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EDITORIAL

At a time when there seems to be a mania for remembering people and events of the past, two anniversaries this year have been considered so important that our half-term holiday this term is to be extended by a day in celebration. It is worthy of note that the Magna Carta of 1215 and Simon de Montfort's summoning of Parliament in 1265 should be recognised in this way, while the Battle of Waterloo is not. This difference is a very important one, and something that we should bear in mind. The defeat of Napoleon and the threat to Europe that he represented have long been of no immediate relevance to the people of this country, whereas the ideas that have sprung from these two revolts against the authority of thirteenth century English Kings have played an important part in our history, and are very much with us today.

In the case of Parliament, this is not hard to see. After defeating his King in battle, Simon de Montfort summoned the burgesses of certain towns to join the barons, prelates and knights of the shire in a Parliament, in order to give himself broader support in the country. This was not especially significant in itself, but it did provide a precedent for the future and a basis for the development of the House of Commons. Thus, in remembering 1265, we are remembering the early stages of an institution that was eventually to provide the government for this country and to be a model for half the world.

Magna Carta is something much less tangible and seemingly more remote. Again the product of a rebellion, it was concerned with the practical problems of the barons of the day, and its only sanction was military force. It was resurrected by the antiquarian lawyers and Members of Parliament of the seventeenth century, who saw it as a precedent for the assertion of their own rights in a struggle with another King. It did not in fact lay down any theories of human rights, and yet it has come to be a symbol of liberty and freedom in Britain and America.

This holiday, therefore, is an occasion for us at School to think a little more carefully about the individual rights and liberties, and the collective responsibility for the government of our country, that will soon be ours. It is also a chance to consider what is really significant among the innumerable events, opinions and forecasts that we have thrust upon us by the mass media of today. Magna Carta and Parliament of seven centuries ago represent in a very real sense what Western civilization is trying to maintain in the twentieth century. We should recognise them as some of the most deep-rooted parts of our heritage not lightly to be forgotten.

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SCHOOL NOTES

Those of us who remember the gay aplomb with which the Speaker presented the prizes in 1961 will wish to join in sympathetic good wishes to Lady Hylton-Foster.

The Headmaster represented the School at the united funeral service for the members of the R.A.F. who lost their lives in the recent disaster, which was held at St. Helen's Church on 12th July.

We tender our sympathy to the Misses Morland on the death of their mother, after a long and wearisome illness. Mrs. Morland, whose late husband, one of eight brothers educated at the School, was for many years Clerk to the Governors, retained her own interest in the School almost to the end. Several bachelor masters and boys who have been boarded out at Trimplett in recent years will cherish grateful memory of the kindly hospitality of the Morland family. A Requiem Mass was held at St. Michael's Church on the morning of 5th August. There will be a memorial service on 27th September.

We have been saddened to hear recently of the deaths of two young Old Boys as a result of road accidents. Michael Dicker (1954) was killed on 18th June, and Peter Mildenhall, who left only three years ago, died on 12th August as a result of a collision the previous day. To the families of both we offer our profound sympathy.

As too to Mr. and Mrs. Mobbs, formerly of Whitefield. The fact that we had seen their son John so recently when he was home on furlough made the news of his death out in Kuala Lumpur, on 4th July, as the result of a racing accident, even more tragic. His memorial service in Chapel is reported elsewhere.

To Alderman Mrs. Cox, who has now completed her three-year stint as a representative of the Corporation on the Governing Body, we offer our warm thanks for all that she has done for the School in that time; and we welcome in her stead Councillor Aubrey Smart who as a parent has already shown his deep interest in us.

We congratulate our Chairman, Mr. Stow, on his election for a second term of office as a member of the Committee of the Governing Bodies Association; Alderman Freeman, on his re-election as Chairman of the Wallingford Rural District Council; and Professor Cormack on his appointment to the Chair of Greek at Aberdeen. But we are sorry that this appointment must mean that Professor Cormack severs his official connection with the School that he has served so well since his appointment in 1957 as the first representative of Reading University on the Governing Body.

Staff changes this term are so numerous as to call for a special article. The various presentations that were made at the end of the term showed how much the School appreciated the devoted services of Mr. Murray and Mr. Booth. Mr. Carey and Mr. Foley have only been with

us for a short time but we are equally sorry to say good-bye to them. To all four, our very best wishes — good wishes which extend too to Mrs. Murray and to Mrs. Booth.

We are very grateful to Mrs. Sackett, Mr. Martin, Mr. Butt and Mr. Alan Harrison who between them have this term been covering the double vacancy in the Physics Department; and to Mr. Reynolds who helped to stand in for Mr. Tammadge during the second half of the term.

On 8th May we welcomed the Headmaster home from his tour of Persia, replete with carpets and anecdote. At the end of term School House said farewell to him after fifty-five terms as its house master.

Mr. Tammadge left for his lecture-tour in America in mid-June. Shortly after the end of the term Mr. Tyson followed the general direction of his foot-steps by flying to Trinidad in order to expound the mysteries of the New Mathematics to three successive training-courses.

We offer our warm good wishes to Mr. Owen on his marriage, on 7th August, to Marion Turrell; and to Mr. Cullen on his engagement to Miss Mary Randolph, sister of our own Mr. Randolph.

All these changes have of course led to internal adjustment. Mr. Potter is taking over from Mr. Murray as house-tutor in charge of Heylyns. The Headmaster will have a dozen senior boys, just not prefects or house-prefects, with him at Lacies Court. Mr. and Mrs. Tammadge face the formidable job of running School House and of feeding three other houses as well. Mr. Payne, one of our new masters, will be the resident house-tutor of School House, and he will have Mr. Cullen and Mr. Lewis to help him, while Mr. Truran, another new master, will be house-tutor over at Lacies Court.

We congratulate Mr. and Mr. Sewry on becoming the first staff grandparents, by the birth, on 15th August, to the wife of Trevor Sewry (OA) of a daughter, Nichola Jane.

We are very grateful to Mrs. Duffield, of Chieveley, who has kindly offered to endow an annual prize for local history. This area is so rich in memorials of the past that there is an unusual scope for study of this kind; and this prize should provide the necessary impetus.

Our warm thanks too to Mr. Hyde-Parker for a gift of curious and useful scientific apparatus.

We are indebted to Mr. Eric Stitcher, M.B.E., J.P., for a most valuable addition to our archives — an autograph letter of the Duke of Wellington, written on 25th March, 1837, in his capacity as Chancellor of the University, to the then Headmaster of the School, the Rev. J. Hewlett, 'acknowledging a complaint which had been made by the School against Pembroke College' (we quote from the catalogue description). Mr. Stitcher has added to his kindness by having this letter suitably framed for exhibition in the Grundy Library.

We have not had quite as many visits as usual from overseas this

term. But on 20th May we welcomed Commander Firoz Shah, Director of Naval Education of Pakistan, who was visiting English schools prior to taking over as Principal of the Petaro Cadet College; and (on the same day) Canon Martin, Headmaster of S. Alban's School, Washington, and therefore former headmaster of Richard Van Wagenen. Then on 13th July we had the pleasure of entertaining a strong party of American teachers in course at Oxford.

It is interesting to note that of the four principal authors of the long-heralded Book One of the Schools Mathematics Project, two — Mr. Tammadge and Mr. Tyson — are 'ours'. We welcome also, with appreciation if not yet with complete understanding, Mr. Tammadge's first individual publication, a book on 'Complex Numbers' published by Blackwells.

Congratulations too to Michael Liversidge on his admirable little pamphlet on the Decorated Ceiling in St. Helen's Church (some day this will be listed among his 'Early Printed Works'). We note also



that two Old Boys have appeared in print recently. Roger Green has had a third article 'On an Athenian Roof-Top' in *Cornhill* and Richard Lucas is part-author of an article on his adventures in Voluntary Service in New Guinea, 'A World of Difference', published in the *Lancet* of 24th July.

The radio critic of the *Sunday Telegraph* said on 16th May, in reference to the magazine programme 'This Time of Day' that "if there was one single item which did most to put the programme's name on the map, it was probably the Highway Code sung as an Anglican psalm by a quartet of schoolmasters from Abingdon." Inspired by success,

Messrs. Horrex, Pratt, Keating, Montague and Cullen foregathered again at Lacies Court during August to put on tape, with the help of Malcolm Johnston, some further musical frolics which we may expect to hear on the radio before long.

And we hear on good authority that E.M.I. are producing a disc of the 'Highway Code'; and that the Quartet may also appear on the next disc of Peter Sellers.

On the subject of electronics, those who look in at the ATV programme 'Temptations to Loyalty' on October 20th will find that some part of it was taken against the background of Lacies Court, which the Unit visited on 8th September. Perhaps we had better explain that the programme is about Dr. Fuchs, not our Headmaster.

The number of boys on the School Roll in April, 1965, was 585, of whom 193 were boarders.

Foundation Scholarships were awarded this year to C. J. Nicholl (of Holme Grange School, Wokingham) and D. W. Galbraith (of Abingdon School); and Exhibitions to C. McL. King (of Holme Grange School) and P. J. Shaw (of New College School). It is a coincidence — and a happy one — that both Nicholl and King are 'younger brothers'.

We congratulate D. J. Munson and D. W. Penney on the award of Flying Scholarships; and M. F. Wells on becoming a Queen's Scout.

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

Mr. G. K. Barnes visited the School on 4th June on behalf of the Public Schools Appointments Bureau; and on 8th July two local Welfare Officers gave a talk to the Third Forms on the work of the Welfare Service and the opportunities which remain for private enterprise to fill the gaps in it.

Many thanks too to Professor M. H. Hull (father of J.M.H.) who talked to a rapt audience of sixth-formers on 26th July about American Universities.

A strong contingent of the C.C.F. paraded for the opening of the new T.A. Centre on 9th May. Inspection Day followed on 28th May, when we were visited by Air Commodore L. H. Greenman, with supporting officers of the three services.

On 2nd May the three School Orchestras combined to give an informal concert in the Court Room. Later a series of recitals was arranged by Mr. Billington in St. Helen's Church after Evensong on four successive Sundays, in which several members of the School took part. Mr. Cullen and G. H. Hallett gave organ recitals and A. G. Fairlie, A. R. Gibbs, G. H. Hallett and F. R. Howlett played various instruments.

R. P. Jessett and D. W. Tanner ventured as far north as Leeds for a two-day conference for sixth-formers organised by the University on 8th/9th July. Other outside entertainments at which we have assisted include the 'Open Day' of the National Physical Laboratory at Teddington (21st May): the London Festival of the Christian Education Movement (21st May): a sixth-form conference on 'Immigration' in Oxford (22nd May): a Jazz Festival in London (30th May): a lecture on 'The Granges of Abingdon and other Abbeys' given by Dr. John Fletcher for the Friends of Abingdon (18th June): and a 'teach-in' on Vietnam at Milham Ford School (20th July).

We took a more active part in a Public Speaking Contest at Culham College (18th May): in a National Quiz, wherein K. G. Robbins, P. J. Wilson and D. G. Hounam, representing the Trinity Methodist Youth Club, won the Southern Region Finals at Stevenage on 29th May: and in the Inter-Schools Dramatic Evening at the Unicorn Theatre (16th July). Members of the School also helped to run the Dr. Barnardo's Fete on 29th May and the Friends of Abingdon Fete on 2nd July.

A kind of 'skeleton' Mock Certificate 'A' level examination was held on 3rd and 4th May, to prepare for the real examinations which began on 5th July. The supplementary School Entrance Examination was held on 1st July.

On 21st July the Prefects defeated the Common Room Eleven in their annual fixture, thanks largely to a fine innings by D. A. M. Bent (80 in half an hour). Later in the same evening they entertained young ladies from four schools, St. Helen's, Didcot, Faringdon and the Abbey School (Reading) to a formal dance in the Court Room, for which Mr. Eric Potter provided the music.

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: D. A. M. Bent.

The Morris Cup, for wicket-keeping: P. G. Henderson.

Tennis —

The Buckley Cup, for the winner of the Open Singles: R. E. N. Bradfield.

Shooting —

The West Cup, for the best individual shot: D. J. Munson.

The Darbishire Cup, for the best shot under 16: T. R. Paxton.

Music —

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

The Older Cup, for initiative: P. J. Snowley.

On 19th July Miss Fairlie Winship presented the awards at the Boat Club Regatta. Miss Diana Cobban performed the same office at the Swimming Sports on the 21st. The life-saving examinations followed on the last Monday of term, 26th July.

The events of our new Founder's Day programme are recorded elsewhere. Rain washed out the first day of the Cricket and Tennis matches against the Old Boys, but we were incredibly fortunate to have a dry day on the Saturday, in the teeth of gloomy weather forecasts. Or rather, the rain did not come until the audience was packed into the large marquee for the final performance of the Concert; and we managed to get all the cars out of a very slippery Lower Field afterwards without damage to man or vehicle.

On Monday (26th) the boarders enjoyed their usual end-of-term suppers. Afterwards School House and Crescent did battle on the Waste Court Field, the defeat of the Masters by the Prefects in the tug-of-war being the final set-piece of the programme.

As usual, there has been much holiday activity, both corporate and individual. On the last day of term an all-service contingent of the C.C.F. left for camp near Weymouth, while a small naval party under Mr. Griffin revisited Loch Ewe in Western Ross. The Scouts encamped in Miserden Park in Gloucestershire. Subsequently Mr. Lewis took a party to the Varsities and Public Schools Camp near Lymington. Another party went off to help the Rev. Mark Williams tidy up his churchyard at Little Braxted.

Of individual members of the C.C.F., N. D. Brice was fortunate enough to be offered a flight to Changi (Singapore) and arrived back just before term ended. D. J. Munson and D. W. Penney have been implementing their Flying Scholarships. D. Clare and P. G. Tooze attended cadet 'star' camps at South Cerney and Henlow respectively, M. A. Cockerill a gliding course at Henlow, M. G. Cockman, A. R. Coffee and R. W. Schnellmann a cadet leadership course at Frimley Park. And sometime Warrant Officer Steven Nicholl returned safely from his exciting tour of America under the auspices of the U.S.A.A.F.

The Gryphon Boat Club, sponsored by Mr. Butt, flew their flag in the Maidenhead Regatta on 31st July. Some of our cricketers spent the first few days of the holidays playing in the 'Festival' organised by the newly formed 'Abingdon Alligators' — a club to which we extend a hearty welcome. Later D. A. M. Bent and P. N. Shellard played for the Berkshire Bantams. We have just heard of Bent's century (101 not out) against Hampshire.

Three of our musicians, A. G. Fairlie, P. H. Fletcher, and A. R. Gibbs, again took part in the Drayton Chamber Music Party; and G. H. Hallett and S. P. Sewry attended Mr. Pratt's Chamber Music Course at Keele. Career-wise, T. J. Havelock attended a course with Ericsson Telephone and Electric Company. T. Lewis attended a summer school

organised by Rolls-Royce. Of our linguists, P. K. Booker, R. A. Forsythe and M. J. Heading attended vacation courses in French at Strasbourg, P. S. Gilbert an Inter-lingua course in German at Salzburg, and I. R. Hewes, F. R. Howlett, and N. Jotcham courses in Russian at Cambridge.

On Sunday, 1st August, the County Inspection of the St. John Ambulance Brigade was held in Lower Field.

One minor innovation which deserves record is that the weekly assembly is now divided into two parts. After dealing with 'state' business, H.M. leads the staff from Assembly and leaves the Head of the School to deal with routine notices.

And now we look forward to next term, when we shall welcome a new house-master in School House, a new Sixth Form House in Lacies Court (and judging by the decoration that has been taking place over there, its members will live in some elegance).

We look forward too to an extra day on the half-term, in order to implement the Secretary of State's suggestion that this would be a good way of marking the 700th anniversary of Simon de Montfort's Parliament and the 750th anniversary of Magna Carta. History without tears!

But before we leave the last school year behind us, let us say how glad we have been to welcome in its course no less than seven boys from USA, besides one from Canada. One of them (Alan Ferguson) spent his middle term as a boarder in School House. The remainder were dayboys throughout. We name them *honoris causa*. We hope they enjoyed their stay as much as we enjoyed having them!

D. Bernstein (California);

D. A. Cerow jnr. and G. D. Cerow (New York);

A. G. Ferguson (Canada);

J. M. Hull (Connecticut);

R. B. Phillips (New Mexico);

B. R. Risher and R. R. Risher III (New Jersey).

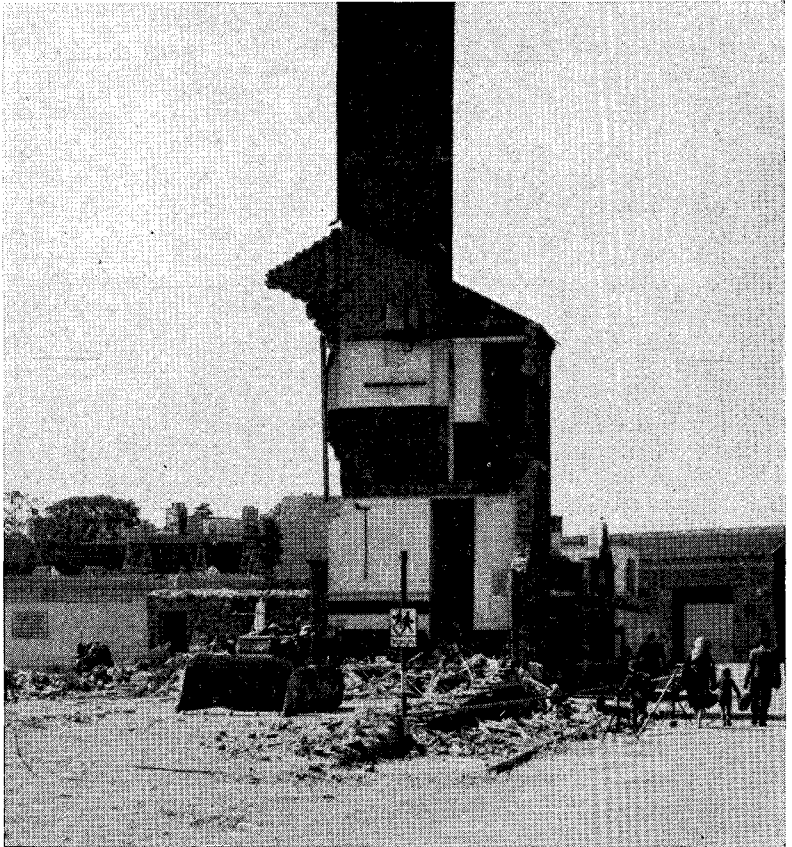
We have also had an interesting clutch of 'temporary members' from the Continent. Johan Roest (Holland) boarded for the whole year in School House. Pierre Teillac (France) and Denis Cordelle (France) spent successive terms in Waste Court. Marc Proost (Belgium) was a dayboy for the year. Henry d'Ivoire (France) spent the last month of the summer term in School House. Sven Ahrnborg (Sweden) attended as a dayboy from 9th to 26th June. In the month of July we welcomed as dayboys, for shorter periods, Philippe Gaudry (France), Peter Hammel (Austria), Bernard and Jean-François Person (France) and Gilles Ravard (France).

We continue to watch with interest the changing face of Abingdon. Today's 'problem picture', on an adjoining page, shows the last of the

old Fire Station. The Headmaster's garden, which is also illustrated, is itself scheduled to disappear, to make room for the new Dining Hall.

For the photographs in this issue we are indebted to Mr. J. Blagden; Mr. Milligan, Photographer; and V. A. Marsh.

We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of magazines sent to us from other schools and colleges.



FROM THE HEADMASTER

My visit to Persia has been overlaid by the events of a very busy term, but it would be ungracious of me not to say how grateful I am to all of those who kept the School running so smoothly while I was lecturing to university dons, addressing girls' training colleges, visiting

high schools, haranguing infant classes in remote villages, or just talking to schoolmasters. Our own educational problems are insignificant compared with those that the Persians have to face, and now if ever I feel depressed I think of the Persian schoolmaster coping with a class of seventy sixteen-year-olds, or the young man of the Literary Corps whose first assignment is to persuade the villagers to build him a school-room.

Then at the end of the term came Founder's Day, which for the first time for many years was combined with Old Boys' Day. Despite unfavourable weather conditions it seemed clear that we had now devised a viable programme, and I think we shall follow it very closely in future years. We now look forward to the Prize-Giving which you will remember is to be held on the afternoon of Thursday, 23rd September. With Corn Exchange demolished, Civic Hall not yet completed, we are bound to hold it in our own Court Room. As we want as many boys as possible to hear General Feilden, we regret that we must restrict invitations to the parents of actual prize-winners, all of whom should by now have received a personal card.

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The Dayboys' Changing Room is ready for use and I am sure it will prove a tremendous amenity. Recently the Building Committee of the Governors approved the revised plans for the Dining Hall Block and the Ingham Music School — the latter, of course, being sponsored by the Appeal Fund. These plans are now being submitted to the Department and I very much hope that even in these days of restrictions our needs will be so patent that we may receive the necessary approval for both projects. At all events they are in the pipe-line and we can do no more. The fact that the Governors are firmly resolved to push vigorously on with both these projects is a clear indication of the confidence they feel in the future of the School.

There is much activity in the School buildings at the moment. The experts have arrived to fit the handrails to all our unprotected staircases — a much more tricky job than might be expected. Lacies Court is alive with workmen. We are making the minimum of structural alteration, but there is much to do in the way of rewiring and redecoration. We plan during next term to have one of the cubicles in the Big Dormitory of School House turned into a study-bedroom as a model for the Governors to look at; while minor projects which we hope will call for serious consideration before long include the rehabilitation of the Gymnasium, and the construction of two new hard tennis courts.

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I shall always cherish my own memories of Mr. Murray and of Mr. Booth. It was not until Mr. Murray had been appointed that I discovered he was the son of an old war-time friend with whom I had lost touch. It didn't take long for his kilt to be accepted as a part of our

landscape. I once had the good fortune to hear Mr. Booth exhorting the Fifteen before a match. I understood then why the team was so successful. I am sure that they — and Mr. Carey and Mr. Foley too — will always feel that they are welcome when they come back to visit us at Abingdon.

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I am writing these words with the pen so generously presented to me by members of the House on the last night of the term. It is now almost the eve of my departure from School House, after fifty-five terms, and I can't pretend that I am enjoying the job of dragging up my roots from the soil that has become a part of me, of sorting through the accumulated detritus of eighteen years, all of which brings its own memories to mind. At the same time I am exhilarated at the thought of starting a new life in the gracious surroundings of Lacies Court, and of running the small 'sixth form house' which should enable me to keep my hand in as house-master without making quite as many demands on me as School House was bound to do. It may be indeed that I shall have time not only to do my job properly, but just to sit back and think occasionally. And I have the satisfaction of knowing that I am handing School House over as a going concern to one who, with his wife, is eminently well qualified for such a responsibility. I am sure the House will give to Mr. and Mrs. Tammadge the same loyalty and affection which it has given me for so long.

J.M.C.

CHANGES OF STAFF

Schools which attract possibly more than their fair share of good young men must be prepared to see some of them spread their wings. Indeed there would be something wrong if they all of them stayed put. But it is never pleasant to say goodbye, and this year we have had to do so more often than usual. Having lost Mr. Horrex, Mr. Leake and Mr. Williams, we must now bid farewell to Mr. Murray and to Mr. Booth.

In Mr. Murray's five years here he has served the School indefatigably as form-master, as an inspiring teacher of sixth form classics, as an enthusiastic coach of rugby and of cricket. He was the first resident house-tutor of Heylyn's, and somehow he has found time to include the School Shop in his empire. Mr. Booth came to us only in 1962, but in three years he has established himself as an outstanding rugby coach. If you seek his monument, look at the record of last year's first Fifteen. But it is worth adding that he was also a patient and thorough teacher of geography and economics. We shall miss them both enormously (and their ladies too) but we cannot grudge the good fortune of Edinburgh Academy, which now reclaims its own, and the Shawnigan Lake School, British Columbia, which managed to snatch

Mr. Booth from under the nose of several other competing Commonwealth Schools.

Mr. Carey leaves us in order to train to be an architect. In his one year as resident house-tutor he has left a characteristic mark on School House. For Mr. Foley opportunity — the opportunity to return to take over the Mathematics at his old school, S. George's, Harpenden — has knocked far too soon; but in his two terms with us he too has made a highly original contribution. To both of them too, our warm good wishes.

Now for the much more pleasant task of welcoming no less than eight new masters, four scientists, four arts men. Of the scientists, Mr. B. E. Woolnough, B.Sc., secured first-class honours at Reading in Physics and Mathematics before migrating to King's College, Cambridge, for his Dip. Ed. course. He has been teaching Physics at Bedford School for five years, so is well-qualified to take over the duties of Head of the Physics Department — duties which Mr. Blagden has so ably and loyally carried out during the interregnum. Mr. R. V. J. Butt, B.Sc., who graduated in Physics at Edinburgh and then transferred for his diploma course to Fitzwilliam House Cambridge, where he rowed in his College First VIII, is no stranger to us, as he did his student practice here, and revisited the School last term. We have also had the opportunity of seeing something of Mr. C. M. Reynolds, B.A., Major Scholar of Corpus, Cambridge, a young mathematician whose interests range from sailing to swan-upping. Mr. J. M. Truran, B.Sc., another mathematician, graduated at Adelaide and has had teaching experience both in Australia and in England.

Of the arts men, Mr. P. G. Davies, B.A., Open Exhibitioner of St. John's, Oxford, read Classics and English and played in the O.U.R.F.C. trials. He has taught for three years at Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Wakefield. Mr. A. G. Howard, M.A., who read Modern Languages at Brasenose, has since taught for four years at the Judd School, Tonbridge. More recently he has been seconded for an intensive Russian course in London. His main sporting interests are athletics and cross-country. Mr. Henry Eden, M.A., Choral Exhibitioner of Caius, has been teaching at Felsted Junior School. He is a rugby player who appears regularly for the Harlequins and has been a reserve for the England Team. Lastly, Mr. N. H. Payne, M.A., who read History at Jesus (Cambridge) and also captained his College Eleven. Subsequently, after taking his diploma in Public and Social Administration, he worked for five years as assistant warden of probation hostels.

It will be seen that between them our new-comers have much to contribute to the School. An unusually high proportion of them too have had previous experience of other schools of repute. Cross-fertilisation of ideas is always a good thing. We hope that all of them will find their stay with us both interesting and profitable.

J.M.C.

CHAPEL NOTES

The life of the Chapel may be compared to the course of a river. In the main the water keeps its steady flow but broken now and then by turbulent rapids and by gentle calms. So the life of the Chapel is the constant round of Prayer and Sacrament and Worship, and, because this is so, the interruptions of life's sorrows and life's joys are borne along. This term has seen both sadness and joy.

On Sunday, 18th July, a Memorial Service was held in Chapel for John Mark Mobbs, O.A., killed in a motor-racing accident in Malaya. The lesson, from I Corinthians 15, was read by the President of the Old Abingdonian Club and the Headmaster gave a short address. The Chapel was most beautifully decorated for this service by Mrs. Mobbs and her daughter, assisted by Mrs. Potter.

More joyful occasions have been two baptisms. Elizabeth Jill Hasnip was baptised on 29th May and Richard Hugh Roger Mortimer on 20th June.

Ascension Day dawned bright and fine and, following the early celebration, the Choir sang their hymn on the roof of the Science Block. Whit-Sunday coincided with half term, but there was a celebration in Chapel for those who remained behind.

The Choir under the direction of John Cullen have led the singing with vigour, and the new setting of the 23rd Psalm by Fr. Gelineau, with its repeated antiphon, was most attractive. A list of the anthems they have sung is at the bottom of these notes. On Sunday, 20th June, they sang Evensong in Ashbury Parish Church and won very favourable comments. Whilst on the subject of music, we have now reached the position where it is imperative that we renew our hymnbooks. There seem to be various alternatives, and this holidays we shall decide which of the new hymnbooks to have. We are most grateful to those many parents who have already paid for hymnbooks which will be bought in their name and suitably inscribed.

A very cold Saturday afternoon on 29th May saw a visit from a party of parishioners from St. Anne's, Limehouse, with their vicar. In spite of the weather they enjoyed the afternoon, and it was a great pleasure for us to be able to return something of the hospitality which we have enjoyed at their hands. Many of the party joined with us on Saturday evening Compline before returning to Limehouse.

Thirty-one boys are at present attending Confirmation Classes. Confirmation will be administered by the Bishop of Oxford in the Chapel on 5th December. The Society of St. John the Evangelist, better known as The Cowley Fathers, will be running two quiet afternoons for the candidates at their Mission House next term.

The Beginning of Term Service in St. Helen's Church, at which our Preacher was the Rev. F. C. T. Lancaster, Vicar of Drayton, was unusual in that the Headmaster was away in Persia. But perhaps the most

memorable Services of the term were the Founder's Day Service at St. Helen's Church, at which our Preacher was the Archdeacon of Oxford, and the Service for Leavers, which took place on the last Sunday evening of term in St. Nicolas' Church.

The following anthems were sung during the term:

May 9th: Blessed be the God and Father (Wesley).

May 30th: Jubilate Deo (Britten).

June 13th: God liveth still (Bach).

July 4th: King of Glory (Thiman).

July 24th (Founder's Day): I was glad (Parry).

July 25th: Zadok the Priest (Handel).

In addition to our own chapel funds our collections have been given as follows:

Royal National Lifeboat Institution	...	...	£7	10	0
Salvation Army Centenary Appeal	...	...	£7	7	0
Feed the Minds Campaign	...	...	£7	5	4
Ashbury Church Restoration Fund	...	...	£7	5	0
New Guinea Mission	...	...	£7	5	2
British Council of Churches	...	...	£4	6	6

St. Helen's Church benefited by the collection at the Beginning of Term Service (£5 12s. 0d.) and by one half of the Founder's Day Collection, which totalled £48 15s. 8d. The other half of this collection was given to Dr. Barnardo's Homes. The collection at the Leavers' Service (£10 10s. 0d.) was given to St. Nicolas' Church.

The Chapel Flowers, so admirably arranged week by week by Mrs. Potter, have been provided by the following groups and societies: Remove, Joint Club, The Matrons, The Literary Society, 1st, 2nd and 3rd XI's, Reeves Juniors, 5C, Common Room, Boat Club, Bennett House Seniors, Waste Court, The Historians and Dayboy House Prefects.

We welcome the following visiting Preachers for the Michaelmas Term:

September 26th: Rev. H. T. Batey, M.A., of Culham College.

October 10th: John Eggar, Esq., M.A., Headmaster of Shiplake Court.

October 24th: Rev. Anthony Harvey, M.A., Student of Christ Church.

November 21st: Rev. John Dixon, M.A., Vicar of Abingdon.

December 12th: Rev. Dr. A. M. G. Stephenson, Vice-Principal of Ripon Hall.

D.G.S.

VOLUNTARY SERVICE

Considering the difficulties of the Summer Term — many of our "visitors" had heavy exam and games commitments — the visiting of old people continued with remarkable regularity, 28 boys making 377

visits to 35 homes during the term. Partly in the hope of interesting those who will become eligible to serve as visitors in September, we arranged for the Welfare Officers for the area, Mr. Nicholls and Miss Woodger, to address all three Third Forms on the subject of the Welfare Services early in July. We are very grateful to them for giving up some of their valuable time to helping us in this way. We say goodbye this term to at least four of our regular visitors — V. A. Marsh, J. A. Rozier, P. J. Snowley and H. J. N. Wharton — to all of whom go our very warm thanks for all they have done. I should like to add a special word of thanks to Snowley for the quite outstanding work he has done since the beginning of 1964 in organizing the visiting.

In addition to the help we have given to old people, two boys have helped mow the grass in Appleton churchyard, while six chose as their project during the final week of term to do some scrub-clearing on Boars Hill for the Oxford Preservation Trust. A new venture is the visit which six boys will be making for a week at the end of August to the Essex parishes of the Rev. M. N. Williams. There they plan to do work in the churchyards.

Finally, the Auxiliary Fire Service group completed a successful first year when all eight members — T. S. Addison, B. D. Diffey, J. W. B. Dunthorne, I. R. Hewes, F. R. Howlett, T. Lewis, P. J. Snowley, P. J. Wilson — passed their A.F.S. exam. In addition, the building of a pipe bridge was successfully carried out on Field Day. As most present members of the section are leaving at the end of the summer term, we hope that several more senior boys who are not in the C.C.F. will join in September.

H.T.R.

VALETE ET SALVETE

Left March 30th, 1965

Upper Sixth Form Science (B): M. A. Bisby, C. C. Ford, A. E. Johnson.

Upper Sixth Form Science (M): S. M. Nicholl.

Form 3Y: P. Teillac, J. J. Morgan.

Came April 27th, 1965

Form 3Y: R. S. Barrett (re-admitted).

Form 1Y: D. Cordelle.

EXAMINATION RESULTS

Results this year, at each level, give grounds for modest satisfaction. Of course there are individual disappointments, and again there was this curious contrast between on the one hand the poor showing of the Sixth Former in his attempt to capture the odd 'O' level which had eluded him for so long and on the other hand the apparent ease with

which the young Fourth Former sailed through two or three subjects a year in advance. But the total of subject-passes at Advanced Level (227) was almost one fifth more than last year's total, itself a record; and the 686 passes at Ordinary Level represent a substantial increase on any previous figure. What is equally pleasing is the welcome improvement in the number of marks of distinction and merit obtained in the 'Special' papers. The combined total is half as big again as last year. Particularly notable at Advanced Level was the achievement of the English faculty, which amassed thirteen passes at Grades A and B out of twenty candidates, and at Ordinary Level the unbroken run of success obtained by the 31 candidates who took Latin in the fourth forms, and the 64 who took French.

The results of the Advanced Level Examinations 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 —

M. J. Adam (K, P); T. S. Addison (K, M/s, P); A. O. B. Akinbiyi (H); R. S. Armsden (K, M/s, P); P. N. Atkins (M/s); B. S. Avery (B†, K, P); S. J. Baker (M/s, P); P. A. Bartlett (Ec, H, J); R. B. H. Becker (K, P); N. P. J. Bell (B*, P); P. H. Blackburn (Ec); P. V. Bosley (B†, K, P); N. A. H. Bosley (A, P); N. D. Brice (K, M/s, P); N. I. Broad (E, H); S. H. Broughton (B, K, P); D. J. Brown (Ec); I. Campbell (K, P); J. S. Clifford (K); D. G. Clubley (K, P); A. R. Coffee (E, H†); C. N. Cook (Ec); R. Coomber (Ec); J. A. Cooper (B†, K); C. J. Corps (E, H, J); C. W. F. M. Cox (Ec*, K, P); R. B. Davis (E*, H); R. J. Davis (M, M, P*); C. E. I. Day (B*, K, P); S. J. Denny (AH, G, L); B. D. Diffey (M, P†); P. G. Dowling (Ec); C. S. Downes (K, P); J. W. B. Dunthorne (H); P. J. Evans (E, H); A. G. Fairlie (H†, Mus†); A. P. Fawcett (A); P. H. Fletcher (AH, G, L); A. M. Forsyth (P); A. R. Gibbs (P); T. R. Giddings (K, M/s, P*); P. B. Godfrey (Ec, M/s, P); B. E. Goldsworthy (Ec); G. H. Hallett (H, Mus); M. H. Hampton (K, P); T. D. Harding (E†, H*, J); T. J. Havelock (K, M/s, P); P. G. Henderson (R); I. R. Hewes (F, N); D. G. S. Hilleard (E, H†); A. C. Hoddinott (B, K); A. K. Hodgson (M/s, P); D. G. Hounam (E); F. R. Howlett (F, N, Mus); R. A. Jackson (F, H*, L); C. M. N. Jamieson (B*, K, P); J. R. Jennings (Ec); R. P. Jessett (K, P); R. G. M. Johnston (B); D. E. Joyce (E, H); J. G. King (H); M. J. F. King (K, M/s, P); T. H. G. Lester (L, H); G. J. R. Lewis (E, H); T. Lewis (P); R. M. Limerick (E, H); M. J. H. Liversidge (E, H, J); L. R. Llewellyn (K, M/s, P); A. J. Longstaff (K); R. J. Luttman (Ec); W. R. Lynn Robinson (M/s, P); S. A. Marsh (B*, K, P); V. A. Marsh (Ec†, F, N); W. M. Marshall (B, K); A. E. Medland (F, N); J. C. Mellor (Ec, H, J); T. B. Moore (A, M/s); T. R. Morris (E†, H†, J); D. J. Munson (B†, K, P); I. Naylor (Ec); J. R. Owen (Bot*, Z); P. H. Painton (Ec); R. E. Parkes (Ec); D. S. Partridge (Ec); S. N. Pearson (E, H,

J); J. C. Randall (A); T. J. Rawlins (Ec); R. D. R. Ray (Ec, H, J); M. J. Ridehalgh (P); K. G. Robbins (E, H); P. A. C. Roblin (Ec, H); M. A. Roden (Ec); A. G. Rowson (M); D. J. Saunders (K, P); S. P. Sewry (Mus); D. R. Sheard (M/s); P. J. Snowley (K); R. N. Spencer (Ec, H, J); P. A. Sugg (E, H); D. W. Tanner (Ec); R. J. Thornton (B†, K, P); T. C. Tozer (M, M, P*); N. C. Ware (E, H); M. F. Wells (M*, M, P*); H. J. N. Wharton (A, E); B. G. Wiggins (Ec); A. R. Williams (Ec†, H†); P. A. Williams (Ec, H); A. W. Willis (B†, K, P); P. J. Wilson (M, M, P†); A. M. Wood (K, M/s, P); M. T. Woodley (E, H, J).

FOUNDER'S DAY

The new State Calendar made this year's end of term weekend something of an experiment. Unfortunately, with the Old Boys' Day being literally washed out, and rain always threatening on Founder's Day itself, it is impossible as yet to obtain a clear picture of the new arrangement. It was, however, something of an achievement to have completed all preparations in the conditions of that week, and we were fortunate indeed in that there was only one brief shower on the Saturday afternoon, and even that was not enough to drive the visitors under shelter. It was not until late in the evening that really heavy rain justified the gloomy prediction of the experts.

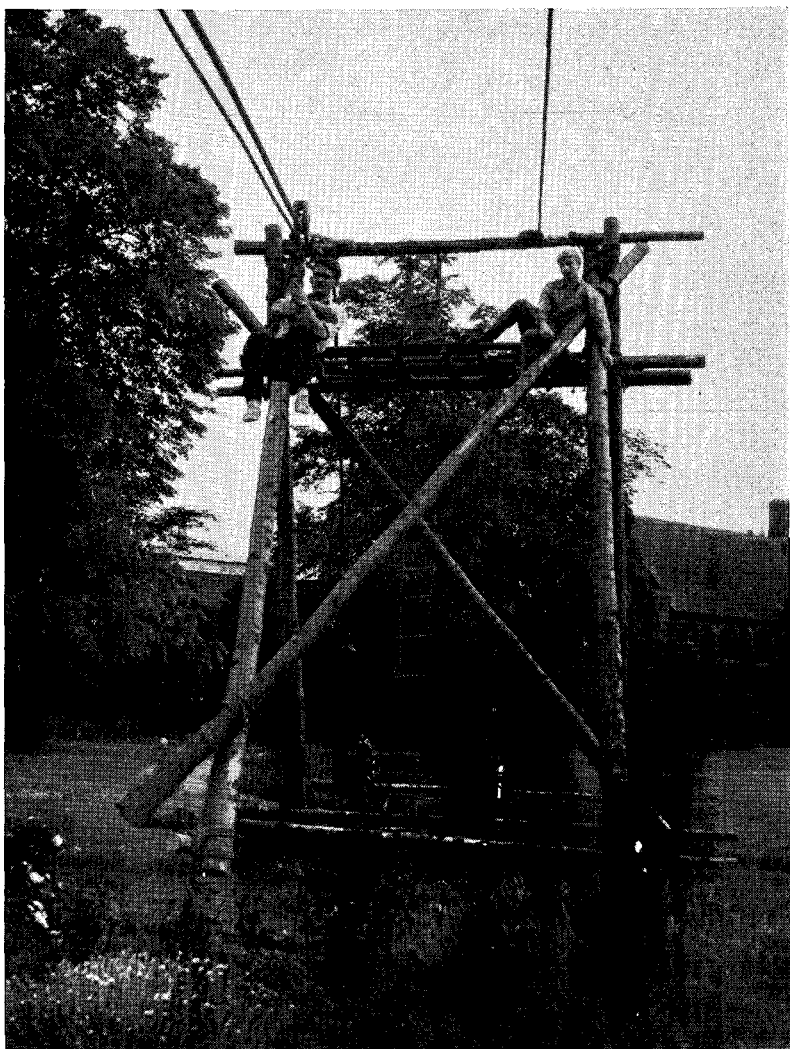
The day's programme began with the Morning Service, and once again, even with extra seating, St. Helen's Church was completely full. The preacher this year was the Ven. C. Whitton-Davies, Archdeacon of Oxford, whom many may remember from the Founder's Day of 1960 — and to be asked again was an unusual honour, as he duly observed. We can only add that we hope that the Archdeacon will visit us yet again before very long.

The gap in the afternoon's timetable left by the transfer of the Prize Giving to September was largely filled by the various encounters with the Old Boys on the sports field. Many visitors made the journey to the War Memorial Field to watch the First Eleven in action, pausing to see something of the tennis match en route. Meanwhile, for the less adventurous, there was the spectacle of the two second elevens doing battle in front of the School — something that undoubtedly adds a pleasant touch to the day's proceedings.

In the corner of Upper Field, beside a really vast marquee, the Headmaster was 'At Home' to the many parents and friends of the School present. During the course of the tea, the playing of the Band by Tower Steps proved to be a rival attraction to the adjacent cricket match.

For those embarking on a tour of the local places of interest, the Library, the Chapel, the Tuck Shop and the Swimming Pool continued,

as in recent years, to attract most attention, as well they might. In addition, the new Changing Rooms, which last year appeared merely as plans and 'artists' impressions' displayed in the Entrance Hall, were there in solid form for all to see, and their place on the drawing boards



R.N. Section at play

was taken by the new Dining Hall. Of the exhibitions, mention must be made of the first rate display in the Glyn Room of the painting and sculpture of local Training College students (designed mainly to show our own boys what can be done), of the folk group playing so enthusiastically in the Gymnasium, of the numerous fascinating experiments being conducted in the laboratories.

The day's activities ended with an Evening Concert, which because of the 'interregnum' following the demise of the Corn Exchange was held in the huge marquee on Upper Field. A critique of this Concert appears below.

Sunday is always something of an anti-climax, being generally spent in recovering from the day before. However, the relaxed atmosphere did prove excellent for the Leavers' Service in the evening, when St. Nicolas' Church was just comfortably filled. The Headmaster's sermon was specifically directed to those about to enter the world of responsibility. He stressed the importance of choice in the world today, and in particular urged each individual to face the challenge of decision in the three vital matters of career, marriage and religion. In the words of the Deuteronomy lesson: " . . . I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live."

THE SUMMER EVENING CONCERT

We are indebted to Mr. W. A. Chislett, parent and well-known music critic, for the following comments:

"This was my first Abingdon School concert and the uppermost thought in my mind at the end was how well it reflected, and with what skill, patience and judgment Mr. Cullen, Mr. Billington and their colleagues implemented, the wise decision of the Headmaster that music should be an integral part of school life.

School concert programmes are often designed to show the exceptional capabilities of a handful of outstanding pupils but here was one chosen to bring to the platform as many boys as possible. Even after allowing for duplications and not counting the few adults who helped, upwards of a quarter of the school took part. Bearing this in mind, the quality was quite remarkably high.

As one concerned intimately with records for many years I appreciate perhaps more than most the unique opportunities they provide for both study and enjoyment. But this does not blind me to the fact that they can also tend to discourage the making of one's own music. And no amount of listening can replace participation in concerted music, on however modest a scale.

There is another aspect of modern records which is disturbing. With recordings made originally on tape it is possible to play and replay short passages until perfection is reached in each and then piece the

best bits together as a continuous performance. This, in fact, is how many records are made now and the result can be a performance of technical perfection which is virtually impossible of attainment in a concert hall but which can and sometimes does lack the air of spontaneity and the feeling that those taking part are enjoying playing together which are hall-marks of the finest performances. These highly desirable qualities — indicating good teaching — came through splendidly at the concert on 24th July, and in saying how grateful they were to my ears I speak both as a critic and as the father of a boy who will, I hope, earn his place in the first orchestra in due time.

The programme started with the sparkling Thieving Magpie Overture, in which the exuberance of the percussion players would have delighted Rossini. But, of course, he would have been in a position to demand more strings whereas any school orchestra has to be satisfied with what is available year by year. A similar lack of balance resulted in a somewhat garbled account of Offenbach's Orpheus in the Underworld Overture presented by the Concert Band, which is, I gather, new and is a hybrid founded on the older brass band with a few woodwind instruments added. Being still preponderantly brass and with trumpets in the lead the woodwind had rather a thin time of it. As exercises in the tautening of rhythm both pieces are first class.

In the Purcell Ode we had our first taste of what the First Orchestra could do when properly balanced. For this Mr. Cullen handed the baton to Mr. Billington and went to the harpsichord on which he provided such sensitive support for the excellent team of soloists that I promptly forgave him for what I thought the unduly slow and dragging tempo he had chosen for the first verse of the National Anthem which preceded the programme proper. From the very first bars of the instrumental prelude Anthony Gibbs, the leader of the orchestra, revealed not only playing of fine quality but also the ability really to lead. Whether or not he is contemplating a musical career I do not know but if he is I venture to prophesy a very bright future for him. The orchestra and Choral Society played and sang with a nice sense of style and firm but not over-accented rhythm. The tenors and basses of the chorus had previously displayed similar qualities in a lively drinking song and Mulligan's Musketeers, which, by the way, is much more difficult than it sounds to be.

After the interval the Second Orchestra tackled some music by Schubert in a way that suggested inadequate rehearsal time. They might, I fancy, have found the solidier rhythms of the Waltzes which were in the programme but not played easier than the bouncing lilt which the Rosamunde music demands. But to aim high never did anyone any harm and they gave creditable performances of really difficult music.

Five poems were declaimed by a team of twelve boys with admirable feeling for the meaning of the words and in a style that was most

pleasantly free from the artificiality that so often spoils verse declamation en masse.

Finally came two performances for which no praise would be too high. In the first not only was Stephen Sewry an efficient, musicianly and self-assured soloist in Strauss's difficult horn concerto but the orchestra supported him with quite remarkable success. In particular I was impressed by the aplomb with which the soloist ignored the odd cracked or false note which is inevitable on the horn. In the second Mr. Donald Hawksworth set a standard as the piano soloist in Constant Lambert's *Rio Grande* that was difficult to live up to but Mr. Cullen had everyone, choir and orchestra alike, on their toes and the result was a veritable tour de force.

To what extent the experiment of having the concert in a marquee can be regarded as a success I am not really qualified to judge. All I can say is that from the front, where I was sitting, the sound was as clean as one could wish."

PROGRAMME

The National Anthem (arr. Britten)

The First Orchestra

Overture — "The Thieving Magpie" (Rossini)

The Male-Voice Choir

West Sussex Drinking Song (Melville Cooke)

The Mulligan Musketeers (R. W. Atkinson)

Chorus and Orchestra

Come Ye Sons of Art (Henry Purcell)

Miss Jean McGowan (Soprano); John Horrex, Esq. (Counter Tenor); Barry Montague, Esq. (Counter Tenor); Aidan Fairlie (Bass).

The Choral Society and First Orchestra: Conductor: Peter Billington, Esq.

An Interval of Ten Minutes

The Second Orchestra

Four Waltzes (Schubert)

Ballet Music — "Rosamunde" (Schubert)

March Militaire (Schubert)

The Concert Band

Orpheus in the Underworld (Offenbach)

Five Poems

Everyone Sang (Siegfried Sassoon); The Gentlemen on the Gate (Lewis Carroll); The Force that through the Green Fuse (Dylan Thomas); The Ballad of Semmerwater (Sir William Watson); Anthem for Doomed Youth (Wilfred Owen).

The First Orchestra

Horn Concerto No. 1 in E flat (Richard Strauss)

Allegro; Andante; Allegro; with S. P. Sewry (Horn)

Piano, Chorus and Orchestra

The Rio Grande (Constant Lambert)

Donald Hawksworth, Esq. (Piano); Stephen Fairlie (Alto).

The Choral Society and First Orchestra: Conductor: John Cullen, Esq.

THE ABINGDON SCHOOL APPEAL FUND

Two particular developments in this last year have marked it as most important and valuable. First, the decision of the Appeal Committee to implement the wish of the Governors that Whitefield should be bought for the School. This is already proving invaluable as Lacies Court enters yet another phase in its varied history. Secondly the ready response of so many subscribers whose Covenants have been maturing since last July to the suggestion that they might care to renew them. So far only those whose first payments were made in or before March 1959 have been approached, but the list of subscribers below shows how many have 'taken the plunge' for a second time. Others will be hearing from the Secretary in due course.

The total covered by the Fund is now over £62,000 and we are very hopeful that in a year's time we shall have comfortably exceeded our target of £63,000. Indeed, with the residue of the purchase price of Whitefield to find and the Music School looming large on the horizon we need all the new money that we can get.

We are extremely grateful to all those whose names appear below, and a special word of thanks is due to the Master and Governors of Christ's Hospital for a second very generous donation. The Secretary will be glad to hear of any omission or mistakes and from anyone who wishes to make a contribution.

A.A.H.

Nineteenth List of Subscribers: 1st August, 1964 — 31st July, 1965

* — Covenanted Subscription. (R) — Covenant renewed on expiry.

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A. G. Dowson (R)	J. A. Phillips	R. A. Worth (R)

CRICKET

FIRST ELEVEN

Wet wickets and a fallible batting side — not the happiest of situations, and this is how 1965 will be remembered here. The loss of Shellard and C. C. Ford was heavily felt and our middle batting hardly ever took advantage of the good start often provided by the first three. Jennings improved much and accepting that he would score slowly, played really well at times. Bent was a tower of strength, though he will never achieve his full potential until he is prepared to "get behind" the fast bowlers. Davis played some good innings but was too often out playing to mid-wicket rather than straight. Henderson made one very good fifty against Solihull, but otherwise disappointed through lack of stroke play. Partridge was perhaps the most improved batsman in the side, though he still does not make full use of his power because he hits across the ball. Jackson somehow never did come off, while Morris had a most miserable season, redeemed a little by his innings against the Dutch boys.

Perhaps the most disappointing aspect was that this has been one of the best bowling and fielding sides for some years. Bent's captaincy and field placing were in general mature and sound and he was backed up by enthusiasm and skill in every department. Pride of place among the bowlers must go to Penney and Heading, both of whom have bowled long and effective spells against experienced players to good effect. Cook had his moments of glory and as a fifteen-year-old bowling fast left arm over the wicket is clearly destined for many more. Brice was unlucky to pull a groin muscle early on, but is a fast bowler/batsman of unusual promise. T. B. Moore filled his place as an all-rounder in later matches. Jackson bowled his off spinners well on occasions but is still too easily overawed by an attacking batsman. When given long spells of bowling in the last two matches he showed that he could be a match winner. Partridge never really had a fair crack of the whip on these soft wickets but when he did bowl he did so with accuracy and confidence. Bent himself proved a valuable change bowler, though at times he was inclined to bowl too much. No wonder then that they were able to contain any opposition, for with such a well balanced attack there was something to deal with every batsman. The only player who was ever really on top was the Headmaster's nephew, Lt.-Cdr. John Dook, playing for Incogniti, and he smote the ball all over the field in a magnificent undefeated century.

As a slip catcher Bent has few equals in schoolboy cricket and Partridge, Penney, Heading and Jackson deserve mention in a side outstanding for its fielding and throwing. This was a great source of pleasure to onlookers and did much to compensate for batting failures. We haven't had a better-looking fielding side since the palmy days of 1962. Henderson as wicket keeper was sounder and contrives to make

the less tidy returns look accurate and must be accounted as good a keeper as we have had in recent years. Ironically, perhaps, his best performance and Moore's, were in a Sunday match when they were supplementing a Common Room XI against strong opposition — six catches, five of them off Moore, who took eight wickets altogether!

There were high spots — our defeat of Solihull, a favourite rival — and low spots — our defeat by Royal Masonic, Bushey. There was much to cheer — Bent's 100 against Southampton — and to disappoint



— losing to M.C.C. in our first fixture with them, after being in a strong position. It has been a happy side, eager to learn to play the game and entering whole heartedly into practice and performance. Half of them will still be here next year and under Penney's captaincy should form the nucleus of a useful team. Given hard wickets — sadly lacking in 1965! — they could redeem their reputations as batsmen, and they should certainly be formidable in attack.

The final Eleven were: D. A. M. Bent (Capt.), D. W. Penney, P. G. Henderson (w/k), J. R. Jennings, R. B. Davis, R. A. Jackson, D. S. Partridge, T. R. Morris, M. J. Heading, N. K. Cook, N. D. Brice or T. B. Moore.

The following also played: J. G. King, A. R. Coffee.

Full Colours were awarded during the season to R. B. Davis.

Half Colours were awarded to T. R. Morris, N. K. Cook, M. J. Heading, T. B. Moore.

D. A. M. Bent won the Fletcher Cup with an average of 36.22.

The Morris Cup was awarded this year to P. G. Henderson, mainly on account of his wicket keeping.

D. A. M. Bent and A. Varley won the Henderson Cricket Prizes.

D. A. M. Bent, P. N. Shellard and P. G. Henderson are to be congratulated on their selection for the Berkshire Bantams this August, and it is good to hear of M. D. Nurton again making runs for Oxfordshire.

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House Matches were organised this year on an overs basis: Seniors were allowed 40 overs each, Juniors 30 overs. This was a success and led to some good cricket; we shall undoubtedly continue the experiment next year. Blacknall beat Reeves in the finals of both Senior and Junior Knock-out Competitions.

The Senior League Cup was not awarded this year; bad weather caused the cancellation of so many games that it was not possible to reach a decision. The Junior League Cup was won by Reeves, after a much restricted programme.

The Colts held a Single Wicket Competition on the last Wednesday of Term; this was won by B. J. W. Bradley, after some very entertaining performances.

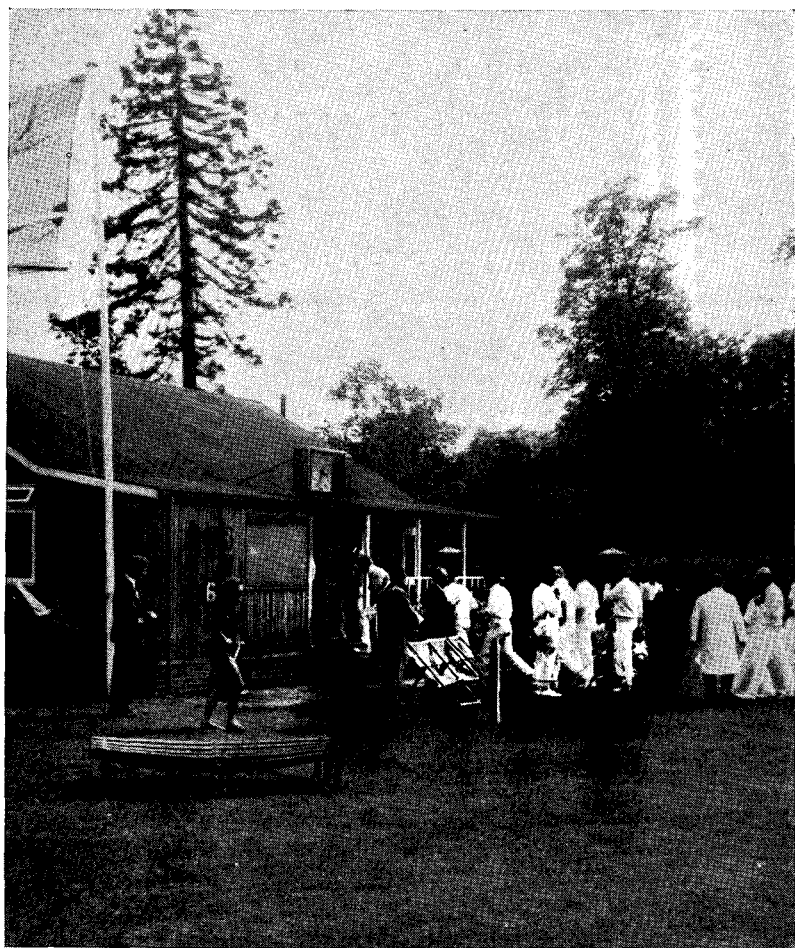
The new score box on War Memorial Field has proved a great boon and even the most short sighted can now tell what the score is.

Of the two cricket photographs in these pages, the one was taken on the occasion of the match against the M.C.C.; the other, which needs no caption, aptly summarises the season.

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A new venture this year has been the founding of the Alligators Cricket Club, to play matches on the first four days of the week after the Old Boys' game against the School which has now become a two-day match on the last Friday and Saturday of term. There was such a

good response to this among Old Boys, Masters and boys that this is certain to become an annual event. We found ourselves short of runs but there was no lack of good fellowship and we shall do better next year now that the Club is safely launched. Special words of thanks are due to the Headmaster and the Bursar for their ready agreement and active co-operation; to Miss Gray and the kitchen staff who did us proud; and to Gerald Smithson for producing the usual splendid wickets. One of the disappointments was that the latter's injured hand prevented all but a token appearance this year. We are proud to welcome as President of the Club the Headmaster, who managed to find time to



give active support in spite of his overriding commitments. I shall be glad to hear from any Old Boy who is playing regularly and who would like to apply for next year's games, which will be played on 25th July to 28th July.

Results

T. G. Evans' XI 246 for 8 dec. Alligators 100 (M. Ford 50; J. Fitzsimons 5 for 7).

J. M. Bunce's XI 219 for 8 dec. Alligators 191 for 9 (P. Shellard 48; G. F. Keeys 5 for 90).

Alligators 114. Berkshire Gentlemen 115 for 4.

Alligators 126 (M. Hayat 6 for 25). Oxford City XI 127 for 7.

A.A.H.

1st XI RESULTS

Played 15; Won 3; Drawn 8; Lost 4; Abandoned 3.

8th May *v.* St. Bartholomew's G.S., Newbury (h). Drawn: Rain
Abingdon 113 (K. Williams 6-47).
Newbury 54 for 1.

19th May *v.* Royal Masonic School, Bushey (a). Lost by 8 wickets.
Abingdon 78.
Bushey 80 for 2.

22nd May *v.* King Edward VI School, Southampton (h). Match drawn.

Abingdon		Southampton	
Bent, c White, b W. O'Connell	105	Evans, lbw Penney	18
Jennings, c Adams,		Adams, c Henderson, b Penney	3
b R. O'Connell	0	Taylor, b Penney	1
Davis, b W. O'Connell	67	White, c & b Partridge	27
Partridge, not out	0	Parker, b Heading	6
Morris, not out	1	R. O'Connell, c Jackson,	
		b Partridge	2
		Pollard, not out	19
		Doncom, c Penney, b Partridge	4
		Vowles, c Heading, b Brice	26
		Lloyd, not out	1
Extras	6	Extras	5
Total (for 3 dec.)	179	Total (for 8)	112
Did not bat: King, Henderson, Jackson, Brice, Penney, Heading.		Did not bat: W. O'Connell.	
R. O'Connell 20.3.54.1, W. O'Connell 14.2.41.2, Vowles 12.1.36.0, Lloyd 3.0.17.0, Evans 1.0.8.0, White 2.0.17.0.		Brice 10.1.22.1, Penney 17.8.19.3, Heading 13.5.25.1, Partridge 12.4.26.3, Bent 3.0.15.0.	

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

Abingdon 139-4 dec. (D. A. M. Bent 93*).
Bloxham 101 for 7.

2nd June v. Pembroke College, Oxford (a). Won by 37 runs.

Abingdon 148-7 dec.

Pembroke College 111 (G. Bissenden 78*, D. W. Penney 5-34).

5th June v. Abingdon Cricket Club (h). Match Drawn.

Abingdon C.C. 153-7 dec. (M. J. Heading 5-41).

Abingdon School 135-3 (R. B. Davis 46*).

9th June v. Solihull School (a). Won by 128 runs.

Abingdon School		Solihull School	
Bent, c Woolman, b Wyatt	46	Ellis, c Jackson, b Penney	7
Jennings, c Taylor, b Wyatt	3	Benford, lbw Cook	0
Davis, c Benford, b Sammons	7	Stubbings, c Heading, b Penney	9
Morris, c Stubbings, b Wyatt	1	Gulland, c Cook, b Penney	11
Henderson, c & b Sammons	54	Taylor, run out	0
Partridge, c Wyatt, b Taylor	34	Cuthbertson, c Heading, b Bent	0
Penney, c Woolman,		Woolman, not out	8
b Sammons	12	Sammons, c Davis, b Penney	0
Jackson, not out	2	Griffin, b Penney	1
King, not out	1	Millier, b Penney	0
		Wyatt, c Bent, b Penney	0
Extras	6	Extras	2
Total (for 7 dec.)	166	Total	38

Did not bat: Heading, Cook.

Griffin 8.2.16.0, Wyat 19.5.41.3,
Sammons 13.2.60.3, Millier 4.0.
14.0, Taylor 9.1.29.1.

Cook 4.1.13.1, Penney 12.7.13.7,
Heading 4.2.3.0, Bent 5.2.4.1,
Partridge 2.0.3.0.

19th June v. Incogniti Cricket Club (h). Lost by 105 runs.

Incongiti C.C. 202-5 dec. (J. M. L. Dook 124*, Heading 3 for 53).

Abingdon 97 (P. James 7-47).

23rd June v. Brentwood School (a). Match Drawn.

Abingdon School		Brentwood School	
Bent, lbw Acfield	24	Smith, c Davis, b Partridge	24
Jennings, b Guyver	4	Baker, b Moore	5
Davis, c & b Acfield	24	Amin, c Bent, b Heading	9
Henderson, b Acfield	17	Russell, b Penney	33
Morris, lbw Acfield	4	Guyver, c Cook, b Jackson	5
Jackson, b Acfield	11	Acfield, c Heading, b Jackson	10
Partridge, c Smith, b Russell	0	Thomas, c Heading, b Jackson	4
Moore, not out	13	Jones, c Cook, b Jackson	1
Penney, c & b Acfield	5	Wallington, b Penney	4
Heading, b Acfield	0	Cameron, not out	0
Cook, b Acfield	0	Clarke, not out	2
Extras	18	Extras	7
Total	120	Total (for 9)	104

Guyver 11.4.25.1, Clarke 3.0.10.0,
Acfield 26.13.31.8, Russell 18.
5.36.1.

Penney 17.5.25.2, Cook 3.1.7.0,
Moore 6.3.5.1, Partridge 4.0.13.
1, Heading 7.2.26.1, Jackson
8.4.21.4.

26th June v. M.C.C. (h). Lost by 31 runs.

<i>M.C.C.</i>		<i>Abingdon School</i>	
Dermont, b Bent	20	Bent, c Sproule, b Dermont	42
Johnson, lbw Bent	19	Jennings, c Clarke, b Stillman	34
Sproule, c Partridge, b Penney	41	Davis, c Sproule, b Thomas	8
Courage, run out	8	Henderson, lbw Johnson	16
Stillman, not out	63	Morris, st Clarke, b Johnson	8
Bowles, b Penney	1	Jackson, run out	0
Thompson, lbw Jackson	8	Partridge, b Johnson	11
Clarke, lbw Bent	0	Moore, c & b Stillman	0
Thomas, run out	2	Penney, c Thomas, b Johnson	19
Marson, not out	7	Heading, not out	5
		Cook, b Dermont	5
Extras	16	Extras	6
Total (for 8 dec.)	185	Total	154

Did not bat: Hobson.

Cook 3.0.8.0, Penney 22.6.46.2,
 Moore 9.3.15.0, Heading 18.8.
 38.0, Bent 9.2.30.3, Jackson
 10.3.25.1, Partridge 3.0.7.0.

Marson 5.1.12.0, Dermont 15.3.2.
 49.2, Johnson 13.5.27.4, Thomas
 10.1.40.1, Stillman 9.3.20.2.

30th June v. Masters' Common Room (h). Match Drawn.

<i>Common Room</i>		<i>Abingdon School</i>	
A. A. Hillary, b Heading	58	Partridge, c Murray, b Booth	21
D. W. Manly, b Penney	4	Jennings, c Hillary, b Booth	0
G. A. Smithson, c Penney,		Davis, b Booth	35
b Heading	52	Bent, lbw Baker	69
R. M. K. Carey, not out	33	Henderson, b Smithson	13
I. C. Murray, c Henderson,		Penney, b Smithson	0
b Penney	0	Morris, lbw Baker	0
R. H. Baker, not out	5	Jackson, not out	6
		Moore, b Smithson	10
Extras	11	Heading, not out	0
		Extras	5
Total (for 4 dec.)	163	Total (for 8)	159

Did not bat: R. G. Mortimer,
 K. M. D. Holloway, F. Booth,
 H. T. Randolph, C. J. W. Owen.

Penney 13.1.4.28.2, Cook 4.1.17.0,
 Heading 19.4.59.2, Jackson 4.0.
 10.0, Bent 3.0.17.0, Partridge
 2.0.14.0, Moore 1.0.3.0, Davis
 1.0.4.0.

Did not bat: Cook.

Booth 16.2.51.3, Owen 8.0.33.0,
 Carey 5.0.20.0, Mortimer 3.0.20.
 0, Smithson 4.1.15.3, Baker
 4.1.15.2.

3rd July v. Oratory School (a). Match Drawn.

Abingdon 113-6 dec.

Oratory 85-8 (N. K. Cook 4 for 31).

10th July v. Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe. Lost by 75 runs.

High Wycombe 150-8 dec. (J. McLoughlin 58, D. W. Penney 5-37).
 Abingdon 75.

20th July v. Haarlem (Holland) Juniors C.C. (h). Won by 2 wickets.
 Haarlem 107 (Jackson 7-18).
 Abingdon 109-8.

24th July v. Old Abingdonians (h). Match Drawn.

Abingdon School 169-7 dec. (Henderson 41; Partridge 42).
 Old Abingdonians 162-8 (M. Nurton 82; R. A. Jackson 5-60).

(This two-day game was restricted by weather to Saturday afternoon).

The following matches were abandoned without a ball being bowled because of adverse weather:

26th May v. Berkshire Gentlemen.

12th June v. Pangbourne Nautical College.

16th June v. Magdalen College School.

BOWLING AVERAGES

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
D. W. Penney	216.1	66	455	38	11.97
R. A. Jackson	101	37	251	20	12.55
Cook N. K.	61.4	11	170	9	18.89
D. S. Partridge	39	8	128	6	21.33
Heading M. J.	133	46	364	16	22.75
Brice (N. D.)	43	8	120	4	30.00
D. A. M. Bent	58	16	168	5	33.60
Moore T. B.	34	10	69	2	34.50

Also bowled:

R. B. Davis	1	0	4	0	0
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BATTING AVERAGES

	Innings	Not out	Runs	Highest Score	Average
D. A. M. Bent	15	1	507	105	36.22
R. B. Davis	14	1	280	67	21.54
J. R. Jennings	15	0	245	36	16.33
P. G. Henderson	13	1	194	54	16.17
D. S. Partridge	13	1	164	42	13.67
King (J. G.)	7	1	73	25	12.17
Moore, T. B.	7	2	59	23*	11.80
D. W. Penney	13	5	91	19	11.38
R. A. Jackson	11	3	82	27*	10.25
Morris, T. R.	15	5	95	23*	9.50
Brice (N. D.)	2	0	18	14	9.00
Heading, M. J.	7	3	16	8	4.00
Cook, N. K.	4	1	7	5	2.33
Coffee (A. R.)	1	0	1	1	1.00

SECOND ELEVEN

Whatever technical failings a Second Eleven may have their matches are usually characterized by a team spirit buoyant enough to ensure a good game, so resilient as to enable the team to carry the unexpected failure of an individual performer.

By comparison with other seasons this spirit was slow to mature this year and there was a lack of purpose and concentration in the earlier matches. Quickly 'losing' to the 1st XI the only really penetrative bowling and having to spread selection over no fewer than 20 players, Dunthorne found the task of captaincy made all the harder by the absence of a cohesive, aggressive spirit in the field: nor was there anyone able to shoulder the task of an anchor batsman. Too often there seemed to be eleven players on the field rather than one team.

Perhaps it was because of the realisation that the first win came after the poorest cricket of the season that the fixtures in the latter part of the term were tackled with far more purpose culminating in a splendid game with the O.A.'s. We hope that this fixture will provide the same measure of good cricket and enjoyment in future years — but perhaps with less reliance being placed on home reserves for the visiting team!

Results

(Played 8, Won 3, Drawn 1, Lost 3, No decision 1)

15th May v. Newbury G.S. (a). No decision.

Newbury 156—8 dec. — rain stopped play.

29th May v. Bloxham (a). Lost by 41 runs.

Bloxham 84 (Moore 5 for 19, Joyce 3 for 9).

Abingdon 43.

2nd June v. Wantage G.S. 1st XI (h). Won by 45 runs.

Abingdon 103 (Blackburn 39).

Wantage G.S. 58.

5th June v. Abingdon C.C. (a). Lost by 93 runs.

Abingdon C.C. 187—7 dec.

Abingdon 94.

9th June v. Solihull (a). Lost by 1 wicket.

Abingdon 58.

Solihull 59—9 (Joyce 5 for 12).

3rd July v. Shiplake 1st XI (h). Match Drawn.

Abingdon 154—7 dec. (Coffee 51).

Shiplake 113—8.

10th July v. R.G.S., High Wycombe (a). Won by 10 wickets.

R.G.S. 46 (Joyce 4—18, Coffee 3—5).

Abingdon 47 for no wicket.

24th July v. O. Abingdonians (h). Won by 4 wickets.

O.A.'s 151 (R. Bampton 40, R. Simpson 33, G. Barrett 32).

Abingdon 152-6 (Joyce 33 n.o.).

(The fixtures with Wallingford G.S. and M.C.S. were rained off).

The teams were from: J. W. B. Dunthorne (Capt.), R. A. Chaplin, P. H. Painton, J. C. Mellor, J. N. Harper, R. Coomber, P. H. Blackburn (8); T. R. Giddings, A. R. Coffee (7); D. E. Joyce (6); T. B. Moore (3); also played: N. G. Burns, T. K. Simmons, J. G. King, P. J. Evans, N. C. Ware, F. M. Sutton, N. D. Brice, M. J. Vowles, B. H. Ford.

C.D.B.M.

THIRD ELEVEN

Although a spell of abominable weather after Whitsun reduced the number of matches from five to three (since it was not possible to re-arrange the fixtures with Magdalen College School and Westminster College), the team had an enjoyable season.

A long journey to play King Edward VI School, Southampton in May was compensated for by a fine game played in glorious conditions. A good eighth wicket stand of 66 gave Southampton a total which we were unable to reach in the time; in fact the game swung slightly against us in the last few minutes. A month later, when the weather at last relented, the team handsomely defeated Oratory in a game notable for a good 75 not out by Sutton and for the extraordinary bowling figures of Vowles (4 for 1) and Evans (4 for 10). Finally there was a thoroughly enjoyable and high-scoring game against St. Edward's. Our hosts made, in most entertaining style, 205 for 7 dec. in 98 minutes, helped (it must be admitted) by some friendly bowling and ground fielding. When we batted, we were up against better bowling and fielding and soon got hopelessly behind the clock, though Sutton enlivened the dying moments of the game by hitting the best of the nine 6's struck during the afternoon.

Evans led the side well and proved a useful bowler, as well as making 47 against St. Edward's. Sutton now bats better than he bowls. Burns realised an ambition and became a competent wicket-keeper, conceding only three byes in his two games. All in all, we again had a useful side, many of whose members will still be at School next year; to the rest we wish every success in Club Cricket.

Results

22nd May v. King Edward VI School, Southampton (a). Drawn.

King Edward VI School 134 for 9 dec.

Abingdon 100 for 7.

19th June v. Oratory School (a). Won by 88 runs.

Abingdon 134 for 6 dec. (Sutton 75 not out).

Oratory 46.

17th July v. St. Edward's School, Oxford (a). Drawn.

St. Edward's 205 for 7 dec.

Abingdon 137 for 5.

The following played: P. H. Blackburn (1 match), P. K. Booker (2 matches), N. G. Burns (2 matches), R. Coomber (1 match), P. J. Evans (Captain) (2 matches), A. G. Fairlie (2 matches), T. R. Giddings (1 match), A. M. Jell, J. P. W. Mosdell (1 match), R. D. R. Ray, A. G. Rowson, T. K. Simmons, F. M. Sutton (2 matches), M. J. T. Theophilus, M. J. Vowles, N. C. Ware (2 matches). Scorer: T. J. Havelock.

H.T.R.

COLTS ELEVEN

Not surprisingly, the rain made its mark on the season, causing the cancellation of two matches, the re-arrangement of another and the disruption of several practice sessions. The effect on morale was perhaps more serious than the actual physical inconvenience for, in fact, the team completed six of the eight matches on their programme. They defeated Cokethorpe, had the best of a draw with Bloxham, shared the honours with Douai and were well beaten by Radley, Oratory and St. Edward's.

Although results were comparatively indistinguished the team enjoyed its cricket and always showed a high degree of enthusiasm. There was an excellent spirit which ran from the conscientious captain Bradley to the members of the "shadow squad" who just failed to make the eleven. In fact, the pressure from these two extremes was instrumental in creating the right atmosphere within the team itself.

They were primarily a bowling side, always appearing more likely to bowl out the opposition than to make a big score.

Pride of place among the bowlers goes to Nancarrow who bowled 74 overs — twice as many as his nearest rival — to take 17 wickets for 147 runs. He was supported by Cook, who bowled with verve and hostility when he was not called to higher things, Morgan, who developed a fair pace and made considerable improvement over the season and Matthews, who made his mark this season as a very effective leg spinner. Parfitt and Rothwell were in reserve as medium pace change bowlers.

Morgan was the most successful batsman. He was more relaxed this season and played two very good innings. Bradley did well as an opening batsman and found a useful partner in Osborne during the second half of the season. Parfitt batted well on several occasions. He hit the ball hard, had a good temperament and was a valuable find. Moore, Parry and Paddison had several shots but were not sufficiently powerful to make good scores. Ford was a good attacking batsman but lack of concentration appeared to spoil his defence. Mosdell was an

efficient wicket-keeper and Parry, Parfitt and Moore distinguished themselves by their fielding.

Finally mention should be made of one internal event. The single wicket knock-out competition, inaugurated last year, was repeated this season and provided an interesting afternoon's cricket. Appropriately enough it was won by the captain, Bradley, who defeated Ford, last year's winner, in the final round.

Results

7th May v. Radley (a). Lost by 90 runs.

Radley 146-4 dec. (Nancarrow 3-21).

Abingdon 56.

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

Abingdon 102 (Bradley 25, Morgan 26).

Bloxham 37-6 (Nancarrow 3-11).

19th June v. Douai (a). Drawn.

Douai 110-8 (Morgan 3-21).

Abingdon 74-5 (Parfitt 21 not out).

3rd July v. Oratory (a). Lost by 70 runs.

Oratory 112-5.

Abingdon 42.

10th July v. Cokethorpe Park (a). Won by 4 wickets.

Cokethorpe 83 (Nancarrow 7-40).

Abingdon 87-6 (Morgan 32).

17th July v. St. Edward's (h). Lost by 10 wickets.

Abingdon 25.

St. Edward's 26-0.

The following played: B. J. W. Bradley, L. Morgan, R. J. Nancarrow, N. V. Moore, M. W. Parry, J. P. W. Mosdell (six times); R. Mathews, T. J. Parfitt (five times); B. H. Ford, M. Osborne (four times), N. K. Cook, J. C. Paddison, M. F. Rothwell (three times); F. J. Dobbs, R. Evans and D. Tinson (once).

C.J.W.O.

JUNIOR COLTS ELEVEN

An enjoyable season's cricket, noteworthy for two things, first the influence of the weather, which caused the match against Magdalen to be cancelled and necessitated the re-arrangement of the match against Oratory, as well as making severe inroads into practice times, and secondly the improvement in the batting of the team after mid-June. The most successful batsman was Sayce D., with innings of 31 (Oratory) 46 (Salesian) and 68 (St. Edward's) the last in particular a fine effort

when he really carried the rest of the side. Other good innings came from Varley A. (21 — Radley, 43 not out — Oratory, including several fine sixes and two lost balls) — a somewhat impetuous batsman this, who when learns concentration should score many runs, Sayce J. (32 v. Salesian), and Rose (36 v. High Wycombe), while Cowley's 21 against Bloxham was invaluable and enabled us to snatch victory when a low score had seemed to make defeat inevitable.

Of the bowlers Varley A. was far and away the most successful, claiming many of his victims by sheer speed and taking a total of 26 wickets for 6 runs apiece. His best performance was 7 for 16 against Bloxham. No other bowler took 10 wickets, Rose taking 8 and Fellows 7.

The fielding was usually adequate though a few catches went down, and some people were lamentably slow both to move to the ball and to throw it in. There was, however, a lack of that zest and alertness which distinguishes the really first class fielding side. PcPhail kept wicket keenly, and quite well, and always looked like a wicketkeeper.

Varley was an exceptionally keen captain who set a high standard in his own play and led his men effectively on the field.

The final arrangement of the team was: Varley (A.) (Capt.), Sayce (D.), MacLaughlan, Cowley, Rose, Fellows, McPhail (w/k), Gibbs, Sayce (J.), Parry (D.H.) Passmore.

Also played: Blackburn (R.K.) (4 times); Flint, Chislett (3 times each); and Varley (M.) (twice).

L.C.J.G.

Results

8th May v. Newbury (away). Lost Abingdon 31. Newbury 32 for 2.
22nd May v. Radley (home). Drawn. Radley 112 for 8 dec. Abingdon 72 for 8.

29th May v. Bloxham (away). Won. Abingdon 40. Bloxham 38.

19th June v. Oratory (away). Won. Oratory 96. Abingdon 97 for 4.

3rd July v. Salesian College (home). Won. Salesian 91. Abingdon 93 for 2.

10th July v. R.G.S., High Wycombe (away). Drawn. R.G.S. 98 for 8 dec. Abingdon 90 for 6.

17th July v. St. Edward's (home). Lost. Abingdon 112. St. Edward's 114 for 6.

JUNIOR ELEVEN

From the angle of weather and results this has been a most disappointing season. No fewer than three matches were cancelled, and all those played were lost.

Despite the bare results however, this year's game has probably contained more individual talent than in many previous seasons, and technical ability improved rapidly. The results were due almost entirely to lack of confidence and match temperament. The bowlers were

particularly prone to bowling shorter and faster than in practice, in the mistaken idea that this would produce wickets, and the batsmen would play shots they would never dream of in the nets. As noteworthy exceptions to this should be mentioned Cox and Comerford for their batting and Deane for his bowling.

Fielding was usually sound, if not spectacular. Hill captained the side keenly, although he might have taken a stronger line in checking his erring bowlers. Both he and Varley (M.) are extremely promising batsmen and should settle down with experience.

Results

8th May v. Newbury G.S. (h). Lost. Abingdon 78. Newbury 80 for 9. (Varley 7 for 22).

22nd May v. Edward's VI, Southampton (a). Lost. Southampton 130 for 9 dec. Abingdon 25.

6th June v. New College School (a). Lost. Abingdon 59 for 9 dec. New College 61 for 2.

26th June v. Moreton Juniors (h). ("A" Fixture). Lost. Abingdon 21. Moreton 22 for 8 (Coulbeck 5 for 7).

10th July v. R.G.S., High Wycombe (h). Lost. Abingdon 87 (Cox 34). R.G.S. 90 for 2.

Team from: Hill, May, M. Varley, Baumann, Rowson, J. P. Cox, Comerford, Deane, Harfield, West, Brown, Cash, Speight, Healey, Heading.

ROWING

The Boat Club has enjoyed a reasonably successful season, although it has not been without its disappointments. The 1st VIII began very well, losing narrowly to Vesta R.C. in the Final of Junior Eights at Thames Ditton. At Wallingford, the Eights' second regatta, it put up an extremely good performance in the race against Imperial College I, which was captained incidentally by D. C. Pollard, O.A. At the Junior Section of Reading Regatta the Eight won the Juniors and at Reading Amateur Regatta reached the Final of the Public Schools Eights. However, just before this the crew had to be reorganised, and also the decision had been taken not to go to Henley this year. These two factors took the 'edge' off the crew and they failed to make any further progress, though they continued to do their best. Whilst the decision concerning Henley was inevitable, it is good that the crew was judged up to standard for an entry to be considered: one can only sympathise with those members of the crew whose ambition it had always been to row for the School in the Princess Elizabeth Cup.

The 2nd VIII always looked as though they would be the fastest ever. But apart from their first two regattas they never produced the form expected of them. They too suffered reorganisation after Reading, and

this no doubt affected them to some extent. It seems that our crews must learn not to be unduly upset by change in future.

The 3rd VIII and the Colts showed much promise, and the various fours which raced at different levels enjoyed themselves even if their progress was not as rapid as we should have liked.

Our new Boat House is approaching completion and has already made life much easier. We look forward to enjoying all its amenities next year. The new clinker eight, ordered three years ago, suddenly arrived, much to the joy of the Colts. Our two old shell sculling boats were damaged beyond repair in an accident in the Boat House. Any offers of replacements would be welcomed!

Finally, grateful thanks are due to our faithful supporters amongst the parents and Old Boys, and also to the Captain and Secretary of Boats who both did a fine job for the Club during the year.

R.G.M.

CREWS

1st VIII

Bow	A. J. Longstaff
2	D. G. Clubleby
3	D. H. Willis
4	P. N. Atkins
5	I. R. Hewes
6	C. W. F. M. Cox
7	R. W. Schnellmann
Stroke	S. P. Sewry
Cox	P. G. Dowling

(N. R. Taylor rowed at 5 from Reading Amateur Regatta until the end of the season).

2nd VIII

(until Windsor & Eton Regatta)

Bow	R. E. Parkes
2	D. W. Hall
3	D. N. Roblin
4	J. J. F. Burn
5	N. R. Taylor
6	D. N. Clare
7	R. J. M. Conibear
Stroke	D. W. Tanner
Cox	A. J. Iddles

(A. W. Willis rowed at 3 at Reading Amateur Junior Regatta).

2nd VIII

(from Reading Amateur Regatta)

Bow	R. E. Parkes
2	D. W. Hall
3	R. J. N. Bennett
4	D. N. Clare
5	D. N. Roblin
6	J. J. F. Burn
7	R. J. M. Conibear
Stroke	D. W. Tanner
Cox	A. J. Iddles

(J. S. Hutchins coxed the crew at Molesey Regatta).

3rd VIII

Bow	D. J. Saunders
2	P. J. Hopkins
3	C. D. Le Voi
4	J. T. W. Kenney
5	M. Ballinger
6	I. S. Sykes
7	T. D. Paige
Stroke	R. A. Forsythe
Cox	J. S. Hutchins

Colts VIII

Bow—T. J. Wood; 2—J. D. Evans; 3—P. K. Ablewhite; 4—I. L. M. Carr; 5—D. M. Dickson; 6—I. P. G. Stevens; 7—J. B. Lister; Stroke—J. P. H. Bosley; Cox—C. M. Dobson.

School IV

Bow A. J. Longstaff
 2 D. N. Clare
 3 R. W. Schnellmann
 Stroke D. W. Tanner
 Cox B. E. Goldsworthy

1st IV

Bow R. J. N. Bennett
 2 I. Nayler
 3 A. W. Willis
 Stroke L. R. Llewellyn
 Cox B. E. Goldsworthy

*Results***FIRST EIGHT**

May 15th: Thames Ditton Regatta — Junior Eights.

1st round: Bye.

2nd round: Beat Barclays Bank R.C. by $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths.

Final: Lost to Vesta R.C. by $\frac{1}{2}$ length.

May 22nd: Wallingford Regatta — Junior/Senior Eights.

1st round: Beat St. George's College B.C. easily.

2nd round: Lost to Imperial College B.C. by $\frac{1}{2}$ length.



May 29th: Reading Amateur Junior Regatta (formerly Reading Clinker Boat Regatta) — Junior Shell Eights.

1st round: Beat St. Edward's School B.C. by $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths.

2nd round: Beat Chiswick Grammar School B.C. by 3 lengths and Beaumont College B.C. by $2\frac{1}{2}$ lengths.

Final: Beat Abingdon R.C. by $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths and Barclays Bank R.C. by 3 feet.

June 5th: Walton Amateur Regatta — School Eights

1st round: Lost to Emanuel School B.C. by $\frac{1}{2}$ length.

June 7th: Windsor and Eton Regatta — Junior/Senior Eights.

1st round: Row over.

2nd round: Lost to Emanuel School B.C. n.r.o.

June 12th: Reading Amateur Regatta — Public School Eights.

1st round: Beat Reading School B.C. easily and Norwich School B.C. by $\frac{1}{2}$ length.

Final: Lost to St. Edward's School B.C. by 1 length and to Winchester College B.C. by a canvas.

June 19th: Marlow Regatta — The Schools' Challenge Vase.

1st round: Beat Norwich School B.C. by $\frac{1}{2}$ length and lost to Winchester College B.C. by 2 lengths.

June 23rd: National Schools' Regatta — School 1st VIII's.

1st race: Lost to Radley School B.C. by $3\frac{1}{2}$ lengths; to Nautical College, Pangbourne, B.C. by 3 lengths and to Bedford School B.C. by $2\frac{1}{2}$ lengths.

Repechage: Beat Clifton College B.C. by $\frac{3}{4}$ length and lost to Nautical College, Pangbourne, B.C. by 2 lengths.

SECOND EIGHT

May 22nd: Wallingford Regatta — Junior Eights.

1st round: Beat Sir William Borlase's School by $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths.

2nd round: Beat St. George's College B.C. easily.

3rd round: Beat Forest School B.C. by 2 lengths.

Semi-Final: Lost to St. Edward's School B.C. by 1 length.

May 29th: Reading Amateur Junior Regatta (formerly Reading Clinker Boat Regatta) — Junior Clinker Eights.

1st round: Beat Nautical College, Pangbourne, by a canvas.

Final: Lost to Molesey B.C. by $2\frac{1}{2}$ lengths and to King's School, Worcester, B.C. by $\frac{1}{2}$ length.

June 5th: Walton Amateur Regatta — Junior Eights.

1st round: Lost to Furnival Sculling Club by 1 length.

June 7th: Windsor and Eton Regatta — Junior Eights.

1st round: Lost to Emanuel School B.C. by $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths.

June 12th: Reading Amateur Regatta — Junior Eights.

1st round: Lost to Bryanston School B.C. by 4 lengths.

June 19th: Marlow Regatta — Junior Eights.

1st round: Lost to Thames R.C. by $\frac{3}{4}$ length and to Sir William Borlase's School B.C. by 1 length.

June 23rd: National Schools' Regatta — School 3rd VIII's.

1st race: Beat Shrewsbury School B.C. by $\frac{1}{2}$ length and St. Paul's School B.C. by 1 length.

Semi-Final: Beat King's School, Worcester, by $\frac{1}{2}$ length and lost to King's School, Canterbury, by $\frac{3}{4}$ length.

Final: Lost to Eton College B.C. by $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths; to King's School, Canterbury, B.C. by $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths and to Nautical College, Pangbourne, B.C. by 1 length.

July 17th: Molesey Amateur Regatta — Junior Eights.

1st round: Lost to Bedford R.C. by 3 lengths.

THIRD EIGHT

June 26th: Pangbourne and Whitchurch Regatta — Maiden Eights.

1st round: Lost to Reading University B.C. by a canvas.

COLTS EIGHT

June 23rd: National Schools' Regatta — Colts' Cup.

1st race: Lost to King's School, Worcester, B.C. and to St. Paul's School.

Losers' race: Lost to Eton College B.C., to Nautical College, Pangbourne, B.C., and to Clifton College B.C.

SCHOOL FOUR

June 26th: Pangbourne and Whitchurch Regatta — School Fours.

1st round: Beat Windsor Grammar School B.C. by $\frac{1}{4}$ length.

2nd round: Beat R.G.S. High Wycombe B.C. by 1 length.

Final: Lost to Shiplake College B.C. by 3 feet.

FIRST FOUR

May 15th: Thames Ditton Regatta — School Fours.

1st round: Beat Kingston Grammar School B.C. easily.

2nd round: Lost to King's College School B.C. by 2 lengths.

May 22nd: Wallingford Regatta — Novice Fours.

1st round: Beat Henley Grammar School B.C. by 3 lengths.

2nd round: Lost to Nautical College, Pangbourne, by 2 lengths.

SCULLERS

D. G. Clubley

June 26th: Pangbourne and Whitchurch Regatta — Maiden Sculls.

1st round: Beat C. Campion (Reading R.C.) by 2 lengths.

2nd round: Lost to D. B. Westman (Abingdon R.C.) by 3 lengths.

M. C. C. Hunter

May 22nd: Wallingford Regatta — Schoolboy Sculls.

1st round: Lost to M. Draper (Reading Blue Coat School B.C.) by 2 lengths.

INTERMEDIATE FIXTURES

Two races were rowed against Oratory School B.C. at home. Each was rowed three abreast with two of the crews our own. In the first race, that against Oratory 1st IV, one of our crews lost by four lengths and the other failed to finish. In the second race, that against Oratory 2nd IV, one of our crews lost by one length and the other by three lengths.

A Radley College B.C. Four beat two of our Fours in a second informal fixture.

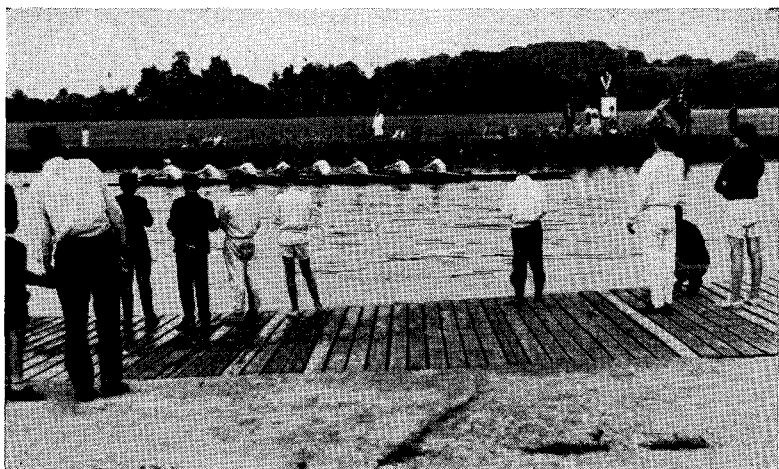
THE SCHOOL REGATTA

The Regatta was held on Wilsham Reach on 19th July.

Results

Bennett Cup for House First Fours — Tesdale beat Reeves by a canvas.

Pixell Cup for House Second Fours — Blacknall beat Tesdale by $\frac{1}{2}$ length.



Pixell Bowl for House Intermediate Fours — Blacknall beat Tesdale easily.

Morrell Cup for House Junior Fours — Bennett beat Blacknall easily.

Pierpoint Cup for Boarders v. Dayboys Eights — Boarders beat Dayboys by $\frac{3}{4}$ length.

The School 3rd Eight beat the Colts Eight by 1 length.

Haarhoff Cup and Mayor's Waterman Trophy — The Holder, D. G. Clubleby, beat M. C. C. Hunter.

Eason Goblet for House gaining most points: Blacknall.

We are grateful to Miss Winship for presenting the prizes.

P.N.A.

THE BOAT HOUSE APPEAL

As promised, we attach a list of parents, Old Boys and friends who contributed towards the appeal for funds for the new Boat House. The total amount received in cash amounted to £3,492 19s. 2d., of which £1,882 19s. 2d. represented gifts outright, and the remainder was sent in the form of loans.

The School owes a very deep debt of gratitude to all whose generous help enabled it to meet this urgent requirement. In thanking those whose names are listed below (and we do apologise for any inadvertent errors of omission or commission) I should like also to thank all who worked so hard to make the Christmas Fair such a success: and, lastly, those members of the staff whose modesty precludes mention in the list.

J.M.C.

Addison, Mr. A. S.
Armsden, Mr. F. W.
Arundel, Mr. D. T.
Atkins, Mr. and Mrs. M. F.
Bartlett, W/Cdr. and Mrs. C. B.
Bayley, Mr. G. V. (OA)
Becker, G/Capt. and Mrs. B. H.
Bennett, Mr. F. A. (OA)
Bennett, Mr. J. R.
Bisby, Mr. and Mrs. H.
Blair, Fl/Lt. J.
Bosley, Mr. B. N. J. (OA)
Bosley, Mr. G. A. H. (OA)
Bourlet, Mr. A.
Bowthorpe, Mr. J. (OA)
Brett, Lt. Cdr. R. S.
Broadway, Dr. and Mrs.
Brown, Mr. and Mrs. K. E.
Bullard, Sir Reader
Burbridge, Mr. H. C.
Caradoc-Evans, Mr. and Mrs.
Chambers, Mr. M. G. (OA)
Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. M. E.
Clark, Mr. J. E. A. (OA)
Cox, Mr. R. C. E.
Cullen, Mr. M. J. (OA)

Cullen, Mr. S. (OA)
Dean, Mr. A. C. (OA)
Dodge, Mr. G. W. (OA)
Eason, Mr. R. E. (OA)
Egelstaff, Dr. P. A.
Evans, Mr. J. E.
Giddings, Mr. R. H. C.
Goldsworthy, Mr. E. F.
Grevatt, Mr. and Mrs. A. T.
Hall, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. W. A.
Hampton, Mr. D. W.
Havelock, Mr. G. E.
Healy, Mr. H. B. (OA)
Hewison, Mr. and Mrs.
Hopkins, W/Cdr. L. J.
Howlett, Mr. G. S. (OA)
Humphrey, Mr. C. M. (OA)
Hutchins, Mrs. D.
Iddles, Mr. N. S.
Jefferson-Loveday, Mr. D. W.
Jessett, Mr. G. A.
Johnston, Dr. C. M.
King, A/V-M. W. M.
Knowles, Mr. J. (OA)
Langford, Mr. E. G. (OA)
Leathem, Mr. E. G. C.

Le Voi, Mrs.
 Lewis, Mrs.
 Lister, Dr. B. A. J.
 Loudon, Dr. and Mrs. I. S. M.
 Lynn-Robinson, Mr. W. J.
 Marshall, Mr. W. M.
 McGowan-Docherty, Mr. J.
 Mosdell, Mr. L. P. (OA)
 Nasmyth, Dr. and Mrs. P. A.
 Nayler, Mrs.
 Ogden, Dr. W. S. (OA)
 Ogg, Mr. Malcolm
 Paige, Mr. S. A. (OA)
 Parkes, Mr. J. E.
 Pilling, Mrs. E.
 Portman, Mrs.
 Ridehalgh, Dr. F.
 Roberts, Mr. D. E. (OA)

Roblin, Mr. and Mrs. J. E.
 Roper, Capt. A. J. H.
 Rowland, Mr. O. C. W.
 Schnellmann, Dr. G. A.
 Schuck, Fl/Lt. K.
 Simms, Mr. and Mrs.
 Skelly, Mr. J. S.
 Smith, Mrs. H.
 Soffe, Mr. R. W.
 Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. I. N.
 Stevens, Lt.-Col. J. G.
 Stiles, Mr. H. D. (OA)
 Sykes, Gp/Capt. W.
 Whittington, Dr. and Mrs. A. M.
 Wilding, Mr. T. S. (OA)
 Willis, Dr. and Mrs. J. V.
 Willis, Mr. A. W.
 Wood, Mr. and Mrs. J. D.

ATHLETICS

The number of full-time athletes has been much smaller this year, and consequently our team has been rather unbalanced. We have been strong in most track events — with Avery outstanding in the 880 and mile — but in the field events only Bosley NAH (Shot) has been consistent although Hassett (Javelin) and Akinbiyi (Long Jump) have performed creditably at times.

A large proportion of the team, with A levels in prospect, were not keen to have many matches in the second half of term but it was unfortunate that a date could not be agreed upon for the triangular match against Stamford and Pocklington, and also that an invitation to compete at Radley had to be declined as it clashed with the Berkshire Schools Championships.

In our first match, against Cokethorpe, we took 1st and 2nd places in every event except three and won 80—43. Corps won the short sprint in 10.3 secs. and Bosley NAH put the Shot 51ft. 4ins. The following week Westminster College proved too good for us and we lost 74—101. Avery scored another double in the 880 and mile but Bosley was our only other winner.

The Berkshire AAA Championships were held at Maidenhead on 29th May in bitterly cold conditions. We did not do as well as in recent years and had to be content with 5 third places and 4 fourths.

The match against Wallingford proved to be just as exciting as last year. The result depended on the last event — the relay. Bosley PV ran an excellent first leg and the others just managed to hold on to the lead which he had given them. The time of 45.5 secs. is a new School Record. In the mile we ran 4 "guests" in addition to our two named runners, and actually took the first four places. Hewes, who was just beaten into 8th place by the Wallingford second string clocked 5:14.

What a pity that he hadn't shown the same confidence in the Under 15 Mile on Sports Day!

At the North Berkshire Schools' Championships at Fitzharrys School, Bosley NAH was awarded the Stan Eldon trophy for the best performance in a Field Event, and 10 others were also selected to represent the District in the County School Championships at Palmer Park on 19th June. As a result of these, Bosley NAH was invited to represent the County at the All England Championships but it was most unfortunate that, after showing himself to be in tremendous form with puts of well over 50ft., he should severely twist his ankle and be unable to compete.

Results

v. Wallingford School (away), Wednesday, 2nd June.

- 100 yards: 1—Dix (W), 10.5; 2—Corps; 3—Bosley PV.
 220 yards: 1—Dix (W), 23.1; 2—Bell; 3—Corps.
 440 yards: 1—Marsh SA, 54.3; 2—Hassett; 3—Hatch (W).
 880 yards: 1—Avery, 2:6.3; 2—Bartlett; 3—Aldridge (W).
 Mile: 1—Avery, 4:52.5; 2—Owen; 3—Powell (W).
 High Jump: 1—Dale (W), 5ft. 2ins.; 3—Ellis; 4—Faires.
 Long Jump: 1—Dix (W), 18ft. 6ins.; 2—Akinbiyi; 4—Wilde.
 Shot: 1—Bosley NAH, 44ft. 10½ins.; 2—Branson (W); 4—Bosley PV.
 Discus: 1—Wright (W), 106ft. 1½ins.; 3—Bosley NAH; 4—Avery.
 Javelin: 1—Atkinson, 168ft. 11ins.; 2—Hassett; 4—Bosley NAH.
 Relay: 1—Abingdon, 45.5; 2—Wallingford.
 Result: 1—Abingdon 64 pts.; 2—Wallingford 61 pts.

Berkshire Schools' Championships. Palmer Park, 19th June.

The following finished in the first three in their events:

- Under 17: 100 yards: 3rd—Wilde, 10.9 secs.
 Under 20: 100 yards: 3rd—Corps, 10.6 secs.; 220 yards: 2nd—Corps, 24.3 secs.; 440 yards: 3rd—Hassett, 54.7 secs.; 880 yards: 3rd—Bartlett, 2:5.2 secs.; Mile: 1st—Avery, 4:39.8; 3rd—Owen, 4:45.4; Long Jump: 3rd—Akinbiyi, 20:0; Shot: 1st—Bosley NAH, 48:4.

R.H.B.

TENNIS

In retrospect the season has been one of promise rather than fulfilment. Only three matches against other schools were lost by the 1st VI and two of these were played away on high bouncing hard courts, where we shall continue to be at a disadvantage until we have hard courts of this type of our own. The wet weather imposed severe limitations on grass court play and many important practices had to be cancelled, though most of the 1st VI match programme was completed.

It was anticipated that matches against strong experienced club sides would be lost, but they provided a great stimulus for raising the standard of play. The new fixture against the Bohemian Club, Oxford, and the Abingdon L.T.C. fixture proved particularly enjoyable and instructive, emphasizing the importance of good finishing volleys and correct positional play. It is recommended that more boys should join a good tennis club for the holidays and when possible fit in some extra club games in the term.

The 1st pair, R. E. N. Bradfield, the Captain, and M. G. Cockman, the Secretary, had a largely successful season and were always exciting to watch. Bradfield has not yet developed a really strong service or good spin service, but his backhand driving and volleying have been of a consistently high order. Cockman proved an excellent partner producing some splendid attacking forehand drives and lethal first services. He needs to overcome his tendency to be caught out of position a few yards inside the base line, though his capacity for extricating himself with a half volley off his toes is remarkable. He must also improve his second service and develop a crisper backhand volley.

Matching up the 2nd and 3rd pairs involved much experiment. The most promising player was P. A. C. Roblin, who was very agile about the court and had a flair for volleying, but unfortunately lacked a reliable and effective service. He was finally partnered in the 2nd pair with R. P. Jessett, who had a strong service and could make good drives and volleys when in position — slowness about the court being his main weakness. The 3rd pair was completed with P. B. Godfrey, a dashing, cheerful, sometimes erratic player; and A. C. Hoddinott, who had all the strokes but often lacked finishing power. In the early trials Orland and Liversidge never produced in match play the form they showed in practice; while Jackson, though full of promise and attacking strokes, was never sufficiently steady. Luttmann and Walkinshaw had a very successful partnership in the 2nd VI, but were less impressive when tried in the 1st VI; but it was pleasing to note how much more forceful Luttmann's play had become, and he should make his mark next season.

The 2nd VI had a very good season, only losing one match; and as mentioned above, many of its members had some games in the 1st VI. Both the 2nd and Junior VI fixtures suffered from the weather, but the new junior recruits made very good progress; particularly Davis and Cantwell, who formed a strong end of season partnership. Woods produced some very impressive match winning volleying and together with Luff he should form a strong nucleus for building next year's Junior VI. Once again we thank Mr. Lay for all the help he has given to the juniors, particularly to the Thomas Bowl pair mentioned elsewhere, and for his weekly coaching visits.

There were 57 entrants for the Buckley Cup singles championship, showing the great interest taken in tennis outside the regular players.

The semi-finalists were M. G. Cockman, D. S. Partridge, P. B. Godfrey, R. E. N. Bradfield; and in the final Bradfield defeated Cockman 6—2, 4—6, 6—4, after a very close contest.

In conclusion it is very heartening to report that the General Games Committee has now approved the raising of the status of tennis to that of a major game; and that the first full colours were very deservedly awarded to R. E. N. Bradfield and M. G. Cockman, who are also to be congratulated on their excellent work as Captain and Secretary, respectively. Half colours were awarded to P. A. C. Roblin, R. P. Jessett, P. B. Godfrey, A. C. Hoddinott.

FIRST VI MATCHES

- May 1st v. The Common Room (h). Won 9—0.
- May 8th v. Radley College (h). Drawn (unfinished) 3—3.
- May 15th v. Berkhamsted School (a). Lost 2—7.
- May 19th v. Magdalen College School (h). Lost 1½—7½.
- May 22nd v. Leighton Park School (a). Lost 2½—6½.
- May 29th v. Bloxham School (h). Won 7—2.
- June 9th v. Reading School (a). Won 6—3.
- July 3rd v. Pangbourne Nautical College (a). Won 6½—2½.
- July 10th v. R.G.S. High Wycombe (h). Won 6—3.
- July 14th v. The Bohemian Club, Oxford (a). Lost 0—6.
- July 20th v. Abingdon L.T.C. (a). Lost 1½—7½.
- July 24th v. Old Abingdonians (h). Lost 4—5.

The match against Culham College was rained off.

SECOND VI MATCHES

(1st pair: M. J. H. Liversidge and B. C. Orland; 2nd pair: R. J. Luttmann and G. Walkinshaw; 3rd pair from D. S. Jackson, J. A. Roest, D. N. Hunt, G. A. Macdonald).

- May 15th v. Salesian College (h). Won 5½—3½.
- May 19th v. Magdalen College School (a). Lost 1—8.
- May 22nd v. Leighton Park School (h). Won 7½—1½.
- June 2nd v. Newbury Grammar School (a). Won 8—1.
- July 3rd v. Oratory School (h). Won 6½—2½.

Matches against Culham College, Douai School, Wallingford G.S. were rained off.

JUNIOR VI MATCHES

(1st pair from D. S. Jackson, D. N. Hunt, M. F. K. Baumann; 2nd pair: A. R. Cantwell, P. J. Davis; 3rd pair: A. W. Luff, C. J. Woods).

- May 12th v. Salesian College (a). Lost ½—8½.
- May 29th v. Bloxham School (a). Won 6½—1½.
- June 26th v. Magdalen College School (h). Lost 2—7.
- July 17th v. Shiplake Court (h). Won 7—2.

The match against Douai School was rained off.

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

Youll Cup:

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

2nd pair: P. A. C. Roblin, R. P. Jessett.

Thomas Bowl (under 16 years): D. N. Hunt, M. F. K. Baumann.

In the Youll Cup we were drawn against Tonbridge. The second pairs played first and both sides started very inconsistently, mixing good retrieving with erratic driving and serving. Tonbridge were first to find their game, but we lost quite narrowly 6—8, 4—6. The match between the first pairs produced a number of fine rallies and close games, but our pair never found their best form and dropped some critical service games to lose 3—6, 4—6.

In the Thomas Bowl, Hunt and Baumann lost the first set to Epsom I, but then made a very good recovery, with fine attacking drives and good passing shots to win 1—6, 6—3, 6—2. In their next round against Merchant Taylors, Crosby, they were up against superior service power and were also showing signs of end of term tiredness; however they kept their end up for some time before losing 4—6, 3—6. This was really a very satisfactory performance by a pair who had not been regarded as particularly strong; and it is hoped they will continue to improve and make a good second six partnership next year.

H.M.G.

SWIMMING

This term saw what is hoped will be the first of many swimming-matches with other schools. The Headmaster kindly allowed the club to send two teams to swim against Wallingford Grammar School on 16th July. The Open Team defeated Wallingford by 49 points to 35 points but the Under 15 Team lost by 30 points to 54 points. The results proved what has been suspected; the School possesses several notable swimmers in the open team and many of the Juniors have potential which will be utilised if they are given thorough training.

The following Tuesday the School sent five representatives to the Berkshire Schools' Swimming Association's County Trials where they were very successful. T. J. Rawlins came first in the Senior Diving and second in the Senior Breast Stroke while P. H. Blackburn came second in the Senior Free Style and R. D. Schuck came third in the Senior Back Stroke. All three boys stand a very good chance of being chosen to represent the County next term.

The end of term was extremely busy as these trials were followed by the annual Swimming Sports. We were very lucky to have Miss Diana Cobban to present the certificates and although the afternoon started off by being dull and rainy, she was able to award the prizes in sun-

shine. Because of the weather times were slow, but nevertheless four records were broken. Again Blacknall were the winning House gaining 74 points and thereby winning the Green Cup. P. H. Blackburn won the Elliott Cup for gaining the most individual points, and D. J. Brown won the Becker Cup for Free Style Swimming.

Results

Open Free Style 50 yards:

1—Blackburn PH, 29.6 secs.; 2—Shuck; 3—Brown DJ.

Under 16 Breast Stroke 100 yards:

1—Louden, 1 min. 31 secs.; 2—Ellis; 3—Arundel JD.

Under 14 Back Stroke 50 yards:

1—Lilley, 39 secs.; 2—Cox J; 3—Short.

Open Butterfly 50 yards:

1—Wharton AN, 34 secs.; 2—Blackburn PH; 3—Ellis.

Junior Diving

1—Brown A; 2—Ellis; 3—Blackburn RK.

Under 16 Back Stroke 50 yards:

1—North, 39.5 secs.; 2—Blackburn RK; 3—Arundel JD.

Open Back Stroke 100 yards:

1—Schuck, 1 min. 24.8 secs. (record); 2—Blackburn PH;
3—Wharton AN.

Under 16 Free Style 100 yards:

1—Louden, 1 min. 19.2 secs.; 2—Douglas; 3—Blackburn RK.

Under 14 Breast Stroke 50 yards:

1—Snodgrass, 44.3 secs.; 2—Lilley; 3—Short.

Open Free Style 100 yards:

1—Blackburn PH, 1 min. 19.3 secs.; 2—Schuck; 3—Comber.

Open Breast Stroke 100 yards:

1—Rawlins, 1 min. 22.3 secs. (record); 2—Morris; 3—Wharton AN.

Senior Diving

1—Blackburn PH; 2—Hodgson; 3—Rawlins.

Under 14 Free Style 50 yards:

1—Lilley, 31 secs. (record); 2—Lacey-Johnson; 3—Short.

Open Breast Stroke 250 yards:

1—Rawlins, 4 mins. 7.1 secs. (record); 2—Parfitt; 3—Morris TR.

Open Free Style 250 yards:

1—Brown DJ, 3 mins. 39.5 secs.; 2—Blackburn PH.

Senior Medley Relay:

1—Blacknall, 3 mins. 39.5 secs.; 2—Reeves; 3—Tesdale.

Junior Free Style Relay:

1—Reeves, 1 min. 1.1 sec.; 2—Bennett; 3—Tesdale.

Senior Free Style Relay:

1—Reeves, 58.3 secs. (record); 2—Bennett; 3—Blacknall.

The Royal Life Saving Society Examinations were held on Thursday the 22nd of July and all candidates were successful.

Distinction Award: M. C. C. Hunter; *Award of Merit:* D. J. Brown, R. Schuck, M. Carr, R. A. Egelstaff; *Bronze Cross:* J. Arundel, A. Banes, D. Hunt, M. Lewis, A. Martin, D. Rogers; *Instructor's Certificate:* D. J. Brown, R. A. Forsythe, D. Rogers; *Bronze Medallion:* A. O. Akinbiyi, C. Allen, R. Blackburn, M. Crawford, R. D. Egelstaff, A. Ellis, P. Hopkins, J. Kenney, V. Lacey-Johnson, C. Lilley, J. Lister, T. May, J. North, C. Ridout, J. Roest, S. Shield, C. Spearing, M. Stevens, C. Woods; *Intermediate Certificate:* I. Blair, J. Griffith.

Two masters must be thanked for their efforts throughout the term. We are grateful to Mr. Coleman for the work he has done and we congratulate him on the fact he has taught all the boys who applied to join his classes to swim. Mr. Willis must also be thanked for the enthusiasm he has shown towards the sport and in particular for his work for the experimental match with Wallingford and the Swimming Sports.

T.J.R.

COMBINED CADET FORCE

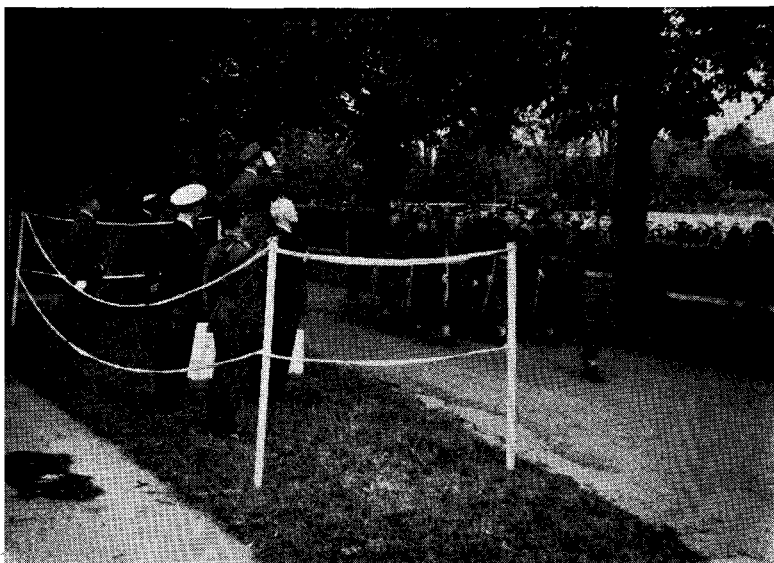
ARMY SECTION

This term managed to produce an Inspection Day, Friday, 28th May, which must have been the coldest ever. When Air Commodore Greenman came through the wicket gate and was greeted by the General Salute, it was still touch and go whether the wet weather programme would have to be implemented or not. We were lucky and apart from numbed fingers we had a parade and inspection of activities of which we can be proud. The Air Commodore proved to be a very conscientious officer who left no stone unturned and he was very favourably impressed.

Field Day was almost a 100% wash-out, literally. Twenty cadets of the Army and R.A.F. sections had camped under the stars on Salisbury Plain with the C.O. and Ft.Lt. Manly. Almost the whole of the rest of the C.C.F. came the next day to hunt them down but before the exercise had got properly under way, the heavens opened and it continued to rain all day. The exercise was called off at lunch-time and a very wet contingent embussed for Abingdon.

A large contingent represented the C.C.F. at the re-opening of the T.A. Centre by the Lord Lieutenant. Since then we have been making good use of the .22 range and we hope to get the shooting team in full swing next term.

We only managed one shoot at Churn Range mainly because of the weather and apathy on the part of cadets who have Wednesday afternoons free. This is a valuable opportunity to shoot with rifles which is not easy to get after you have left school.



Thirty-eight cadets, representing all three sections, camped with the Royal Engineers at Wyke Regis in the summer holidays. The training once again was interesting and we put on varied activities in the afternoon including a 'House' soccer tournament. The regatta on the final day proved to be good fun and although we did not win an event, we did provide four of the winning officers' crew in the cutter race against the 'regulars'.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Joyce for his continued devoted service, and our congratulations to R.S.M. Partridge on the splendid way in which he has taken over from W.O. Nicholl. We are fortunate to have him with us again next term. B.J.M.

ANNUAL CAMP

For the second year running the annual C.C.F. Camp was held at The Royal Engineers' Bridging Camp at Wyke Regis, near Weymouth. The proximity of the sea was responsible for the great deal of "messaging-about in boats" in which we indulged.

The weather was changeable to say the least. One day it rained incessantly and the next we basked in hot sun and some of us became noticeably tanned. The weather on the first day was kind to us while we received instruction on two types of pontoon ferries in service with the Army.

The Royal Engineer Instructors carried out our training until lunch time and therefore Major Montague had to think up an afternoon programme each day. He managed to provide a variety of activities which held our interest, laying on games of football, a map reading march and shooting in Weymouth.

The second and third days of our training saw the whole of our land-based instruction when we were given a display of demolition methods and attended an exhibition at the Camp of the various aspects of the role of the Royal Engineers in today's Army.

The rest of our training was carried out in a variety of craft — alloy assault boats, the old fashioned cutter and small rubber recce boats — and culminated in a regatta in which all the C.C.F.'s at Camp took part. There were four events incorporating all the craft in which we had received training, the last being the "Stranded Officers' Race". In this event an assault boat towed a recce boat which returned bearing an Officer (Lt. Fairhead) stranded on Chesil Beach. On arrival on the "mainland" the Officer was revived with a bottle of beer, the winning C.C.F. being the first to draw its craft up on the shore and drink the beer. Mr. Fairhead played his part admirably but in spite of this we were unplaced.

Although we did not gain many successes in the Regatta, we all enjoyed ourselves immensely. The spirit of the contingent, which was maintained even through the bad weather, and the friendliness of the Instructors led to the success of our holiday by the sea.

A.R.C.

ROYAL NAVAL SECTION

The main feature of this term was Field Day when about twenty cadets spent a day on the Solent on an MFV — a day which would have been more useful had proper facilities for navigation been provided. The remainder of the section joined in with the army and spent the day on Salisbury Plain.

The rest of the term was spent preparing for the Annual Inspection, the main element of our contribution being a jackstay rigged from a tower erected on Waste Court field to the Seamanship Room — an ambitious undertaking, the design and execution of which was entirely engineered by P.O. Atkins. After the Inspection was over, we experimented with various initiative tests, some more successfully than others.

A large number of boys have left the Section this term and they all take with them our best wishes for the future. Among them is the senior cadet, Petty Officer Atkins, who has done a very great deal for the Section during his year of office — he will be greatly missed.

Annual Camp

It was a great pity that the Abingdon contingent to the camp at Loch Ewe was so small this year. The excellent way the instruction was

organised, the variety of activities offered, the fact that no moment was wasted, and that cadets were kept occupied with, for the most part, enjoyable as well as instructive activities pretty well all the time — all these contributed to make this camp the best of the three we have so far attended at Loch Ewe, and one of the best in recent years. The weather, too, was kind, and we were able to see the magnificence of the Highland scenery at its best.

The accent was on two things, boatwork and expedition training — the latter consisting of map-reading, compass-walking and finding one's way about the mountains and moorlands. There were canoes, and whalers were sailed and pulled with vigour and varying degrees of skill; there was a half-day spent in an M.F.V. with helmsmanship, navigation and fishing to occupy the attention. There was a regatta on the last evening, in which several oars were broken, amongst other things. The best day of all perhaps was when we climbed An Teallach, the mountain the rain prevented us from climbing last year. In good weather it was no difficult task, but a splendid walk nonetheless.

Altogether it was a very good week, and those who did not come missed something eminently worthwhile.

L.C.J.G.

ROYAL AIR FORCE SECTION

Unfortunately we were unable to undertake as many activities as we had hoped during the Summer Term. The Chipmunk flying intended for the summer will now take place on two Sundays in October. It had also been hoped that we should be able to pay regular visits to the rifle range at R.A.F. Abingdon but the range was put out of commission early in the term.

On the brighter side we congratulate D. W. Penney on his award of a Flying Scholarship; he and D. J. Munson will complete the flying course for their private pilot's licence during the summer holidays. N. D. Brice was also awarded a place on an overseas flight for air experience. He was flown to Singapore for five days, a brief but thoroughly enjoyable stay. We hope that this will be but the first of many such visits arranged by the Royal Air Force for C.C.F. cadets.

At present, our former Senior Cadet, S. N. Nicholl, is flying around the United States, taking part in the International Air Exchange scheme, while two other cadets, P. G. Tooze and M. A. Cockerill, have just returned from their gliding camps at which they were both awarded their A and B certificate for gliding.

Finally, our thanks to three younger members of the section, Paxton, Sheather and Matthews, for their work in preparing an exhibition for Founder's Day. Congratulations too to Munson and Paxton on their awards for shooting.

Promotions announced during the term were:

To Sergeant: Brice ND; Clare D.

To Corporal: Cockman MG; Forsythe RA; Jessett RP; Tooze PG.

To Junior Corporal: Rawlins TJ; Sykes IS.

D.W.M.

SCOUTS

34th North Berks

We can look back on a very successful year. The numbers in the two Junior troops reached forty-one and in the Senior troop seventeen.

The main emphasis this term has been on camping, and practice camps were held at Oakley House and at Youlbury. At the latter, at which all seven patrols were camping, three patrols were chosen to represent the Troop in the District Flag Competition. The results of this competition showed how excellent our camping standards are: out of twelve patrols competing we secured the first three places, viz. Beavers, Kingfishers, and Wolves. Beavers put up a good show in the County Flag Competition two weeks later and were awarded fourth place. The patrol was I. Blair, P. M. Annett, M. I. Johnstone, R. J. Polley, P. A. Bosworth, C. J. Lightfoot. A photograph of the patrol accompanies this account. On this occasion we were glad to see the D.C. again, and we wish him a speedy recovery from his serious operation.

Early this term we took part in the St. George's Day parade, carrying the District and the County camping competition Flags in addition to our own Troop Flag. On Field Day we visited Gilwell Park, in Essex, which is in a sense the home of Scouting, and the most important scout training centre. Here we saw much of interest on our conducted tour.

Following last year's successful venture, a Garden Party was again held at Lincombe Lane, Boars Hill, and £47 was raised for troop funds. We are very grateful to Mrs. K. W. Allen for the use of her grounds and to all those parents who supported us so generously. The committee did a grand job.

As usual, Scouts manned the Information Office and distributed the hand-outs on Founder's Day. During the same week the cupboard space in the Hut was augmented to accommodate our growing store of equipment, including the new patrol tent bought this term. During the holidays some of our scouts hope to compete in a Swimming Gala which is to be held in the school pool.

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Early on in the term the Seniors had a venturer incident journey when I. L. M. Carr and V. A. Ramsey passed this test which is on the road to a Queen's Scout Badge. As the journey was a test we had the District Senior Scout Leader with us and were joined by a patrol from the 2nd Abingdon Senior troop for the evening. Incidents included a simulated cliff-face rescue down the front of the Science Block, a river

crossing in which the patrols had to get themselves and their bikes over a stream given poles just too short to span the stream and an exercise in team work involving transporting buckets of water along a string trail which at one point followed a fallen tree trunk fifteen feet above the edge of the mill stream. As usual this proved a most popular evening.

Over the half term week-end three Seniors led by J. R. Poole canoed down the Thames from Cricklade to Abingdon taking only two days to cover the distance. In spite of having to wade for part of the first few miles because the river was too shallow to float the canoes with Scouts in them the boys thoroughly enjoyed themselves and already talk of canoeing to the pool of London next summer.

Field day this term was more in the lines of an endurance test although it did require some map work and careful planning. Patrols were asked to cross as many bridges over the Thames between Oxfordshire and Berkshire as possible in fifteen hours of riding time. The Drake patrol made a splendid attempt — cycling over 100 miles and crossing 14 bridges from Henley to Newbridge.

We tried a new venture this term by combining with the 3rd Abingdon Guide Company for a Barbecue held in the grounds of Whitefield. Although the response from the Guides on this occasion was not as great numerically as we had hoped, a start on combined activity has been made and will we are sure lead to other activity in the future. All concerned certainly enjoyed themselves.

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The climax to our successful season was summer camp, attended this year by 37 scouts, including 6 seniors and Messrs. Lewis and Welch. Our very grateful thanks must go to Wing-commander Sinclair for allowing us to camp in the most picturesque site we have ever had, and for the use of his swimming pool and estate.

The standard of camping was very high and so comparatively little time was taken up with formalities. Each patrol site was however well constructed and some new ideas, such as crazy paving round the fire-place, proved successful.

One of the first activities after pitching camp was the adventure journey, which included rescuing a paratrooper from a tree, saving a person from drowning in the pool (this poor senior scout was in fact saved from drowning in very cold water once every half-hour for three hours), and getting one member of the patrol down a waterfall and through an underground tunnel, keeping him dry all the time!

The following day we had a visit from the Local District Commissioner who reported a "happy and well run camp" while four of the seniors made a seventy mile cycle ride to visit the 3rd Abingdon Guides in camp.

Five of our six patrols went on overnight hikes; one of them, after hiking all day in the rain, was invited to stay the night in Edgeworth



Manor and slept on settees complete with guard dog and blazing log fire!

Three camp fires were held and at the second we were joined by our grocer, Mr. Price, and his family. On Sunday afternoon we were pleased to see many parents and friends and on Tuesday we welcomed Mr. Baker and his family for the day.

Monday was wet! In spite of this most of the day went according to plan and the short concert items which had been written and rehearsed in the afternoon were most amusing when performed in the evening.

The last full day saw camp sports in the afternoon, won by the Beaver patrol, and the final camp fire in the evening when the inter-patrol competition result was given. The winners, by three points, were members of the Owl patrol, under Michael Elliott. Altogether, in spite of some wet weather, a most memorable camp.

J.B./J.S.L./R.P.W.

MUSIC NOTES

This term has seen many of our musicians rise to meet the fairly heavy demands made upon their time and ability with outstanding spirit and success. In singling out the First Orchestra for special mention, I do not wish to belittle the fine achievements of other musicians, but no praise is too high for the tremendous way in which they tackled their work this term — their part in the Orchestral Concert in May, the outdoor Serenade Concert at the Friends of Abingdon Fete, and

above all, the challenge of much of the playing in the Summer Concert, a report of which appears elsewhere. The Second and Third Orchestras (the latter making its debut) also took part in the combined Orchestral Concert in May which gave great pleasure to all who attended.

The Band has also had a busy term, gaining special commendation from the Inspecting Officer for its turnout and performance at the C.C.F. Annual Inspection, and giving an enjoyable outdoor concert at the Headmaster's 'At Home' on Founder's Day. The change from all-Brass to Military and Concert Band has paid off well, and I hope that the increased number of musicians and a good standard of performance with enlarged repertoire are assured for the future. The Concert Band will be busy from the start of the Michaelmas Term preparing for the Christmas Carol Concert.

The Chapel Choir was privileged to travel to Ashbury Parish Church on the 20th June to share with the congregation its worship at Evensong. The Canticles were sung to Walmisley in D minor, and the Anthem was Britten's spirited setting of Jubilate Deo.

The Final Round of the House Music Competition — Instrumental and Vocal Solo Section — was held on the 12th and 13th June, when we were, once again, pleased to have the benefit of Mr. Keating's judgement and advice. This time Reeves House took the lead from Bennett, who were on top after the first two rounds, and went ahead to win the House Music Shield. The Orchestral Cup and the Choirs Cup were gained by Bennett.

Our last Heylyn Room Recital took place on the 30th May and was given by three sixth-formers, Aidan Fairlie, Graham Hallett and Anthony Gibbs. It seemed particularly fitting that they should be invited to give the final Heylyn Recital as each has been associated with School Recitals for some considerable time, and their high standard of playing made this a most memorable evening. Our thanks, too, go to Mrs. Kitching for arranging such an excellent programme.

The programme of Subscription Concerts for the forthcoming season has been fixed and, once again, offers a very wide appeal. Each Concert is given by first-rate artists in their particular fields and I commend them most strongly to all boys, parents, and friends who enjoy good music at first hand played by very fine musicians.

It was with much regret that we learned of Mrs. Fry's motor accident in Turkey whilst on her way to India. We were relieved to know that, after several days in hospital, she was able to be flown back to England to convalesce. Our good wishes go to her for a quick and complete recovery.

We bid farewell to five musicians who have given a tremendous amount of their time and talent to the music of the School, and in particular to the First Orchestra — A. Fairlie, C. Ford, L. Llewellyn, J. Rozier, and R. Thornton. Their outstanding musical ability and service

have made a very real impression and we shall miss them all very much in the future. To them go our warmest thanks and good wishes.

The Associated Board Music Examination results for this term were as follows (numbers refer to the grades):-

Passes: P. Bosworth (I violin) B. Sharpe (I violin); P. Alder (I violin); A. Loudon (I piano); I. Browne (II violin); N. Soffe (III violin); R. Speight (III violin); A. Brown (III piano); J. Goldsworthy (III Trombone); A. Cowley (IV flute); M. Loudon (IV flute); S. Fairlie (V violin); A. Loudon (V clarinet); R. Thornton (VIII violin).

With Credit: D. Lightfoot (II violin); J. Hounam (III violin); D. Hounam (V flute); P. McPhail (V flute); N. Soffe (V piano); C. Rowson (VI organ).

With Distinction: C. Denny (VI viola).

J.G.C.

AFTER THE EXAMINATIONS

To lie around with nothing to do for the last week of term may seem a marvellous prospect when one is in the middle of examinations. But there is no doubt that to be occupied with something a little different from normal School work, but none the less worth while, is a more satisfactory way of spending the last days before the long Summer holidays begin. Perhaps more boys than usual shared this view this year; anyway, the quality of the projects bore witness to the hard work done by members of the Upper Sixth and Fifth Forms.

Founder's Day Music and exhibitions provided employment for many, and the comments of visitors showed that their efforts were appreciated. More opportunities than usual for manual work — such as removing trees from Lacies Court garden, redecorating at Larkhill and Glyndowr, repainting the C.C.F. landrover, helping the Oxford Preservation Trust on Boars Hill — were available this year, and these jobs were mostly done quite admirably. There were fewer boys than last year submitting papers on the results of their own researches, but here again the results were very pleasing.

Prizes were awarded as follows — to B. D. Diffey, for his paper on "Weather Observation and Weather Forecasting"; to T. S. Addison, J. W. B. Dunthorne, R. A. Jackson, for their paper on "The Berks and Wilts Canal"; to R. D. R. Ray, for his "Survey and History of Wantage Parish Church"; and to L. P. Halling, R. H. Moreland, R. H. Roper, M. J. Stilwell, for their excellent redecoration of a dormitory at Larkhill.

In addition to all this, there were the Excursions, which as far as possible were concentrated on Monday, 19th July. A large contingent of the Junior Knowledge Society visited London Airport; the Radio-Biological Laboratories of the Agricultural Research Council provided

a more austere attraction for their seniors. Mr. Manly took a party round the Oxford Colleges (and was fortunate enough to find all the Pembroke silver spread out for stock-taking). The Athenaeum invited members of other senior societies to join forces with it to go up to the West End to see Osborne's play 'Inadmissible Evidence'. And long before the theatre-goers returned some forty of their fellows had left Abingdon to take part in an overnight Initiative Test, which deserves a rather fuller description.

The general idea was to take the whole party out by coach into new country in the Southern Cotswolds, and to drop them in pairs with instructions to rendezvous at Tom Long's Post, a meeting of six roads on the hills above Stroud, where they would find the coach waiting for them next morning.

For the Fifth-formers, the test was to find their way in the dark, using ordnance survey maps. The Sixth-formers, although dropped nearer their objective than the others, knew only roughly where they were and the approximate position of their destination, and had only sketch-maps with them.

The heavy storms affecting most of the country that night obligingly kept their distance until all were safely back in the coach and had been revived with soup and coffee brewed on Mr. Lewis' primus-stove. The party returned to School, exhausted but happy, at about 9.15 a.m. on the Tuesday. A few hours in bed worked wonders — so much so that two of the group were fit enough to play tennis for the School that evening!

Awarding prizes was no easy task. After taking everything into account, including the quality of the written reports, the prizes were given to C. E. I. Day and A. C. Hoddinott (U.VI) and to N. G. Burns and J. B. Lister (V).

H.T.R.

SCHOOL SOCIETIES

THE ATHENAEUM

Among the aims of the Athenaeum is the provision of cultural conviviality which, looking back on the Summer term, would appear to have been achieved. Despite, or perhaps because of, the proximity of exams, the members who attended the outing to Offenbach's uninhibited comic opera, 'Orpheus in the Underworld', at the New Theatre, Oxford, on 23rd June, were able to enjoy an evening of pure entertainment as much as the cast of the Covent Garden Opera Company evidently appreciated the relief from more serious productions!

After the examinations the Society was most hospitably entertained by Mrs. Liversidge, where an agreeably relaxed evening ended the year on a pleasantly informal note.

M.J.H.L.

BRUCE SOCIETY

Despite examinations the survey of Abingdon undertaken by the Society took another step towards completion when M. T. Woodley submitted an excellent summary of the area's physical geography earlier in the term.

On 18th June R. D. R. Ray delivered a masterly talk on the Balearic Islands using a wealth of diagrams and interesting facts.

Although the Society was founded only a year ago, it has certainly provided some of the best lecturers available, and covered a vast number of topics. All credit for success must go to our sponsor, Mr. Booth, whose energy has kept the Society very active. His departure for Canada will certainly be felt by all the members: we wish him the best of luck, and hope he will keep in touch with our activities.

S.N.P.

CLARENDON SOCIETY

This term the Society held two evening meetings and an excursion.

On 25th May we heard Dr. C. E. Ford, F.R.S., speak on 'Sex Determination in Man and Mammals — Recent Developments'. He gave a very clear account of mistakes which can arise in the sex determining X and Y chromosomes of man and other animals and of the physical abnormalities they cause.

On 24th June Mr. E. A. C. Crouch spoke on the 'Genesis of the Elements'. After summarising some ancient beliefs about the formation and constitution of matter he gave us a fascinating outline of the processes by which the elements are now thought to have been formed.

On 20th July the Society visited Culham Laboratory where we enjoyed a glimpse of the methods used in research into nuclear fusion, the power source of the future.

It has been suggested that there is no need for two scientific societies at the School and that the Clarendon Society should join forces with the Scientific Society. Reorganisation along these lines will take place next term under the direction of the new secretary, T. C. Tozer. Our thanks are due to our two sponsors, Mr. Baker and Mr. Talbot, for the help they have given, to Mrs. Talbot for entertaining our visiting speakers and to Mrs. Macklow for the use of the School Shop.

E.C.C.C.

THE ECONOMISTS

The Economists Society has not been very active this term owing to examination commitments, but there have been two very interesting lectures. The first was given by I. Naylor on the British transport system and the problems facing it, and the second, on the Common Market, by Mr. Carey.

Unfortunately we are losing our sponsor, Mr. Carey, this term. His loss will be felt by the whole School, and we are most grateful for the interest and enthusiasm he has shown in helping the Society.

R.D.S.

THE FORUM

The first meeting was held on 7th May when the 'Queen and Country' debate held at the Oxford Union and the renationalisation of steel were discussed. Other topics included the trial in France of Dr. Naessens and the hospital system. At the second meeting, held on 11th June, the timing of examinations occupied the whole meeting. Various

times of the year were discussed at length, and eventually it was decided that November was the most suitable month for exams.

Finally, we must thank our Chairman, P. G. Henderson, and Sponsor, Mr. Willis, for their help and guidance throughout the year.

A.R.W.

THE HISTORIANS

This term's meetings began on 10th May when the actions of the men behind the French Revolution were discussed. R. B. Davis put forward the case for Louis XVI, while T. H. G. Lester represented Robespierre, R. N. Spencer Lafayette and P. A. Bartlett Marat. After hearing each case a lively discussion developed and some members seemed to take sides with almost revolutionary fervour.

At the second meeting on 18th May, we had as our guest speaker Mr. F. J. Lambert, M.A., of New College, Oxford, known to many viewers of ATV 'University Challenge' for his part in the successful Merton team. Mr. Lambert spoke on Spanish history in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. His wealth of knowledge and amusing anecdotes again made a lively evening. Finally, on 14th June, A. R. Williams gave a most explicit survey of the reign of Louis XIV.

We should like to thank Mr. Willis for acting as sponsor this term and Mrs. Macklow for the use of the School Shop. Also we must thank R. H. Roper and L. P. Halling for serving the coffee so efficiently throughout the year.

T.R.M.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

During the course of the term several members have visited the archaeological excavations now in progress at the deserted village of Tullwick, near Grove. Some masonry has been uncovered which it is believed may be the remains of a mediaeval dwelling.

The Founder's Day exhibition proved the main event of the term, and was visited by over seven hundred people. Divided into two sections, this year's exhibition showed some aspects of the career of Sir Winston Churchill, using newspaper reports and recordings of his more famous speeches, and a display of palaeontological and archaeological discoveries from this neighbourhood found by B. K. Langmead and his father, whom we should like to thank for their help. Our gratitude is also due to Dr. Fitzgerald O'Connor for his unending co-operation, and to B. G. Wiggins and M. J. R. Nevill for their valuable assistance.

A.P.F.

JOINT CLUB

In spite of the weather and the heavier than usual examination commitments, we nevertheless succeeded in carrying out a full programme of meetings this term. May 15th saw the whole club on the Lacies Court lawn involved in three simultaneous and theoretically separate games of croquet. Confusion over the rules was no barrier to enjoyment in this excellent prelude to the evening's social.

By way of a contrast, the second meeting on 26th June, took the form of a visit to the Unicorn Theatre, where we saw Euripides' 'The Women of Troy'. Perhaps it was a little hard for some to understand, but nonetheless the evening was very pleasantly spent. A week later, on 2nd July, the Friends of Abingdon Summer Fête brought a few members not involved in examinations back to the same area to operate side shows.

Finally, on 15th July, we embussed for Little Baldon Farm, where a barbecue was held. It proved to be a very pleasant evening in every respect — the weather was kind, the food was outstandingly good, and the farm made a very attractive setting. It was an excellent way to end the year, and we are all most grateful to our hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Barnes, for making this all possible.

At the end of the year, too, we must say a grateful thank you to Mr. Mr. Sewry and Miss Glass. All too often do we fail to appreciate that it is their untiring efforts alone that enable the club to continue and to prosper. P.G.H.

MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY

Owing to the absence of our sponsor, Mr. Tammadge (in America for the latter half of the term), only two meetings were held, both early in the term.

On 4th May, Mr. J. K. Backhouse, of the Oxford University Institute of Education, gave an amusing talk on 'How to lie with statistics'. Mr. Backhouse pinpointed some of the fallacies which can arise from an incorrect use of statistics, but at the same time, in order to be fair to the subject, he hinted at a few correct methods of accurate statistical work.

The second meeting was held on 26th May, when two films were shown. The first, entitled 'Similarities in Wave Behaviour', illustrated the considerable resemblances between different wave systems. The second film, 'The Simson Line', was an animated documentary revealing some beautiful geometrical patterns and properties which it was only possible to discover through animation. T.R.G.

MODERN LANGUAGES SOCIETY

Different examination times and other difficulties made it impossible to arrange the two joint meetings with St. Helen's French Club which had been projected. However, a third meeting was held in Mr. Hasnip's house when we discussed Molière's 'Tartuffe' in preparation for the 'A' level literature paper. The Society would also like to thank Mr. Hasnip for his help with French prose on two other occasions, and Mrs. Hasnip for entertaining us on these evenings. F.H.

THE MOTOR MECHANICS

The Society has at last emerged this term after a long 'embryo' period as the Motor Car Club. The Motor Mechanics have been able to move into the shed erected last term by the Building Club, where we hope next term to begin work on a suitable old car which we could restore and sell for profit. This term several members have utilised the facilities to work on their own motor-bikes and we hope that the enthusiasm shown here will be successfully channelled into a common project in the future. Besides these general activities we had two excellent film shows this term.

The Society thanks Mr. Owen for his excellent sponsorship and guidance through a difficult stage in the Society's career. C.E.I.D.

ROYSSÉ SOCIETY

The only full length paper of this term was read by R. B. Davis at the first meeting on Wednesday, 12th May. Despite its mysterious title, 'Bature Koma Gida', which when translated means 'White Man Go

Home', the paper gave a clear and extensive survey of racial problems with particular reference to South Africa and the United States of America. Widely differing points of view were expressed during the ensuing discussion, perhaps the only generally acceptable conclusion reached being that such problems seem to outsiders far easier to solve than they are in reality.

On Friday, 28th May, the Headmaster very kindly invited the members of the Society to a performance of Aristophanes' 'The Parliament of Women' at the Oxford Playhouse. This play, performed in a very modern translation, was anything but esoteric and proved extremely amusing if not particularly edifying. A most entertaining evening was concluded by supper in the School House prepared by the resident prefects. At this meeting the Society welcomed the arrival of three new members, P. V. Bosley, S. J. Baker, and T. R. Giddings.

The final meeting of the term was held on 30th June. In place of the usual single long paper, six short five-minute essays were read as an experiment. Now that examination commitments are so pressing it is practically impossible to find one person with the time necessary for preparing a lengthy paper in the latter half of the summer term. The general theme chosen was 'Homage to Greatness', each of the six contributors selecting an outstanding man and attempting to explain how and why their choice was eligible for the title of 'great'. Those chosen varied widely, there being no obvious common factor between them other than their claim to fame. The details of the readers and their subjects are: C. W. F. M. Cox on 'Oscar Wilde', P. V. Bosley on 'Niels Bohr', V. A. Marsh on 'Lenin', M. J. H. Liversidge on 'Marc Chagall', J. R. Jennings on 'Charles Waterton' and P. A. Sugg on 'Lord Marks'. Each paper was discussed separately and, while this method proved interesting by focussing attention on detail, there was little general consideration of the nature of greatness. Perhaps this is an indication of the interest aroused by the papers, as was the general feeling of disappointment when discussion had to be terminated.

Once again the Society wishes to thank the Headmaster and his family for their generous hospitality which has done so much to create the pleasant atmosphere essential for lively discussion. J.R.J.

SAILING CLUB

This term has been most active at home and away. The first of two matches was held at Radley on 22nd May. In a triangular event against Radley College and Charterhouse the club scored four first places, three seconds and a third, handsomely winning the match. The second match was held away against the Naval College at Wokingham: in the first of two races we obtained first, third and fifth places in single handed boats, taking first, fourth and fifth positions in the second to win the match.

At home one of our two boats was unfortunately out of use because of a mast blockage, but the second boat was used actively, mostly after the exams. M.C.C.H.

ST. EDMUND SOCIETY

It was intended that all three meetings this term should be held jointly with St. Helen's, but unfortunately this did not prove possible.

At the first meeting, on 2nd June, the film 'School for Sinners' was shown. It set out to show the varied work of the clergy in the modern world, and pointed out the responsibilities of individual Christians within their parishes. The second meeting was held on 17th June, when Rev. S. Birtwell spoke on 'Some modern trends in the Anglican Church'.

His talk was all the more convincing as a result of his references to Kilvert's Diary on Church life a century ago.

More young blood, B. M. Johnston and R. A. Egelstaff, has been introduced into the committee to replace P. N. Atkins and P. J. Snowley, who is succeeded as Secretary by J. R. Poole.

P.J.S.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

The Society met three times this term, and although attendances have not been as high as usual the members who came have shown great enthusiasm.

At the first meeting P. J. Snowley read a paper on 'Thunderstorms'. Through his painstaking research the speaker was able to give a clear and simple account of this very complicated subject.

The second meeting took the form of a paper on 'The Brain' read by C. W. F. M. Cox. The study of the brain is still in its infancy, and many of the questions asked had no simple answer.

For the final meeting of the term three films, 'An approach to the electron', 'The Bessemer Converter' and 'Making open hearth steel', were shown.

The Society would like to extend their thanks to Mr. Gray for his continued sponsorship.

C.W.F.M.C.

THE SYMPOSIUM

This term the Society held only two meetings, but both of them proved very successful.

On 14th May M. H. Hampton read a paper entitled 'What's wrong with the hospitals', in which the abuses in our hospital system, particularly the deficiencies in mental care, were attacked. At the second meeting, on 1st June, a new secretary was elected. Afterwards D. W. Tanner read a paper on 'Prisons' in which he pointed out the difficulties faced by British prisons and suggested solutions: it was generally agreed that reform was restricted by shortage of funds.

Lastly, we should like to thank our sponsor, Mr. Hillary, for his guidance during the term.

D.G.H.

TAPE RECORDING SOCIETY

The Society has been somewhat subdued in activity this term. A nucleus of members has, however, made good use of the Studio — a room which on many occasions has proved quite invaluable.

A small party paid a visit to the B.B.C. Television Centre half way through the term, and found the tour of recording studios most interesting. Later in the term, an evening meeting was held at which Mr. Stanton-King presented several tapes of his own composition, including "Sink Symphony" — the winning entry of this year's Amateur Tape Recording Competition.

Some work has been done on the Studio during the term, with the result that it is now a more comfortable and convenient room in which to work. As in previous terms, recordings have been made of major events on the musical side of the School, such as the founder's Day Concert. It is regrettable that at the moment only such musical activities attract the attention of the Society. Other fields of recording, such as the internal competition held during the term, receive all too little response.

A.W.W.

T.J.H.

TURNOR SOCIETY

Owing to the counter attractions of the Summer Term, only one meeting was held but this, on 18th June, was a popular one. Mr. Michael Blythe (O.A.), recently returned from Australia, entertained us with a lively account of his many sided career in that country. We enjoyed his anecdotes and came away with an impression of Australia which we felt was a great deal closer to the real thing than the picture we gain from the newspapers and advertisements.

It is hoped that a full programme next term will attract many more members — this past year has seen the Society somewhat in the doldrums as far as membership is concerned! D.G.S.H.

O.A. NOTES

BIRTHS

BANFIELD. On 11th June, 1965, to Jennifer, wife of David L. Banfield (1953), a daughter, Nicola Jane, sister for Lesley and Martin.

CLEWLEY. On 8th July, 1965, to Audrey, wife of Rodney Clewley (1954), a son, Ian Peter.

CULLEN. On 26th June, 1965, to Tove, wife of Jeremy Cullen (1950), a daughter, Anna Sophie, sister for Francesca and Alexander.

HOWARD. On 17th November, 1964, at B.M.H., Singapore, to Helen, wife of Fl/Lt. John Howard (1956), a son, Jonathan.

STOPPS. On 25th April, 1965, to Dorothy, wife of Colin Stopps (1951), a son, Richard Edward.

WESTALL. On 14th July, 1965, to Angela, wife of John Westall (1953), a daughter, Joanna.

WIGGINS. On 28th May, 1965, in New York, to Jennifer (née Pulley), wife of Colin S. Wiggins (1953), a third son, Christopher John.

MARRIAGES

BARNETT-WEIGAND. On 23rd July, 1965, in Hamburg, John Barnett (1957), to Gisela Weigand.

BROAD-PHILLIPS. On 3rd July, 1965, at St. Helen's Church, Abingdon, William C. Broad (1957) to Maureen A. Phillips.

CULLEY-CROSBY. On 17th July, 1965, at Sutton Courtenay Parish Church, Michael B. Culley (1956) to Tessa Crosby.

EVANS-CHANDLER. On 24th July, 1965, at All Saints' Church, Sutton Courtenay, Thomas Eldon Rowe Evans (1959) to Susan Chandler of Diss Norfolk.

GARDNER-GRIFFITHS. On 4th September, 1965, at St. Helen's Church, Abingdon, Barry Paul Gardner (1958) to Anne Griffiths.

HAYNES-BURDEN. On 31st July, 1965, at Holy Apostles' Church Cheltenham, Darrel W. Haynes (1959) to Lesley Burden.

KEEP-WEBB. On 18th May, 1965, at St. Michael's Church, Abingdon Roger W. Keep (1958) to Sandra Webb.

LEWIS-GREEN. On 4th September, 1965, at St. Mary's Church, Chisbury, Barry M. J. Lewis (1959) to Julia Green.

STEVENS-CARTER. On 10th July, 1965, at St. Helen's Church Abingdon, Martin H. Stevens (1961), to Patricia Carter.

WINKETT-ROFFEY. On 31st July, 1965, at St. Leonard's Church Bulford, Wilts, Bryan Winkett (1957), to Cecilia Marquerite Roffey

DEATHS

DICKER. On 18th June, 1965, at Abergele, Denbighshire, Michael Charles Brian Dicker (1950-54), aged 27.

MILDENHALL. On 12th August, 1965, in the Radcliffe Infirmary after a road accident, Peter Ronald Mildenhall (1955-62), aged 21

MOBBS. On 4th July, 1965, in Malaya, John Mark Mobbs (1949-57) aged 26; only son of Jack B. E. Mobbs (1922-29).

It is truly grievous to have to record at one time the deaths of three young Old Boys, all as the result of accidents on the road, when they were beginning to make their mark in various spheres.

Michael Dicker was at the School with his brother Clive and had been for some years with the firm of John Dickinson. Last year he was promoted to be the firm's representative in North Wales and it was near his home in Abergele that he received fatal injuries in collision with a motor-coach. He was married three years ago and leaves a widow and four months old daughter.

Peter Mildenhall left School from the Science Sixth Form to become a Student Apprentice in the Research and Development Laboratories at Pressed Steel Co. Cowley. He had completed three years of his apprenticeship and three days after his death news was received that he had passed the Higher National Certificate in Metallurgy. He was a keen member of the Abingdon Squadron A.T.C. and had gained a solo gliding certificate. He sustained injuries, which proved fatal, when his motor cycle collided with a lorry at a danger-spot in Appleford.

John Mobbs was Head of Dayboys during his last year at School, and after a short period in the Army he joined a plantation firm in Malaya. He enjoyed the life there to the full and made quite a name for himself in rallies and racing. It is tragic that his absorbing love of cars and their skilful handling should have caused his untimely death, which occurred in a road race as he tried unselfishly to avoid a fellow competitor.

To the parents and families of these three we extend our deep sympathy in their grievous loss.

Many Old Boys who were at the School 20 years ago and earlier will hear with regret of the death of 'Sarge' A. E. Eyre, late Sergt. Major Royal Berkshire Regt. For many years he took P.T. on the gravel every morning as well as assisting with the O.T.C. training. His soldierly bearing was an example to all, and his pungent witticisms a joy to remember. For some years he was landlord of the Railway Inn before he and Mrs. Eyre retired to settle at Brixham. He died in Torbay Hospital on 3rd August after an operation.

Jim McPherson (1933) after 19 years service with the Iraq Petroleum Co. has reached the senior position of Head of Finance in all the company's operations in Lebanon, including the oil terminal at Tripoli which exports 16 million tons a year.

Another to reach the top grade in his profession is Kenneth Walker (1942) who has been appointed Secretary to the High Wycombe and District Hospital Management Committee. This controls Hospitals in Amersham, Marlow, Chesham and Gerrards Cross, as well as High Wycombe.

Rev. David Wheaton (1948) was heard on BBC on 4th July in the Week's Good Cause, appealing for the Restoration Fund of his 12th century church at Ludgershall, near Aylesbury.

Tom Aitchison (1958) has been seconded from general service in Customs and Excise to work as Computer Programmer at the Departmental Automatic Data Processing Unit at Southend.

Bryan Winkett (1957) recently married, is Private Secretary to William Rodgers, Parliamentary Under-Secretary to the Dept. of Economic Affairs.

Peter Millard (1953) has accepted a post with the Westminster Bank, High Wycombe, having left the family business in Basingstoke.

We offer hearty congratulations on First Class Hons. in Finals to Tony Martin (1962), Jesus College, Cambridge, in Law; to Terence Libby (1961), St. Andrew's, in History and Economics; and to Peter Rainey (1962), Southampton, in Engineering.

Tony Martin, in addition to being granted the status of Open Scholar was also awarded the Russell Vick Prize for his performance in the Final Law Tripos. He is reading for his Solicitor's Finals at the School of Law, Guildford.

Robert J. S. Walker (1961), who gained his B.Sc. Electrical Engineering at Queen's University, Belfast, is doing a research course in Automatic Control.

Other recent graduates are Richard Bampton and Paul Hedges (1962) both Agriculture at Pembroke, Oxford; Derek Hoddinott

(1962), Civil Engineering, and John Friend and Derek Cook (1959), Mechanical Engineering at Southampton; and David Weir (1962), English, at Fitzwilliam House, Cambridge. David has now left for India to do a year's Voluntary Service Overseas. He will be teaching English and Drama, not to mention tennis and hockey, at Hyderabad Public School, Begumpot, Hyderabad 6.

David Dunkley (1956), is now a Classics master at Perse School, Cambridge.

Michael Culley (1956), whom we congratulate on his recent marriage — at which Frank Jeal (1956) acted as best man — holds a Research Fellowship in Marine Biology at Portsmouth C.A.T.

David Morris (1959) has been called to the Bar at Lincoln's Inn.

Roy Burton (1960) and Alan Thistlewood (1958) have passed the Final Exam of the Inst. of Chartered Accountants. The latter is now working in London with the firm of Champness, Corderoy Busby & Co.

John Barnett (1957) is attached to St. Matthew's Church, Fulham, as a London City Missionary.

Trevor Henson (1960) has passed the Diploma Exam in Electrical Engineering at Bradford C.A.T. but still has two more years to do with Brook Electric Motors of Huddersfield on a Management Training Course.

His brother Malcolm (1961) is a permanent Cashier with Butlins at Filey Camp.

Clifford Carter (1963), having passed the first exam of the Chartered Auctioneers Inst. has joined the Reading firm of Martin and Pole as a chief assistant to run the Pangbourne branch.

Stephen Norris (1957), another C.A.I., is with Healey and Baker in London. He is Chairman of the Wessex Area Young Conservatives.

Clive Evans (1961), gained 2nd Class Hons. in Hotel Management at Battersea C.A.T., and has joined the staff of the Royal Garden Hotel, Kensington.

Christopher Gosling (1961), having completed the course at the Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester, and married in July, has left with his wife for U.S.A.

John Knight (1958) who gained his Diploma in Architecture at Regent Street, Polytechnic, took six senior students to Syria and Lebanon to survey and film the military architecture of the 11th and 12th century Crusaders.

Christopher Winfield (1963), of St. John's College, Oxford, has been spending the Long Vac working in the Medical School Laboratories at Dallas, Texas.

Andrew Oxley (1962), B.Sc. Econ. at L.S.E., is now a Graduate Apprentice with the United Steel Co. at Sheffield. After a year's general training he hopes to join the Data Processing Dept.

Christopher Webb (1961) has been accepted as a trainee Manager by Unilever — one of five successful out of thousands of applicants.

Michael Blythe (1959), having decided not to return to Australia yet, has become an instructor at the Outward Bound School, Devon.

As we go to press we hear that Steven Nicholl (1965) has been awarded an R.A.F. University Scholarship, so he will be commissioned as Pilot-Officer before going up to Pembroke in October.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1965

The Annual General Meeting of the Club was held in the Gymnasium at 6.30 p.m. on Friday, 23rd July, 1965. The President, Mr. Duncan West took the chair, and twenty-six members were present. Apologies were received from H. Insley-Fox, J. M. Iredale, L. P. Mosdell, Sir George Sinclair, and Cmdr. T. T. Theophilus.

1. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

2. The Secretary reported that as a full year had not elapsed since the last A.G.M., due to changes in the Club's programme, there was less than usual to report. Sixteen new members had been elected to the Club. The Annual Dinner held in November had been a most successful function, as had the London Dinner in March, held once more in the House of Commons.

3. The Sports Secretary reported upon a longer period, as there had been no report from him at the previous meeting. Some exciting and close-fought fixtures were reported, including the Club's victory in the 1964 cricket match, with the result being undecided until the last ball of the match. This was the only defeat of the season for the school. The members present were again asked to support the Club in its sporting activities, and to apply to the appropriate Sports Secretary in good time for inclusion in the teams.

4. The Treasurer's report gave a statement of accounts as at 31st March, 1965. The main points were —

Income for the year	£475	5	11
Excess of income over expenditure	£135	11	6
Total assets	£1218	17	6

With thanks to the Treasurer and Auditors, the report was adopted. The statement of accounts, and balance sheets are appended in the minute book.

5. Under Any Other Business, these were the main items discussed —

The Headmaster commented on the unfortunate weather which had marred the first O.A. Day under the 'Bury System'.

The Secretary of the Appeal Fund reported on the good progress of the Fund, which now stood at £62,000 and very near to the target. The school would continue to be grateful for any further contributions. The President thanked Mr. Hillary for his work in connection with the Appeal, and added his hope that the target would be comfortably exceeded in due course.

Mr. R. E. Eason said that he had a proposition to make, and as it concerned the Headmaster, he asked if the Headmaster would be kind enough to withdraw from the meeting. After eighteen years selfless devotion to the school, the Headmaster was shortly to vacate School House. It was felt that this was the appropriate moment to reassure the Headmaster of the Club's confidence in him, and in the future of the school, by offering a tangible token of the debt owed to him. It was proposed that the Club should make arrangements to have painted the Headmaster's portrait, to be hung in the new dining hall, and that the meeting should appoint a committee to commission an artist, and to arrange to collect the necessary funds from Old Abingdonians. The proposal was seconded by W. M. Isbister, and agreed unanimously. A committee was duly elected to arrange the matter, and the names put forward were those of the President, the Secretary, R. E. Eason, J. H. Hooke, S. D. Plummer and S. A. Fabes. The Headmaster was invited to rejoin the meeting, and the President informed him of the resolution which had been passed. The Headmaster thanked the Club for the great honour paid to him, and expressed his very humble gratitude.

Various suggestions were made by members to alter the prices charged for tickets for the Annual Dinner of the Club. After some discussion, it was proposed from the chair, that the whole question should be examined, and any necessary action taken by the Committee. This was agreed by the meeting.

There being no other business, the President thanked the Officers of the Club and the Headmaster, and declared the meeting closed.

O.A. CLUB NOTES

The first Old Boys' Day held under the new system on the Friday preceeding Founder's Day was unfortunately marred by a very wet day. All play in the Cricket and Tennis matches was cancelled, and there were consequently very few Old Boys at the School.

The Annual General Meeting was held at 6.30 p.m. in the Gymnasium and the minutes are appended.

The Annual Dinner which followed, was generally voted a great success, being held in the School Court Room. The younger Old Boys were again well represented, and 108 members and guests sat down to dinner. The President took the chair, and the Club was pleased to welcome the Mayor of Abingdon, Councillor P. Lambert. Several Governors were among the guests.

The President, Duncan West, proposed the health of the School, and announced the resolution passed at the A.G.M. that the Club should commission an artist to paint a portrait of the Headmaster, to be hung in the new Dining Hall. The Headmaster in his reply, expressed his gratitude to the Club and reported upon the present healthy state of the School. The proceedings were brought to a close with some well-chosen words by the Head of Boarders, P. B. Godfrey. Hearty thanks are due to Mrs. Blake and Mrs. Talbot, who at very short notice produced some beautiful flower arrangements for the tables.

Happily, the weather improved on Founders Day, and the Cricket and Tennis Matches were begun. The 1st XI match was drawn, with the School scoring 169 for 7, and the O.A.s 162 for 8. The School 2nd XI played a good game to beat the Club by 4 wickets. All was not lost however, and the O.A. Tennis VI scored a victory over the School by 5 games to 4. Fuller reports of these matches appear elsewhere in this issue.

We give advance notice that the 1st XV Rugger Match will be played on Saturday, 27th November, on Waste Court Field at 2.30 p.m. This will be followed by the Annual Dance in the Guildhall at 8.30 p.m. until midnight. Tickets for the Dance will shortly be obtainable from the Secretary at 20/- each.

Investigations are in progress regarding the presentation to the Headmaster and as soon as practicable a note will be sent to all members giving details. The Committee proposes to limit individual subscriptions to a very small amount and hopes that in due course the list of subscribers will contain the names of a very large number of the members.

SUMMARY OF FIXTURES

RUGBY FOOTBALL

FIRST FIFTEEN

September

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| Thur. 23 | v. | Oxford R.F.C. Thursday XV (h). |
| Sat. 25 | v. | Saracens Schools 'A' XV (h). |

October

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| Sat. 2 | v. | St. Bartholomew's, Newbury (a). |
| Thur. 7 | v. | Berkhamsted School (a). |
| Sat. 16 | v. | Solihull School (a). |
| Wed. 20 | v. | Leighton Park School (a). |
| Sat. 23 | v. | Pembroke College (h). |
| Wed. 27 | v. | Magdalen College School (h). |

November

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| Sat. 6 | v. | Pangbourne Nautical College (a). |
| Sat. 13 | v. | R.G.S., High Wycombe (a). |
| Sat. 20 | v. | Bloxham School (h). |

- Wed. 24 v. Southfield School (h).
 Sat. 27 v. Old Abingdonians (h).
December
 Sat. 4 v. Dauntsey's School (a).

ATHLETICS — CROSS COUNTRY

- October*
 Sat. 2 v. Westminster College (a).
 Sat. 16 v. King Alfred's School, Wantage (h).
 Wed. 27 v. The Queen's College, Oxford (h).
November
 Wed. 3 v. Culham College (a).
 Wed. 17 v. R.G.S., High Wycombe (h).
 Sat. 20 v. St. Bartholomew's School, Newbury (h).
December
 Wed. 15 — Inter-House Races.

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The only parties who can welcome an increase in the rate of Income Tax are the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Treasurers of Charities which can reclaim the Income Tax paid on Covenanted Subscriptions. We are therefore more than usually grateful to G. A. H. Bosley, Sydney Cullen and J. A. Garner for renewing their Covenants and to A. J. Walters for taking out a new one. May I also beg those who find O.A.T.F. slips enclosed with their magazines to return them to me before they forget them.

A summary of the Accounts for the past year is appended, and as usual we are most grateful to Rowland Snell for arranging the audit.

Cash Account for year ended 31st March, 1965

<i>Receipts</i>				£	s.	d.
Balances in hand, 1st April, 1964	...	...		86	12	7
Subscriptions and Donations	...	...		259	1	0
Trustee Savings Bank Interest	...	...		10	0	
				£346	3	7
<i>Payments</i>						
School Magazine Expenses	...	...		59	12	0
Advance to Boat House Appeal	...	...		36	15	0
Printing, postages and stationery	...	...		13	9	4
Stamps on Covenant Forms	...	...			9	4
Bank Charges	...	...		4	14	6
Balances in hand, 31st March, 1965	...	...		231	3	5
				£346	3	7

G. F. Duxbury, Hon. Treas.

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The Secretaries addresses are:

Club Secretary: R. R. Bailey, 10 Whites Lane, Radley, Abingdon (Abingdon 1097); or 6 Bath Street, Abingdon (Abingdon 266).

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

Sports Secretary (Cricket, Hockey): P. J. Millard, 52 Barronsmead Road, High Wycombe, Bucks.

Masonic Lodge Secretary: J. A. D. Cox, 51 Northcourt Road, Abingdon (Abingdon 449).

Congratulations to Roger and Christopher Wharton who (this time!) emerged unscathed from a bomb incident in Aden which occurred as they were boarding their aeroplane on 17th September. It's always safer to come back to School on the right day . . .

Congratulations also to John Burbank (1964) who proceeds to Bristol University in October, on his rescue of an elderly man from the River Thames at Oxford on 31st August.



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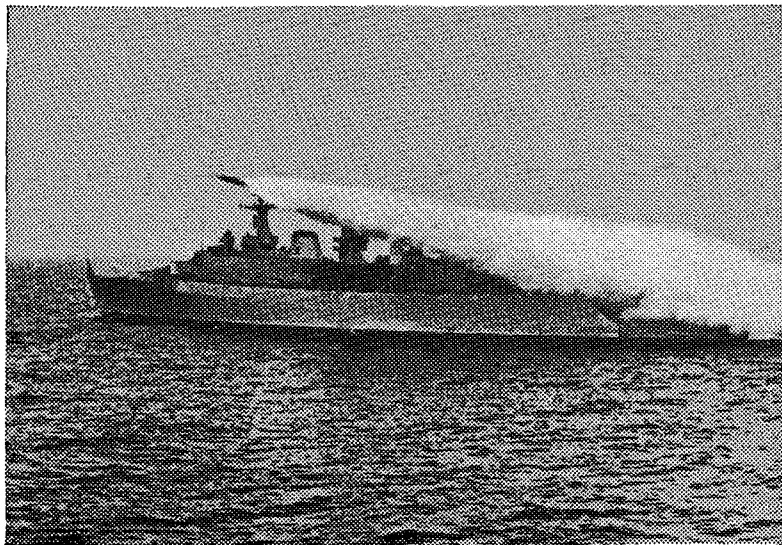
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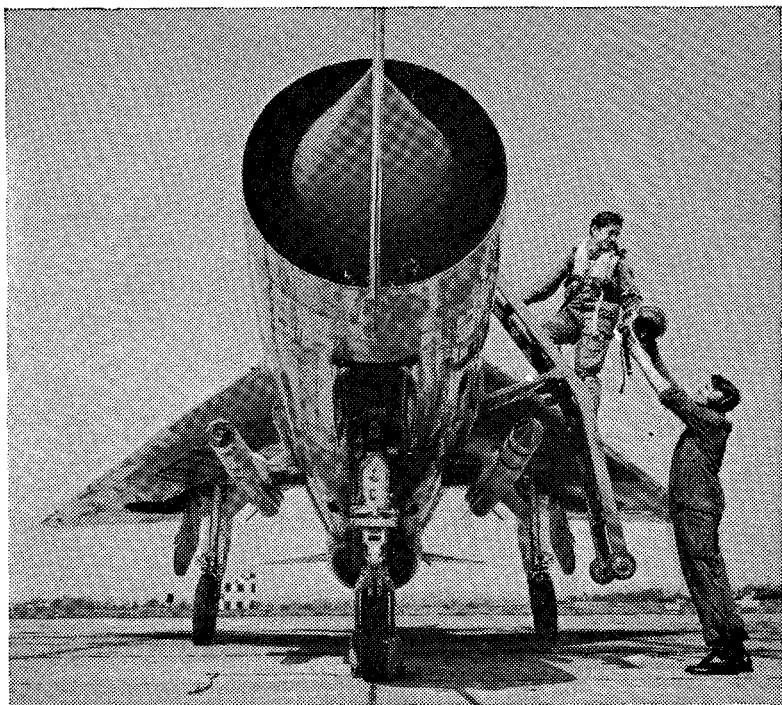
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