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## EDITORIAL

Facts and figures have a curious fascination for the layman. The statistician seems to be able to produce a conclusive answer to many of our most difficult questions. The illegitimate offspring of his charts, from opinion polls to hit parades, also seem to have this same finality and are often accepted uncritically as a way of representing the truth. This is in spite of frequent warnings that their findings are far from accurate and that their presentation is often misleading to say the least. Their continued popularity gives them an importance that was never intended.

This is not, however, an attack on such surveys themselves, but a criticism of those who follow them without discrimination. It is an indication of a prevalent tendency to let someone else do all the thinking and reproduce his thoughts and conclusions in a way that is easy for everyone else to understand. The primrose way to simplicity in everything is always temptingly open, particularly at school. For we are far from being, as some like to think, a generation which makes a conscious effort to subject everything to intense criticism. Nor do we show our reputed rejection of everything for which we have no definite evidence. On the contrary, we take too much for granted in every way.

In view of this, perhaps some of us need reminding that the School is not spending the time in the classroom providing us with a store of knowledge that has no apparent use in the world outside. Often it is not even intended as a basis for future work. Whether we are occupied with a Greek prose or a biological dissection, the main objective surely remains the same. We are at school not merely to learn, but to learn to think. The future does not lie in the computers and test-tubes, but in the mind,

## SCHOOL NOTES

The birth of a daughter to H.R.H. the Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, whom we naturally regard with especial affection, was marked by the award of a half-holiday which was celebrated on 8th June.

To Sir Keith Murray, another who played a leading part in our Quatercentenary Celebrations, we offer our warm congratulations on his elevation to a life peerage.

To our good friends at R.G.S., High Wycombe, whom we have met on so many fields, we tender our deep sympathy on the death of their headmaster, Mr. Ronald Tucker, which occurred on Saturday, 25th June, after a very short illness. We have our own memories of Mr. Tucker for he came over on several occasions to preach in the Chapel.

We welcome very warmly Mr. C. E. Hart, of Cumnor Hill, who has succeeded Mr. Parsons as the elected representative of the Rural District Council on the Governing Body; and also Councillor R. A. Rogers, who now completes the Borough's team of representatives. In so doing we would add how grateful we are to Councillor Rogers' predecessor, Councillor D. A. Kitto (Old Boy and Parent) whose wide professional knowledge has been of such inestimable value to the School in recent years.

The Headmaster and Miss Mary Cobban had the honour of attending the Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on Tuesday, 14th July.

We congratulate the Headmaster on his election as Chairman of the Friends of Abingdon.

Three staff marriages call for felicitation. We offer our warm good wishes to Mr. Desmond Cecil and Miss Ruth Sachs (20th June): to Mr. Roger Mortimer and Félicité Kinder (6th August); and (a little in advance) to Mr. David Bell and Miss Diana Ross-Slater (26th September).

And to the Rev. and Mrs. Mark Williams, congratulations on the birth of a daughter, Katrina Mary (Kate), which occurred on 17th August.

We congratulate Mr. Sawbridge (now our penultimate Director of Music) on his engagement to Miss Elizabeth Hayes, of Torwoodhill, Dru, Dunbartonshire.

This term we say good-bye to Mr. John Arkell, who has held a temporary appointment at the School for the last year. We are very grateful to him for all he has done for us both in and out of the classroom, and we wish him good fortune, and Mrs. Arkell too, as he leaves to take up an appointment at Framlingham.

In his place we welcome Mr. Kendall Carey, B.A. Mr. Carey went up from King's, Canterbury, to Corpus, Cambridge, in 1961 with a Vickers Scholarship, and has secured honours in both parts of the Economics Tripos. Besides captaining Corpus cricket, he has represented the College at rugger and at hockey.

Staff marriages frequently call for domestic adjustment. Mr. Carey will be coming in to School House as senior house-tutor *vice* Mr. Mortimer. We welcome Mrs. Runnacles as Matron of School House *vice* Miss Kinder, and Mrs. Williams as housekeeper *vice* Miss Ross-Slater.

It would be ungracious if we did not here express the gratitude which generations of School House boarders feel to Mr. Mortimer and Miss Kinder for their joint ministrations. It is pleasant to think that they will continue to live very near the School, for they will be occupying

No. 27 Park Road, one of the pair of semi-detached houses recently purchased by the Governors for staff accommodation. The other half of the block will be occupied as a bachelor establishment by Rev. David Street, Mr. Cullen and Mr. Owen.

It is pleasant to find so many former members of the staff who seize every opportunity of visiting the School. Mr. Alston we still regard as 'one of us'. This term we have seen also Messrs. Keating, Pratt, Sawbridge, Stratford and Vallance. To Mr. Pratt we offer our good wishes as he takes on an additional appointment as Warden of one of the halls of residence at Keele. We hope too that he will pass our congratulations to his father on being elected F.R.C.O. We remember how often Mr. Pratt, senior, came down to help us in our musical productions.

It was our own Mr. Horrex who took the name part in the Unicorn Theatre's recent production of Handel's 'tragi-comick' opera *Admetus*. News of Mr. Horrex's translation to Glasgow Academy at the end of the year spread alarm and despondency. But it is too early for valedictory.

Mr. Tammadge has this term been seen on both channels of BBC Television expounding the new mathematics.

We welcomed a French *assistant* for a short time at the end of July in the person of Jean Edouard, a young French visitor whom we turned to good use.

Other recent visitors to the School included a party of a dozen American teachers on 8th July; some forty Danish teachers on 13th July; and the Dean of the Department of Education at the University of Kabul, Afghanistan, on 16th July.

The Headmaster writes elsewhere of the very gratifying response to his appeal for help towards the construction of a new boat-house. Two parents supplemented their contributions with further cheques to be devoted respectively to the Tape-Recording Society and to the construction of hard tennis courts. For this spontaneous generosity, warm thanks. We hope that the tennis court cheque will soon trigger something off.

We are grateful also for other benefactions — to Mr. Sawbridge for a generous contribution to the Library, to Mr. 'Jock' Clarke for a cup for the C.C.F., to Mr. G. E. Rowson for some slide-rules, to Dr. J. D. Todd and Mr. J. E. Bialokoz of the Oxford Department of Engineering for some drawing-boards, isoclinographs and tee-squares, and (most pleasant of all) to Mrs. Clifton-Brown for the loan of the Admiral's medals and decorations. These now hang in the Library adjoining the similarly-mounted collection of Lord Glyn. It cannot be many schools where at one time both the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman held the Greek Order of the Redeemer!

The number of boys on the School Roll in April, 1964, was 574, of whom 194 were boarders.

And we shall welcome some ninety new boys in September. Those who accuse us of parochialism may note that they will include boys from Canada, U.S.A. (four of them), South Africa, Nigeria, Persia and Belgium. Our Belgian new boy will be fortunate to find two members of the staff who claim to understand his native Flemish.

Entrance Scholarships this year were awarded to T. C. C. May (Audley House) and R. L. Deuchar (Abingdon School); and Exhibitions to A. D. Chafer (Crossfields) and J. P. Tromans (Hillstone).

We congratulate R. J. M. Conibear and M. C. G. Holloway on the award of reserved cadetships for the Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth: S. M. Nicholl and M. F. Wells on their success in a nation-wide mathematics examination: and (collectively) the Woodpecker Patrol (under I. L. M. Carr) on winning the County Flag Competition.

The brothers Hallett have been hitting the local headlines, organ-wise. Graham has been appointed assistant-organist to Mr. Billington at St. Helen's, and Ian (*act.* 14) has succeeded him as organist at Marcham. And C. I. Rowson (*act.* 15) has been appointed organist at Appleton Church.

Two Parents' Evenings were held during the term, one for the Sixth Forms on 4th June, and one for the Fourth Forms on 18th June.

A meeting of the local branch of the Assistant Masters' Association was held at the School on 30th May.

Mr. Barnes of the Public Schools' Appointments Bureau visited the School on 17th and 18th of June. Also by way of careers, we have to thank senior representatives of the Oxford Corporation and of the Bullingdon R.D.C., who came down to talk to us about the work of a local government financial officer on 29th May; and Superintendent Phillips, who talked to all members of the Lower Sixth Form about the work of the police on 14th July.

We were very glad to welcome Major-General Cox, our Liaison Officer, on 19th June.

This year the School photograph was entrusted for the first time to Messrs. Gillman and Soames of Oxford, who managed to squeeze the whole school, staff and boys, into one group. But we missed the excitement of the panoramic cameras. Two days later Photo-Reportage came down to make a less formal record of our activities. Some of their photographs are included, by permission, in the new edition of the prospectus which has just been published.

Commonwealth Youth Sunday came early, on 10th May, when contingents from the three branches of the C.C.F., supported by the Band, took part in the march past. The standard of turn-out was very good — as indeed it was at the Annual Inspection on 12th June. The Inspecting Officer, Colonel A. Clerke-Brown, O.B.E., Chairman of the Joint Cadet Executive, was very favourably impressed, as his report shows. The half-holiday for which he very properly asked was celebrated on Monday, 20th July.

The Headmaster and the Head of School represented us at the dedication of the memorial to S. Edmund of Abingdon on 7th June.

On 9th June a very pleasant concert, organised by N. P. Coe, was given by the various sections of the Dayboy Orchestra in aid of the Ingham Music School: and on 19th July the One-Act Play Reading Competition, adjudicated by Mr. Stratford, was won by a group led by D. G. Hounam.

On 4th July a considerable number of sixth formers were subjected to a questionnaire designed in the sacred name of Research.

Outside entertainments at which we have 'assisted' included the production of *Admetus* at the Unicorn Theatre (5th May); a performance of *Don Juan* in Oxford (22nd May); the Open Day of the National Physical Laboratory at Teddington (29th May); a Schools' Day at A.E.R.E., Harwell (6th June); the Dorchester Festival (20th June); the production of *Hippolytus* at Bradfield (23rd June); *King Lear* at the Unicorn Theatre (24th June); a lecture on 'The Teheran Nuclear Centre' (30th June); and the Cheltenham Festival (8th July).

We gave more active help to the Christian Aid Week Bazaar and Dance (30th May); the Open Day at Dr. Barnardo's Home at Caldecott House (6th June); the Garden Fete of the Friends of Abingdon (3rd July); and the Unicorn Theatre's commemoration of William Shakespeare (17th July) at which members of the Dramatic Society produced the recruiting scene from *Henry IV*.

The Mock Certificate 'A' level examinations were held between 4th and 11th May in preparation for the real thing, which started on 6th July. The supplementary entrance examination, for candidates who had missed the main entrance examination, was held in Lacies Court on 2nd July.

Top People have had their fun this term. On 15th July the Prefects' XI played their annual challenge match against the Common Room, which they lost by 17 runs. Less robust functions included the Prefects' Dance, on 22nd July, held for the first time in a transmogrified Court Room, which provided a surprisingly attractive venue. We are particularly grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Jessett for the generous help they gave us over the refreshments, and to Mr. Eric Potter and our own Zodiacs who divided the musical programme between them.

Our guests on this occasion came from the Abbey School, Faringdon, Headington and S. Helen's. Previously, on 11th July, a dozen of our seniors had attended a similar function at Headington; for which entertainment, much thanks.

The House P.T. Competition was held on the morning of 20th July, when Reeves won the Viney Cup. We are grateful to F/Sgt. Macguire of R.A.F. Abingdon, who very kindly came over 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 First Eleven: P. N. Shellard.

The Morris Cup, for bowling: J. W. Dickinson.

Tennis —

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

Shooting —

The West Cup, for the best senior shot: B. G. Mackay.

The Darbishire Cup, for the best shot under 16: M. A. Cockerill.

Music —

The Strings Cup, for string-playing: A. R. Gibbs.

The Fourth Science Times Cup, for middle-school English: A. W. Hills.

The Boat Club Regatta, at which the awards were presented, most appropriately, by Miss Kinder, was held on 18th July, and the Swimming Sports on the 22nd. The Life-Saving Examinations followed on 23rd July.

The Evening Entertainment on 24th and 25th July, Founder's Day on 25th July, and the Leavers' Service on 26th July, are recorded elsewhere. After the Leavers' Service came the Prefects' Party, and the following evening the boarders enjoyed their usual end-of-term suppers. Afterwards School House and Crescent competed on the Waste Court Field in a variety of manly activities, in some of which the younger masters were invited to join. Once again the Prefects managed to defeat the Masters in the tug-of-war which is always the most exciting item on the programme.

As usual, there has been much holiday activity that is worthy of record. On the last day of term the Army Contingent of the C.C.F. — much depleted in strength because of quarantine regulations — left for camp at Wyke Regis, in Dorset, and the Naval Contingent for the

Boom Defence Depot on Loch Ewe, in Wester Ross. The following day the Scouts went off to an ideal camp site near Moreton-in-the-Marsh. The R.A.F. Section did not leave for Hullavington until 22nd August. There was a contingent from the School, headed by E. C. C. Crouch, at the Welsh Schoolboys' Camp. For the first three weeks of the holidays many of our number offered return of hospitality to their friends from Nevers. We were very glad to welcome again Mons. Royot, who established his headquarters in the Lodge with Mme. Royot and his daughter. R. H. B. Becker and J. R. Owen represented us on the Joint Schools' Expedition to Skye later in August; and early in September the Chaplain took a small party of middle-school boys for a week-end in Snowdonia.

Of individuals, S. M. Nicholl attended a special flying camp at South Cerney, and P. B. Godfrey and M. C. Johnston implemented their flying scholarships at Kidlington. Four of our members (A. G. Fairlie, P. H. Fletcher, A. R. Gibbs, and F. R. Howlett) took an active part in the Drayton Chamber Music Course. G. H. Hallett has been singing in Coventry Cathedral with the Rugby Parish Church Choir, while Aidan and Stephen Fairlie supported Mr. Cullen when he returned to act as choirmaster at the centenary service in Aberdeen Cathedral on 30th August.

The Court Room was turned to a new use on 8th August when it became the scene of the reception after the wedding of Miss Jill Candy and Mr. Martin Mellor.

Earlier, the Teaching Block had been the venue of an extraordinarily interesting exhibition of contemporary paintings arranged by Mr. Dickin Moore, which undoubtedly did much to stimulate even those of us who are more traditional in our tastes.

It is pleasant to think that our old cinema-projector has started a new and honourable lease of life at Mayotts House, the Old People's Home in Ock Street.

To the number of 'permitted badges' is now added the badge of the Royal School of Church Music, the use of which will be restricted to active members of the Chapel Choir.

Something was done this term to provide a fresh intellectual stimulus for third-year sixth-formers. A project-scheme ('The Little Trevelyan') was devised for those with rather more time to spare. Others were given the opportunity of a high-speed course in a new language, Italian. We are very grateful to Mr. Manly for organising this so successfully.

Thanks to the good offices of the Mayor of Abingdon, we were recently allowed to display for a short time a large-scale map of Virginia which had been sent to the town by the Mayor of Abingdon (Va). It was interesting to observe that other name places on the map included Pembroke, Willis, Grundy — and Cobb Creek.

The acquisition of a larger, newer hut which will provide extra accommodation for school activities gave us an excuse for pulling down the old Scenery Store behind the Colonade, an operation in which members of Middle School gave willing, indeed eager, assistance.

One of the prize-winning entries in a recent *Punch* competition on the future of the public schools, possibly submitted over a pseudonym, referred to 'an old pub near the market-place in Abingdon' and to the concealment of straw hats. Very rum.

For the photographs in this issue we are indebted to Mr. Milligan, Photographer; Mr. J. Blagden; E. J. Roblin; A. R. L. Hewison and Messrs. Photo Reportage Ltd.

We are very grateful for the magazines we have received from other schools and colleges: and we offer a warm welcome to our unofficial contemporaries from within the school — ETC (of which the 1964 edition, commendably less gloomy than its predecessor, was on sale on Founder's Day), *Spotlight* (a second year production) and several short-lived but very good First Form papers.

### FROM THE HEADMASTER

A busy but uneventful term was given its distinctive character by a mild epidemic of mumps which flared up at the beginning of July. The germ struck where we were most vulnerable, among our senior boarders; and many a swollen head wrestled disconsolately in the Sanatorium with G.C.E. papers which it should have been facing in the Court Room. What with boys convalescing at home, and boys very properly withdrawn to minimise the chance of infection during, say, a holiday in Jugo-Slavia, we were rather thinner on the ground at the end of term than we usually are. But the show went on, and reports indicate that the next 'wave' of cases was very small indeed. All honour to Sister Bright and those who helped her to cope in the Sanatorium!

This year we reverted to our traditional programme for Founder's Day. It was as enjoyable as ever, but the Governors agree with me that the time has come when we ought to consider the possibility of modification. The present programme imposes on the 'management' a real test of physical endurance; and it does not give our visitors (or ourselves, for that matter) anything like enough time to see the various exhibitions and displays. What we hope to do next year is to move the Prize Giving so as to leave the Saturday afternoon clear. And that is all I can say for the moment.

One change which I foreshadowed in my last 'note' was in the pattern of the school day. The necessity of arranging our time-table to suit both boarders and dayboys, many of whom come from a considerable distance, leaves little room for manoeuvre. But the feeling has been

growing that the massed P.T. at break, impressive though it may appear to the casual visitor, has outlived its usefulness, and it will now be replaced by rather more periods of form P.T. Its disappearance will enable us to add ten valuable minutes to the teaching time in the morning. At the same time we are stretching the special Friday afternoon time-table so that each of the three periods will now be of the normal length. Not much perhaps: but these extra few minutes may make all the difference to a master working to a tight syllabus.

Circumstances forced me to have a holiday at home this year. But it was enlivened by the amenity of the swimming bath on the one hand and on the other by a constant stream of postcards from boys and old boys scattered over land and sea. Not all of them have been quite as venturesome as the prefect who went off the beaten track in Iceland or the lower sixth former who hitch-hiked to Berlin. Here at School there has been much activity. Work has started on the site of the new Dayboys' Changing Room. And we have this day (4th September) received final planning approval for the erection of a couple of 'quick-construction' class-rooms in the waste land north-east of the Court Room Wing. A new permanent block of class-rooms figures in our long-term development plan, but the Governors accepted that with the growth in size and number of our sixth form sets we just could not wait until we got round to this particular project. So they authorised these two class-rooms as a 'crash programme'. We hope that they will be ready for use shortly after the beginning of the term. Some further structural improvements have been effected in Larkhill and Waste Court, and inside the School the steps of the main staircase have been built up and faced with non-skid tiles. As a further safety measure, we are planning to have all our staircases fitted with hand-rails. The new Boat House is dealt with elsewhere. And to complete this particular picture the Architect is now hard at work on the plans for the Ingham Music School and for the central dining block.

I am particularly pleased that we can look forward to having a little extra 'elbow-room' when the new class-rooms are completed for I hope it may enable me to turn one of the pleasantly dignified rooms on the ground floor of Lacies Court into a day room for senior 'commoners' of the School. With the growth of our sixth form it has become more and more difficult for the ordinary boy to break the barrier and secure promotion to school office. The remedy I think is not to increase the number of prefects and house-prefects (it may even be that we have too many at the moment) but to give rather more privilege and rather more responsibility to the Upper Sixth Former, as such.

And now we face another school year — my last as housemaster of School House. How I shall hate leaving it! But I am more and more convinced that it is the right step to take, in the interests of my family as well as of the School and myself.

J.M.C.



TWO ARCHES



## THE NEW BOAT HOUSE

Of all normal School activities, rowing is the one which makes most demands on those who take part in it, and which exacts the greatest devotion from them. At the present moment there are about 135 members of the Boat Club; their enthusiasm enables us to compete with credit against much larger schools, and even those who are not in an Eight not only get much from their rowing but are also helping in a very real way to build up the spirit of the Club.

But rowing is also the most *expensive* activity that a School can undertake. A generous contribution from the Governors, together with the parents' supplementary subscriptions, just manages to cover the capital cost of boats and oars and the day-to-day expenditure of the Club. But with the expansion of rowing we were faced with an urgent demand for an additional boat-house. Indeed, some of our boats were already suffering as a result of the lack of storage space.

It was estimated that the minimum cost of a new boat-house, if we ourselves provided as much of the labour as possible, would be about £2,500. An extra thousand would give us not only cover for the boats but also simple changing accommodation. But we could not ask the Governors to direct to this purpose money that was so urgently needed elsewhere, and of course the funds of the Quatercentenary Appeal were fully committed. It was at this juncture that an anonymous friend offered to lend the School £1,000 towards the project, and another one followed up with a similar offer of £200. This encouraged us to go forward. Somehow we had to bridge the gap. For obvious reasons we did not want to initiate another general appeal at this juncture. So the Headmaster wrote to the parents of all boys in the Boat Club to ask them if they would like to support an activity which was giving their sons so much pleasure. Mr. Eason, whom we regard as a sort of Elder Brother in these things, weighed in by sending copies of this letter to a very limited number of Old Boys who were known to cherish a special affection for the Boat Club.

The response was immediate and exhilarating both for parents and for Old Boys. Today, less than three months after the issue of the Appeal, Mr. Duxbury, the Treasurer, holds precisely £3,052 2s. Od. in cash, and we know of at least £55 which is yet to come. Practically one half of this represents outright gifts. A complete list of subscribers will be published in the next issue of the magazine. Here we should like to mention just two contributions which we found especially moving. The one was a most generous cheque, sent by return of post by one of our most senior and most respected Old Boys, Mr. T. S. Wilding. The other was a loan of £50 representing the entire capital of a very junior member of the Boat Club. The Governors, who are of course extremely grateful (as we all are) to all our contributors,

have done their part by guaranteeing the repayment of the loan on demand or at latest within ten years, and the payment of interest at the rate of 4%. This interest will be paid by cheque on September 30th of 1965 and of each subsequent year.

Meanwhile the School Architect, who is generously giving his services as a contribution in kind to the Appeal, has helped us to select the right kind of 'quick-construction' building, which has already been ordered. It will provide a storage space of no less than 3,000 square feet, together with room for changing accommodation at the back. But to equip it properly, we really need another £500. So the Appeal remains open. In particular, it must be understood that the number of Old Boys we approached was deliberately kept very small. If any other Old Boy would like to contribute we shall be delighted to hear from him. Any contributions sent to Mr. Eason or to the Headmaster will be personally acknowledged.

### THE ABINGDON SCHOOL APPEAL FUND

It is six years since the Quatercentenary Appeal was launched, on Founder's Day, 1958. This means that those who responded immediately to the appeal to take out seven-year subscriptions under covenant are just making their final payment. The Appeal Secretary will be sending each of them an individual letter of thanks. We cannot say too often how grateful we at the School are to all those whose generous subscriptions have already enabled us to enjoy the amenity of Library, Swimming Bath and School Shop. To have covered a total of just on £59,000, without professional assistance, is indeed a worthy achievement.

But the Appeal Committee continues to look forward, as well as back. We can no longer cash in on the Quatercentenary — you will see how the heading of this note has been altered — but we do think it fair to invite all new parents to help us to reach, and go beyond, our revised target figure of £63,000. After all, it is their sons who are reaping the principal benefit from the Appeal, and who can look forward to enjoying too the Ingham Music School and the facilities of the new Dining Block.

Meanwhile we print below a further list of subscribers to the Appeal. Apologies for the omission of all the usual honorifics.

J.M.C.

*Eighteenth List of Subscribers, 1st January, 1964 — 31st July, 1964.*

\* Covenanted Subscription; † Annual but uncovenanted subscription;

#### (F) Increased subscription.

W. D. Allen\*

R. Bosley

P. Bowles\*

G. R. F. Bredin\*

Mrs. P. E. Brown

J. W. S. Chalker

Christ's Hospital

Day Boys' Orchestra

P. Deane\*  
 R. E. Deane  
 W. S. Hamilton\*  
 R. G. Havelock  
 Mrs. J. Hilleard  
 G. A. Jessett (F)  
 J. Jones  
 L. Lacey-Johnson\*  
 Mr. and Mrs. Angus Maude  
 W. H. Minns\*

J. Mobbs†  
 C. D. L. Murray  
 Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Polley  
 Mrs. Sayce  
 Sir G. E. Sinclair\* (F)  
 M. A. Smart\*  
 P. Taylor\*  
 M. P. Westwood  
 A. M. Whittington\*

### VALETE ET SALVETE

*Left 26th March, 1964*

VIB: M. C. E. Hodge; S. D. Thornton; P. B. Havelock.  
 VIM: A. S. Harrison; R. J. Ormered.  
 4L: R. Crothers.

*Came 28th April, 1964*

IY: D. A. Cerow, Jr.  
 4L: A. S. Jackson.  
 3A: P. J. Davis.

### CHAPEL NOTES

As a new chaplain of one term's standing I am writing my first contribution to the 'Abingdonian'. Perhaps therefore I may be forgiven for beginning on a personal note. My appointment was made at the very end of the Lent Term, and I am most grateful to my predecessor for all that he did to smooth my passage. My initial awe gave way as time progressed to a growing appreciation of all that his ministry here had meant. I realised afresh the truth of the text 'Other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours'. It was to the delight of all that he was able to return on a flying visit to be the special preacher on Founder's Day, and his powerful sermon will long be remembered.

The regular celebration of Holy Communion and the round of daily services have continued without interruption. The beauty of the Chapel continues to evoke the admiration of our visitors, as indeed does the robust singing which gives zest to the services. The Choir, under the leadership of Mr. Cullen, has put in much hard work and their reward is in the worship. Below is appended a list of the anthems they have sung this term.

The short non-liturgical Sunday evening service for the boarders is obviously more popular than the religious programmes on either of the television channels. Saturday evening compline regularly draws a handful of boys who value it as a means of preparation for the Sunday Communion.

Anthony Medland and Nicholas Atkins have worked devotedly as Sacristans, and this term they have had the willing assistance of Andrew Vernede. I am grateful to them and also to Mrs. Potter for the care with which she has arranged the Chapel flowers.

Forty-six boys have joined the preparatory classes for Confirmation. We look forward to presenting almost all of them to the Bishop of Oxford when he visits us on the afternoon of the Second Sunday in Advent (6th December).

D.G.S.

The following anthems were sung during the term:

O clap your hands (Vaughan Williams);  
How lovely are thy dwellings (Brahms);  
Cantate Domino (Pitoni);  
Greater love hath no man (Ireland);  
The heavens are telling (Haydn).

Collections in chapel have been more or less evenly divided between our own running expenses and the following outside charities:

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|-------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|----|---|
| Royal National Lifeboat Institution | ... | ... | £8  | 0  | 0 |
| Ashbury Church Restoraton Appeal    | ... | ... | £8  | 0  | 0 |
| S.P.G.                              | ... | ... | £6  | 10 | 7 |
| New Guinea Mission                  | ... | ... | £10 | 2  | 7 |
| British Council of Churches         | ... | ... | £6  | 15 | 0 |
| Methodist Missionary Society        | ... | ... | £5  | 0  | 0 |

In addition, St. Helen's Church benefitted by the collection at the School Service on the first day of term (£7 1s. 0d.) and by one half of the collection on Founder's Day which totalled £52 6s. 2d., an equivalent amount being sent to Dr. Barnardo's Home at Caldecott House; and the collection at the Leavers' Service (£12 9s. 1d.) was given to St. Nicolas' Church.

Chapel flowers have been provided successively by Form 3A, Form 3X, Form 3Y, Miss K. M. Cobban, Form 5G, Form 5C, the Roysse Society, Sixth Special and Remove, Form 4L, Form 4F, and Form 4A. To all of them, our formal but sincere thanks.

Visiting preachers for the Michaelmas Term are as follows:

4th October: Rev. H. L. Phair, M.B.E., C.F., of R.A.F. Abingdon.

11th October: Mr. Paul Griffin, M.B.E., M.A., Headmaster of Aldenham.

15th November: Mr. Bruce McGowan, M.A., Headmaster of Solihull.

In addition, we much look forward to meeting the Bishop of New Guinea (Rt. Rev. G. D. Hand, M.A.) when he visits us on the morning

of Tuesday, 17th November, to talk to us about the work of the New Guinea Mission which we help to support with our collections.

On 18th October, there will be no Morning Service in the Chapel, as all boarders will be attending the parish church of S. Helen.

### VOLUNTARY SERVICE

The Easter holidays saw the completion of projects at Marcham and Steventon. This term, among other things, further work has been done at Dorchester, a group has begun to help tidy the grounds of Abingdon Baptist Church, and two boys have devoted their Saturday afternoons to mowing the grass in Appleton churchyard.

By the end of the Lent Term, the number of boys visiting old people had risen to roughly one in every seven of those above the Third Form. This term, however, exam and rowing commitments greatly reduced the number actively engaged in visiting. Nevertheless, more visits (between 250 and 300) were made than ever before. We now have so many old people on our list that it proved impossible to take up further requests for help which were made during the term. This makes it all the more important that in September boys, especially those in the new Fourth and Fifth forms, should come forward to take the places of several of our most faithful members, who have left in July.

When so many are contributing so much towards the happiness of their old people, it is invidious to pick out individuals for mention. But I should like to thank P. J. Snowley for the way in which he has helped me to take over the reins from Mr. Phizackerley. His has not been an easy task, this term, and he has performed it admirably.

H.T.R.

### EXAMINATION RESULTS

Our results at 'Advanced' Level this year were noticeably better than in 1963. Indeed our total of 191 subject-passes represents the highest figure we have ever obtained. Of course there were disappointments. One or two very senior boys failed to get that vital subject which was essential to their careers; others passed but not with the grades which their particular universities demanded; a couple of boys managed to fail in all three subjects by the narrowest of margins. But to balance this, most of our prospective candidates for this year's Oxbridge Handicap did very well; we had a healthy number of 'A' gradings in the main papers, and of distinctions and merits in the 'Special' papers; and the bare results given below mask the fact that of the youngsters who took a couple of science papers in advance from the Lower Sixth, three obtained Grade 'A' in each of them.

The results are appended in alphabetical order. The usual School abbreviations are employed. In addition, the asterisk (\*) and the obelisk (†) indicate respectively the marks of distinction and of merit in the 'Special' papers.

Just as we go to press we have received the 'Ordinary' level results. The total number of subject passes, 627, is slightly less than last year, but in 1963 we delved much more deeply into the Fourth Form for our successes, and in one or two subjects there was considerably more than one year's 'harvest'. On balance this year's results are reasonably satisfactory. Again however they show a curious imbalance between the inability of old gentlemen in the Sixth Form to clear the odd 'O' level and the facility with which the young Fourth Former polishes off his Latin, French, or Elementary Mathematics. On the face of things, it would seem that the earlier a boy takes an 'O' paper the better chance he has of passing it. Which may be absurd, but there is something in it!

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

B. S. Avery (P); G. F. Bailey (E, J); G. J. Bailey (H); S. J. Baker (Ec, P); A. T. Barrett (Ec, M); R. B. H. Becker (P, K); N. P. J. Bell (P); F. A. Bisby (M/s); M. A. Bisby (P\*, K, B\*); R. D. Booker (K, M); N. A. H. Bosley (K); J. G. Bowen (H); J. Bowthorpe (B\*, K, P); E. N. Broadway (K, M, P); D. R. Brown (L); J. C. R. Burbank (E, H); A. J. Cheary (Ec, H, J); J. P. Clack (K, P); D. L. Clark (K, M, P); D. G. Clubley (K, P); N. P. W. Coe (B\*, K, Mus); C. W. F. M. Cox (B, K, P); R. P. G. Craik (H); E. C. C. Crouch (K†, M, P†); R. J. Crumly (H, J); P. H. Davis (Ec, H, J); R. J. Davis (K, P); C. E. I. Day (K, P); S. J. Denny (F); J. W. Dickinson (H); B. D. Diffey (K, P); J. W. B. Dunthorne (A); M. J. Evans (K); A. G. Fairlie (H, Mus); H. F. Flint (B, K); C. C. Ford (B†, K, P); T. Furneaux (M); M. J. Giddings (E†, H); T. R. Giddings (K, P); P. B. Godfrey (M); R. K. Gregson (K, M); R. A. Hall (M, P); R. D. Hall (Ec, M, P); P. J. Hardwick (K, M); D. Hayward (K, M, P); P. G. Henderson (F, H†, L); A. R. L. Hewison (B, P); D. G. S. Hilleard (Ec); E. D. J. Hunter (F, J, N); P. G. James (K†, M, P†); C. M. N. Jamieson (K, P); J. R. Jennings (G, L); D. J. Jessett (P); A. E. Johnson (B, K, P); T. J. King (Bot\*, M/s, Z†); M. F. Kitto (E†, H, J); K. J. Lay (K, M, P); R. C. Leathem (E, H, J); S. Lewis (K† M, P\*); L. R. Llewellyn (P); B. J. Lodge (E, Ec, H); W. R. Lynn-Robinson (K, P); B. G. Mackay (P); B. Marks (P); T. B. Moore (K, P); P. R. F. Morgan (B, K, P); T. R. Morris (H, J); D. J. Munson (B, P); I. Nayler (B, Ec); I. J. Newbold (Ec, H, J); S. M. Nicholl (M, M, P\*); E. J. Roblin (K, M, P); A. G. Rowson (M); D. R. Sheard (M, P); P. N. Shellard (F, H, L); J. A. Simms (M, P); D. F. K. Smith (P); P. J. Snowley (B, K); M. S. Southern (K†, M, P†); R. N. Spencer (A); F. J. Stiff (J); M. L. Thorpe (M, P†); T. C. Tozer (K, P); I. A.

Walkinshaw (M, P); J. L. Walton (B\*, K, P†); M. F. Wells (K, P); H. J. N. Wharton (AH, G, L); A. F. G. Wiggins (G, L); A. R. Williams (H); P. J. Wilson (P); C. R. Wood (E, H, J); M. P. S. Wood (B, K).

J.M.C.

## FOUNDER'S DAY

This year, we returned to the usual Founder's Day programme after the break in tradition caused by last year's celebrations. The weather, as has now become customary on these occasions, was exceptionally kind to us throughout the day itself and the previous few days when much of the preparation was taking place. The pessimists among us, however, had more cause than usual for worry, for this was the first year we had no alternative wet weather programme.

The day began with a Celebration in the School Chapel, and this was followed by the traditional Morning Service in a traditionally packed St. Helen's Church. This year, we also found room for a string orchestra at the head of one of the aisles to accompany the Choir during the Anthem, Handel's "Zadok the Priest."

Our preacher was an old friend, the Rev. G. R. Phizackerley, M.A., who left the School last term and had come down from his parish in the Diocese of Norwich. A forceful sermon urged us to remember the importance of religion in everyday life, and we were reminded of the fact that the teaching of Christianity should not begin and end at school, but that much of it should take place in the family by example. He took as examples for his sermon a murderer whom he personally had known several years ago, and who was now under sentence of death, a group of boys expelled from the School by an edict of 1671 for failure to attend Church, and St. James, whose day it was, and whose example on the way to execution caused his executioner to turn to the Christian Faith. He suggested that we pray for the murderer, remember the truants, and follow the example of St. James.

The afternoon programme was started by the Prize Giving in the Corn Exchange, and then tea and soft drinks were served from the large marquee on Upper Field, when the Headmaster was "At Home" to all the parents and friends of the School.

Then began the rounds of sightseeing. As far as the School buildings were concerned, the centres of attraction were the Library and the Chapel, and the plans for the new Day Boys' Changing Rooms, displayed in the Entrance Hall, always had a good audience.

The exhibitions were as numerous and as varied as ever, with the usual hordes gazing in awe and wonder at the mysteries of science demonstrated in the various Laboratories. The Tape Recording Society's

recently completed studio proved a great attraction, whilst on the artistic side M.P.S. Wood's Library posters were on display in the Maths Room. An exhibition of contemporary paintings, all for sale, provided colour and speculation for visitors to the Glyn Room and New Block corridors, and the Corps, Scouts, and Skye Group put on their usual displays. The literary magazine, "ETC", was on sale throughout the afternoon, and is reputed to have enjoyed good sales.

Later on, the second performance of the Evening Entertainment filled the Corn Exchange for the second time in one day. A critique of the entertainment appears below. Thus ended the more exhausting half of Founder's Day, for the Sunday programme is far less rigorous than Saturday's. There was the usual Sunday morning Matins, and in the evening all the leavers, their friends and relations, and the staff, converged on St. Nicolas' Church for the Leavers' Service. In his sermon, the Headmaster gave a brief outline of the world into which the leavers were about to be thrust, with all its sordid materialism resulting from the affluent society. The importance of sticking to the Christian faith was emphasised, for sooner or later we should have to answer for ourselves the question, "Whom do ye say that I am?"

#### PRIZE GIVING

The Chairman of the Governors, Mr. C. G. Stow, in his introductory speech, remarked that it was desirable in a school to maintain a link between the past and the present — to reap the benefits of the old and the new. It was for this reason that the School was establishing a link with the newest of the Oxford colleges, St. Catherine's, as well as maintaining its association with Pembroke College. We were therefore especially pleased to welcome the Master of St. Catherine's College, Mr. A. Bullock, M.A., to distribute the prizes. He then called upon the Headmaster to give his report.

The Headmaster began by welcoming the Master of St. Catherine's and went on to say that this was likely to be an historic prize giving, in that it would be the last time that it would be held in the Corn Exchange, which was shortly due to be demolished. He reminisced for a few minutes about the Corn Exchange as it had been in the past when the speakers had been able to look out on to the Square. The School had had a successful year on the games field, but in the examination room the 'O' Level results had again proved better than the 'A's'. The list for boarders was now full until 1975, but he warned against becoming complacent and smug. Although buildings were a problem, boys were more important, and throughout the year he had been striving to give boys more freedom while still maintaining their sense of discipline and responsibility. The Quatercentenary Appeal was now closed, but the fund was still open, and the appeal for the new

Boat House, sent out to a limited number of parents and friends, had already realised a sum sufficient to start construction. He ended by thanking all his colleagues on the platform for their help throughout the past year, and wishing well to those members of the Staff who were leaving during the course of the coming year.

Mr. Stow then called upon Mr. Bullock to distribute the prizes, which he did with considerable charm (how difficult it must be to show interest in the seventieth recipient).

In his speech he said that it was difficult to talk about a school in a school, but that was what he was going to endeavour to do. It was a fallacy to suggest that a school's main purpose was to develop character and make good citizens of its pupils. A school's primary purpose was to promote learning, and to convince young people that it was exciting to gain knowledge. By learning, we could detect clues which would lead us to a new code of living. He took the example of an ordinary penny, which to an historian with knowledge would convey a different message than it would to an economist, or a metallurgist. It was at school that we learn the 'languages' to read these clues, and this learning opened the door to whole new worlds.

Mr. R. E. Eason thanked the Master on behalf of everyone in the Corn Exchange for entertaining us with so wise and profound a speech, and the proceedings closed with the band playing 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): B. G. Mackay.

The Thomas Layng Reading Prize: P. A. Sugg.

The Smith Chemistry Prizes: E. C. C. Crouch, J. L. Walton, R. J. Davis, I. Campbell.

The Ball Science Prize: E. C. C. Crouch, B. D. Diffey.

The Biology Prize (presented by Dr. and Mrs. Charles Ford): F. A. Bisby, M. A. Bisby.

The Bevan Essay Prize: S. N. Pearson.

The Bevan Scripture Prizes: P. H. Fletcher, A. McL. King, J. J. A. King, N. Tozer, N. S. Coulbeck.

The Ellis Prize for Character: J. Bowthorpe.

The Ingham Physics Prizes: S. M. Nicholl, T. C. Tozer.

The Ingham Music Prizes: N. P. W. Coe, G. B. Edwards.

The Henderson Cricket Prizes: D. A. M. Bent, N. K. Cook.

The Common Room Bat: P. N. Shellard.

The Initiative Cup: M. P. S. Wood.

The Quatercentenary Prize: P. A. Sugg.

## THE SCHOOL PRIZES

The Mayor's Prize for Service to the School (presented by Councillor A. Williams, J.P.): M. A. Bisby.

The Headmaster's Prizes: P. W. Liversidge, E. N. Broadway, N. P. W. Coe, I. R. Flint.

The Old Boys' Prizes—English Verse: H. J. N. Wharton; English Essay: M. J. Giddings; History Essay: P. G. Henderson; Geography Essay: J. N. Harper, *prox acc* R. D. R. Ray; Divinity Essay: N. P. Bell; Modern Languages Essay: S. J. Denny.

The Van Wagenen Essay Prize (presented by Colonel R. W. Van Wagenen, Dean of the American University, Washington, USA): M. J. H. Liversidge.

The Prize for General Achievement (presented by Mrs. Cornish): F. A. Bisby, A. S. Harrison.

C.C.F. Prize: U/O B. G. Mackay.

The Junior Reading Prize (presented by C. C. Woodley, Esq., O.A.): A. L. Vernede.

The Music Prizes: Choral (presented by E. H. F. Sawbridge, Esq.)—Senior: M. H. Hampton; Junior: S. Fairlie.

Pianoforte: Senior (presented by Miss Sheldon Peach): G. H. Hallett; Intermediate: D. W. Galbraith.

Organ (presented by the Director of Music): G. H. Hallett.

Woodwind: A. G. Fairlie; Brass: S. P. Sewry.

The Art Prize: C. D. Evans.

The Handicraft Prize: H. I. Kilgo: r.

## THE FORM PRIZES

Sixth Form (Upper)—Classics: J. R. Jennings; English: M. F. Kitto; History and Languages: P. G. Henderson; Mathematics: D. Hayward.

Sixth Form (Lower)—Classics: S. J. Denny; English: M. J. H. Liversidge; History: R. D. R. Ray; Mathematics: M. F. Wells; Geography: S. N. Pearson; Economics: J. C. Mellor.

Fifth Forms—Classics: P. H. Fletcher; English: C. S. Downes; History: R. Coomber; Mathematics: I. Campbell; Physics: R. P. Jessett.

Fourth Forms—General Achievement: R. G. Coulbeck; Mathematics: M. S. A. Davis; Form 4L: J. D. Evans; Form 4F: R. C. Wilde.

Form 3A: D. C. L. Murphy; Form 3X: F. N. Sandall; Form 3Y: M. C. Geary.

Form 2X: K. G. Cuthbert; Form 2Y: D. H. Parry; Form 1X: R. O. Plail; Form 1Y: J. S. B. Frere.

## AN EVENING ENTERTAINMENT

We are indebted to Mr. W. J. H. Liversidge for the following critique:

I suppose that, to some extent, this year's Evening Entertainment marked the end of an era for, by next July, we shall have lost both the Corn Exchange and Mr. Horrex. In their replacement the Borough Council has an easier task than the Headmaster and we can only envy Glasgow in its acquisition of the 'Abingdon sound'. Mr. Horrex is a very rare type of schoolmaster and I feel sure that Abingdon in general would join me in any small tribute which I can pay to the part which he has played in our entertainment over the years and to his influence as musician, actor or humorist on the standard of so many productions. But he is only one of a team of masters whose ability and energy were reflected throughout this year's programme and the Evening Entertainment did them all great credit. I was most impressed.

Before any member of the Friday audience accuses me of wearing uncritical and superlatively rose-tinted spectacles I had better admit that I was present on both evenings. On Friday the Corn Exchange won, but Saturday was another matter altogether and the performers overcame quite brilliantly the many problems which were set them both by the building and the assorted noises from the Market Square outside. On Friday Brahms and Shakespeare were in competition with a resonant ventilation system and the prospect of a heavy programme of celebrations the next day was probably responsible for a lack of attack. By Saturday confidence was restored, the Choral Society had been moved to a position which gave them a chance of competing with the stage acoustics and the orchestra had become accustomed to the proximity of the audience. I know from experience how unnerving it is when there is a danger of one's bow becoming caught up in the occupants of the front row. From the start the Junior Orchestra set a much better pace and this was maintained throughout.

I doubt whether any critic would be qualified to deal competently with all the items of so varied a programme and I will not expose my limitations as a critic more than I can help. Indeed I must, mercifully for all, be brief, but brevity should not be taken as a measure of my, or the audience's, enjoyment of so much that was so good.

Both the Junior and Senior Orchestras showed that, particularly as far as strings and wood-wind are concerned, the future is assured for some years. School brass is always liable to take the bit between the teeth but they had their fling in a Sullivan selection and, by the end of Saturday evening, had let off enough steam to deal much more musically with the suite of five movements from Rossini. This arrangement by Britten was very capably tackled though the Tirolese seemed a little laboured. The Juniors were, I thought, at their best in the Bizet when Mr. Billington kept them moving at a tempo which they had seemed incapable of achieving on the previous night.

The Choral Society were much more at home with the Folk Songs than with the Brahms which probably needs a lighter and more certain touch than a school choir can give. Mr. Cullen's arrangements of the English, Welsh and Scottish songs were most effective but I wasn't so sure about the 'Sally Gardens'. I have a feeling that this would have gained from the contrast had it been given an unaccompanied setting. The Brass Band, in their selection from the Yeomen, made an excellent job of the Wilfred and Point duct from Act II but must try to acquire a lighter touch. For example, 'Strange Adventure', a really beautiful quartet, was much too ponderous.

Perhaps the highlight of the whole entertainment was provided by the highly trained chorus which spoke the three poems by Lindsay, Sassoon and Sandburg. This was a superb piece of production by, I believe, Mr. Griffin and considerably better in feeling and enunciation than anything similar which I have heard at other schools or indeed anywhere else. The extract from Henry IV Part 2 was also of an exceptionally high standard and a triumph for Philip Sugg as Justice Shallow. Even so the scene was very nearly 'stolen' by Richard Thornton as Silence. This was a beautifully restrained piece of acting which gained in its contrast with the more flamboyant characterisations of Falstaff, Bardolph and the recruits.

And so to the two excellent interludes of humorous sketches and other items — Mice Blind Threc, the Swindles in their presentation of Bach, the 'Do-it-yourself' hymn tunes and Mr. Montague's interview of Mr. Horrex — what less suitable butt could you choose for the perennial jibe at schoolmasters? Lastly, 'Why Latin?', a sketch to illustrate the, linguistically, disunited nations and to suggest the possible benefit of the educational system of the days before G.C.E., John Roysse and the break-up of the Holy Roman Empire in all but name. Why not — but then a mediaeval 'Evening Entertainment' would have been pretty dull in comparison with this varied and immensely enjoyable evening provided by the Abingdon School of 1964.

#### PROGRAMME

1. March from Carmen . . . Bizet  
Divertimento . . . Haydn

The Junior Orchestra

2. Three Poems for Choral Speaking  
Lines from 'The Congo' . . . Vachel Lindsay  
The Deathbed . . . Siegfried Sassoon  
Jazz Fantasia . . . Carl Sandburg

3. Liebeslieder Waltzes . . . Brahms The Choral Society  
Piano Duet . . . P. B. Billington and J. G. Cullen.

4. Why Latin? — a suggestion
5. Falstaff Goes Recruiting — from Shakespeare's Henry IV Pt. 2
6. Selection from 'The Yeomen of the Guard' — Sullivan  
The Brass Band
7. Four Folk Songs  
arr: for Male Voice Choir, Tenor Solo and String Orchestra  
by J. G. Cullen  
Tenor Solo . . . David Allen
8. Words and Music  
Messrs. Billington, Cullen, Horrex, Montague, and others
9. Soirees Musicales . . . Benjamin Britten The Senior Orchestra  
(A Suite of five movements from Rossini)

## CRICKET

### FIRST ELEVEN

We hoped that with nine of last year's Eleven available this would be a very good side, and with certain minor criticisms so it turned out. On the day when a School XI seems perfect I shall suspect a dangerous decline in critical faculties, but there was undoubtedly a spirit and a knowledge of the game which rates this side very high. The fielding was generally good, with Bailey, Barrett and Bent outstanding, and the throwing in particular showed tremendous improvement. Above all, everyone was always 'in the game' and trying hard. The batting was sound and evenly spread with five players scoring over 240 runs and each making at least one fifty. Shellard was the outstanding player with five scores of over fifty to his credit, while Bailey and Barrett improved particularly throughout the season. Bent was disappointing after his fine progress last year but if he can iron out faults which have developed in his technique he could well be the most prolific run-getter ever. Perhaps the biggest weakness was that no batsman found sufficient concentration to go on and make his hundred. The bowling was a little thin, though Dickinson showed spirit and produced some memorable performances. Probably the best feature was the progress made by Penney and Jackson, who will make a formidable combination next year, with Partridge we hope developing the great potential in his leg spinners.

On paper this has not been an outstanding season, but it must be remembered that on four occasions a draw resulted with the opposition having 9 wickets down. Those who saw a lot of the cricket have remarked on how enjoyable it was, and there has been much high

drama which mere statistics conceal. There was Jennings dealing violently with the Newbury leg-spinner in our first match; Partridge winning the match against Pangbourne by scoring 9 off the first three balls of the last over; that fantastic undefeated ninth wicket stand between Jackson and Dickinson against the Berkshire Gentlemen which lasted for 65 minutes and which carried the score from 83 for 8 to 144 for 8 — and this after Dickinson had earlier bowled 27 overs to take 6 for 80; the long drawn agony of a slow motion victory over Magdalen College School while the rain came on; and the last over of the season in which Oratory, needing 10 runs to win, scored 5 but lost four wickets and came within an ace of defeat thanks to fine fielding by Shellard and Davis, who each had a run out to his credit, and splendid bowling by Penney who twice hit the middle stump. This takes no account of the Bloxham match, which we should have lost but which was saved by steadiness in the field and accurate bowling; the Brentwood match, when opposition wickets fell steadily to good catching against probably the strongest side we met this year; the Solihull match when Bent produced a *tour de force* with the ball and all but overpowered them. All in all a very talented side who are to be congratulated on playing good cricket.

They have been criticised on the grounds that they played defensively and that they lacked the will to win. Personally I do not agree with this criticism. The first essential of any batsman is a sound defence, and on this he must build his scoring shots. Only the more mature player can be expected to have passed so far beyond the earlier stage that he can play a fluent and uninhibited innings in any conditions. All our batsmen have limitations, within which they have played well, and the fact that players like Barrett and Bailey have improved so much during the season is a tribute to their efforts and their concentrations. As for the will to win, to my mind Bent was always trying to achieve victory and his failure to do so more often is attributable to lack of a really penetrative bowler and to loss of time through late starts and early finishes. Apart from a few eccentricities he has set the field well and kept his team on the go to the last moment, and his achievement as Captain deserves high praise. I am sure that next year he will weld together an equally formidable side and I hope he has a little more luck with the results.

A.A.H.

The final Eleven were: D. A. M. Bent (Capt.); P. N. Shellard (Vice-Capt.); A. T. Barrett; G. J. Bailey; J. W. Dickinson; P. G. Henderson (W/K); P. S. Partridge; J. R. Jennings; R. A. Jackson; D. W. Penney; R. B. Davis.

The following also played: M. L. Thorpe; C. C. Ford; T. R. Morris.

Full Colours were awarded during the season to: G. J. Bailey; J. W. Dickinson; P. G. Henderson; D. S. Partridge; J. R. Jennings; R. A. Jackson; D. W. Penney.

Half Colours were awarded to R. B. Davis.

P. N. Shellard won the Fletcher Cup with an average of 31.5 and was also awarded the Common Room Bat. The Morris Cup went to J. W. Dickinson for fine bowling and several good all round performances. D. A. M. Bent and P. G. Henderson won the Henderson Cricket Prizes.

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Blacknall House beat Bennett House this year in the final of the Senior House Matches after a most exciting match. Blacknall Juniors too were the winners of the Junior House Matches beating Tesdale in a really thrilling finish.

The Senior House League Cup went to Reeves House yet again and the Junior League Cup to Blacknall.

A new experiment which we hope to continue and expand, tried this year by the Junior Colts, of a single wicket tournament resulted in B. H. Ford winning the small book token prize.

#### DETAILS OF FIRST ELEVEN MATCHES

Played 14; Won 4; Drawn 9; Lost 1.

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*v. St. Bartholomew's School, Newbury (a). 9th May, 1964. Drawn.*

| <i>Abingdon School</i>   |     | <i>Newbury School</i>     |     |
|--------------------------|-----|---------------------------|-----|
| Bent, b Richardson       | 24  | Harding, lbw Partridge    | 19  |
| Shellard, lbw Richardson | 8   | Cook, run out             | 5   |
| Barrett, not out         | 44  | Evans, run out            | 59  |
| Ford, b Richardson       | 0   | M. Patterson, b Dickinson | 14  |
| Jennings, not out        | 69  | Cryer, not out            | 13  |
| Extras                   | 7   | Vockins, not out          | 4   |
|                          |     | Extras                    | 6   |
| <hr/>                    |     | <hr/>                     |     |
| Total (for 3 dec.)       | 152 | Total (for 4)             | 120 |
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Did not bat: Bailey, Partridge, Thorpe, Henderson, Dickinson, Jackson.

Did not bat: A. Patterson, Williams, Harfitt, Richardson, Cardy.

Richardson 19.1.38.3, Williams 6.1.16.0, Cryer 12.1.51.0, Cardy 4.0.18.0, Evans 6.1.22.0

Dickinson 12.3.26.1, Thorpe 3.0.5.0, Barrett 9.1.14.0, Partridge 10.0.7.1, Jackson 2.0.7.0, Bailey 3.0.25.0.

## Abingdon School

Pangbourne N.C.

Rain stopped play.

| Abingdon School                 |    | Southampton     |    |
|---------------------------------|----|-----------------|----|
| Bent, b Stather                 | 23 | Parker, not out | 12 |
| Shellard, c Williams, b Stather | 64 | Evans, not out  | 7  |
| Morris, c Adams, b Evans        | 2  | Extras          | 1  |
| Barrett, c Adams, b Stather     | 15 |                 |    |
| Ford, c & b Stather             | 8  |                 |    |
| Bailey, b Stather               | 11 |                 |    |
| Partridge, b Vowles             | 33 |                 |    |

|                      |    |
|----------------------|----|
| Thorpe, run out      | 0  |
| Henderson, b Stather | 3  |
| Dickinson, not out   | 9  |
| Jackson, not out     | 12 |
| Extras               | 4  |

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Total (for 9 dec.) 184

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Total (for 0) 20

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Minns 10.0.58.0, O'Connell 5.0.  
18.0, Metcalfe 3.0.18.0, Stather  
16.6.37.6, Evans 7.0.39.1,  
Vowles 5.1.10.1.

Did not bat: White, Metcalfe, Joy-  
ner, Stather, O'Connell, Adams,  
Vowles, Williams, Minns.

*v. Berkshire Gentlemen (h). 26th May, 1964. Drawn.*

| Gentlemen                       |    |
|---------------------------------|----|
| Evans, lbw Penney               | 31 |
| Davis, c Henderson, b Dickinson | 0  |
| Vallance, c Bailey, b Dickinson | 9  |
| Hillary, b Dickinson            | 90 |
| Morgan, b Dickinson             | 5  |
| Brooks, not out                 | 63 |
| Booth, c Henderson, b Dickinson | 0  |
| Holloway, c Bent, b Dickinson   | 0  |
| Neate, c Dickinson, b Partridge | 9  |
| Oats, not out                   | 6  |
| Extras                          | 2  |

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Total (for 9 dec.) 216

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| Abingdon School              |    |
|------------------------------|----|
| Bent, c Davis, b Oats        | 0  |
| Shellard, lbw Oats           | 45 |
| Jennings, c & b Brooks       | 21 |
| Barrett, b Oats              | 0  |
| Thorpe, st Vallance, b Davis | 8  |
| Bailey, b Brooks             | 2  |
| Partridge, c Oats, b Brooks  | 3  |
| Henderson, lbw Brooks        | 0  |
| Jackson, not out             | 18 |
| Dickinson, not out           | 41 |
| Extras                       | 6  |

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Total (for 8) 144

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Did not bat: Lewis.

Dickinson 27.5.80.6, Barrett 12.1.  
32.0, Penney 18.2.60.1, Jackson  
3.0.14.0, Partridge 4.0.28.1.

Did not bat: Penney.

Oats 21.5.50.3, Neate 11.1.17.0,  
Morgan 8.0.34.0, Brooks 15.6.  
23.4, Davis 4.0.17.1, Booth  
6.3.4.0.

*v. Bloxham School (a). 30th May, 1964. Drawn.*

| Abingdon School             |    |
|-----------------------------|----|
| Bent, c Long, b Humble      | 7  |
| Shellard, b Humble          | 13 |
| Jennings, c Abbott, b Tame  | 35 |
| Barrett, c & b Roseff       | 14 |
| Thorpe, b Roseff            | 3  |
| Bailey, c Vincent, b Roseff | 24 |
| Partridge, b Roseff         | 12 |
| Henderson, not out          | 21 |
| Dickinson, b Roseff         | 0  |
| Jackson, not out            | 2  |
| Extras                      | 10 |

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Total (for 8 dec.) 141

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| Bloxham School                       |    |
|--------------------------------------|----|
| Abbott, c Bailey, b Thorpe           | 62 |
| Long, c Dickinson, b Barrett         | 2  |
| Hemmings, b Barrett                  | 2  |
| Tame, run out                        | 41 |
| Younghusband, c Barrett,<br>b Penney | 0  |
| Roseff, c Bailey, b Penney           | 4  |
| Deeley, c & b Barrett                | 0  |
| Jennings, not out                    | 19 |
| Humble, not out                      | 0  |
| Extras                               | 8  |

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Total (for 7) 138

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Did not bat: Penney.

Tame 19.3.45.1, Humble 7.0.14.2,  
Roseff 15.3.51.5, Hartwell 4.1.  
12.0, Jennings 1.0.9.0.

Did not bat: Harwell, Vincent.

Dickinson 15.4.37.0, Barrett 8.0.  
33.3, Penney 11.2.44.2, Thorpe  
5.1.15.1.

*v. Pembroke College (h). 3rd June, 1964. Won by 58 runs.*

| <i>Abingdon School</i>            |     | <i>Pembroke</i>                 |    |
|-----------------------------------|-----|---------------------------------|----|
| Bent, run out                     | 42  | Stoker, c Jennings, b Dickinson | 0  |
| Shellard, b Essam                 | 0   | Essam, run out                  | 6  |
| Jennings, lbw Essam               | 4   | Bissendon, lbw Dickinson        | 5  |
| Barrett, st Prendergast, b Kirsop | 42  | Kirsop, run out                 | 5  |
| Thorpe, run out                   | 12  | Prendergast, b Bent             | 29 |
| Bailey, c Chamberlain, b Kirsop   | 0   | Forster, b Dickinson            | 35 |
| Partridge, c Essam, b Kirsop      | 10  | Dav, b Bent                     | 0  |
| Henderson, b Kirsop               | 0   | Millar, c Penney, b Partridge   | 0  |
| Jackson, not out                  | 9   | Chamberlain, b Dickinson        | 2  |
| Dickinson, b Essam                | 7   | Dewar, not out                  | 0  |
| Penney, not out                   | 4   | Richardson, b Dickinson         | 0  |
| Extras                            | 13  | Extras                          | 3  |
| Total (for 9 dec.)                | 143 | Total                           | 85 |

Millar 5.0.25.0, Essam 12.3.24.3,  
Bissendon 11.0.47.0, Chamberlain  
5.1.16.0, Kirsop 9.4.18.4.

Dickinson 9/3.6.9.5, Barrett 4.1.  
4.0, Jackson 5.1.6.0, Partridge  
10.2.24.1, Bent 5.1.39.2.

*v. Common Room (h). 10th June, 1964. Won by 9 wkts.*

| <i>Common Room</i>             |     | <i>Abingdon School</i>        |     |
|--------------------------------|-----|-------------------------------|-----|
| A. A. Hillary, c Jennings      |     | Shellard, c Owen, b Baker     | 56  |
| b Dickinson                    | 9   | Bent, not out                 | 52  |
| K. M. D. Holloway, b Dickinson | 7   | Jennings, not out             | 30  |
| G. A. Smithson, c Thorpe,      |     |                               |     |
| b Bent                         | 42  |                               |     |
| R. G. Mortimer, c Thorpe,      |     |                               |     |
| b Dickinson                    | 37  |                               |     |
| D. G. Street, b Bent           | 0   |                               |     |
| R. H. Baker, c Bailey,         |     | Did not bat: Barrett, Thorpe, |     |
| b Dickinson                    | 9   | Bailey, Partridge, Henderson, |     |
| I. C. Murray, b Partridge      | 18  | Jackson, Dickinson, Penney:   |     |
| J. M. Arkell, c Shellard,      |     | Extras                        | 6   |
| b Partridge                    | 6   |                               |     |
| H. T. Randolph, b Barrett      | 1   |                               |     |
| F. Booth, c Bent, b Dickinson  | 7   |                               |     |
| C. J. W. Owen, not out         | 0   |                               |     |
| Extras                         | 5   |                               |     |
| Total                          | 141 | Total (for 1)                 | 142 |

Dickinson 14/1.4.46.5, Penney 8.2.  
25.0, Jackson 7.1.25.0, Thorpe  
3.0.18.0, Bent 4.0.4.2, Partridge  
4.0.16.2, Barrett 4.0.8.1.

Owen 5.0.23.0, Smithson 8.1.31.0,  
Hillary 6.1.19.0, Baker 5.1.25.1,  
Mortimer 5.1.19.0, Street 2/4.0.  
21.0.

*v. Old Abingdonians (h). 13th June, 1964.. Lost by 19 runs.*

| <i>O.A.s</i>         |    | <i>Abingdon School</i> |    |
|----------------------|----|------------------------|----|
| Bunce, b Dickinson   | 14 | Bent, b Robey          | 6  |
| Ford, b Penney       | 2  | Shellard, st Millard,  |    |
| Courage, lbw Penney  | 4  | b Trenaman             | 21 |
| Trenaman, c Jackson, |    | Jennings, b Robey      | 13 |
| b Thorpe             | 17 | Barrett, lbw Robey     | 6  |
| Nurton, lbw Penney   | 24 | Bailey, b Robey        | 9  |

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|-------------------------------|-----|------------------------|-----|
| Brackley, c Bent, b Jackson   | 10  | Partridge, hit wkt.,   |     |
| Ogg, c Shellard, b Jackson    | 16  | b Trenaman             | 2   |
| Neilan, c Thorpe, b Dickinson | 33  | Thorpe, c & b Trenaman | 7   |
| Robey, b Penney               | 10  | Henderson, not out     | 25  |
| Millard, b Penney             | 22  | Jackson, b Robey       | 7   |
| Long, not out                 | 1   | Dickinson, b Robey     | 24  |
| Extras                        | 1   | Penney, b Long         | 4   |
|                               |     | Extras                 | 11  |
| Total                         | 154 | Total                  | 135 |

Dickinson 18.6.37.2, Penney 20/4. Robey 24.12.45.6, Long 20.5.48.1,  
 2.55.5, Barratt 5.2.8.0, Thorpe Trenaman 23.11.26.3, Ford  
 2.0.9.1, Jackson 9.0.44.2. 4.3.3.0, Courage 2.1.2.0.

v. *Magdalen College School* (a). 17th June, 1964. Won by 3 wkts.

| <i>Magdalen College School</i> |     | <i>Abingdon School</i>        |     |
|--------------------------------|-----|-------------------------------|-----|
| Morris, c Barrett, b Penney    | 5   | Shellard, lbw Madden          | 17  |
| Manners, b Dickinson           | 13  | Bent, c Hays, b Hancock       | 5   |
| Hickman, lbw Jackson           | 22  | Jennings, b Madden            | 5   |
| Hancock, lbw Dickinson         | 19  | Davis, c Hancock, b Harlow    | 46  |
| Siebert, c Bent, b Dickinson   | 24  | Bailey, st Hickman,           |     |
| Hays, b Bent                   | 3   | b Winning-Holder              | 4   |
| Austin, b Dickinson            | 0   | Barrett, not out              | 35  |
| Wyatt, b Dickinson             | 21  | Partridge, c Harlow, b Madden | 2   |
| Madden, c Dickinson, b Penney  | 1   | Dickinson, b Madden           | 1   |
| Winning-Holder, not out        | 2   | Henderson, not out            | 1   |
| Harlow, lbw Penney             | 0   |                               |     |
| Extras                         | 11  | Extras                        | 6   |
| Total                          | 121 | Total (for 7)                 | 122 |

Did not bat: Jackson, Penney.

Dickinson 18.8.25.5, Penney 9/3. Harlow 13.3.32.1, Madden 16/4.  
 4.18.3, Barrett 3.0.16.0, Jackson 6.45.4, Hancock 3.1.27.1.  
 11.2.26.1, Partridge 3.0.19.0, Winning-Holder 3.1.12.1.  
 Bent 5.2.6.1.

v. *Incogniti C.C.* (h). 20th June, 1964. Drawn.

| <i>Abingdon School</i>         |     | <i>Incogniti</i>             |     |
|--------------------------------|-----|------------------------------|-----|
| Bent, c Lewis M., b Donellen   | 11  | C. M. Wells, b Jackson       | 27  |
| Shellard, c Aurthurs, b James  | 14  | R. O. Donellen, c Bent,      |     |
| Jennings, b Aurthurs           | 11  | b Penney                     | 1   |
| Davis, c & b Lewis M.          | 26  | A. J. A. Lewin, b Penney     | 6   |
| Barrett, c Sutton, b Lewis M.  | 50  | O. P. F. Sutton, lbw Jackson | 8   |
| Bailey, c Lewis M., b Donellen | 39  | M. W. Vallance, b Penney     | 3   |
| Partridge, b Lewis T.          | 25  | G. J. Aurthurs, hit wkt,     |     |
| Henderson, c Vallance,         |     | b Partridge                  | 15  |
| b Lewis M.                     | 0   | F. A. Nunn, b Dickinson      | 51  |
| Dickinson, c Vallance,         |     | T. Lewis, b Dickinson        | 61  |
| b Lewis M.                     | 3   | M. Lewis, b Dickinson        | 1   |
| Jackson, b Alton               | 1   | R. E. Atton, not out         | 0   |
| Penney, not out                | 14  | P. G. B. James, not out      | 0   |
| Extras                         | 11  | Extras                       | 9   |
| Total                          | 205 | Total (for 9)                | 190 |

Donnellen 10.3.27.2, James 22.4. 49.1, Aurthurs 14.5.42.1, Atton 14.4.38.1, M. Lewis 14.5.22.4, T. Lewis 2/1.0.11.1. Dickinson 16.2.54.3, Penney 18.5. 57.3, Jackson 13.3.24.2, Bent 5.1.22.0, Partridge 6.0.24.1.

*v. Solihull School (h). 27th June, 1964. Drawn.*

| Abingdon School            |     | Solihull School                 |     |
|----------------------------|-----|---------------------------------|-----|
| Bent, run out              | 27  | Ellis, c Partridge, b Dickinson | 23  |
| Shellard, c Pugh, b Jones  | 66  | Smith, c Jackson, b Partridge   | 30  |
| Jennings, b Levenger       | 27  | Jones, c Bent, b Dickinson      | 6   |
| Davis, c Ellis, b Shepherd | 15  | Burton, c Davis, b Dickinson    | 61  |
| Barrett, run out           | 6   | Pugh, lbw Bent                  | 15  |
| Bailey, not out            | 43  | Benford, lbw Bent               | 3   |
| Partridge, c Pugh, b Bragg | 16  | Boyars, b Bent                  | 4   |
| Henderson, not out         | 14  | Buerk, not out                  | 10  |
|                            |     | Bragg, lbw Bent                 | 6   |
|                            |     | Levenger, st Henderson, b Bent  | 19  |
| Extras                     | 15  | Shepherd, not out               | 0   |
|                            |     | Extras                          | 5   |
| Total (for 6 dec.)         | 229 | Total (for 9)                   | 184 |

Did not bat: Dickinson, Jackson, Penney.

Burton 13.2.64.0, Shepherd 12.3. 43.1, Bragg 15.2.42.1, Levenger 16.2.52.1, Jones 4.1.13.1. Dickinson 17.1.54.3, Penney 8.0. 34.0, Jackson 10.0.26.0, Partridge 7.0.36.1, Bent 14.3.27.5.

*v. Brentwood School (h). 1st July, 1964. Drawn.*

| Abingdon School               |     | Brentwood School               |     |
|-------------------------------|-----|--------------------------------|-----|
| Bent, c Waite, b Guyver       | 55  | Horner, b Jackson              | 36  |
| Shellard, c Waite, b Russell  | 11  | Jones, c Shellard, b Jackson   | 11  |
| Jennings, run out             | 14  | Guyver, c Partridge, b Jackson | 21  |
| Davis, run out                | 9   | Russell, lbw Partridge         | 18  |
| Barrett, c & b Acfield        | 40  | Waite, c Bent, b Jackson       | 9   |
| Bailey, c Horner, b Robins    | 18  | Acfield, run out               | 1   |
| Partridge, b Acfield          | 6   | Crabtree, not out              | 39  |
| Dickinson, c Waite, b Acfield | 0   | Robins, b Jackson              | 1   |
| Penney, not out               | 12  | French, b Jackson              | 11  |
| Henderson, not out            | 10  | Harwood, not out               | 1   |
| Extras                        | 7   | Extras                         | 2   |
| Total (for 8 dec.)            | 182 | Total (for 8)                  | 150 |

Did not bat: Jackson.

Guyver 18.6.52.1, Clark 2.0.7.0, Robins 13.4.30.1, Russell 14.4. 39.1, Acfield 23.7.47.3. Dickinson 15.6.40.0, Penney 5.0. 27.0, Jackson 19.9.39.6, Bent 12.6.28.0, Partridge 5.0.14.1.

*v. Oratory School (h). 4th July, 1964. Drawn.*

| Abingdon School         |    | Oratory School                 |    |
|-------------------------|----|--------------------------------|----|
| Shellard, lbw Dunphey   | 2  | Donelan, b Dickinson           | 0  |
| Bent, b McEntegart      | 3  | Lysons, b Penney               | 1  |
| Jennings, c & b Dunphey | 17 | Daverin, c Dickinson, b Penney | 58 |
| Davis, b Evans          | 9  | Haggart, run out               | 14 |

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|-------------------------------|-----|----------------------------|-----|
| Barrett, not out              | 49  | Duncan, not out            | 52  |
| Bailey, c Dunphey, b Alderton | 23  | L'Herminier, lbw Dickinson | 0   |
| Partridge, b Evans            | 8   | Connelly, run out          | 3   |
| Dickinson, c Connelly,        |     | McEntegart, b Penney       | 0   |
| b Alderton                    | 5   | Evans, b Penney            | 0   |
| Penney, b Evans               | 2   | Dunphey, run out           | 1   |
| Henderson, not out            | 8   | Alderton, not out          | 0   |
| Extras                        | 9   | Extras                     | 2   |
| Total (for 8 dec.)            | 135 | Total (for 9)              | 131 |

Did not bat: Jackson.

McEntegart 9.2.14.1, Dunphey 8.1.  
27.2, Evans 14.3.39.3, Connelly  
3.0.10.0, Alderton 9.2.28.2,  
Daverin 2.0.8.0.

Dickinson 15.4.38.2, Penney 12.2.  
41.4, Jackson 8.1.26.0, Partridge  
3.0.11.0, Bent 3.0.13.0.

### BATTING AVERAGES

|           | Innings | Not out | Runs | Highest Score | Average |
|-----------|---------|---------|------|---------------|---------|
| Shellard  | 14      | 0       | 441  | 71            | 31.5    |
| Barrett   | 13      | 3       | 309  | 50            | 30.9    |
| Jennings  | 12      | 2       | 281  | 69*           | 28.1    |
| Jackson   | 6       | 4       | 49   | 18*           | 24.5    |
| Bailey    | 12      | 2       | 243  | 57*           | 24.3    |
| Bent      | 14      | 1       | 299  | 55            | 23.0    |
| Davis     | 5       | 0       | 105  | 46            | 21.0    |
| Henderson | 10      | 6       | 82   | 25*           | 20.5    |
| Penney    | 5       | 3       | 36   | 14*           | 18.0    |
| Partridge | 12      | 1       | 144  | 33            | 13.0    |
| Dickinson | 9       | 2       | 90   | 41*           | 12.9    |
| Thorpe    | 7       | 2       | 64   | 18*           | 12.8    |

Also batted:

|        |   |   |    |    |     |
|--------|---|---|----|----|-----|
| Ford   | 4 | 0 | 23 | 10 | 5.7 |
| Morris | 2 | 0 | 2  | 2  | 1.0 |

### BOWLING AVERAGES

|           | Overs | Maidens | Runs | Wickets | Average |
|-----------|-------|---------|------|---------|---------|
| Bent      | 54    | 5       | 146  | 12      | 12.2    |
| Dickinson | 210.1 | 59      | 512  | 35      | 14.6    |
| Penney    | 110.1 | 19      | 361  | 18      | 20.1    |
| Partridge | 74    | 9       | 272  | 12      | 22.7    |
| Jackson   | 117   | 29      | 307  | 12      | 25.6    |
| Barrett   | 60    | 7       | 161  | 4       | 40.3    |

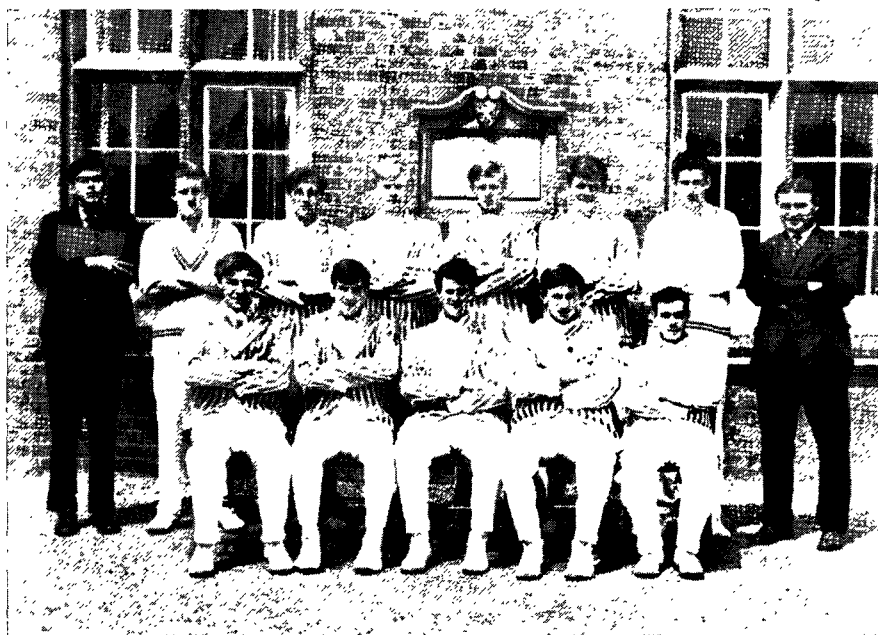
Also bowled:

|        |    |   |    |   |      |
|--------|----|---|----|---|------|
| Thorpe | 19 | 2 | 65 | 3 | 21.6 |
| Bailey | 3  | 0 | 25 | 0 | —    |

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THE XI

## SECOND ELEVEN

In a season of mixed fortune (but one for which the weather and a sound thrashing by Wallingford will be remembered), the team was quietly but ably led by F. J. Stiff. The absence of an obvious wicket-keeper and reliable slip-fielders, capable of completing the good work of the opening attack of Forsyth and Moore, were but two of the problems. Until, on batting merit, Davis was promoted to the senior side, he did well enough behind the stumps but many a vital chance was dropped at slip.

There were, too, unresolved problems in the early batting order. Not until the end of the season did Morris regain his 1963 form as an opener while the early promise of a reliable partnership in Dunthorne and Giddings faded away. In short there was such a lack of reliable, initial attacking power in batting or, as a team, in the field that the winning of the toss was more often an embarrassment than an advantage.

The more praiseworthy, then, were the efforts of the non-specialists. On the whole the fielding and throwing were good to watch, Chaplin's work being especially noteworthy. When the task of laying the foundations of a score as well as building it up falls upon the middle batsmen and the opening bowlers then, perhaps, one may reasonably summarize the season as having been one for the all-rounder. What the members of the team must still be wondering is whether they had too many or too few of the so-called specialists.

## Results

(Played 9, Won 4, Lost 2, Drawn 3)

*v. Newbury G.S. (h). 9th May. Won by 8 wkts.*

Newbury 56 (Penney 4 for 11, Chaplin 3 for 4).

Abingdon 59 for 2.

*v. Magdalen College School (h). 23rd May. Won by 7 wkts.*

M.C.S. 78 (Dunthorne 4 for 26).

Abingdon 80 for 3 (Davis 44 n.o.).

*v. King Alfred's, Wantage 1st XI (a). 27th May. Drawn.*

Abingdon 138 for 9 dec.

King Alfred's 92 for 4.

*v. Bloxham School (h). 29th May. Drawn.*

Abingdon 118.

Bloxham 106 for 9 (Moore 6 for 44).

*v. Wallingford G.S. 1st XI (a). 3rd June. Lost by 21 runs.*

Wallingford 58 (Dunthorne 6 for 21, Forsyth 4 for 10).

Abingdon 37.

*v. Old Abingdonians. 13th June. Won by 50 runs.*

Abingdon 120.

O.A.s 70 (Moore 6 for 27).

*v. Solihull School (h). 27th June. Lost by 53 runs.*

Solihull 121 (Thorpe 50 n.o.).

Abingdon 68 (Griffin 5 for 16).

*v. Shiplake Court 1st XI (a). 4th July. Drawn.*

Abingdon 126 for 8 dec.

Shiplake Court 80 for 9.

*v. R.G.S., High Wycombe (h). 11th July. Won by 7 wks.*

R.G.S. 91 (Forsyth 5 for 32).

Abingdon 94 for 3.

The following played: N. G. Burns, R. A. Chaplin, J. W. B. Dunthorne, A. M. Forsyth, T. R. Giddings, T. B. Moore, F. J. Stiff, P. B. Godfrey (8 matches); C. C. Ford, T. R. Morris (7 matches); R. B. Davis (6 matches); J. C. Mellor (4 matches); D. W. Penney, M. L. Thorpe (2 matches).

C.D.B.M.

### THIRD ELEVEN

The decision to play three 3rd XI matches this season was a great encouragement to those who would otherwise have toiled week after week in the nets with only slight hope of representing the school in the 2nd XI. In the event, the team proved as strong as it is likely to be for some time. P. H. Davis led, with characteristic cheerfulness, a side which was determined to enjoy its cricket by playing hard and in a good spirit. Mellor played a long innings in the first match, Coffee and Evans batted well in the second, and Sutton, like another "Fiery Fred", displayed as great a dislike of bowlers when batting as he did of batsmen when bowling. The side possessed plenty of bowlers, most of whom took wickets. Coffee showed considerable promise behind the stumps, and T. J. Havelock faithfully recorded the score.

After the team had much the better of the first two games, it was a great pity that the risk of our passing on mumps to St. Edward's caused our game with them to be cancelled. Another victim of the mumps was a proposed match against the Colts, but instead several members of the side joined some of the 2nd XI in a match between the Specialists (2nd and 3rd XI) and the Experts (Common Room and Colts), which the former won comfortably.

H.T.R.

### Results

*v. Magdalen College School (h). 17th June. Drawn.*

Abingdon 148 for 8 dec. (Mellor 76).

Magdalen College School 27 for 6.

*v. Westminster College (h). 20th June. Won by 7 wks.*  
Westminster College 71.  
Abingdon 74 for 3.

The team was: A. R. Coffee, P. H. Davis (Captain), P. J. Evans, R. F. Gillespie, P. G. James, A. M. Jell, J. G. King, J. C. Mellor, D. J. Munson, F. M. Sutton, N. C. Ware.

### COLTS ELEVEN

Altogether a disappointing season. Two matches could not be played; the first, against Cokethorpe, being rained off, and the other, against St. Edward's, cancelled because of the mumps. Of those which were played, three were won and three lost. Two matches were lost by bad batting, and the other, against Radley, by indifferent catching. One felt that this Colts team had great potential, but rarely realised it.

The bowling was good, sometimes very hostile, and Brice, a newly-discovered fast bowler, Cook, Harper and Heading all bowled well on occasion, while Vowles occasionally puzzled the opposition with his swing, and Blackburn seemed to have the knack of putting himself on at the right moment to get a wicket. Nonetheless sometimes a side was allowed to get 'off the hook' — Pangbourne were 62 for 7, and declared at 99 for 7; Douai were 58 for 8, and 96 all out — we lost that one, all out 69.

The batting, with one or two bright intervals, was awful. Brice was the most successful batsman, and played several useful innings; Harper, batting number ten at the beginning of the season, took over number one from Halstead and made a fine 50 against Oratory; Heading, very correct in the nets, never seemed to come off in the middle, until against Oratory, he batted with great concentration, and made 34 not out in great style. Coomber batted well against Reading. Blackburn, the Captain, was out of touch most of the season, though he did play a good innings against Radley, and was not out against Oratory. For the rest it was a sad tale of wickets thrown away, in a variety of ways, so that in some matches one found oneself speculating on the way in which our batsmen would sacrifice their wickets rather than whether or not we should win the match.

The fielding was quite reasonable, sometimes very good. Apart from the Radley match, not many catches were dropped, though sometimes the possibility of a catch was not seen, and the throwing was commendably straight and quick.

Blackburn was a good captain on the field, generally handling his bowling intelligently and setting his field well. Off the field his quiet manner made him perhaps not quite the inspiration to his men that he could have been.

The final arrangement of the team was P. H. Blackburn (Captain.), M. J. Heading, N. D. Brice, J. N. Harper, P. H. Panton, R. Coomber, R. G. Coulbeck, M. J. Vowles, T. K. Simmons, M. J. Theophilus, N. K. Cook.

Also played: D. G. Halstead (3 times); P. K. Booker (once).

#### Results

*v. Radley College (h). 9th May. Lost.*

Abingdon 113 (Brice 28, Blackburn 25).

Radley 114 for 7 (Heading 2 for 10).

*v. Pangbourne Nautical College 2nd XI (a). 20th May. Won.*

Pangbourne 99 for 7 dec. (Brice 3 for 26).

Abingdon 100 for 9 (Brice 28).

*v. Bloxham School (a). 30th May. Won.*

Bloxham 59 (Brice 2 for 6, Heading 2 for 5).

Abingdon 60 for 8 (Brice 35).

*v. Reading School (a). 13th June. Lost.*

Abingdon 59 (Coomber 20).

Reading 62 for 6 (Heading 3 for 26).

*v. Douai School (h). 1st July. Lost.*

Douai 96 (Cook 5 for 17).

Abingdon 126 for 3.

*v. Oratory School (a). 4th July. Won.*

Oratory 123 (Harper 6 for 27, Blackburn 3 for 7).

Abingdon 126 for 3 (Harper 50, Heading 34 not out).

L.C.J.G.

#### JUNIOR COLTS ELEVEN

Once again the Junior Colts side has had rather a mixed season. The chief weakness was the lack of application in the batting. Many of the side's batsmen have considerable potential, but this will not be realised without more concentration. The bowling was always accurate and was generally penetrative, but unfortunately it was not always supported by good fielding. The catching of the side was sound, but the ground fielding lacked speed and agility, which might have altered the result of several games.

Parry and Bradley developed into a fair opening partnership; Parry, although lacking in power, always looked a sound cricketer and produced a fine innings against R.G.S., High Wycombe. The main brunt of the batting was borne by Varley, who produced several hard-hitting innings. He was ably supported at times by Ford — who always looked a good batsman without fulfilling his promise — Cook, Dobbs and Gibbs. The bowling was really quite strong, and Cook's fast left-arm bowling brought

him several good results. Ironically his best bowling brought him the least return — against R.G.S., High Wycombe — due to several fielding lapses. He was ably supported by Nancarrow who bowled most consistently throughout the term, and by Varley. Ford had a "purple patch" against Bloxham, but unfortunately Dobbs did not get a lot of bowling, mainly due to the lack of runs to bowl against. The position of wicket-keeper eventually went to Paddison, who shaped quite well on the slower damp wickets but had difficulty in keeping on the faster wickets at the end of term.

In conclusion, a fair season — but one that could have been better. Morgan showed himself to be quite a capable Captain, but his own form declined somewhat as the season progressed. On the whole it was quite a pleasant team to coach, and it is hoped they will show more application and concentration next year with the Colts.

#### Results

*v. Newbury G.S. (h). 9th May. Lost by 7 wks.*  
Abingdon 54 (Morgan 27).  
Newbury 57 for 3 (Nancarrow 2 for 11).

*v. Salesian College (a). 20th May. Drawn.*  
Salesian 58 for 6 dec. (Nancarrow 2 for 18, Gibbs 3 for 17).  
Abingdon 51 for 7.

*v. Bloxham School (h). 30th May. Drawn.*  
Abingdon 101 (Gibbs 23, Varley 20).  
Bloxham 71 for 9 (Ford 5 for 11).

*v. Radley College (a). 6th June. Lost by 8 wks.*  
Abingdon 59 (Cook 25, Varley 22).  
Radley 60 for 2.

*v. Magdalen College School (a). 17th June. Won by 4 wks.*  
M.C.S. 75 (Varley 3 for 23, Dobbs 4 for 29).  
Abingdon 79 for 6 (Varley 15, Ford 18, Dobbs 25).

*v. Oratory School (a). 4th July. Lost by 22 runs.*  
Oratory 49 (Cook 5 for 13, Nancarrow 4 for 6).  
Abingdon 27.

*v. R.G.S., High Wycombe. 11th July. Drawn.*  
Abingdon 77 for 8 dec. (Parry 25 not out, Varley 26).  
R.G.S., High Wycombe 55 for 2.

Full team: L. Morgan (Capt.), N. K. Cook, B. J. W. Bradley, E. P. Caton, A. Varley, B. H. Ford, F. J. Dobbs, J. F. Goldsworthy, R. J. Nancarrow, J. C. Paddison, M. W. Parry.

Also played: J. P. W. Mosdell, P. E. Gibbs, J. W. W. Sagar.

F.B.

## JUNIOR ELEVEN

What promised to be an excellent year was spoiled by an abnormally large number of cancelled matches.

The two full team matches played resulted in very creditable wins — by 8 wickets against Newbury and by 100 runs against M.C.S. The outstanding feature has been the fast and accurate opening attack of A. Varley and M. C. Varley, although not all catches offered in the field behind the wicket were accepted. The batting has been potentially very strong, and a number of players can look forward to scoring well next year.

The 'A' team also suffered from cancellations. One only of its three matches was won, but several first-formers have been prominent and done well, in particular Baumann, Deane and Comerford.

*Junior XI*

- v. Newbury G.S. (a), 9th May. Won by 8 wkts. (A. Varley 5 for 6).
- v. Magdalen College School (h), 23rd May. Won by 100 runs (J. L. Sayce 33, M. Varley 44).

*and Junior 'A' XI*

- v. Millbrook House (h), 27th May. Lost by 18 runs. (Baumann 7 for 36).
- v. New College School (h), 3rd June. Lost by 10 wkts.
- v. Moreton C.C. Juniors (a), 27th June. Won by 55 runs. (Deane 29).

The team was drawn from: J. Y. McLaughlan (Capt.), A. Varley, D. R. Sayce, J. L. Sayce, B. J. Fellows, H. J. Flint, A. Rose, R. K. Blackburn, P. J. Hill, A. J. Cowley, M. C. Varley, J. R. Rowson, P. A. C. Minns.

The following also played in 'A' matches: M. A. Fletcher, D. N. Baumann, J. E. North, J. M. Elliot, J. J. Morgan, R. W. Speight, S. Fairlie, S. Gibbs, R. C. Cash, R. A. Deane, K. P. Brown.

I.C.M.

## ROWING

Much progress has been made in the Boat Club this season. More boys have been rowing than ever before, which has of course created difficulties over equipment and coaches, and on the whole we have managed to cope with them, but the question of limiting entry to the Club must now be considered. Four regular eights and a four have been in training and a Junior Colts eight was able to go afloat after Radley College had kindly loaned us a boat. Innumerable fours were also on the water, some of which raced.

The 1st VIII this year were probably the toughest and, over a short distance, the fastest we have produced so far. Bad luck at regattas in Junior-Senior Eights and a curious inability to produce their best form caused the decision, after much heart-searching, to abandon the idea of going to Henley this year. We shall hope to enter again, although the international status of the Princess Elizabeth Cup is going to mean a raising of sights by all English schools if a repetition of this year's disastrous showing is to be avoided.

Pride of place must of course go to our 2nd VIII who won Novice Eights at Hereford Regatta and reached the final of Junior Eights twice, at Reading Clinker and Reading Amateur Regattas, and also the final of the West Cup at the Pangbourne Schools' Regatta. This fine crew, our heaviest and most determined 2nd VIII ever, should provide the nucleus of good 1st VIIs for some time, being young, and their example has already inspired the whole Club to greater endeavours.

The 3rd VIII and the Colts VIII put up some good performances, but special mention must be made of the 1st IV which improved greatly during the term under the coaching of last season's Secretary, M. J. Evans, and performed mightily in various races.

The greatest rejoicing has been occasioned, however, by the quite magnificent response to the limited appeal sent out by the Headmaster for contributions in the form of gifts or loans for the purpose of providing a new Boat House. We are indeed grateful to all our friends, parents and Old Boys, who have already contributed enough money for us to place an order for a building. Any further donations will enable us to make a good job of equipping it suitably, though not extravagantly, for the care of our boats and of our young oarsmen.

Finally, mention must be made of the arrival of a new shell eight from Banham's of Cambridge, which will, we hope, inspire the Eight to great things next year, and it must be reported, sadly, that the 'Kingston' was laid on her funeral pyre at the end of term, at the age of 54.

#### CREWS

| 1st VIII |                 | 2nd VIII |                   |
|----------|-----------------|----------|-------------------|
| Bow      | D. H. Willis    | Bow      | A. J. Longstaff   |
| 2        | J. Bowthorpe    | 2        | P. N. Atkins      |
| 3        | B. J. Roblin    | 3        | P. A. Bartlett    |
| 4        | P. V. Bosley    | 4        | S. P. Sewry       |
| 5        | C. W. F. M. Cox | 5        | I. R. Hewes       |
| 6        | E. D. J. Hunter | 6        | C. H. Portman     |
| 7        | B. G. Mackay    | 7        | R. W. Schnellmann |
| Stroke   | R. C. Leatham   | Stroke   | D. G. Clubley     |
| Cox      | P. G. Dowling   | Cox      | J. S. Hutchins    |

| 3rd VIII                                             |                     | Colts VIII                                                  |                   |
|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Bow                                                  | A. R. L. Hewison    | Bow                                                         | J. B. Lister      |
| 2                                                    | I. Nayler           | 2                                                           | B. E. Goldsworthy |
| 3                                                    | L. R. Llewellyn     | 3                                                           | D. N. Roblin      |
| 4                                                    | S. M. Nicholl       | 4                                                           | D. Clare          |
| 5                                                    | W. R. Lynn-Robinson | 5                                                           | N. R. Taylor      |
| 6                                                    | N. P. Coe           | 6                                                           | D. W. Tanner      |
| 7                                                    | D. J. Jessett       | 7                                                           | R. J. M. Conibear |
| Stroke                                               | E. N. Broadway      | Stroke                                                      | J. J. F. Burn     |
| Cox                                                  | T. J. Wood          | Cox                                                         | A. J. Iddles      |
| (D. Clare rowed in the Pangbourne Schools' Regatta). |                     | (D. W. Hall rowed at 4 in the Pangbourne Schools' Regatta). |                   |

1st IV: Bow—D. M. Caradoc-Evans; 2—M. J. Ridehalgh; 3—A. W. Willis; Stroke—W. M. Marshall; Cox—M. J. Arundel.

R.G.M.

### Results

#### FIRST EIGHT

*June 3rd v. Bedford Modern School (away).*

Lost to B.M.S. 1st by 2 lengths but beat B.M.S. 1st by 1 length on a re-row.

*June 6th: Walton Regatta.*

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

*June 13th: Reading Amateur Regatta — Junior/Senior VIIIs.*

Lost to Ibis R.C. and Bedford R.C. by  $1\frac{1}{4}$  lengths.

*June 20th: Marlow Regatta.*

Lost to King's School, Canterbury by  $1\frac{1}{4}$  lengths and to Nottingham High School by  $\frac{1}{2}$  length.

*June 24th: Pangbourne Schools' Regatta.*

1st Round: Beat Clifton College by 3 lengths.

Lost to Latymer Upper School by  $\frac{1}{2}$  length.

2nd Round: Beat St. Edwards' School by  $\frac{1}{2}$  length.

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

Lost to Emanuel School by 6 feet.

#### SECOND EIGHT

*May 18th: Hereford Regatta.*

1st Round: Beat Reading University II by 1 length.

2nd Round: Beat Hereford Cathedral School by 2 lengths.

3rd Round: Beat Monmouth R.C. easily.

Final: Beat Monckton Combe School II by  $\frac{1}{2}$  length.

(3 min. 51).

Winners of the Painter Trophy (Maiden Eights).

*May 30th: Reading Clinker Regatta (Junior Shell Eights).*

1st Round: Beat St. George's College I by  $1\frac{1}{2}$  lengths and Kingston R.C. easily.

Final: Lost to Imperial College by 1 length and to Sir William Borlase's School I by a canvas.

*June 3rd v. Bedford Modern School (away).*

Beat B.M.S. by 2 lengths.

*June 6th: Walton Regatta.*

1st Round: Beat Kensington R.C. by  $1\frac{1}{2}$  lengths.

2nd Round: Beat St. George's College 'A' by  $\frac{3}{4}$  length.

Semi-Final: Lost to Eton College II by  $2\frac{1}{4}$  lengths.

*June 13th: Reading Amateur Regatta.*

1st Round: Bye.

2nd Round: Beat Radley College by  $1\frac{1}{2}$  lengths and National Prov. Bank by 2 lengths.

Final: Beat Cheltenham College by  $\frac{3}{4}$  length. Lost to Eton College 'A' by  $1\frac{1}{2}$  lengths.

*June 19th: Marlow Regatta.*

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

2nd Round: Lost to FitzWilliam House by 1 length and to Royal Veterinary College by  $1\frac{1}{2}$  lengths.

*June 24th: Pangbourne Schools' Regatta.*

1st Round: Beat Shrewsbury School; lost to Eton College by  $\frac{3}{4}$  length.

2nd Round: Beat Radley College by  $\frac{1}{4}$  length; beat Monkton Combe School by 6 feet; but lost to St. Edward's School by 3 feet.

Unfortunately, in the Final where we rowed against St. Edward's School, and King's School, Canterbury, Hewes collapsed and the crew failed to finish.

## COLTS' EIGHT

*May 23rd: Wallingford Regatta (entered as 'A' and 'B' Fours).*

'A' Crew: 1st Round: Beat Hannington R.C. easily.

2nd Round: Lost to Weybridge by  $1\frac{1}{2}$  lengths.

'B' Crew: 1st Round: Lost to Sutton School by 1 length.

*May 30th: Reading Clinker Regatta.*

1st Round: Lost to Radley College by a canvas.

*June 3rd v. Bedford Modern School (away).*

Lost to B.M.S. Colts by  $1\frac{1}{2}$  lengths.

*June 6th: Oxford City Regatta.*

Lost to Leys School I by 2 lengths.

*June 24th: Pangbourne Schools' Regatta.*

1st Round: Lost to Bedford by 2 lengths.

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

2nd Round: Lost to King's School, Worcester by 1 length.

Beat Pangbourne N.C. by a canvas.

Beat Bryanston School by 1 length.

## THIRD EIGHT

*May 30th: Reading Clinker Regatta (entered as two Fours).*

1st Four: Lost to High Wycombe by 3 lengths.

Lost to Reading School by 1 length.

2nd Four: Lost.

*May 23rd: Wallingford Regatta.*

Lost to University College R.C. by 2 lengths.

*June 3rd v. Bedford Modern School (away).*

Beat B.M.S. III easily.

*June 6th: Oxford City Regatta.*

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

*June 24th: Pangbourne Schools' Regatta.*

1st Round: Beat Magdalen College School by  $1\frac{1}{2}$  lengths.

Lost to St. Edward's School by  $1\frac{1}{2}$  lengths.

Final: Beat St. Paul's School by a canvas.

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

Lost to St. Edward's School by  $\frac{1}{2}$  length.

## FIRST FOUR

*May 23rd: Wallingford Regatta.*

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

*June 6th: Oxford City Regatta.*

1st Round: Beat Monkton Combe School by 3 lengths.

2nd Round: Lost to St. Neot's by 3 lengths.

The crew also defeated crews from Oratory School and Radley College in private fixtures.

## BOAT CLUB REGATTA

The Regatta was held on Culham Reach on 18th July. Results were:  
Bennett Cup for Senior House Fours: Tesdale.

Pixell Cup for House Second Fours: Bennett.

Pixell Cup for Intermediate House Fours: Bennett.

Morrell Cup for Junior House Fours: Blacknall.

Pierpoint Cup: Boarders' VIII beat Dayboys' VIII.

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

Eason Goblet for House gaining most points: Bennett.

We are grateful to Miss Kinder for presenting the prizes.

The Gryphon B.C. were regrettably forced to cancel all holiday rowing owing to the outbreak of mumps at the end of term.

## TENNIS

The significant improvement in the standard of tennis in all the teams has come at a time when a wave of enthusiasm for playing the game appears to have been sweeping the school, even among the oarsmen and cricketers in their spare moments. On a fine evening the outfields have been dotted with pairs of boys with tennis racquets knocking a ball to and fro and developing strokes. This has again shown the need for new all weather hard courts, in support of the overplayed grass courts, and we are very grateful to the Parent who has already taken the initiative in suggesting and starting a hard court fund.

The 1st VI can look back on a successful season with 6 matches won, 1 drawn, 4 lost. The start was not so auspicious in as much as we had the potential to defeat Magdalen College School and Leighton Park School, but failed because half of the VI did not produce their true form. This again emphasizes the necessity for more practice in the Lent term and Easter vacation. The Captain, I. J. Newbold, showed the way in fitting in serious tennis practice with a strenuous term of hockey, and he and the Secretary T. J. King were both match fit when the Summer Term started. Together they made an excellent 1st pair, disguising each others' weaknesses: Newbold's suspect backhand and King's lack of punch overhead. King provided some fine retrieving shots, cleverly placed lobs, mixed with backhand winners down the line or across court; while Newbold had the flair for the net interception and winning volley, in addition to testing the opposition with low searching drives.

The unfortunate loss of D. N. Laybourne, early in the term, due to appendicitis, led to an all round reshuffle and breaking up of the 1st pair. Fortunately N. R. Leach had just started to play himself back into form, so the previous season's combination of King and Leach was reconstituted as a successful 2nd pair. A very promising under 16 player, R. E. N. Bradfield, was given a trial in the 1st pair, and with Newbold's steadying influence and encouragement soon established himself and became a tower of strength in his own right.

The 3rd pair has been in a constant state of flux, four different pairs having been tried with a final arrangement of R. P. Jessett and M. G. Cockman. Both are powerful players with good serves and forehand drives, but surprisingly slow in moving about the court and getting their feet correctly placed for the shot intended. Both realise the importance of volleying, but have much to learn in the correct execution and placing of overhead shots and the need for the utmost concentration, besides changing positions according to the intentions or weaknesses of the opposition. Of the others, who were tried, M. J. H. Liversidge and A. C. Hoddinott never produced the form expected; while R. J. Luttmann displayed some delightful strokes, but seemed to lack fire, determination and finishing power.

Both the 2nd VI and Junior VI had a good season; in fact the Juniors did not lose a match except against the Dragon School, when a weakened 'B' side was played. Our most prominent juniors Bradfield, Cockman, and Luttmann, were usually required for the 1st or 2nd VI; but it was also pleasing to note the emergence of D. S. Jackson, who showed good attacking qualities and who only needs a little more consistency to reach 1st VI standard. Of the latest recruits D. N. Hunt and M. F. K. Baumann made a creditable start in the Junior VI, while C. J. Woods looked promising for next season. The juniors have been greatly helped by the weekly visits of Mr. Lay and we again thank him for his most valuable coaching.

The semi-finals of the Buckley Cup were closely contested, I. J. Newbold defeating D. S. Partridge 6—8, 6—2, 6—4, T. J. King winning 6—4, 4—6, 6—4 against R. E. N. Bradfield. In the final T. J. King retained the Cup, winning 6—3, 6—0 with unexpected ease.

We congratulate S. R. Leach and R. E. N. Bradfield on the award of colours, and the latter on his appointment as Secretary for next season. We are very sorry that the time has come to say good-bye to Newbold and King, who will be greatly missed. We thank them for all their hard work as Captain and Secretary, and for all they have done to raise the standard of the senior tennis and to bring along the juniors.

#### FIRST VI MATCHES

- May 8th v. The Common Room (h). Won 5—1.
- May 9th v. Radley College (a). Drawn 4½—4½.
- May 20th v. Magdalen College School (a). Lost 4—5.
- May 23rd v. Leighton Park School (h). Lost 4—5.
- May 27th v. Culham College (a). Lost 1½—7½.
- May 30th v. Bloxham School (h). Won 8—1.
- June 10th v. Reading School (a). Won 7—2.
- June 13th v. Old Abingdonians (h). Won 6—3.
- June 27th v. Berkhamsted (h). Won 5½—3½.
- July 15th v. Pangbourne Nautical College (h). Won 7—2.
- July 20th v. Abingdon L.T.C. (h). Lost 3—6.

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

## SECOND VI MATCHES

(1st pair: A. C. Hoddinott and R. P. Jessett; 2nd pair from: M. G. Cockman, D. S. Jackson, R. J. Luttman, M. J. H. Liversidge, G. Walkinshaw; 3rd pair: B. C. Orland and M. R. Louth).

May 13th v. Salesian College (a). Lost 4—5.

May 20th v. Magdalen College School (h). Lost 3—6.

May 23rd v. Leighton Park School (a). Lost 4—5.

May 27th v. Culham College (h). Won 5—4.

June 3rd v. Wallingford G.S. (a). Won 5—4.

June 17th v. Staff and Ladies (h). Won 7—2.

July 4th v. Oratory 1st (h). Won 8—1.

Cockman, Hoddinott, Jessett, Liversidge and Luttman also had games in the 1st VI.

## JUNIOR VI MATCHES

(1st pair: M. G. Cockman, R. J. Luttman; 2nd pair: D. S. Jackson, G. A. Macdonald; 3rd pair: D. N. Hunt, M. F. K. Baumann. Also played: C. J. Woods, F. N. Sandall, A. R. Cantwell, A. W. Luff).

May 13th v. Salesian College (h). Won 7—2.

May 30th v. Bloxham School (a). Won 9—0.

June 17th v. Douai School (a). 3—4 Unfinished.

July 11th v. Shiplake Court (h). Won 7½—1½.

June 3rd Junior 'B' v. Dragon School (a). Lost 2—7.

YOULL CUP AND THOMAS BOWL: PUBLIC SCHOOLS' TENNIS  
COMPETITION AT WIMBLEDON

## Youll Cup

1st Pair: I. J. Newbold, T. J. King.

2nd Pair: A. T. Barrett, D. S. Partridge.

## Thomas Bowl (under 16 years)

1st Pair: R. E. N. Bradfield, M. G. Cockman.

2nd Pair: N. K. Cook, R. J. Luttman.

This year, in the Youll Cup, we were drawn against Marlborough, and expected a hard fight. Our 1st pair narrowly lost the first set, but then ran out clear winners 4—6, 6—1, 6—0. Unfortunately the 2nd pair failed to find their form and were beaten 1—6, 4—6; which meant the match was lost overall by the odd set.

In the Thomas Bowl in which the pairs compete independently, the 1st pair had a walk over in the 1st round and then a good win over the Leys 8—6, 6—1, in the 2nd round. In the 3rd round against Bradfield, we got off to a bad start from which we never properly recovered; though at one stage in the 2nd set, five match points were miraculously saved before we lost 1—6, 4—6. Our 2nd pair produced some good strokes, but were too inconsistent: they lost 1—6, 2—6 to Charterhouse II.

H.M.G.

## ATHLETICS

We have met with mixed fortunes this term. As a team we have been far too inconsistent but some individual performances have been encouraging. Although we won comfortably enough at Cokethorpe School it was disappointing to find several of our team failing to make good use of the experience of competing in rather unusual conditions and being satisfied with mediocre performances.

This year the triangular fixture with Stamford and Pocklington was held early in the term at Iffley Road and once again Pocklington proved very strong — breaking 3 records and winning all but one event. Many of our competitors seemed rather overawed by the occasion and only Liversidge (2:0.8 for the half) and the Marsh brothers (52.6 for the quarter) rose to the occasion.

After an exciting evening contest at Wallingford which resulted in a tie, we sent a small contingent to the Berkshire A.A.A. Championships at Bracknell. Akinbiyi won the "Junior" Long Jump (20ft. 2½ins.); V. A. Marsh the "Junior" quarter (52.7); Corps both "Youths" sprints (10.9 and 24.3), while S. A. Marsh won the "Youths" quarter in 52.5 which broke the record his brother put up two years ago. Other competitors did well too and contributed to our haul of 9 standard badges.

Westminster College again proved too strong for us (74—109), but N. A. Bosley (45ft. 5½ins.) and I. R. Flint did well in the shot, while Avery and S. A. Marsh (2:4.9 and 2:5.0 in the half-mile) and Liversidge (4:39.3 in the mile) all put up personal best performances. The highlight from our point of view was undoubtedly the 4 x 440 yard relay when Liversidge, Hassett, and the Marsh brothers returned 3:35.6 (an average of 53.9) to break the track record.

At the North Berks Schools' Championships at Wallingford on 4th June, Liversidge was awarded the Eldon Trophy for the best track performance when he won the half-mile in record time, and I. R. Flint threw the discus an impressive 131ft. from a slippery grass circle. Twelve others were also selected to represent the district in the Berkshire Schools' Championships at Maidenhead a fortnight later. In these S. A. Marsh and V. A. Marsh took the first two places in the quarter-mile, and Liversidge and Avery did the same in the half-mile while Corps and N. A. Bosley were second and third respectively in their events. The Under 17 relay team of Wilde, Hassett, Beckett and Froggatt ran creditably but were considerably helped into 2nd place by the errors of some of their opponents.

Later the Marsh brothers, Corps, Liversidge and N. A. Bosley were invited to represent the County at the All England Championships but V. A. Marsh was unable to accept because of examination commitments. The standard of these championships is very high indeed and to

compete at all in such company is a great honour and although Corps, Liversidge and S. A. Marsh were eliminated in the first rounds they were not disgraced. Bosley was a little below his best but his put of 47ft. 2ins. gave him 7th place and a national standard badge.

The seven-school meeting at Radley on 25th June produced an excellent afternoon's athletics and our small contingent performed very creditably. Had the meeting been scored as a team match it is possible that Abingdon might even have come first.

Once again a number of school records have been bettered during the course of the year on "foreign tracks" — which means that the old records still stand. With the growth of summer athletics it was felt that the system should be rationalised and it is therefore suggested that two types of record should be recognised in future:-

1. The A.S.A.C. *Home* record. (Best performance by a boy in a home match or on sports days).
2. The A.S.A.C. *School* record. (Best performance by a boy in *stat. pup.* in any match or championship recognised by A.S.A.C.).

A great deal of research will be needed to compile an accurate list of the new A.S.A.C. School records. "Abingdonians" will of course be carefully studied but if any reader knows of any authentic performance which may not have been mentioned I would be glad if he would let me know. It is thought that two performances this year — N. A. H. Bosley's 49ft. 4ins. with the 12 lb. shot and P. W. Liversidge's 2 min. 0.8 sec. for the half-mile will probably rank as new A.S.A.C. School records.

During the term full colours were awarded to S. A. Marsh, N. A. H. Bosley, C. J. Corps and I. R. Flint, while P. A. C. Roblin, J. W. Hassett and T. B. Moore received half colours.

R.H.B.

### MATCH RESULTS

*v. Stamford and Pocklington (at Iffley Road), Tuesday, 19th May.*

100 yards: 1—Sharpe (S) 10.4; 5—Corps; 6—Wilde.  
 220 yards: 1—Coates (P) 23.8; 4—Corps; 6—Bell.  
 440 yards: 1—Owen (P) 51.5\*; 2—Marsh SA; 3—Marsh VA.  
 880 yards: 1—Cross (P) 1:59.0\*; 3—Liversidge; 6—Avery.  
 Mile: 1—Cross (P) 4:41.5; 3—Liversidge; 6—Avery.  
 High Jump: 1—Buckton (P) 5ft 11\*; 4—Roblin; 5—Kitto.  
 Long Jump: 1—Allen R (P) 20ft 4; 5—Akinbiyi; 6—Bell.  
 Shot: 1—Allen P (P) 43ft 8; 3—Bosley; 4—Flint.  
 Discus: 1—Wray (P) 129ft 2½; 5—Flint; 6—Bosley.

Javelin: 1—Townsend (P) 147ft 10; 3—Hassett; 6—Avery.  
 Relay: 1—Pocklington 46.0; 2—Abingdon; 3—Stamford.  
 Result: 1—Pocklington 106 pts; 2—Stamford 56 pts; 3—Abingdon 36 pts.

\* Record.

*v. Wallingford School (away), Friday, 22nd May.*

100 yards: 1—Essex (W) 10.6; 3—Corps; 4—Wilde.  
 220 yards: 1—Dix (W); = 2 Corps and Bell.  
 440 yards: = 1—Marsh SA and Marsh VA 53.1; 3—Aldridge (W).  
 880 yards: 1—Liversidge 2:4.1; 2—Knapp (W); 4—Owen.  
 Mile: = 1—Avery and Liversidge 5:1.4; 3—Griffiths (W).  
 High Jump: 1—Kitto 5ft 2; 2—Shayler (W); 3—Roblin.  
 Long Jump: 1—Shayler (W) 20ft 1; 2—Akinbiyi; 4—Bell.  
 Shot: 1—Bosley 43ft 9½; 2—Flint; 3—Dempster (W).  
 Discus: 1—Wright (W) 118ft 5; 2—Bosley; 3—Flint.  
 Javelin: 1—Atkinson (W) 154ft 4; 3—Avery; 4—Bosley.  
 Relay: 1—Wallingford 46.6; 2—Abingdon.  
 Result: A tie—Abingdon and Wallingford 56 pts each.

Results of events in which the School took part:

*Meeting with Bradfield, Cheltenham, Eton, Malvern, Radley and St. Edward's (at Radley), Thursday, 25th June.*

*Senior*

100 yards: 4—Bell 10.6; 5—Corps 10.9.  
 220 yards: 4—Bell 24.0; 5—Corps 24.0.  
 440 yards: 1—Marsh SA 52.2; 2—Marsh VA 52.2.  
 880 yards: 1—Liversidge 2:2.1; 2—Avery 2:3.6.  
 Triple Jump: 4—Roblin 37ft 10.  
 Shot: 1—Bosley 49ft 4; 2—Flint 43ft 5.  
 Discus: 3—Flint 128ft. 0.  
 Javelin: 3—Hassett 142ft 7.  
 Relay: 2—Abingdon 45.6.

*Middle (under 16½ on 1st Jan., 1964)*

100 yards: 3—Wilde 11.0.  
 220 yards: 1—Froggatt 24.9.  
 440 yards: 1—Hassett 56.7.  
 High Jump: 2—Brice 4ft 10.  
 Discus: 3—Brice 124ft 6.  
 Javelin: 1—Hassett 146ft 4; 3—Gillespie 119ft 10.  
 Relay: 2—Abingdon 48.4.

## SWIMMING

We have been fortunate with swimming this season, the temperature of the pool being in the upper 60s for most of the term. A great deal of activity occurred during the heatwave of early July when the pool never seemed to be empty of bathers.

The Swimming Sports were held on Wednesday, 22nd July and attracted quite a large number of spectators. Although the sky threatened a storm, we were lucky in having a rainless afternoon. Only five records were broken this year — a contrast to the overwhelming number of new times set up in 1963 — but three of them fell to Blackburn, PH, who went on to win the Elliott Cup and the Becker Cup. Blacknall House won the Green Cup for House points with a total of 87 points, a majority of 51 over their nearest rivals, Reeves House. Tesdale House came third and shared with Bennett House who were last the shame of scoring very few points indeed. At the end of the afternoon, the Cups and certificates were presented by Miss Diana Ross-Slater.

### Results

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

- 1—P. H. Blackburn, 27.5 secs. (record); 2—Ablewhite; 3—T. R. Morris.

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

- 1—Rawlins, 1 min. 25 secs.; 2—Parfitt; 3—J. D. Arundel.

#### *Under 14 Back Stroke (2 lengths):*

- 1—R. K. Blackburn, 41.2 secs.; 2—North; 3—Ellis.

#### *Junior Diving:*

- 1—Woods; 2—R. K. Blackburn; 3—A. M. Brown.

#### *Under 16 Freestyle (4 lengths):*

- 1—P. H. Blackburn, 1 min. 5.1 secs. (record); 2—Ablewhite; 3—D. J. Brown.

#### *Under 16 Back Stroke (2 lengths):*

- 1—P. H. Blackburn, 39.7 secs.; 2—R. K. Blackburn; 3—J. D. Arundel.

#### *Under 14 Breast Stroke (2 lengths):*

- 1—Ellis, 43.3 secs.; 2—Spearing; 3—Lilley.

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

- 1—Rawlins, 1 min. 45 secs.; 2—R. K. Blackburn; 3—Lilley.

#### *Open Freestyle (4th lengths):*

- 1—P. H. Blackburn, 1 min. 12.8 secs.; 2—Ablewhite; 3—Lacey-Johnson.

#### *Open Breast Stroke (10 lengths):*

- 1—Parfitt, 4 min. 10.3 secs. (record); 2—T. R. Morris; 3—Rawlins.

**Senior Diving:**

1—Rawlins; 2—G. A. Walkinshaw; 3—P. H. Blackburn.

**Under 14 Freestyle (2 lengths):**

1—Lacey-Johnson, 34.1 secs.; 2—Ellis; 3—R. K. Blackburn.

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

1—Rawlins, 1 min. 29.6 secs.; 2—Parfit; 3—T. R. Morris.

**Open Freestyle (10 lengths):**

1—P. H. Blackburn, 3 min. 31.3 secs. (record); 2—P. W. Liversidge;  
3—G. J. Bailey.

**Junior Relay (4 x 1 length):**

1—Blacknall; 2—Reeves; 3—Tesdaie: 64.7 secs.

**Senior Relay (4 x 1 length):**

1—Blacknall; 2—Tesdaie; 3—Reeves: 57.4 secs.

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The Royal Life Saving Society Examinations were held on Thursday, 23rd July, when the following awards were gained:

*Award of Merit*—M. C. C. Hunter, T. J. Rawlins; *Bronze Cross*—B. M. Johnston, D. Button, S. S. Coe, M. T. D. Carr, R. A. Egelstaff, P. D. Heast, D. C. Cul'len, T. A. Parfitt; *Instructor's Certificate*—T. J. Rawlins; *Bronze Medallion*—A. F. Martin, A. K. Hodgson, P. K. Ablewhite, J. D. Arundel, A. E. Banes, D. N. Hunt, D. S. Rogers, M. G. Lewis, M. G. Cockman, P. A. Foulkes, D. M. Dickson, G. A. Walkinshaw; *Intermediate Certificate*—J. A. Hopkins, M. C. G. Stevens, S. R. Shield, C. A. Alford, C. J. Woods, M. G. Crawford, A. M. E. Brown, A. C. Ellis, A. J. Iddles, C. E. J. Lilley, I. L. M. Carr.

T.J.R.

## COMBINED CADET FORCE

### ARMY SECTION

The most important event of the term was the Inspection carried out by Col. A. Clerke-Brown, O.B.E., Chairman of the Joint Cadet Executive at the Ministry of Defence. As is almost traditional, the afternoon was a fine, hot one on 12th June and we can all be pleased with the ceremonial parade and the training afterwards. Col. Clerke-Brown picked out the Band for their turnout and C Company N.C.O. instructors for special mention in his report.

Field Day provided its usual varied fare. Capt. Willis took a party to watch a very interesting shoot by the Royal Artillery on Larkhill Ranges, Salisbury Plain, where some of our cadets were allowed to 'pull the trigger', if that is the correct expression for a 25-pounder. C.D. Section spent the day at Kidlington while B Coy. took their Proficiency Exam on home ground. 42 cadets out of 49 passed but the disturbing feature was that those who failed all did so in the same

subject — drill. N.C.O.s will have to pay careful attention to this in future. The secret is to practise a cadet with a small squad rather than the whole platoon together. This way a cadet will gain confidence to command much more quickly.

The rest of the Army Section plus about 30 from the R.N. Section had a day's shooting on Churn Range and altogether over 100 cadets fired which was quite an achievement considering that the majority had only fired blanks before. Now that we have lost the .22 facilities at the Drill Hall, cadets are being blooded the hard way with rifle shooting.

The shooting proved to be so popular that two parties of 30 volunteers shot on Sunday afternoons in July. As a result of this, R.S.M. Mackay and Cadet Cockerill were awarded the West and Darbshire Cups respectively. We have booked the range again early in the Michaelmas term for the House Cup competition and finally, weather permitting, an inter-service competition when it is rumoured that a team of Marksmen from the Common Room will be taking part.

Weekend camping got off to a half-hearted start despite the excellent organisation because of a dearth of volunteers. Two camps took place, one at Ardington on the Downs and the other, a rather more ambitious affair lasting four days, in the Stanton Harcourt area, at the end of term. This type of training is an important part of a cadet's work in the C.C.F. and it is included as an 'option' in the new Advanced Infantry Proficiency Certificate Examination, which we hope to run two terms after a cadet passes his Proficiency Test. It also includes all infantry weapons (Bren, Sten, Rocket Launcher, etc.), practical map-reading and section leading and a physical fitness test. This will provide a real challenge to the cadet aspiring to be an N.C.O.

Annual Camp was a tremendous success and was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended it. Our thanks go to 116 Engineer Regt. for running it so well.

Lastly a word of thanks to Mr. Joyce for his work in the Stores. I don't know what we would do without him. Congratulations to R.S.M. Mackay on an outstanding year. He is succeeded as senior cadet by W.O. Nicholl, our first "blue-job" in the post.

B.J.M.

#### ANNUAL CAMP, 1964

The annual camp was held, this year, at the Royal Engineer Bridging Camp at Wyke Regis. The camp itself is situated close to the sea and so it was quite natural that most of our training should involve the water.

On the first day we had a preview of the equipment held at the camp and on the following days we were shown how to use some of it.



THE WINNING PATROL (see page 182)



INSPECTION DAY ACTIVITIES



During our training we used two different types of raft, as well as cutters, assault boats and small recce boats. The only land training we had was a visit to Bovington Tank Museum, a lesson on basic knots, and a morning's demolition training.

The training period on the final day was enjoyably spent in the form of a regatta. This involved using the training of the last six days in various races against the other schools at the camp. Unfortunately owing to the outbreak of mumps at school last term we were the smallest contingent at the camp and as a result most of the contingent were used in more than one crew. Despite this we secured ten points and came fifth in the overall placing. This was a very satisfactory result considering that only six of the schools at the camp scored any points at all.

The regatta consisted of a cutter race, an assault boat race and a medley race. The cutter race involved rowing skill. In this race we had a bye in the first round and beat Queen Mary's quite easily in the second. However in the semi-final we lost to the eventual winners Elizabeth College.

In the assault boat race we were less fortunate, coming second to a Plymouth crew in our heat. However in the Medley race, after winning our heat we came equal second in the final. This race involved towing a recce boat across the river using an assault boat. Once across the river the recce boat had to return with a stranded officer, in our case Mr. Fairhead, who then had to be revived from his ordeal with a bottle of beer. Much of our success in this race was due to Mr. Fairhead.

The success of this camp was partly due to the spirit of the small contingent, partly due to the unbeatable weather we had, but mostly due to the efficiency and friendly attitude of the Royal Engineers who were training us. This year we have had, not only a week away from home, but a week's most interesting training and a holiday as well.

C.C.F.

### ROYAL NAVAL SECTION

As always in the Summer term, there is not a great deal to report, apart from the obvious things like Field Day and Inspection. For the former, the Section was once again divided into two groups, the smaller group going to Portsmouth on the Monday and spending the next day at sea in an M.F.V., which we navigated and steered into Southampton Water. It was a good day and many of us learnt something useful. The other group joined a large number of the Army at Churn ranges, and some had their first experience of shooting. It was voted a good thing.

For Inspection Day the section laid on some demonstrations, a class in Compass and Helm, and another in Buoys and Buoyage, a very well

rigged boom and disengaging gear in the dell. It was a pity that the latter was a little temperamental and would only slip for favoured visitors. Perhaps it was just as well in the circumstances that the Inspecting Officer passed us by with only the merest glance.

After Inspection an assault course was rigged in the dell, but very little use could be made of it, owing to the demands of examinations.

Two groups of cadets were examined for Able Seamen during the term, the more senior group being of a reasonable standard, and all, eventually, passing. The standard of the junior group, however, was not as high as was hoped, and rather more than half have to be re-examined next term.

#### *Annual Camp*

For the second year running Camp was at the Boom Defence Depot in Loch Ewe in the North-West of Scotland, and eleven cadets and one officer spent a very enjoyable week there — enjoyable in spite of the weather, for we had some rain every day, and this at a time when the army were enjoying hot sunshine at Weymouth.

Activities during the week were divided into two main parts — venture training over the hills and moors (this included walking by compass, and a certain amount of endurance testing as well as map reading) and boatwork — pulling and sailing in whalers. One whole day was spent at sea in a coastal mine-sweeper, and we had one overnight exercise, when we camped near the Ardesie Falls, with the purpose of climbing a mountain, An Teallach; as happened last year, however, incessant rain and very poor visibility prevented us from reaching the top.

Altogether a most useful and enjoyable week.

L.C.J.G.

#### ROYAL AIR FORCE SECTION

After the successful gliding camp at Kirton-in-Lindsey during the Easter holidays and the completion of Sgt. Nicholl's Flying Scholarship course at Kidlington airport, the Section has had a very active term.

Flt./Sgt. Godfrey was awarded a Flying Scholarship and hopes to obtain his Private Pilot's License in September after flying instruction at Kidlington. Other members of the Section also had the opportunity of flying in Chipmunks from R.A.F. White Waltham where three visits were made for Air Experience Flying during the term.

Field Day consisted of a twenty-four hour exercise with cadets sleeping in shelters made from ground sheets, in an ideal situation in the Gloucestershire village of Winson. With the co-operation of the weather and members of the School scout troop, the exercise of attack and defence was very successful.

Next term the reorganization of the C.C.F. will see an increase in the size of the Section to two officers and fifty-five cadets. The Senior N.C.O. will be W.O. Nicholl who will also be the Senior N.C.O. of the whole contingent.

#### *Annual Camp*

Camp was held at R.A.F. Hullavington in Wiltshire where ideal weather conditions enabled the cadets to fly an average time of eight hours during the week. Varsity and Valetta aircraft from the navigation school were available at the Station and a visit to R.A.F. Lyneham led to a two-hour training flight in a Britannia.

D.W.M.

### **SCOUTS**

#### *34th North Berks*

This term has seen probably more scouting than ever before in the School. This increased activity has brought to the Group a considerable improvement both in spirit and scouting prowess.

The first part of the term was spent in a concentrated effort to raise the standard and efficiency of the patrols in camping and other out-door activities. All patrols held practice camps at Oakley House before competing against each other at Youlbury. As a result five patrols were entered for the District Flag Competition, where all of them acquitted themselves extremely well. Out of the seventeen patrols competing Cuckoos came 8th, Bears 5th, Eagles 4th, Kingfishers 2nd and by a long lead Woodpeckers 1st. Woodpeckers were therefore invited to represent the North Berkshire District at the Berkshire County Flag Competition. Here they met with much sterner opposition but managed to win by a narrow margin. This of course was an outstanding achievement and many congratulations must go to Ivan Carr and his patrol. Winning patrol was: I. L. M. Carr, D. B. Loach, T. R. Paxton, S. Fairlie, D. W. Galbraith and J. L. Cox.

The following is Carr's account of the District Flag Competition.

"On the afternoon of Saturday, 13th June, parents took our patrol and equipment to Youlbury for the competition which began at 3 o'clock. After flagbreak, the judges introduced themselves and we drew for camp sites. Ours turned out to be in front of the lawn hut, right under the judges' noses!

We quickly carried the equipment to the site, pitched the tent, and split up to build our various kitchen gadgets. When the examiners came round at 4.30 p.m. everything was well under way.

At 5.30 p.m. all the patrol leaders reported to the Lawn hut where we handed in menus and receipts for the food — which had to cost less than 37/6 and not consist of tinned food. After the judges had given us the timetable for the evening I went back to my patrol to help finish the kitchen, to cook supper, and lay out the sleeping bags in the tent so as to save time after the camp fire.

We had supper — soup, macaroni and fruit — at 8 p.m. and I sent Fairlie to find the judges who arrived just as we were finishing. They looked at our meal and made a few ambiguous remarks! They were pleased to see that we had plenty of hot water in a drum on the fire, and that we had washed before sitting down to the meal. After washing and tidying the site, we played rounders until it was time for the camp-fire.

The camp-fire was held at the large camp-fire circle and consisted of songs and stunts for an hour or so. We had some tea provided at the Lawn hut and then went to bed.

Next morning we got up in the rain to find the logs round our fire-place were still burning. We put them out, lit the fire in the right place and cooked breakfast by 8.15 a.m.

At 10 a.m. we were inspected and given a task while our sites were examined. We had to name twelve types of tree, find an aquatic animal and make a mousetrap.

By 1.15 p.m. watched by the examiners we ate our lunch. They were impressed with the home-made cream on the jelly. After lunch we struck camp, tidied the site and washed before the final parade at which the results were announced. We were excited when we heard that we had won by more than thirty points.'

For the first time the troop entered a team for the Abingdon Area sports and brought back the Scout Team Trophy and five first places. A bus load went on an excursion to the Oxfordshire Scout Rally in Blenheim Park and near the end of term a Garden Fete was held on Boars Hill. We were much indebted to Mrs. K. W. Allen for the use of her garden and to all those parents who helped so generously. As a result a considerable sum was raised for troop funds.

Despite all this outside activity a considerable amount of badgework was done and the following badges were awarded:

2nd Class: I. Blair, . M. Elliott, A. E. Lewis.

1st Class: P. B. Harrison, V. A. Ramsey.

Campers and Backwoodsman: I. L. M. Carr, D. R. Langmead,  
P. M. Osborne, V. A. Ramsey.

Swimmer: J. L. M. Carr.

The District Commissioner paid two visits. On the first occasion he presented Richard Welch, O.A., with his A.S.M.'s warrant — official recognition for much hard work enthusiastically given. On the second, M. A. Bisby received his Queen's Scout badge, a well deserved award, and Scout Cords were awarded to Carr, Harrison and Langmead. These Cords, which are the highest regular awards made to scouts under 15 years, are the first in the history of the Troop.

The Seniors too have been very active. At the beginning of term they enjoyed a raft building competition, a barn dance and an enormous camp fire at the 'Windsoree' held in Windsor Great Park whilst later on they held a cycling expedition in the Lambourne Downs. On Field Day they provided an intelligent opposition for the R.A.F. section

of the Corps. All concerned camped in the Cotswolds and covered large distances. A lot of time was spent in overhauling equipment and supervising practice camps. R. A. Egelstaff, M. T. D. Carr, and J. R. Poole completed their Venturer Badge and R. A. Lyons gained his first class badge. Two of our seniors were in the Abingdon swimming team which beat the Senior team from Didcot, thus keeping the cup in Abingdon for yet another year.

Summer camp was held at Spring Hill near Moreton-in-the-Marsh, and we are very grateful to Captain Lennox Hennay for giving us such a splendid site, and allowing us to use his own swimming pool. Mr. Blagden and Richard Welch camped with three Seniors and thirty-four scouts, and Mr. Lewis joined us for three days. The standard of our camping has been raised so much by the practice camps and competitions of the past year that the 'business' of camping and of cooking did not take up too much of our time, though the inter-patrol competition was keenly contested and each patrol site was a model. In addition to 'wide' games and camp fires there was a carefully-planned programme of activities for each patrol, including a six-part adventure incident journey (could you get an injured man across a swimming pool without dropping him in?), laying trails and following them, a survey of trees and other natural life on the estate, and a fifteen mile hike. This last activity was planned to resemble the first class journey, except that here the whole patrol went as a group under their patrol leader; they were given a route and a list of objectives, and camped overnight in hike tents, away from Spring Hill. They returned knowing much more about this part of the country, and submitted very good hike reports.

Finally a word of farewell and a big thank you to F. A. Bisby, who during the last two years has organised and inspired so much of our Scouting. We wish him well at Oxford. M.N.W., J.B., F.A.B.

### CHESS

As usual, there was little chess during the summer months. Only one match was played, a junior fixture against Leighton Park School which was pleasingly won  $2\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$ . Another intended match, against St. Edward's, was cancelled because of mumps.

The Senior Championship was well won by T. J. King. Depleted numbers at the end of term, however, interfered with the finishing of the Junior Tournament. B. K. Langmead won the dayboys' section, but the Waste Court Knockout could not be finished.

Now that it is time to say farewell to him, I must place on record my gratitude to Tim King for his services as Captain, in which capacity he has been such a tower of strength this year. One of his outstanding qualities has been his remarkable skill in negotiating favourable results in adjudication. It improves a team's record no end when someone can salvage a win from a seemingly lost position — and do it several times!

Medland too deserves thanks for his hard work. He has efficiently filled the post of Secretary for two years now.

The new officers of the club are: T. J. Giddings (Captain), and T. D. Harding (Secretary). The latter must be congratulated on winning the Worcestershire U/16 Championship in the Easter holidays — a fine achievement.

J.V.T.

## MUSIC NOTES

One of the most rewarding features of school music is the tremendous enthusiasm shown by boys, and this is nowhere more evident than the concert given by the Dayboy Orchestra this term. Entirely organised by the boys, under the management of N. P. Coe, this concert was one of the highlights of the musical calendar, and we hope that it is now established as a regular part of the year's activities. A brief account from the pen of Mark Bisby follows these notes. The enthusiasm was also sustained through to Founder's Day Entertainment, a report of which appears also elsewhere.

Mr. Olleson again proved to be a most helpful and encouraging adjudicator of the House Music Competition. This term it was the Vocal and Instrumental Soloists' round, and a very high standard was attained, particularly in the woodwind class. In the overall total for the year, Reeves again came out first, with Bennett a fairly close second.

The Band has been quite active this term, the standard of playing continually rising as the numbers increase. It led the Commonwealth Sunday Parade, accompanied the annual inspection of the C.C.F., and played at the Evening Entertainment. In the Michaelmas term, we intend changing the Band from an entirely Brass one into a Military Band, which will incorporate many of our woodwind players. This will also give scope for increased concert repertoire.

The Chapel Choir ended the term with an excursion to Dorchester Abbey where it sang Choral Evensong. This was followed by a picnic and an energetic game of rounders. The excursion to Norman and Beard's Organ Works and the B.B.C. was another absorbing outing for musicians this term.

In the Michaelmas term a third orchestra is to be formed consisting of boys who are just above 'beginner's level' on their instruments. I have asked A. G. Fairlie to conduct and rehearse it, and I am sure that it will be of immense value to those for whom it is intended. In view of this, the School Orchestras will in future be known as First, Second and Third, replacing the present names of Senior and Junior.

Choral activities will also come in for some change. The main project will be the rehearsal and performance of Britten's "St. Nicolas" next March. The treble and alto parts will mainly be sung by the first and second forms who will rehearse in class music periods. It is intended to start a Male-voice Choir which, in addition to its own repertoire of songs, will work at the tenor and bass parts of "St. Nicolas" on Tuesdays, at 6 p.m.

We are gradually building up a comprehensive library of Chamber music and I hope that in the Michaelmas term the Music Society will once again be in full swing.

The School is very much indebted to Mr. Pratt for the generous gift of his grand piano. His kindness is very much appreciated by us all.

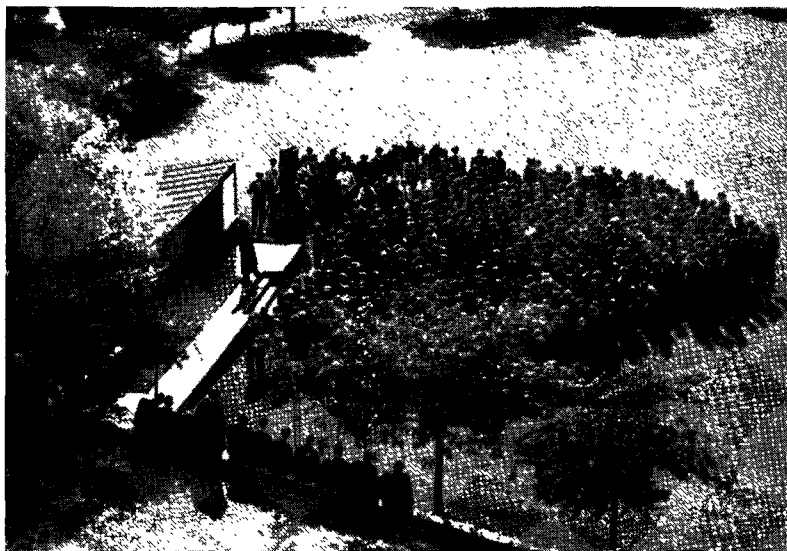
To the Music staff we welcome as a Horn instructor Mr. Philip Parker, whose wide experience as a player and teacher will be of great value, and we wish him many years of happy and successful work in the School.

Finally, we are very sorry to say farewell to N. P. Coe, M. C. Johnston, and F. A. Bisby who have given invaluable service to the music of the School. We are much indebted to them and wish them every success in their future careers.

J.G.C.

"The small Dayboy orchestra opened their concert with Britten's 'Simple Symphony', Aidan Fairlie's precise conducting of which helped them to overcome the problems of tempo in this none too easy work. Next Brian Bonsor's 'Beguine', originally scored for three recorders, brought a change of mood and was played in a relaxed and flowing style by two violins, flute and piano. The first half of the concert was completed by the playing of Dverak's 'Nigger Quartet' and by Morton Gould's 'Pavane', arranged for string orchestra and flute by Nicholas Coe and conducted by Malcolm Johnston.

During the interval, coffee was taken outside in the cool of the evening. The second half was then given over to Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 23, an ambitious work for so small an orchestra but one which the skill of Graham Hallett at the piano and the vigorous conducting of Coe made most enjoyable. The cries of 'More' and the applause which greeted the finale was ample proof of the success of the evening. A silver collection at the end of the evening yielded some £10 for Q.C.A. Altogether a splendid effort."



SUMMER ASSEMBLY



AFTER THE PHOTOGRAPHER HAD GONE

## AFTER THE EXAMINATIONS

The period between the end of examinations and Founder's Day can easily drag for those who find it an anticlimax after the strenuous weeks which have gone before. Hence the importance of our Projects scheme, whereby all members of the fifth and Upper Sixth forms are required to spend the last week of term doing something constructive and to submit a written report on it.

The title 'projects' seems every year to cover a great variety of activities. To begin with there are the preparations for Founder's Day itself — with much time and effort spent on the displays, whether of scientific experiments or of paintings, and the production of the Literary Magazine, as well as rehearsals and back-stage arrangements for the Evening Entertainment. Some boys preferred manual work as temporary groundsmen, members of the Boat Club working party, or assistants on the site of the Scenery Hut. Many, on the other hand, chose to research into subjects of particular interest, to assist in the preparation of films, or to set off, notebook in hand, to conduct surveys. Finally, the Initiative Tests sent members of the Fifth and Lower Sixth Forms to various parts of Berkshire and Oxfordshire on a more off-beat exercise, investigating topics such as the Battle of Chalgrove, or the local water-cress industry.

The results of these researches and surveys made most interesting reading. Eventually, prizes were awarded to J. J. F. Burn and I. C. Lamberton, for a quite admirable survey of the Oxford colleges, seen from the tourist's point of view, and to the Tape Recording Society for its transformation of a little-known corner of Lacies Court into a fine studio; in the Initiative Tests, the prize-winners were T. S. Addison and J. W. B. Dunthorne for their survey of the springs of the river Ock. The high standard of the entries is indicated by the fact that twenty other boys were highly commended for their work.

In addition to all this, Excursion Day, 21st July, saw the departure of most of the School on numerous outings, although the First Eleven jumped the gun by travelling to Lords the previous day to watch the Australians batting against Middlesex. The traditional First Form expedition to the Downs, and trips to Cheddar, Whipsnade Zoo, the Imperial War Museum and the Planetarium provided a day's diversion to the Lower Forms. Among their seniors, parties of scientists, geographers and economists visited NIRNS at Chilton, the Hydraulics Institute and the Houses of Parliament, whilst the Historical Society, the Locomotive Club and the Campanologists followed up their separate interests by trips to Stratford, London and Cirencester. The BBC entertained the Orchestra for the day, and a party of cyclists had a rather more exhausting outing to Pangbourne. Finally, the Literary Society and the Critics, thwarted by the weather in the planned visit

to the Open Air Theatre, nevertheless passed an enjoyable afternoon and evening in London.

Such a comprehensive programme could not have been arranged without the co-operation of so many whom it would be invidious to thank individually. But we must pay some tribute to Mr. Williams who planned the whole programme and to Mr. Fairhead and Mr. Randolph who took charge respectively of excursions and projects when Mr. Williams was smitten down with mumps. We are also particularly grateful to our local member, Mr. Airey Neave, for giving of his time to show our party round the Palace of Westminster.

### THE GRUNDY LIBRARY

The Library continues to expand both in the number of books and its usefulness, and on the whole users are playing to the rules. Books have been lost through carelessness and fines have been paid so cheerfully that the Library Committee was able to contribute £5 towards the new recording studio. Last term we said farewell to our indefatigable Chief Assistant Librarian, Andrew Exon. His energy and enterprise have throughout been outstanding and we shall miss him much. However we are sure that his successor, Michael Liversidge, will carry on the work with the same spirit and success.

We are most grateful to the following for the gift of books during the term or on leaving: Mr. Alston, Mr. R. C. Bateman, Mrs. Longstaff, Mr. Plail, Dr. Prickett, P. H. Davis, P. E. Dixon, Rev. M. N. Williams, the Voluntary Service Group and the Tape Recording Society.

G.F.D.

### SCHOOL SOCIETIES

#### ROYSSSE SOCIETY

At the first meeting of the term, on the 6th May, we welcomed three new members, F. A. Bisby, I. A. Walkinshaw and T. Furneaux. The pleasant formalities concluded, F. C. A. Exon read a paper on "Education". This was a follow up to Alan Harrison's on "University Education" last term and it dealt with all aspects of primary and secondary schooling. Exon's approach to his paper was unusual; his own predilections came out during the subsequent discussion when it seemed that his ideal school would be a Tri-lateral Utopia. We were grateful to Messrs. Street, Talbot and Manly, our staff guests, whose constructive contributions helped to make discussion more positive. The evening proved interesting though not perhaps as profitable as we had hoped.

The New Theatre, Oxford, was the venue of the second meeting on the 1st June when we were the guests of the Headmaster at a performance of Strauss' "The Gipsy Baron". This proved to be a vibrant, colourful experience for all of us and it was only matched by the excellent supper School House members provided for us on our return

to Abingdon. We were pleased to see Miss Cobban and Hilary with us on this occasion.

The third and final meeting of the term was held on the 2nd July. As the evening was so pleasant, M. J. Evans was able to read us his paper in the Headmaster's garden. The theme of the paper was South Africa and it dealt with the problems facing the peoples there. The pros and cons of the policy of Apartheid were put forward and after refreshments they provided the basis of a lively and full discussion during which everyone voiced some opinion. Our staff guests, Mr. Blagden and Mr. Gray, both contributed most helpfully.

As, for most of us, this was the last ever meeting of the Society, we should like to extend our special thanks to the Headmaster and his household for all their hospitality throughout the year, without which the Society's meetings could not have been so successful.

D.F.K.S.

#### ST. EDMUND SOCIETY

The guest speaker at the first meeting of the term was the Reverend Kenneth Jennings. He was on furlough from Northern India where he is on the staff of a college training Indian ordinands. He reviewed the state of the Church in India immediately after independence in 1947. Mr. Jennings emphasized the need to train Indian minds to take the Gospel to fellow Indians, and how the rôle of European Missionaries must in future be one behind the scenes, encouraging the intelligent Indian Christians to become leaders in the Indian Church.

The recent addition to the "Fact and Faith" series of films, "The City of the Bees", featured in the second meeting. This was, as usual, well attended. "Fact and Faith" films are made in America and combine a scientific documentary with a direct spiritual message. This film was of especial value, materially speaking, to biologists, for it dealt with the life cycle of the Queen, drone and worker bees and their respective rôles in the hive.

The last meeting of the term took a somewhat more strenuous form. This was a joint excursion, with some young ladies of St. Helen's School, to Marcham Parish Church. The party travelled by bicycle to Marcham where we were met by the Reverend G. M. Davidson, Vicar of Marcham. After a short introductory talk about the history of the church, we were left to wander at will, admiring the brasses and climbing the tower. We would like to thank Mr. Davidson for receiving us so kindly and allowing us to eat our picnic supper in his garden. The evening was enjoyed by all.

J.B.

#### LITERARY SOCIETY

The papers this term, despite examination commitments, have been of a very high standard, and have covered a wide variety of interests. At the first meeting, three new members, Sugg, C. R. Wood and Corps, were welcomed to hear a most comprehensive study by T. R. Morris of "Edmund Spenser", which gave us a deep insight into the intricacies of his allegory and allusion.

At the other two meetings, humour was the keynote to paper and discussion. R. C. Leatham's review, "Hence Satire Rose . . .", provided a useful guide to the history and characteristics of a medium now enjoying a revival, and at the last meeting, D. R. Brown, talking on "The Russian Novel", showed us that the pre-Revolutionary authors were often just as remarkable as the heroes of whom they wrote.

Unfortunately, we trusted the British weather for our excursion to the Open Air Theatre, Regent's Park, only to find the performance of "The Taming of the Shrew" cancelled because of torrential rain.

At the end of the term J. R. Jennings and A. G. Fairlie were elected chairman and secretary respectively. As always, but none the less for that, our thanks go to all parents who have so kindly entertained us this term and throughout the year. Their hospitality is most warmly appreciated by the whole society.

M.F.K.

### THE HISTORIANS

Two meetings only were held this term owing to the pressure of examinations but both were reasonably well attended. Unfortunately there was a marked lack of enthusiasm amongst the more senior members who should have been setting an example to the new members.

J. G. Bowen spoke at the first meeting of the term on 14th May, the subject of his paper being "The Causes of the Civil War". This was of course a most controversial subject and as the speaker supplied a wealth of detail, there followed a lengthy discussion revolving mainly around the theories of Trevor-Roper and Tawney. The evening turned out to be very useful as this period figures prominently in the examination syllabus.

The second meeting, and probably one of the best the Society has ever had, was the reading of a paper on "Anglo-American relations since the Second World War" by an American visitor, Mr. Otto C. Doering of Cornell University, U.S.A., who is at present studying at the London School of Economics. This was on 3rd June. To hear the American view on crises such as Suez and Cuba led us all to a better understanding of world problems. Mr. Doering gained popularity through his original ideas and his willingness to criticize the policies of the U.S.A. as well as by his delightfully informal manner. It was good, too, to hear, at the end of an interesting discussion, an American view of the forthcoming Presidential election. Altogether, a very good evening!

Our thanks must go to Mr. Willis for acting as our sponsor this term.  
I.J.N.

### THE SYMPOSIUM

The first meeting of the Summer Term was held in the School Shop on 11th May. P. J. Evans read a paper entitled "What is wrong with Parliament?", in which he not only criticised its many faults but also offered some constructive suggestions.

By kind invitation of M. A. Bisby the second meeting on 1st June was held at his house and we are extremely grateful for the warm hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Bisby. A new secretary was elected at this meeting and the retiring secretary, N. P. Coe, read a paper on "20th Century Music". In it all the various forms of this century's music were mentioned, from perplexing concrete music to Stravinsky's intricate and admirable work.

At the final meeting held in the School Shop on 26th June, P. A. Sugg read a paper on "Mythology" which later provoked much discussion on the myths and legends that are being created today.

One last word for our sponsor Mr. Hillary whose sage reflections and thoughtful observations have tended to keep at bay the more extreme views of some members, and whose sponsorship is much appreciated by all.

A.O.B.A.

### THE ATHENAEUM

A new society has teething troubles but we seem to have had less than most, for we have spent a most fascinating and enjoyable term. A select band of members visited the Unicorn Theatre for Handel's

"Admetus" which sharply contrasted with our major outing to Tchaikovsky's "Swan Lake" at Covent Garden when Nadia Nerira and David Blair's bewitching performances won the ovations they deserved. At a later date, A. G. Fairlie's informed paper put "Admetus" firmly in its musical context while N. P. Coe ably considered the musical and dramatic significance of "Swan Lake" — both papers providing opportunity for everybody to express his opinion.

The departure of two officers resulted in the following elections: P. A. Sugg, Chairman; J. R. Jennings, Secretary; and M. J. Giddings, Treasurer: thus we leave the Society confident that a most capable team is in charge.

Finally we should like to thank our President and sponsoring masters for their unfailing support, and especially Mrs. Liversidge whose generous hospitality has done so much for the Society.

F.C.A.E.

### MODERN LANGUAGES SOCIETY

Four meetings have been held during the Summer term, two of them in conjunction with the St. Helen's French Club.

The first meeting was held on 8th May at Mr. Manly's house. Mrs. Manly gave a talk on Berlin and after that we had a discussion in German in preparation for our 'A' level oral exams.

The second meeting was held on 22nd May in the Heylyn Room with the French Club. We discussed various topical subjects in French, having split into informal groups. This was a very successful meeting as discussions go and was enjoyed by everyone.

The third meeting of the term was held on 5th June in Lacies Court. We read and discussed Racine's "Phèdre", one of our set books in preparation for the literature papers.

The last meeting of the term was held on 12th June at St. Helen's. We read Beaumarchais' play "Barbier de Seville", with a view to broadening our knowledge on 18th century French authors and spent the rest of the evening drinking excellent coffee and making other relevant arrangements.

The fifth meeting of the term had to be cancelled for various reasons, mumps being one of them. All thanks are due to Mr. Hasnip and Miss Davis for all their support and encouragement and we hope that 1965 will be as successful as 1964 has been.

E.D.J.H.

### TURNOR SOCIETY

Because of the examinations the Society met only once during the Summer Term, on 29th May, to hear Michael Wood speak on "Black Birmingham". Basing his talk upon material gained from field work carried out in Birmingham at Christmas time, he showed that England has a colour problem which, though rarely news, has still reached alarming proportions. This provocative paper earned the excellent discussion it deserved.

F.C.A.E.

### DEBATING SOCIETY

This term has shown that if it is to fulfil its aim of promoting debate and public speaking the Society must undergo radical changes. We have had two excellent debates — the first being "Bardolatry is outdated" and the second "China is the greatest threat to world peace" — but at both there has been little positive support.

Next term we intend to devise a method by which the Society can

become a society in a real sense, not just a Friday afternoon entertainment, and the standard of debate raised above the average into something more like intellectual exercise.

M.J.G.

#### SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

Three Friday afternoon meetings were held early in the term.

At the first, on 8th May, Mr. R. A. Faïres lectured on "Radio Isotopes and Chemistry", but unfortunately many scientists missed this interesting and worthwhile lecture because of an 'A' Level Mock examination at the same time. Mr. Faïres described the different types of radiation, and then demonstrated, with a bench-full of apparatus which he had brought, some of the uses and effects of Radioisotopes. These included the separation of two similar metals, police tests on human hair to determine if arsenic poisoning had been attempted, and proof that since Queen Victoria's reign the proportion of silver in sixpences minted has been reduced.

On 22nd May two films, "Enterprise", a Shell comedy about pottery and oil in Egypt, and "Silicones", a new I.C.I. film about the structure and uses of these important compounds, were shown.

The last meeting was on 5th June, when T. J. King gave a short talk on "Bioluminescence". After defining this word, the speaker described many organisms which can emit light, and showed the biochemical reactions by which the light can be produced.

Christopher Ford is secretary for next term, and we wish him well in his year of office.

T.J.K.

#### BRUCE SOCIETY

This new Society has been designed to meet the needs of those Sixth Formers who wish to expand their knowledge on geographic and economic topics. The interest shown by Mr. Booth has enabled the Society to make ambitious plans for the Michaelmas Term when it is hoped to hold four evening meetings with guest speakers, films and slides.

This term has been spent in gathering ideas, securing speakers and establishing the Society as an important and vital contribution to the School. We look forward to next term with enthusiasm.

S.N.P.

#### MUSIC SOCIETY

The meetings of the Society this Summer Term have been affected to a considerable extent by exam and other commitments, and it was only occasionally that all members were able to attend. Nevertheless, several works were studied and played by various groups. The Beethoven 'Septet' proved of particular value because it enabled both wind and string players to play together in a chamber ensemble, whereas too often they are separated into string and wind groups. Also played was the Brahms 'Sextet'. Several other pieces were sight read for enjoyment and not studied in any detail.

N.P.C.

#### CAMPANOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Practices were, as usual, held weekly on tower bells, hand bells and tied bells. Membership has risen to sixteen although four of these have only just started to learn.

On 1st May, the Society rang a quarter peal of Plain Bob Doubles at St. Nicholas' and on 23rd June an attempt at spliced St. Simon's

Doubles without a tenor covering failed only because of lack of time. For Founder's Day, 1344 Plain Bob Major was rung. This was the Society's first quarter peal on 8 bells. The ringers were Rowson, J., Clubley, Poole, Mrs. Dixon and Miss Carruthers, Messrs. M. Hodge (O.A.) and W. Smith and Rowson, C. (conducting).

On Excursion Day eight members and four Abingdon ringers went on a ringing outing to Ampney Crucis, Watermoor, Cirencester, Fairford, Lechlade, Bampton and Hinton Waldrist. The parting remark from the ringer who met us at Watermoor was "I didn't expect such good ringing when I saw how youthful you were". Among the methods rung were Plain Bob Major, Cambridge Surprise Minor and a new Doubles method spliced with Plain Bob.

During the term members have also taken part in many other ringing activities including several peal attempts.

C.I.R.

### TAPE RECORDING SOCIETY

This Summer term has marked the end of the first important stage in the life of the society, and is now clear that A.S.T.R.S. is well on its feet. Membership stands at 42 (with an active core of about 20), and with the near completion of the studio in Lacies Court members now have amenities rivalling those of some of the best societies in the country.

With the leaving of the officers of the society the secretaryship is being handed over to Trevor Havelock (activities) and Andrew Willis (meetings), whilst Peter Wilson takes over the post of treasurer.

The only meeting of this term was the usual T.G.M. at the beginning of term and at this the chief business was the election of the new officers. However, 'out of school' activities have again been abundant and it has been encouraging that members have been prepared to devote so much spare time to the society.

During the latter part of the Easter holidays and the first part of term a newsreel in sound covering the events of 1963 was prepared. This was closely followed by the recording of both the Handel opera 'Admetus' produced in the Unicorn theatre and the 'Day-boy Orchestra' concert at school.

Above all, however, the main business of the term has been the construction of the studio. Work was slow at first, but during the two weeks preceeding Founder's Day enthusiasm was sparked and so much help was offered that it was sometimes necessary to turn it down. The same enthusiasm was shown by those who organised the exhibition and demonstration for Founder's Day, and the success of their effort can be judged by the fact that the collection towards the cost of the studio realised £8 — our grateful thanks to those who helped us in this appeal.

We would also like to thank the donors who gave an electric wall clock and an extractor fan, and those in charge of the school Library fines who gave the glass for the window.

Finally writing as retiring founder-secretary I wish personally to thank all who have helped the growth of the society and especially so Mr. Horrex who has so patiently sponsored and nursed the society with unwaning enthusiasm — I wish A.S.T.R.S. the very best in the future.

M.C.J.

*I feel that I cannot let M. C. Johnston leave School without saying how indebted the Tape Recording Society is to him. The Society owes him its existence and he made the construction of the Studio his 'magnum opus' to set the Society on a really sure foundation with its own headquarters. Throughout the year he has laboured unceasingly*

*for the completion of the Studio and it stands as a memorial to his untiring efforts. I do hope that in the future the Society will make continual and good use of it.*

J.J.H.

### THE FORUM

Only two meetings were held during the Summer Term. This was partly owing to the examination commitments of most members and partly to waning enthusiasms on hot Friday afternoons. However the meetings which did occur contained a high standard of interesting topics. The focal point of the first meeting, following wide publicity given to Dr. Heenan's report, was the important question of the Church of Rome and contraception. Equally serious and provocative at this meeting was our discussion on an 'anti-working class budget'.

The second meeting at which two new members were present began with some of us expressing strong criticism of the adverse press coverage given to youth because of the destructive actions of 'mods' and 'rockers'. Later in the meeting a School barber was thought an excellent institution in theory but difficult in practice. Most of us considered too that co-education along the lines proposed by two Oxford colleges was a good thing although liable to be distracting.

The Forum has enjoyed a valuable year of discussions and our thanks go to sponsor and chairman for their guidance.

J.W.D.

### LOCOMOTIVE SOCIETY

This term the Society held two meetings. The first of these took place on 21st June when Mr. Leake showed more of his excellent train photographs. The second meeting was on Excursion Day when we visited Power Depots in London: Willesden, Cricklewood (Steam and Diesel), Finsbury Park, Stratford and Nine Elms. All went smoothly until Finsbury Park was reached an hour late and this continued to Nine Elms and so caused us to miss the 6.05 p.m. train home. However when we eventually got to Didcot we found a connecting train was being especially stopped for us at Radley. All in all a very successful day for which our thanks are due to Mr. Leake.

K.R.

### HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Pre-occupation with 'O' Level examinations has meant that the Society has been dormant for most of the term. But this inactivity was more than compensated for by the panic and excitement of the last week of term, which was perhaps the most exhilarating the Society has yet known. The combination of an enjoyable excursion and a successful exhibition proved this.

The excursion was on 21st when we visited the Shakespeare Exhibition at Stratford upon Avon and later Kenilworth Castle. Words cannot express the immense image created for us by the Exhibition which gave us the thrill of looking back into the history of Elizabethan and Jacobean England. Kenilworth Castle proved of great interest too and none of us was greatly worried about the rather depressing weather.

Our activities on Founder's Day were concerned with the Great War. We gathered together a large number of recruiting posters and other exhibits and we are again grateful to Dr. O'Connor for the loan of many of these.

A.P.F.

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

HOWES. On 7th June, 1964, to Jane, wife of Michael D. Howes (1952), a son, David William.

KING. On 6th May, 1964, to Jane, wife of Peter M. King (1945), a daughter, Emma Jane.

WIGGINS. On 23rd May, 1964, to Wendy, wife of Brian H. Wiggins (1950), a son, Simon James.

**MARRIAGES**

BAILEY-GASH. On 18th July, 1964, at St. Helen's Church, Abingdon, Richard R. Bailey (1959) to Maureen Gash.

BUDDEN-PETERS. On 23rd May, 1964, at St. Peter's Church, Iver, Bucks, Barry G. Budden (1948) to Sheila Ann Peters.

CANDY-SKIVINGTON. On 4th July, 1964, at St. Mary Abbots Church, Kensington, Philip S. Candy (1957) to Jill Skivington.

CARTER-VERNGREEN. On 16th May, 1964, at the First Presbyterian Church, Invercargill, N.Z., Robert Merlin Carter (1956) to Anne Catherine Verngreen.

COOK-ANDREWS. On 29th August, 1964, at St. James the Great Church, Radley, Derek Cook (1959) to Janet Susan Andrews.

FREE-BALDWIN. On 2nd April, 1964, at Kiddington Parish Church, Oxon, David Free (1952) to Linda Baldwin.

LANGTON-JONES. On 4th August, 1964, at Doddington Parish Church, Kent, David J. Langton (1956) to Lesley Margaret Jones.

MILNE-GORDON. On 22nd July 1962, at Aston Tirrold Presbyterian Church, Sub. Lt. James M. Milne (1960) to Fiona Gordon.

SOUTHERN-FOWLER. On 1st August, 1964, at Burnage, Manchester, David I. Southern (1957) to Elizabeth Fowler.

SPINKS-HOWIESON. On 27th June, 1964, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Harrogate, John C. Spinks (1957) to Anne Howieson.

WALKER-WINTLE. On 19th June, 1964, at St. John's Church, Mufindi, Tanganyika, Trevor A. W. Walker (1955) to Nancy Sybil Wendy Wintle, twin sister of Peter Wintle (1959).

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Martin Q. King (1958) was ordained Deacon on Trinity Sunday and has been appointed to a Curacy at St. Hilda's Church, South Shields, Durham.

Mark Dunman (1958) has been appointed Assistant Lecturer in Chemistry and Zoology at the new Southgate Technical College.

Keith Haarhoff (1960) who has just graduated at Cambridge is joining the Biochemistry Department at Bristol University which is being reorganised and drawing heavily on Cambridge personnel. He will spend the next three years doing research work for his Ph.D., but meanwhile has spent the long vac touring Italy and Greece.

Robert Carter (1956) after gaining a 1st Class in Geology at Otago University has been acting as Assistant Lecturer during the past year. In October he takes up a Commonwealth Scholarship at Clare College, Cambridge, to read for his Ph.D.

Humphrey Bowen (1957) turned down an offer of a Civil Service Research Fellowship in favour of a post with I.C.I. Digital Computer Section at the Wilton Works.

T. G. Michelmores (1913) visited the School recently for the first time since he left. After 18 years in the P. & O. Line and Royal Navy alternately he joined the R.N. Lifeboat Institution as District Inspector at Edinburgh, rising to Chief Inspector in London. He returned in 1958 to Devonshire where he is occupied in gardening, fishing and beekeeping.

Geoffrey Powell (1926) has been attending the Bar Conference in Mexico City, followed by visits to Los Angeles, Las Vegas and New York. The firm Pennington & Son, of which he is Senior partner, recently amalgamated with the well-known solicitors' firm of Lewis and Lewis.

We congratulate Michael Matthews (1952) on his election to the Abingdon Borough Council and likewise Robert Shepard (1960) who was elected 3rd Councillor (after a recount) in the Uxbridge Ward of the new Borough of Hillingdon.

Peter King (1945) is settling down to the new order in Kenya. He is Secretary to the Teacher Training Panel consisting of two Africans and one European.

Colin Stopps (1951) is Senior Engineering Assistant in the Northants County Surveyor's Department. He is living at Cogenhoe, near Northampton.

Flt. Lt. John Howard (1956) is now stationed at Tengah, Singapore. His brother David (1956), at present Assistant Manager of the R.A.F. Club, Piccadilly, leaves in November to become House Manager of Lyford Bay Club, New Providence, Bahamas, for a year or two.

Congratulations to David Langton (1956) on his marriage and also his B.A. Lond. at Goldsmiths College. He is now doing a year's Diploma Course in Teaching.

We were very glad to hear that T. S. Wilding (1905) had made a good recovery from the operation he underwent in the Spring.

Richard Lucas (1961) of St. Mary's Hospital Medical School is spending one year in Rabaul, New Guinea, as Assistant in the Department of Public Health.

Michael Wareham (1951) has been appointed to Impington Village College to teach Rural Science and biology.

James Milne (1960) Sub-Lieut. F. A. A. continues to have a most interesting life. In H.M.S. Victorious he was at Dar-es-Salaam for the uprising, then to Japan and the Philippines. Seconded to the Naval Air Commando (Helicopter) Squadron in Sarawak he found Capt. David Emmett (1956) of R.U.R. was his opposite number on the ground — to be relieved the next week by Lt. Paddy Blake (1956). To complete the group 2nd Lt. Tony Dawson (1961) also R.U.R., was 15 miles away at Seriki. After a visit to Freemantle James returns to this country to be posted to 819 Helicopter Trials and Evaluation Squadron at Ballykelly, N. Ireland.

Simon Richardson (1961), Midshipman at Britannia R.N. College, is off on a cruise to the Far East in H.M.S. Eagle.

Martin Broadway (1958), lately of Clare College, is with Pye, Cambridge, working on production line supervision.

Geoffrey Oxley (1961) who graduated at Liverpool University with an Upper Second Class, has been offered a Research State Studentship to study for his M.A.

David Saffin (1960) and Philip Davis (1959) have gained their Public Health Inspector's Diploma.

We must apologise to Derek Cook (1959) for omitting his name from the list of those *in stat. pup.* He is now in his 3rd year at Southampton University studying for B.Sc. in Mechanical Engineering. We congratulate him on his recent marriage.

Roger Wiggins (1961) is now at the Esso Research Laboratories at Milton Hill, Berks.

Roger Burrige (1963) has just completed his year with Voluntary Service Overseas, during which he was teaching English in the Punjab Public School, Nabha. The School holidays run from May to August during the hot season, when he was able to travel north to Srinagar and south to Madras, visiting plantations of all kinds.

Two other young men who left last July have also been working their passage abroad. Paul Dixon has spent two months at an International Students Work Camp in Israel, harvesting potatoes on a Kibbutz near Tel Aviv. Working hours were 4.30—8.30 a.m. and 2—4 p.m. but after that there was time — and energy — enough for swimming and other social activities.

Christopher Bailey flew to Canada on a British Universities N. America Club charter plane. After a stay in Toronto he travelled 3,000 miles by Greyhound bus to Banff, where, with a dozen other students, he worked as a dish-washer at the Fine Arts School for 6 weeks. After that he went on holiday as far as San Francisco — a long way in a short time.

Congratulations to Richard Van Wagenen (1963) on getting into the Dean's Honor List for the year at Yale. His activities for integration continue but he has kept out of the danger area of late. At the moment he is working in the U.S. Govt. Agency for International Development (Training Division).

John Fry (1959) who gained his Diploma in Technology with Honours at Battersea C.A.T. is working as a metallurgist for the Central Generating Board at Portsmouth.

David Southern (1957), who graduated in Agricultural Botany at Aberystwyth this summer, has been granted a Post-graduate Studentship by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries to do research in Cyto-genetics at Birmingham University.

Jonathan Utin (1959) is now engaged in a three-years course in Agriculture at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, U.S.A.

Christopher Dean (1963) played the part of Orestes in the production of *Iphigenia in Tauris* at Bristol University.

Clifford Johnson (1960) has passed his Finals in Hotel and Catering Management at Battersea C.A.T. and will be continuing his training at the Grosvenor House Hotel, spending a month in each department.

Malcolm Johnston (1961), of Pembroke College, who has just taken P.P.E., is going to Tunisia for a year to teach English.

Peter Prebble (1960) is entering the University of Sussex in October to read Sociology and Politics. Richard Ellaway (1963) is bound for St. John's College, Durham and Ian Matson (1963) for Manchester University.

M. J. Nurton (1961) is to be congratulated on his County Cricket Cap for Oxfordshire.

## O.A. CLUB NOTES

The Annual Dance was held on the evening of 13th June after the Cricket and Tennis Matches. Owing to the building operations in progress round the Guildhall the venue was moved at short notice to the Staff Restaurant at A.E.R.E. Harwell. With plenty of floor-space, tables round the room and excellent buffet the only matter for regret was that so few Old Boys attended it — being heavily outnumbered by the Staff and their ladies. However those who were not there missed a first class evening out.

This year the Annual Dinner and A.G.M. will again be held after the Rugger Match on Saturday, 28th November. For next year the Committee will consider at their next meeting the advisability of reverting to the old order of events. Notices for the Dinner and A.G.M. will be posted to all members in October. Meanwhile rugger enthusiasts should contact Jeremy Cullen in good time.

The Secretaries' addresses are:

Club Secretary: N. J. Holmes, 100 Ock Street, Abingdon. (Abingdon 584).

Sports Secretary (Rugger, Athletics, Tennis): J. T. Cullen, Frilford End, Frilford, Abingdon. (Frilford Heath 205).

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R. W. Snell has again arranged the audit of the accounts for the past financial year, and we are very grateful to him. An abstract is appended.

*Cash Account for year ended 31st March, 1964*

|                                             | <i>Receipts</i> | £     | s. | d. |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------------|-------|----|----|
| Balances in hand, 1st April, 1963 .. ..     |                 | 371   | 19 | 5  |
| Subscriptions and Donations .. ..           |                 | 262   | 15 | 6  |
| Refund of Income Tax on Covenants 1961/62 . |                 | 110   | 1  | 10 |
| Trustee Savings Bank Interest .. ..         |                 | 2     | 6  | 6  |
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|                                             |                 | £747  | 3  | 3  |
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|                                         | <i>Payments</i> | £     | s. | d. |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------|-------|----|----|
| School Magazine Expenses .. ..          |                 | 56    | 19 | 10 |
| Donations to Appeal Fund .. ..          |                 | 600   | 0  | 0  |
| Stamps on Covenants .. ..               |                 | 1     | 3  | 4  |
| Postages and Stationery .. ..           |                 | 2     | 7  | 6  |
| Balances in hand 31st March, 1964 .. .. |                 | 86    | 12 | 7  |
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|                                         |                 | £747  | 3  | 3  |
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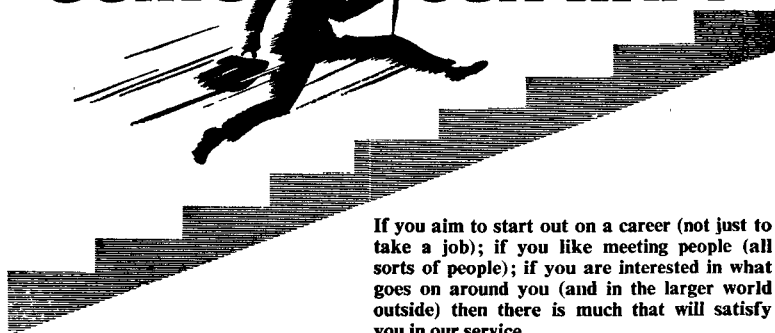
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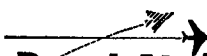
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