared again both on Founder's Day and in the Q.C. concert, of which an account appears elsewhere.

The Band has been very hard pressed. Early in the term they were invited to play in a Pre-Service Demonstration in Hales Meadow. Shortly after, they led the School C.C.F. contingent in the Commonwealth Sunday parade. They played during the inspection of the Guard of Honour by H.R.H. Princess Margaret on 14th June, and they accompanied the annual inspection of the C.C.F. a week later.

The Chapel Choir's first important contribution was an anthem at the Service of Thanksgiving on the 60th anniversary of the consecration of the Chapel.

They sang the same anthem to Princess Margaret as she toured the School a week later. The following day, they sang Purcell's "Rejoice in the Lord", with strings, at our Founder's Day Service. At the end of term they sang Evensong in Coventry Cathedral — a most impressive occasion and one which, despite the unusual acoustics of that very beautiful building, they carried off supremely well.

Perhaps the most rewarding aspect of this hectic term has been the response of the Senior Orchestra to the task of providing two full-scale concerts, the second of which included works which they could not have begun to tackle six months ago. The first performance was a light "promenade" concert on Founder's Day (Princess Margaret heard part of the final rehearsal the day before). Here the music consisted of conventional "school orchestra" arrangements and, for the players at least, bore

little comparison with the Beethoven symphony and the Mozart concerto which the orchestra played at the Quatercentenary Concert. The intense satisfaction of tackling a major work far outweighs the extra technical difficulties involved and if the strings can maintain their present standard, there will be no need to use the simplified and proportionately unsatisfying arrangements which have been the almost unvaried diet of the Senior Orchestra for some years.

The staff recital in Lacies Court on 14th July was given by Mr. Cecil Mr. and Mrs. Keating, and Mr. Pratt.

G. H. Hallett gave a solo organ recital in Chapel in aid of the Q.C.A.

A. R. Gibbs and A. Fairlie both played in Handel's *Agrippina* at the Unicorn Theatre during the last week in June.

Reeves won the House Music Competition, taking en passant the Choirs and Orchestras cups. A. R. Gibbs won the solo strings cup.

We are very sorry indeed to say farewell to Mr. Keating, who is leaving to take up an appointment as Director of Music at Clayesmore. We look forward to having Mr. Billington with us next term. We wish Mr. Keating well in his new post, and have no doubt that some pretext such as adjudicating a House Music Competition will give us the opportunity of seeing him again in the near future. G.M.P.

### COVENTRY, 23rd JULY

"The School will visit Coventry Cathedral" so read the Quatercentenary programme, and it was a poignant thought as some five hundred and fifty of us wended our way to the station that for many this might be their last train journey from Abingdon. Since the last excursion six years ago, the size of train needed for the whole School had grown beyond the capabilities of the local line. The closeness of the day therefore was increased by the closeness of bodies packed, standing as far as Radley, where headboarded 'The Abingdonian' the whole train set forth upon its journey.

We were welcomed over the loud-speaker system at the clean modernised Coventry station, and in the ruins of the Old Cathedral the Education Officer gave us a description of the New and some of the stories behind it. The School Choir was given a thorough and rigorous introduction to the acoustics of the building in an hour long rehearsal, while the rest of the School queued with the thousands of sightseers or wandered round the new traffic-free city centre. Meanwhile the Tape Recording Society sought electric points and received permission to use the Cathedral amplifier.

Five o'clock came and the time for Evensong. This was the ordinary daily service but the School had been invited to provide the choir and our own Chaplain read one of the lessons.

The Cathedral was two thirds full when the Provost rose to welcome us, and his generous references to the School made us feel very much at home. The choir sang the service magnificently and even the most hard-bitten of us felt inspired and moved as we sang the closing hymn 'Now thank we all our God', while the Sutherland tapestry 'Christ in Glory' watched over us.

After such heights the return journey was bound to be something of an anticlimax, but the British Railways high tea was an innovation to most of us and the time passed reasonably quickly. By 8.30 p.m. we were back home again.

Our thanks go to all at Coventry who made us so welcome, to the B.R. representative, and to all who helped to make this part of the Quartercentenary celebrations something that most of us will remember for a very long time to come.

M.N.W.

## REVIEWS

We print below two reviews, one of the Quartercentenary commemorative portrait of the School and the other of the first St. Nicolas' Lecture given in January 1963 by the Headmaster. Both publications have already met with considerable success but we feel that there must still be many O.A.s and others who may have missed the boat so far as getting hold of copies is concerned. We are especially grateful to the Master of Magdalen College School, Oxford, Mr. R. Stanier, for his review of 'The Griffen'. Copies of both books may be obtained from Mr. B. J. Montague at the School.

*'The Griffen' (The Abbey Press, Abingdon). Price Five Shillings.*

A school such as Abingdon has a thousand facets; and of its thousands of pupils, masters and Old Boys no two would, I suppose, if put to it, give an identical account of what the school means to them. So it was an admirable idea of someone's — does one detect the finger of Umbo here? — to produce a Griffen whose multiform shape should fitly introduce and preside over a multilateral portrait of the school in its long history.

Here we have royal connection from the time of Constantine to that of Princess Margaret, "impressions" from the Headmaster, the Head of the School, an American boy, a new boy; "greetings" (which manage to give something of an "impression" too) from the Mayor, the Vicar, the Master of Christ's Hospital and the Director of A.E.R.E., Harwell; "memories" from Old Boys of the 1890's, the 1900's, the 1920's, the 1930's, the 1950's; history going back to mediaeval times and stretching forward to the present day; pictures which show the school as it was and as it is, its work, its games, its plays, its music, the Chapel, the Library, societies, the Corps; quicquid agunt homines, in fact.

And a very impressive picture it makes.

Many schools have blossomed and expanded very much in the past twenty or thirty years, but few can have equalled Abingdon in this respect. Whether one looks at the increase in numbers or the increase in the range of its activities, the same flourishing is apparent. Old Boys revisiting the school after twenty years will be astonished and delighted at the improvements that have been made; and if there are any who were not able to attend those memorable quatercentenary celebrations and see for themselves, this Griffen will give them a good idea of what has been happening.

But every building depends on its foundations, and the Griffen also makes it clear that the Abingdon School of today has a long history that it can look back on with pride. It is not merely a matter of years, though there is surely something rather inspiring in being a member of an institution that has carried on uninterruptedly for more than four centuries — and one thing, incidentally, which the Griffen tells us (or reminds us, as the case may be) is that the school goes back to a date long before its refoundation by John Roysse in 1563. But the Griffen makes it clear that the Abingdon of today owes a great deal to the loyalty of generations of still living Old Boys, and to the masters and boys who kept the school going so well in what one might call its pre-expansion days.

Nevertheless, if one had to pick out one section of this Griffen as the most important, it would, I suppose, be "1947-1963". Here in four pages of text we have the factual details of this remarkable expansion; and, though I know Mr. Cobban's modesty will take umbrage at my putting it so baldly, it must surely be clear that in its present Headmaster Abingdon has a genius at the trade, and vision and wisdom to plan and organize, and dynamic energy and personality to lead and inspire, and that he is the wizard who has worked this miracle.

John Roysse would be very proud if he could see the school he re-founded. His portrait faces us on page iv; and if the right eye appears to look a trifle quizzically round the corner, as if wondering who has done him out of the honour of being the frontispiece, the left eye, bland and commendatory, reassures us that looking on the school of today he finds it very good.

*'Church and School' (The Abbey Press, Abingdon). Price: One Shilling and Sixpence.*

Here is local history as it should be written. Although, as the author points out, it is in the same form as his original lecture delivered early in the year, this is a most readable little book.

Rarely can two institutions have such an interwoven history: from the early days of the 12th century, Church and School have marched hand in hand, sometimes indeed sharing the same incumbent but always connected. In his narrative of this relationship, Mr. Cobban has produced not only a wonderfully clear account of the often compli-

cated administration governing Church and School but an exciting story as well. As we read about the strange '63' conceit of John Roysse, the life of a Roysse's boy in the 16th century, the adventures of Peter Heylyn or the backslidings of the famous Dr. Lempriere, we capture the spirit of the times. Indeed, this booklet is a model piece of social history writing — to a historian a delight to read.

But at the same time it is something more. There is a wealth of interesting detail here, a stimulus to further investigation into the riches of local history and what is perhaps more important a tribute to the spirit of loyalty and co-operation of Abingdonians in the past which is a lesson and a matter of pride to us moderns.

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As we go to press we acknowledge very gratefully the receipt of a further selection of articles by the late Agnes Baker, entitled 'Historic Abingdon', compiled by her sister. These articles deal primarily with the parliamentary history of the town and they maintain the high standard of scholarship we have always associated with the name of Agnes Baker. It is sad to think that this book, which is prefaced by a short memoir, is the last we shall see bearing her name. (*The Abbey Press, Abingdon, price 30/-*).

### LIBRARY NOTES

The Grundy Library has now been in full use long enough for us to realise what a magnificent acquisition it is for the School. Artistically and functionally it is a splendid tribute to both the architect and craftsmen who produced it, and when we see the throng of boys of all ages making use of it and also the Sixth Forms at work in private study we realise what we have been lacking for so long. It is indeed a worthy memorial of Mr. Grundy and our Quatercentenary.

Thanks to the unsparing efforts and enthusiasm of the Library staff reasonable order was achieved out of apparent chaos in time for the formal opening. There is a tremendous amount of sorting and entering still to be done, but that is only a matter of time. We have received a great number of gifts of books and we are most grateful to all the donors, whom we can only thank by name: but we must mention the princely gift of the complete *Oxford English Dictionary* from Mr. A. M. Wood, a large number of Modern Language books from Mr. J. F. G. Fletcher, a handsome cheque from Mrs. C. M. Cox and a fine Italian copy of Dante from Mrs. Duncan West. We have also received welcome additions to our collection of leather bound prizes from Miss Cullen, Rev. H. F. Shepherd and R. E. Eason, O.A. We hope we have not omitted any names from the following list of benefactors: Mr. Alston, Clifford Carter, Mr. J. H. (Jock) Clarke, Professor Cormack, Mrs. C. M. Cox, Miss Cullen, R. E. Eason, O.A., Mrs. C. B. Ellis, Andrew Exon,

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Fowler, Mr. and Mrs. Giddings, Michael Giddings, Timothy Harding, W. S. T. Hale, O.A., Dr. J. V. Harrison, Michael Hodge, Mr. A. C. Hyde-Parker, D. S. Lloyd, O.A., Mr. Mortimer, Wing Cmdr. Rawlings, G. R. H. Slack, O.A., Mr. and Mrs. Shellard, Paul Snowley, Nigel Spackman, Mr. and Mrs. Thornton, J. M. Talbot, O.A., Mr. and Mrs. Tozer, Mr. Tyson, Mr. and Mrs. Urwick, Mr. A. M. Wood.

So many parents and boys have contributed to the new paper-back section that we cannot do more than thank them collectively — and very warmly. G.F.D.

## SCHOOL SOCIETIES

### ROY SSE SOCIETY

An auspicious start to the term's meetings was given by T. A. Marsh who read a very well-written paper entitled "Implications of Natural Selection on Modern Thought." He touched briefly and clearly on the theories of evolution as postulated by Lamarck and Darwin, and continued with neo-Darwinism explaining how natural selection acts on variation to give evolution and adaptation to environment. Discussion inevitably drifted towards eugenics, and Mr. Talbot and Mr. Potter proved a match for any one who tried to dispute the fact that selective, or at least limited, breeding would be necessary in the near future.

For the second meeting of the term, at which T. J. Pegram joined the Society, N. P. Loukes read a paper on "The National Theatre." This dealt with the arguments for and against a national theatre, following a brief history from its conception to the situation of the theatre at present. In discussion it was suggested that 'creaming' the acting talent of the country to form a single company would be harmful and that the money could be more profitably used in subsidising smaller but more attainable existing theatres. On the other hand it was agreed that the national theatre would set an example and maintain a high standard of acting.

At the last meeting of the term, A. R. F. Redgrave gave a paper on "Divorce" in which he considered both the moral and the legal aspects of the question. Discussion was lively. Views varied from the rigorist to the flexible. The only general agreement was that where so many human factors were involved, then any form of generalisation was difficult.

On Sunday evening, 28th July, the Headmaster invited the Society to cheese and wine in his house. This was preceded by a short meeting in the open air at which members read extracts of prose or poetry which they thought worthwhile. The evening proved to be very enjoyable and was an extremely satisfying end to a successful year. K. W. R. Dixon was a new member of the Society for this meeting. The Society extends its sincere gratitude to the Headmaster and his ménage for this and their continued hospitality throughout the past year. A.C.L.F.

### ST. EDMUND SOCIETY

Three meetings of the Society were held this term. In tune, somehow, with the rest of school activities, they were varied in their form.

The first was a visit to the nearby church at Sutton Courtenay undertaken by a party of 12 boys on bicycles. After an instructive

tour of the Norman and Gothic style building, members joined with the Rev. Littlechild in the Service of Compline. A picnic supper was eaten in the vicarage garden.

For the second meeting, some members joined in the Festal Evensong at Dorchester Abbey on Sunday, 16th June. During this service the celebrated Donald Swann sang a selection of modern religious songs. Later, to music composed for the piano and played by Donald Swann, the London Bach Society sang modern, and beautiful, renderings of the Creed, Lord's Prayer and other parts of the service.

On the 4th July, a film entitled "The Building of Coventry Cathedral" was shown in the Courtroom. Although in the middle of examinations, this was well attended, and provided a useful background to the School pilgrimage to the Cathedral later in the term.

It is hoped that in future, the interest at present shown in the Society's activities, may spread and branch out into activities more directly linked with individuals' personal faith.

J.B.

### LITERARY SOCIETY

Mr. C. J. Owen read the first paper this term and called it "Jack and Jill: a study of Shakespearean Comedy." It is not for me to criticise such a work but all agreed that it set an unprecedented standard, which was an admirable beginning to a lively term. Richard Carter called his paper "G.B.S." and gave us an informative account of Shaw's life and views; the combined knowledge of the Society then produced an interesting, and at times vehement, discussion. The last paper was read by M. J. Giddings and uncovered a realm of literature of which many had only a vague knowledge: "Chaucer's Contemporaries". Although most people were versed on the works of Early English poets, few could claim a detailed knowledge of Early Chinese poets.

The Society joined with the Critics and a few other select guests to see "Doctor's Dilemma" at the Haymarket Theatre. This provided an extremely successful evening's entertainment, which was heightened by the masterly performance of Wilfred Hyde-White as "B.B."

This outing was a fitting end to another active term. We would thank the kind parents who offered us hospitality for the three meetings — a gesture that makes so much difference to the enjoyment of mind and body.

R.H.M.B.

### THE SYMPOSIUM

The first meeting of the term was held in the School Shop on 13th May. A new secretary was elected, and the retiring secretary, J. Bowthorpe, read a paper entitled "The Colour Problem." This provocative paper, which dealt with every aspect of the problem, gave rise to lively discussion.

Mr. and Mrs. Bisby kindly lent us their home for a meeting on 10th June, at which E. D. J. Hunter read a paper dealing with "The Decline of the Cotton Industry" which, as he stressed, was a specific case intended to stimulate discussion on economics generally.

The third meeting of term, a visit to a West End theatre, had to be cancelled, owing to the prohibitive cost of tickets.

The Society is sorry to lose its sponsor, Mr. Keating, who has taken a most active part in it since its inception. We wish him every good fortune in his new appointment.

M.A.B.

### THE HISTORIANS

The subjects discussed by the Society during this term of vital examinations were designed to help with the A level syllabus, while retaining a novelty and special interest of their own. On the 28th May, Mr. Mark Baker of Wellington College read a paper entitled "The Swedish Vasas." This was both fascinating and extremely well written, did full justice to the epic quality of its subject, and was perhaps the most enjoyable paper the Society has yet heard. At the second meeting, on the 1st July, P. G. Henderson read a paper on "Armies of the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries", a competent survey of changes of military techniques. We were particularly pleased to hear a paper, for the first time, from a member of the Lower Sixth Form. J.D.U.

### TURNOR SOCIETY

Few, if any, of those present at the meeting on 10th May could remember Sir Reader Bullard's last visit to the Society, but they benefited all the more in hearing a speaker of such stature and experience in his subject: "The Foreign Service." A description of the responsibilities of Ambassadors and Consuls included some of the vital personal qualities necessary for success in this field, all of them pointing towards the ultimate faculty of wisdom, imperative in one who is 'helping the cause of peace and cordial relationships between countries.'

The other two meetings dealt with similar topics with differing backgrounds. In the first, on 24th May, Mr. D. R. Henderson spoke on "Rhodesia", describing racialism in the country. At the second meeting, on 12th July, Mr. D. A. G. Roberts, lately a district officer, gave an illustrated lecture on "The Tuaran District of North Borneo", describing local history, the agricultural system and plans for the future. Much was learnt by those who attended these meetings. T.J.P.

### SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

As is usual in the summer, the two meetings this term were addressed by speakers from within the School. On 17th May, M. R. Morris gave a talk on "Methods of Analysis" to a small but select audience, which readily appreciated this lecture. The speaker began by showing how the methods of analytical chemistry could be divided into wet, dry, inorganic or organic; having dealt briefly with some of the more exemplary of these methods, he ended the talk with a very useful discourse on chromatography and its uses in biochemistry. "Electronics" was the title of the second lecture given, by R. J. Parsons, on the 7th June. This proved a very worth-while talk, acting both as an introduction to the less technically minded and as a source of information for the radio enthusiasts, on the subject of radio communications in general, the speaker following a short history with news of, amongst other things, the latest U.S. communication satellite, Syncom.

On the 28th June, the Society was shown the films "Harwell", issued by U.K.A.E.A., and "Colour", and I.C.I. production dealing with its manufacture and uses. A.C.L.F.

### MODERN LANGUAGES SOCIETY

The Society has met four times this term.

At the first meeting on Friday, 3rd May, we spent a very entertaining evening reading G. B. Shaw's "The Doctor's Dilemma", and comparing it with Jules Romain's comedy about a successful quack doctor, entitled "Knock."



At our second meeting on Friday, 21st June, following our policy of reading more modern plays, we attempted to read Carl Zuckmayer's "Des Teufels General", but owing to a late start and to the length of the play we had to cut it drastically. It was interesting to note the varying standard of oral language among our members.

We met again on Friday, 6th July, just before the 'A' level exams, to discuss any points of interest or difficulty arising from our set books. We hope the exam results will prove this to have been a worthwhile meeting.

On Friday, 26th July, we held an open meeting, to which all boys in the fourth forms and above were invited: the Society welcomed also seven members of St. Helen's School to this, our last and most relaxed evening of the term, during which three foreign films were shown. The first was a satire on snob society in France, and told the story of a struggling young concert pianist and his attractive wife as they try to force their way to recognition against the barriers of class. After a pause for refreshments a German travelogue set in the Bavarian Alps was shown, and finally a German surrealist fantasy cartoon in colour, which many of the audience thought was the best of the three.

The Society has been able to put on a varied programme over the past year; our warm thanks for this and for our enjoyment of it go to Mr. and Mrs. Hasnip who have supported the Society so closely. Our thanks go too to Mrs. Smithson, for her kind hospitality at the School Shop. R.W.E.

#### MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY

Dr. G. Mathews of St. Dunstan's College gave his lecture, "Matrices for the Million", in which he demonstrated the application of matrices to many branches of Mathematics. Dr. Mathews' humour made this an ideal lecture for a Friday evening (5th May).

At the Mathematical Parents' Evening, Mr. Tammadge talked about the School Mathematics Project, and afterwards, for an hour, with the aid of Mr. Milton and Mr. Tyson, resisted a battery of questions from an audience of 150 parents. Members of the Society served refreshments, and a special edition of "Figure" was brought out for the occasion.

On 19th July, D. S. McK. Ramsey read a paper about his experiences at the University of Rochester, U.S.A. He compared the American system of education with our own and showed some of the methods employed in American Mathematics teaching. We are extremely grateful to Dr. Howlett who arranged a special course in Autocode Computer Programming at Harwell, which Mr. Blagden and 15 members of the Society attended. C.J.D.B.

#### THE FORUM

This term there were only two meetings at which people turned up in sufficient numbers for worthwhile discussion to take place. In a term so full of activity this was, of course, inevitable but it is regrettable.

At the first meeting, held on Friday, 4th May, discussion ranged over a wide variety of subjects. It was decided that the Royal Family was not out of date and that Sixth Formers should not have to wear caps. The object of the Spies for Peace was questioned and it was put down to sensationalism of the worst kind.

The second meeting was on Friday, 28th June. At this time the Profumo scandal was still in our minds yet the right of the people to demand higher standards of those in public life than we ourselves maintain was disputed. One member thought that a mixed force for

N.A.T.O. meant men and women working together and this led to some very amusing discussion. Lastly we got on to the topic of divorce and the problem of marriage in our modern society was discussed.

P.J.L.

### CAMPANOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The celebrations of the term are still fresh in our minds and the school bellringers feel happy that they have played their part. Members of the Society rang 'he bells of St. Nicolas' Church to welcome the Princess Margaret to the town when she visited the old schoolroom. On Founder's Day, the ten bells of St. Helen's Church pealed out with their offering of Praise and Thanksgiving.

With the ringing of the bells for the Leavers' Service at St. Nicolas' Church, the Society regretfully says goodbye to two of its staunchest members, who have supported it faithfully since its foundation: Richard Ellaway and Clifford Carter. We hope sincerely that the gap caused by their departure will soon be filled and that the Society will continue to flourish.

We bellringers regard with great concern our ever decreasing numbers. Today, fewer and fewer young people are willing to learn to ring and even more do not persevere with it. That very old English art of bell-ringing challenges our powers of perseverance and concentration. Because its exercise is mental rather than physical, we hope that there are many nonwalkers in the School who would be willing to take up this challenge.

C.C.

### PLAY READING SOCIETY

This term has seen, or heard, some of the best reading ever in the Society. This high standard was set at the first meeting when we read "Topaze" by Marcel Pagnol, which was followed up by another more serious comedy, "The Doctor's Dilemma", illuminated by a good reading from Wharton. At the next meeting Pirandello's "Henry IV" was read, the most serious work of the term, which was alleviated by the last two plays at the following meeting. Ionesco's "The Lesson" and "The Dock Brief" by John Mortimer, each of which was extraordinarily well read.

The last meeting of term comprised the One-Act Play Reading Competition which was most deservedly won by Wharton and the Giddings brothers, who read "A Phoenix Too Frequent" by Christopher Fry.

As always, we are most grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Griffin for their enthusiasm and hospitality throughout the year.

N.P.L.

### CHESS CLUB

This term the team only played one match as all the members were engaged in examinations. The one match played was against Eton College, whom we very narrowly defeated  $3\frac{1}{2}$ — $2\frac{1}{2}$  thanks to a win on board 6 by Giddings which just tipped the scales as all the other games were drawn. We are hoping to play a return in the Lent Term.

Of the matches organised for next term one is a 'first time fixture' against Newbury Chess Club, another a 'renewal' match against King Alfred's, Wantage, whom we have not played for over three years, and the other a postponed fixture against Bedford Modern. For the third year we have entered the Sunday Times Tournament — perhaps we can get further than the zone semi-final this year!

A. E. Medland won this term's team league, and the Junior Knock-out was won by J. R. Burton who also won last term by beating

J. C. H. Wilkinson of Waste Court. For most of this year the school team has been (except for King in the upper sixth) a fifth form one. In board order it is: A. E. Medland, T. J. King (captain), M. F. Wells, T. D. Harding, R. J. Davis, T. R. Giddings and P. H. Blackburn (reserve).  
A.E.M.

### DEBATING SOCIETY

Unfortunately G.C.E. examinations had an adverse effect on the availability of speakers in the Summer Term: nevertheless the Society held three well attended meetings. In the first of these, Messrs. Leather and Kitto failed to persuade some forty members that modern advertising was an insult to human intelligence: discussion was lively and the opposition speakers, Shellard and Fairlie, A. G., just managed to carry the day.

The main speakers in the second debate — "This house is ashamed to be British" — were all fifth formers and the standard of their speeches heralds well for the future. Denny and Hallett proposed the motion whilst Sugg and Diffey successfully opposed it.

The final meeting was entirely by the Lower Sixth Form and the Society would like to thank Bowthorpe for organizing it and the speakers, Giddings, M. J. and Wharton (opposers) and Morris, T. R. and Hunter, E. D. (proposers) who so successfully debated the motion that this house believes in racial segregation. The opposition carried the day.  
G.F.K.

### TAPE RECORDING SOCIETY

Society activities have only twice this term taken the form of Friday afternoon meetings, these being the termly general meeting, and a small gathering the following week when a special tape on 'Simple Fault Tracing and Correction' was played. This tape was made for the Society by Mr. A. Tutchings who is the chief equipment reviewer for 'The Tape Recorder' magazine.

The chief out-of-school activity was the preparation and playing of sound for the Founder's Day Evening Entertainment; however members of the Society have also carried out the recording of the master tape for the Quatercentenary Disc, and more recently a recording was made in Coventry Cathedral of the Evensong in which the School took part.  
M.C.J.

### SAILING CLUB

This term we transferred the School boats from the Dorchester gravel pit to our own Boat Club. This proved to be very convenient and we managed to sail them most weekends. We were also able to use an Enterprise owned by a member of the club.

The Sailing Club Regatta was held on Thursday, 25th July. Although the wind dropped suddenly during the races Cooper and Wharton, C., reached the final in the Junior section, in the Seniors Godfrey, Morris, Broadway and Matson reached the semi-final. Everyone seemed to enjoy the evening which was rounded off with a barbecue. I.W.D.M.

### HOLIDAY CLUB

The activities of the Easter holidays were disappointing. Matches against the local rugger, hockey and football sides could not be arranged because of the exceptional lateness of the spring and the condition of the pitches. However a social evening was arranged with the town branch of the Young Conservatives at which table tennis, darts, snooker

and billiards matches were played. Although we only won the darts match, the evening was very enjoyable.

The number of members of the club has increased considerably recently, and enables us to put out some very strong teams. We are looking forward to the activities of the Summer holidays and hope that this time the weather will allow us to play.

C.C.F.

### JOINT CLUB

After the disappointing response at last term's meetings the club tottered to its feet again at the first meeting of this term. This was a successful social held in the Heylyn Room and most people enjoyed the evening. Unfortunately it was agreed that the second meeting — a swimming and tennis evening — was impracticable. The final meeting did not achieve the success of the earlier social and, even if there was a lack of sparkling conversation, we would thank the ladies of St. Helen's for some delicious cherries.

R.H.M.B.

### THE WEIGHT CLUB

Last term saw the launching of a very different type of School club: the Weight Club, with Mr. F. Booth as sponsor.

Accommodation was obtained for the barbells in the old Tuck Shop and this arrangement has proved quite satisfactory. The club is open primarily to those in the 1st XV, 1st VIII, the Athletics team and members of the sixth form.

At the inaugural meeting, T. A. Marsh gave a most interesting talk on "Methods of Weight Training" — including some practical demonstrations — at which nearly all of the thirty-four members were present.

We look forward to a bright future and hope that such training will help to improve certain weaknesses in our games.

I.R.F.

### JUNIOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Society has had three meetings this term. The first half of the term was spent in busy preparation for our exhibition on Founder's Day.

The climax of the term was naturally the exhibition on Founder's Day. To mark the School's four hundred years of history since its re-foundation, in which time School and Town have been closely connected, the Society presented an exhibition called "Abingdon Through the Ages." The ten sections were: Prehistoric, Stone Age, Roman, Saxon, The Abbey, Weapons, Corporation, Documents, Newspapers and lastly Coins. Nearly all of the exhibits had some connection with Abingdon.

The Society is very grateful to Dr. Fitzgerald O'Connor who lent us many exhibits from the County Hall Museum, Abingdon, and who also helped the Secretary to compile the catalogue. The printing was done by 'Mackays of Chatham' and we are indebted to Keith Mackay Miller, Esq., for organising this. Special mention should also be made of B. G. Wiggins, A. W. Hills, J. J. King, R. W. Purbrick and M. G. Martin who all helped the Secretary (A. P. Fawcett) to make the exhibition such a success.

Next term we shall be a 'senior' Society but we are making plans in the hope of forming a separate 'junior' Society. To end on a historical note we thought that you might not have noticed that our exhibition contained exactly sixty-three exhibits!

A.P.F.

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

- AUSTWICK.** On 10th August, 1963 to Jill, wife of Michael J. Austwick (1950), a son, Simon.
- BUCKLAND.** On 31st May, 1963, to Doris Anne, wife of John Buckland (1957), a son, Carl John.
- CULLEN.** On 4th September, 1963, to Tove, wife of Jeremy Cullen (1950), a son, Alexander.
- DADY.** On 2nd March, 1963, to the wife of William St. A. Dady (1956), a second son, Rupert.
- LAY.** On 5th May, 1963, to Jean, wife of Peter J. Lay (1954), a son, Jeremy Mark.
- PENNING.** On 30th April, 1963, at Toronto General Hospital, to Eileen, wife of James Penning (1949), a daughter, Alison.
- STACEY.** On 23rd June, 1963, to Hilary, wife of Brian Stacey (1957), a daughter, Rhian Elizabeth.

**MARRIAGES**

- AUSTWICK-GREET.** On 12th July, 1963, in Oxford, David B. Austwick (1954) to Heather Greet.
- BARRETT-GODDARD.** On 6th July, 1963, at All Saints Church, Faringdon, Timothy J. Barrett (1960) to Dorothy Goddard.
- BUTHERWAY-REYNOLDS.** On 22nd June, 1963, at St. Edmund's R.C. Church, Abingdon, Philip Butherway (1956) to Sheila Reynolds.
- EMMETT-JOHNSTON.** On 8th June, 1963, at the Chapel of Queen Alexandra's Military Hospital, Millbank, David C. J. Emmett (1956), R. Ulster Rifles, to Anne, daughter of Col. and Mrs. J. A. D. Johnson.
- MORSE-WINTERBOTTOM.** On 27th July, 1963, at St. John's Church, Stanmore, Graham M. Morse (1959), to Janet Winterbottom.
- SMITH-WILCOX.** On 29th December, 1962, at Backwell, Bristol, Philip Anthony Smith (1957), to Jennifer Mary Wilcox.
- SPRAGG-JACKSON.** On 21st September, 1963, at St. Aldate's Church, Oxford, Douglas M. Spragg (1961), to Cynthia Kathryn Jackson, of Kennington, Oxford.
- WILLIAMSON-WALLIS.** On 4th May, 1963, at St. Helen's Church, Abingdon, John S. Williamson (1952) to Anne Wallis.

We also hear that Martin Scott-Taggart (1956) was married in New York on 9th June last, and Alan Pritchard (1960) on 22nd June. Our congratulations to both of them.

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Rev. Roger Packer (1955) has a curacy at Chippenham, Wilts.

Roy Davidge (1923) has now retired after 37 years in the East with the Canton Insurance Co., and expects to settle down in this country.

Martin Leftwich (1952) has moved from Nigeria and is now working with Gliksten Ltd. in Ghana.

John Swainston (1955) left at the end of June to take up a Veterinary post in New South Wales.

Peter Mingard (1954) is a Staff Inspector in B.S.A. Police at Causeway, S. Rhodesia.

Arthur Hendley (1938) of Barclay's Bank D.C. & O., is now at Kano, Nigeria.

In our recent note about Richard Taylor (1961) we were guilty of two errors. He is First Officer (not Capt.) in B.O.A.C. and his piloting of the Royal Party on their Australian Tour was not a special assignment but part of a routine tour of duty.

George Boyd (1931), whom we had not seen for many years, is running a grocery business in Nottingham.

Geoffrey Stevens (1935) is now back in this country and is to be found at Dike's Stores, Shrivenham, Berks.

Ian Jamieson (1946) is still in the oil industry at Tripoli, where he is Materials Superintendent, in charge of drilling and oil production equipment.

We were pleased to see Bill Wooldridge (1951) on home leave from Salisbury, S. Rhodesia. At present he is selling office equipment, but may move to South Africa.

Dr. Michael Rallings (1956) is a partner in a General Practice in Hereford, while Dr. Paul Older (1956) is in practice in Brighton.

We were very sorry to hear that David Lloyd (1954), late Capt. R.E.M.E., had suffered a severe motor accident in Germany which resulted in his being invalided from the Service. Happily he is now recovered in health, and has secured an appointment with the B.B.C.

Philip Smith (1957) is teaching at Formby Lane Primary School, Southampton. Keith Muir (1936) is also teaching, after several years in commerce.

Conal Tompson (1951) is a qualified physiotherapist, on the Teaching Staff of Guy's Hospital School of Physiotherapy.

David Morris (1959), who gained 2nd Class Honours in Law at King's College, London, has had a most interesting three-months tour in Australia under the Commonwealth Universities Scheme. Attached to Reckitt and Colman Proprietary Ltd., based on Sydney he was given a thorough insight into Market Research, Sales and Advertising, visiting Melbourne, Perth and Adelaide.

Michael Wareham (1961), who aspires to an advanced teaching post is taking a Diploma in Education course at Westminster College, Oxford.

Ian McLoughlin (1956) has left Newbury to become Assistant Engineer to Hinckley Urban D.C.

Douglas Woolf (1934), Capt. R.N., is at present on the Central Staff at Lascaris, Malta.

David Riddick (1961), who passed out last term from R.M.A. Sandhurst, was awarded the Wavell Prize for Military History. As a former Classic he chose the battle of Plataea for his essay. He has been commissioned in the R. Northumberland Fusiliers.

Peter Dawson (1962), still at R.M.A., has been promoted Cadet Sergeant.

Colin Scragg (1957) has been granted a Short-Service Commission in R.T.R.

Brian Jakeman (1945), R.A.P.C., is now at Buller Barracks, Aldershot.

P/O Michael Westwood (1962) is at No. 7, Flying Training School, Church Fenton.

We congratulate D. J. Scott, who has just left, on securing Direct Entry to R.A.F. for Pilot training.

Graham Brown (1957), Senior A/C R.A.F., is a great walker. He recently hitched and hiked from Limassol, Cyprus, to his home in Didcot and back again, as a prelude to an international 4-day walk at Nymegen, Holland, when he covered 34 miles a day, and received a medal for his effort.

Andrew Lloyd (1962) has appropriately obtained a post with Lloyd's Registry of Shipping. At present he is working on the Register of Yachts and Yacht owners.

Douglas Spragg (1962) leaves this month to take up an appointment in Air Traffic Control under the Australian Government.

John Foden (1959) appeared in the first batch of passes in the new Higher National Diploma in Business Studies.

Christopher Webb (1962) has passed the Ordinary N.D. in the same.

Anthony Venn (1962) is at the Holborn College of Law, reading for LL.B. London.

Derek Dunn (1962) who is with a textiles firm is starting a two-year course at Manchester University, after which he will be posted to South America.

John Brimble (1959) is now with the Rapp Group of Companies, Metal Stockists.

## O.A. CLUB NOTES

The Old Boys took a full part in the Celebrations at the School on the 14th and 15th June and it was a great joy to see such a representative gathering of all ages. Over 150 Old Boys signed the visitors book — a practice, incidentally, that should be perpetuated — and among them were many who must have attended the 1913 celebrations and many more who had not visited the School for untold years.

On Friday, 14th June, the friendly informality which surrounded the Royal Visit was much enjoyed. The Club provided its own marquee at which tea was served after the departure of Princess Margaret, and during the afternoon the first day's play of the Cricket Match between the School and the Old Boys proceeded. The climax of the day for the Old Boys was the Quatercentenary Ball held in the Officers' Mess, by kind permission of the Officer Commanding and Officers of R.A.F. Abingdon. Some 250 O.A.s, parents and friends of the School enjoyed a memorable night and all arrangements were of the high standard always to be found at such a venue. During the proceedings the President, Mr. R. E. Eason, handed over his office to Sir George Sinclair and invested him with the President's Chain. The Ball was indeed a fitting epilogue to the Royal Visit.

There was an even larger attendance on the Saturday — celebrated this year as Founder's Day — at the Service in St. Helen's Church and the Luncheon, and throughout the afternoon. The weather was rather warmer, and, with the Cricket Match continuing on Upper Field, the social setting was perfect. A showpiece of the day was the magnificent cake, weighing nearly 100 lbs., created by the firm of Norman Holmes. Emblazoned with the School Crest and surrounded with the names and dates of all the Headmasters since 1563, it was a fine piece of artistry and tasted as good as it looked.

Earlier in the term two more 'weekends' were held for Old Boys of different age groups. The programme followed that of the first gathering which had proved so successful. Those who could arrive in time were entertained to tea in the Prefects' Common Room, and conducted round the School, where they saw many strange marvels and even confessed that the prefects of today were little inferior to their own recollections. In due course they gathered in the Heylyn Room to take sherry with the President, R. E. Eason, before sitting down to dinner in the School Shop, where not the least of the delights was to be waited on most efficiently by the Headmaster's daughters.

There is no doubt that these gatherings have done much to bring old friends together and win back lost sheep to the fold, and in due course the Committee will be considering the best way of continuing them. For the record we give the names of those who attended on each occasion:

On Saturday, 4th May: G. A. H. Bosley, H. Bosley, J. O. Bury, C. Calvert-Fisher, R. F. Cox, R. E. Eason, E. G. Gibbs, N. J. Holmes,



R. F. Jackson, D. A. Kitto, John Lay, S. K. Muir, D. J. Penney, J. S. Randle, D. E. Roberts, P. A. S. Scott, A. L. Shepherd, D. B. West, M. H. Wheeler, G. H. Willson, the Headmaster and Messrs. Alston, Duxbury, Gray, Hillary and Montague.

On Saturday, 25th May: H. B. Bailey, E. G. Ballard, G. V. Bayley, G. A. R. Boyd, J. O. Bury, J. E. A. Clarke, K. Cleave, C. E. Coxeter, W. B. Coxeter, A. C. Dean, C. E. H. Dolphin, R. E. Eason, A. L. Fleet, J. H. Hooke, A. F. James, W. R. A. Kettle, E. G. Langford, H. A. Lunghi, W. Memory, V. J. Relle, G. F. Price, P. E. Rowlandson, G. E. Sinclair, C. Taylor, H. P. Tame, T. S. Wilding, the Headmaster, Rev. J. W. Reynolds, Mr. R. W. Amey, and Messrs. Rudd, Alston, Duxbury, Hillary and Montague.

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Among the many letters of congratulation and good wishes received by the School on the occasion of the Quatercentenary, none gave greater pleasure than one from the Rev. Gilbert E. Summers, O.A., whose father, the Rev. Edgar Summers, was Headmaster from 1870 to 1883.

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Since our last report support of the Fund has continued on a most encouraging scale, and so the Fund is able to make further substantial contribution to the Appeal, on behalf of the Old Boys. We acknowledge with many thanks increased Covenants from D. B. West, R. G. Mortimer and A. C. Vivian; Renewals from G. M. Helliwell, C. E. T. Moore, R. J. Taylor and D. O. Willis; New Covenants from B. C. Jakeman, S. K. Muir and M. H. Wheat.

The Accounts of The Fund for the past year, kindly audited by R. W. Snell, speak for themselves, but since the end of the financial year a further £350 has been paid over to the Appeal, while the first John Ingham Prizes were presented on Prize Day.

#### Cash Account for year ended 31st March, 1963

Receipts		£	s.	d.
Balances in Hand, 1st April, 1962 ...	...	70	7	2
Subscriptions and Donations ...	...	238	2	6
Final Instalment: J. Y. Ingham Bequest ...	...	1164	13	8
Refund of Income Tax on Covenants, 1960/61 ...	...	116	3	6
Trustee Savings Bank Interest ...	...	4	8	2
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Payments		£	s.	d.
School Magazine Expenses ...	...	52	19	4
J. Y. Ingham Prizes Endowment ...	...	200	0	0
„ Donation to Appeal Fund ...	...	964	13	8
Stamps on New Covenants ...	...	2	3	10
Postages and Stationery ...	...	1	18	9
Balances in hand, 31st March, 1963 ...	...	371	19	5
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G. F. Duxbury, Hon. Treasurer.

#### TAIL-PIECE

This question actually appeared in the Advanced Level Practical Biology Paper of the O. & C. G.C.E. this July —

“2. Describe by means of labelled drawings only the general outline and details of the structure of specimen HM, indicating features of interest. You may dissect it or cut it if you wish.”

## SUMMARY OF RUGGER FIXTURES

## FIRST FIFTEEN

*September*

- Thur. 26      Quatercentenary Match v. Mr. Booth's XV (h).  
 Sat. 28      v. St. Edward's School 2nd XV (a).

*October*

- Wed. 2      v. Reading School (h).  
 Sat. 5      v. Newbury Grammar School (a).  
 Sat. 12      v. Leighton Park School (a).  
 Sat. 19      v. Solihull School (a).  
 Sat. 26      v. Pembroke College (a).  
 Wed. 30      v. Magdalen College School (h).

*November*

- Mon. 4      v. Bradford Grammar School (h).  
 Wed. 6      v. Pangbourne Nautical College (a).  
 Sat. 9      v. Radley College 2nd XV (a).  
 Wed. 13      v. Oratory School (a).  
 Sat. 16      v. R.G.S., High Wycombe (a).  
 Wed. 20      v. Southfield School (h).  
 Sat. 23      v. Bloxham School (h).  
 Sat. 30      v. Old Abingdonians (h).

## SUMMARY OF CROSS COUNTRY FIXTURES

*October*

- Sat. 5      v. Westminster College (a).  
 Sat. 12      v. Newbury Grammar School (h).  
 Sat. 19      v. R.G.S., High Wycombe (a).  
 Wed. 23      v. R.A.F. Benson and Reading School (h).  
 Wed. 30      v. Culham College (a)

*November*

- Wed. 6      v. R.A.F. Benson (a).  
 Wed. 20      v. Exeter College (a).  
 Wed. 27      v. The Queen's College (h).

*December*

- Wed. 11      Inter-House Races.

Members should note now (though special notices will be sent later) that the O.A. Rugger Match, the Annual General Meeting and the Annual Dinner will be held on Saturday, 30th November.

Addresses of Secretaries are:

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

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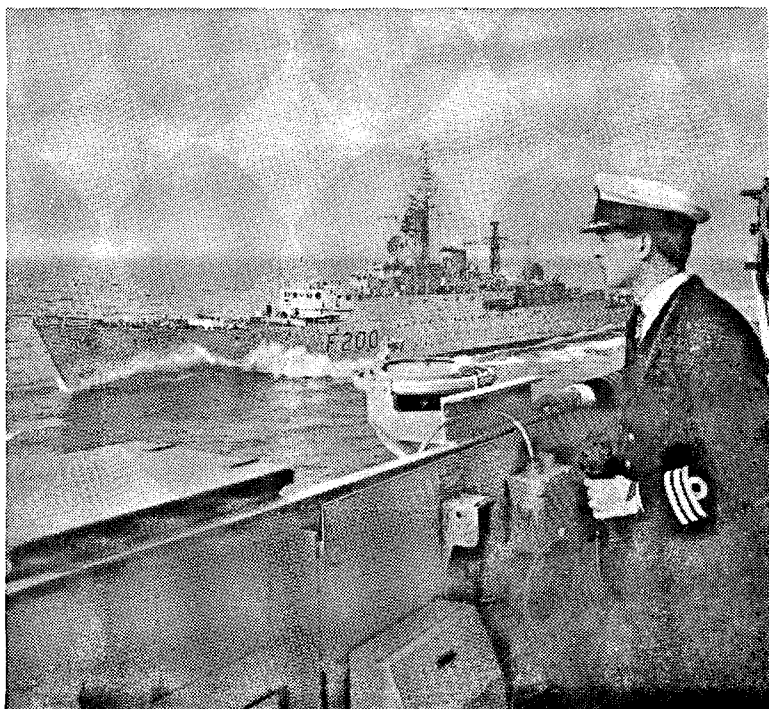
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For we provide an amazing variety of banking facilities through an organization of over 2,400 branches—large and small—in the cities, towns and villages of England and Wales and the Channel Islands. We have, too, offices at the leading airports, at the Ocean Terminal, Southampton and in several of the Cunard liners. The Midland is everywhere—in everything. You will find no lack of variety if you join us.

## ► SALARIES ARE GOOD

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

Age	Provinces	Central London
17	£320	£420
18	390	490
21	460	560
24	585	685
31	965	1065

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

## ► PROSPECTS ARE EXCELLENT

Promotion is based solely on merit (and, moreover, on merit regularly, impartially and widely assessed). Training is provided at every stage to prepare all who respond to it for early responsibility and the Bank's special scheme for Study Leave will be available to assist you in your studies for the Institute of Bankers Examinations. Young men can confidently train to enter branch management (many will reach it while still in their thirties). Salaries in this field range from a minimum of £1,795 to £4,500 a year—and more—according to the level of responsibility attained.

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

## ► PENSIONS ARE FREE

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

## ► YOU SHOULD HAVE

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

## ► WE SHALL HAVE

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

THE STAFF MANAGER

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As an officer in the Royal Air Force you could serve in any one of a dozen countries and visit twenty others. The aircraft you fly could vary from helicopters to Mach 2 fighters, and your regular runs from a hundred miles to right around the world. Pay is excellent: by the age of 21 you could be earning over £1000 a year.

## Two ways to a Flying Commission

*With 'A' level G.C.E.* you may apply for entry to Cranwell, the R.A.F. College which trains you for a flying and executive career that can take you to the most senior ranks in the Service. You must be 17½-19½ and have G.C.E. in English language, mathematics, science or a language and two other subjects. Two subjects must be at 'A' level.

*With 5 'O' levels* including English language, mathematics and three other acceptable subjects you may apply for a Direct Entry commission. This gives you guaranteed service to the age of 38 and you have good prospects of service to the age of 55. Alternatively you may leave after 8 or 12 years with a tax-free gratuity of up to £4000.

## If you are Technically Minded

If you have 'A' level in pure and applied mathematics and physics you may be eligible for a cadetship at Henlow, the R.A.F. Technical College. Here you train for a permanent commission in the Technical Branch and read for the Dip. Tech. which is equivalent to an honours degree.

## R.A.F. Scholarships

Boys over 15 years 8 months may apply for an R.A.F. Scholarship worth up to



£260 a year, to enable them to stay at their own school to take the necessary 'A' levels for Cranwell or Henlow. If you would like further information, write, giving your date of birth and details of education to Group Captain J. A. Crockett, R.A.F., Air Ministry (SCH) Adastral House, London, W.C.1. Mention the subject that most interests you: Cranwell, Direct Entry, Henlow, or R.A.F. Scholarships. Alternatively, ask your Careers Master to arrange an informal meeting with your Schools Liaison Officer.

  
**The Royal Air Force**