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January 1966

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## EDITORIAL

When Mr. Harold Macmillan first spoke of the 'wind of change' to describe the momentous happenings in modern Africa, he coined a phrase that has since become applicable to almost every aspect of English life. In education indeed changes far greater than any before—if we except the Education Act of 1870—seem only just round the corner. The great debate for and against the comprehensive system has so quickened that it now seems inevitable that a vast change of educational principle is likely to be generally accepted throughout the country.

We at Abingdon have to fit into the new pattern of things and for this we are in some ways peculiarly well suited. Always and naturally conscious of our historic past and proud of our traditions in work and play, we have at the same time maintained for a great number of years a highly sensitive and practical communication with the modern world. Foremost among our progressive moves we would cite our early encouragement of science in the immediate post-war years (our Science Block, for example, preceded the imaginative Industrial Fund scheme which equipped so many other schools); our gradual introduction since the founding of the Joint Club in 1948 of greater freedom and, we hope, responsibility among our senior boys; the pioneer use of TV in 1957; and our present full participation in the Schools Mathematics Project. In addition to this, our Direct Grant status has enabled us to play a very considerable part in the national system of education while it is no false pride which makes us claim a special place in local eyes as 'the Grammar School'—indeed many of the older townfolk continue to refer to us with affection as 'Roysses'. In all this we are conscious of being fairly broadly based. An identical concept has been deliberately followed—and in this all Direct Grant schools are of course the same—

in our recruitment of pupils. We draw our boys from widely various backgrounds—a social cross-section in fact—and from widely dispersed areas, at times of quite international flavour. The diversity of achievement, interest and activity to be found among Abingdon boys—as witness last term's five Oxbridge awards and the evidence of this magazine's pages—is due in part to the growth of the Sixth Form to over 200 in number and yet withal we have not grown so large as to lose that individual character, based as we are not afraid to admit on religion and responsibility, which has been built up and adapted over hundreds of years.

All this—the Abingdon we know and appreciate—has somehow to be fitted into the new concept. This may not be in itself a bad thing—and as a school sensitive to the needs of progress and change we recognise the fact providing it is remembered that, in any change, there should be no sacrifice of quality or basic freedom. Certain things we suggest are fundamentally basic to good education and of these the maintenance of academic standards is one of the most important and for this some degree of academic selection is surely inevitable. It is not sufficient that we should all be given the chance to go through the motions — it is essential that those of us who are able to do so should be educated in the best possible circumstances that our abilities warrant. Again certain things are we feel basic to individual freedom. A man must be able to do as he wishes with his own and this means surely that some degree of parental choice must be permitted in education. Here it is not enough that schools should provide good academic and athletic programmes as if this were all that mattered. Opportunities must exist for the parent who wishes to educate his son in a particular faith, or at his old school, or as a boarder, or wherever he can learn Hebrew or be taught rugby football instead of association.

It is on these two points that so much depends in the future. Abingdon, organized already on socially comprehensive lines, faces the challenge of the future convinced of the need for both some measure of parental option and the maintenance of high quality academic standards. Any readjustment ought surely to take these factors into very careful consideration.

### SCHOOL NOTES

We congratulate Mr. J. E. J. Francis on his election as a County Alderman.

We welcome to the Governing Body, to succeed Professor Cormack as representative of the University of Reading, Professor George Lehmann, D.Phil., Dean of the Faculty of Letters of the University.

All sections of the School were represented at the Memorial Service for Mrs. Dorothy Morland, which was held in St. Michael's Church on 27th September. The School Choir led the singing.

Last term we bade farewell to Mr. Booth as he left us for British Columbia. Now Mr. Montague too has felt the call of the Commonwealth. He flew out just after Christmas, with his family, to take up an appointment at Brisbane Grammar School. The presentations that were made to him at the end of term showed how much the School appreciated all that he had done since he came to us, straight from Cambridge, in 1958. Mr. Montague will be remembered as a forceful teacher of History and Economics, a stimulating and kindly junior form-master, an energetic coach in various forms of sport. Yet somehow he found time to act as churchwarden and choirmaster in his own village of Steventon. To Mr. and Mrs. Montague and to their family we offer our warmest good wishes in their new life.

In the place of Mr. Montague we shall welcome Mr. Irwin M. Herrmann, a graduate of Dartmouth (U.S.A.), who subsequently studied Advanced Economics at St. Catherine's College, Oxford.

Mr. and Mrs. Emms, now of Rugby, still have many friends in Abingdon who will rejoice to hear of the arrival of their third daughter, Judith Anne (25th September).

We congratulate Mr. J. V. Tyson on his engagement to Miss Nigella Sewry, and we wish Miss Winship well on her engagement to Major Paul Elrington. It is interesting—and we hope not improper—to note that within the last ten years three of the Headmaster's secretaries have married members of the staff, three of them serving soldiers. We hope they were all warned on appointment of the occupational hazards . . .

Our sympathy goes to Mr. Hugh Fowler in his bereavement. We were sorry too to hear of the death of the Rev. J. V. Pixell, late Vicar of Radley, a warm friend and a generous benefactor of the School.

We are deeply grateful to two 'outsiders' who have come along to help us this term. Mrs. Duffield very kindly followed up her talk to the History Society by inaugurating a voluntary class in archaeology for the joint benefit of selected sixth-formers from Abingdon and from St. Helen's School. This class, which is held after school hours on Tuesday, has proved amazingly successful. And Mrs. Duffield has added to her kindness by offering to present a prize each year for local history. Then Mr. C. H. Smee, a young economist trained at the London School of Economics and in the U.S.A., has been getting a little net-practice, by teaching some economics for us, prior to taking up an appointment with the British Council in West Africa. To both—our warm thanks.

In the forthcoming term we shall welcome three student masters, Mr. C. J. Lewthwaite, of Brasenose College (Physics and Maths) and Mr. C. J. Solomon, of Corpus Christ College (History and English), both from the Oxford University Department of Education, and Mr. P. G. Routledge, of Reading University (German).

This term we are happy to record, with deep gratitude, some unusually generous gifts to the School. Two sets of American parents who had sons with us last year—Dr. and Mrs. Bernstein (California) and Dr. and Mrs. Ferguson (Canada)—have given between them close on fifty pounds which is being spent on more pictures for the walls. Mr. P. L. Howard, O.A., a former Abingdon Scholar of Pembroke, has crowned a long list of benefactions by presenting a complete set of the Dictionary of National Biography (nearly a hundred pounds' worth) to the Grundy Library. In the Jekyll Garden are four handsome teak seats, one presented by the Misses Morland in memory of their mother, the other three by Mr. and Mrs. Mobbs in memory of their son. We owe to Mr. Hugh Fowler a valuable collection of music books for the Library; to Miss Dennis, of Tunbridge Wells, a handsome mahogany book-case; and to Mr. F. D. Bushell, of the Radiobiological Research Unit, much electronic equipment. To all, our warm thanks.

We are especially grateful to Mrs. Georgina Galbraith for her courtesy in sending us a copy of the 'Journal of the Rev. William Bayshaw Stevens', which she has just edited for the Clarendon Press. Mr. Stevens, an Old Boy of this School, was Headmaster of Repton towards the end of the eighteenth century, and his diary makes extremely interesting reading.

On the matter of literature, we have been edified by the series of articles on 'The New Look in Mathematics', by Mr. Tyson, published in the Teachers' World, amused (and mildly scandalised) by Greville's reference to H.M. and eldest daughter in a recent issue of the *Daily Mail*. One suspects the hidden hand of Michael Bateman (O.A.).

During the past term we have welcomed to the School two visitors from the Antipodes—Mr. Marsh, a schoolmaster from Perjarra, Western Australia, working in England on exchange (10th November), and Mr. M. A. Bull, formerly Headmaster of Timaru High School, New Zealand (30th November).

We draw our second stream of entry from a very wide range of preparatory schools. Possibly the one that has sent us most boys in recent years is Holme Grange, Wokingham. To cement our connection, the Headmaster, Mr. John Graves, M.A., B.Litt., has generously agreed to give a supplementary award to any of his own boys who wins a foundation scholarship or exhibition to Abingdon. These awards will be known as the Abingdon-Holme Grange Scholarships (or Exhibitions). Now that these arrangements have been approved by our own Governors we can say how grateful we are to Mr. Graves, and we can congratulate the first beneficiaries, C. J. Nicholl and C. McL. King, who won their Abingdon awards this year.

At the beginning of the Michaelmas Term the number of boys on the School Roll was 604, of whom 194 were boarders. The Sixth Form accounted for practically one-third of the School, being 196 in number.

So far we have secured ten vacancies at Oxford and Cambridge for October 1966, including no less than five awards—our highest total since that *annus mirabilis* 1956. Congratulations to S. J. Denny (Exhibition in Modern Languages at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge): P. H. Fletcher (Postmastership in Classics at Merton College, Oxford): C. M. N. Jamieson (the Abingdon Scholarship, in Medicine, at Pembroke College, Oxford): T. C. Tozer (Scholarship in Engineering at Clare College, Cambridge): and M. F. Wells (Scholarship in Mathematics at St. Catherine's College, Oxford).

And congratulations also, from a distance, to S. A. G. Janisch, formerly of Abingdon, now of King's School, Chester, on the award of an Exhibition in Modern Languages at St. Catharine's College, Cambridge.

This year the Governors were able to award two Sixth Form Scholarships. We congratulate M. A. Cockerill and M. J. Heading, who will hold the Bennett and the Blacknall Scholarships respectively.

The Parents' Evening for the parents of all new boys was held this term in the Court Room on Thursday, 14th October. The programme concluded with a showing of the latest school film 'Letters from America' (which incidentally was taken across the Atlantic during the summer holidays so that it could be seen by some of our friends who had helped in its production).

The Court Room provided also the venue (and a surprisingly attractive one) for the Prize Giving on 23rd September, of which more on a later page.

Saturday Evening Entertainments this term have been as follows:

25th October—Mr. Guy Butler on "Olympic Athletics in Tokyo" (with film).

2nd October—Mr. Harold Evetts on "Hedgehogs and Badgers".

23rd October—Mr. George Spenceley on "Lapland Journeys" (with slides).

13th November—Mr. Tony Smythe on "A Visit to Russia" (with slides).

—and the following feature films: "The Caine Mutiny"; "Our Man in Havana"; "The Rebel"; and "Twelve Angry Men".

On 27th September the Fleet Air Arm Presentation Team visited the School to give a demonstration; and on 7th October we welcomed our R.A.F. Liaison Officer, S/Ldr. A. H. P. Cornish. A few days later Mr. Eason began his formidable programme of practice interviews for our university candidates.

We were glad to offer our Chapel to the local Branch of Toc H for its service on 4th November.

On Friday, 15th October, a number of boys and masters attended the customary celebration in St. Nicolas' Church to mark the birthday of John Blacknall.

As usual, we played a prominent part in the Parade on Remembrance Sunday (14th November). With the disappearance of Commonwealth Youth Sunday this is the one occasion in the year when our uniformed contingents can identify themselves with the town, and neither the numbers on parade nor the standard of the turn-out can ever have been higher than they were this year.

Entertainments outside the School which we have attended include: a lecture by Professor Colin Buchanan on the problems of modern transport, given at John Mason School under the auspices of the John Mason Association (16th October): a lecture by Professor R. H. C. Davis on 'How to be a mediaeval King', given at Milham Ford School under the auspices of the Oxford Historical Association (16th October): a weekend conference on 'Tibetans in Exile' organised by the Ockenden Venture at Sutton Courtenay Abbey (22nd to 24th October): a 'teach-in' on the United Nations, organised jointly by the local U.N.A. and the Labour Party, and chaired by Mr. Willis (24th October): a sixth-form Conference on 'Changing Patterns in Africa' organised by the Commonwealth Institute at Bulmershe Grammar School (17th November): a performance of 'The Hollow Crown' given at the Unicorn Theatre (19th November): the Annual General Meeting of the Abingdon Council of Churches, at which the film 'The Long March' was shown (22nd November); and a 'school-drama day' at the Playhouse Theatre, Oxford (23rd November).

We are very grateful to Mr. Robyn Grant, O.A., who visited the School on 19th November to give a careers talk on 'Sales and Marketing'.

Members of the Sixth Form attended two dances this term. Our thanks for warm hospitality to the young ladies of St. Helen's (3rd December) and Faringdon (10th December). It was fortunate that the mump germ (no respecter of persons!) which at one time threatened to prevent the St. Helen's Dance abated its virulence just in time.

Rarely can the School grounds have seen a harder tussle than the epic match in which the Dayboys' XV just beat the Boarders in the last minute of their annual fixture, which was held on the last Saturday of the term (11th December).

The following evening the Band and the Choral Society joined to give an informal carol concert in the Court Room, which was hugely enjoyed by a packed audience. We never expected to see a Saulish Headmaster compelled to find a seat amongst the prophets of the Choir.

Then on Monday (13th December), what time the Choir toured the town singing carols in aid of the C. of E. Children's Society, the Junior Dramatic Society gave an engaging programme of two one-act plays (one of them a home-product, written by Kevin Barnard) in the Court Room.

The Festival of Lessons and Carols held in St. Helen's Church on Tuesday, 14th December, reached a new high standard. It is unfortunate



that the threat of fog deterred some of our more distant parents, but even so the Church was comfortably full.

The Chemists of the Lower Sixth enjoyed their annual Christmas treat on 9th and 13th December, when they visited Messrs. Morland's brewery in two parties. We sometimes wonder why *they* should be given this unfair advantage.

On the last evening of the term, Thursday, 16th December, the boarders enjoyed their usual Christmas dinner of turkey, plum pudding and dessert. But afterwards came a break with tradition, for while Crescent House entertained Lacies Court in the Gymnasium for a formidable programme of not-so-quiet games the members of School House entertained themselves with a do-it-yourself concert in the Court Room.

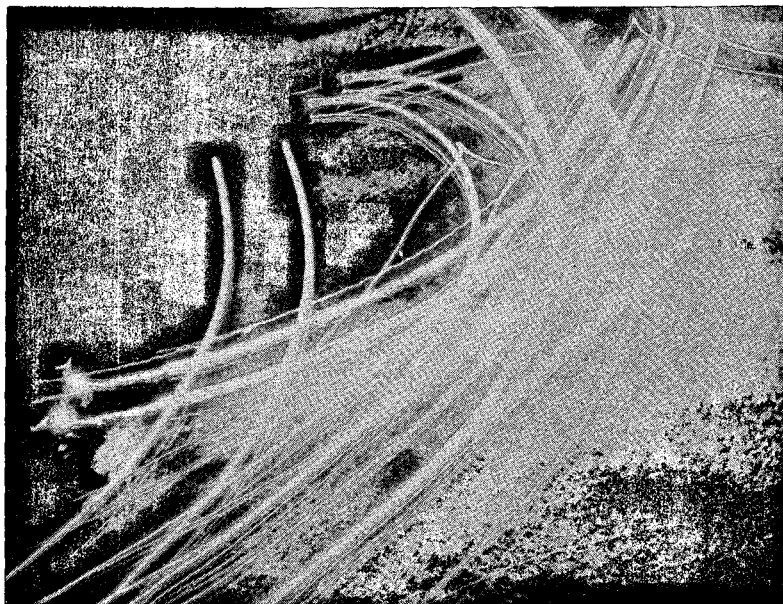
During the holidays Mr. Lewis, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Coleman, broke fresh ground by taking a party of middle-school boys for a skiing holiday at Serfaus in the Tyrol.

Our musicians have been busy over Christmas too. Many of them took part in the concert of Bach Cantatas and Organ Music organised by Mr. Billington in St. Helen's Church on 19th December. Then after Christmas the Holiday Orchestra began rehearsing for its big 21st anniversary concert at Easter. Abingdon, town and gown, owes much to Mr. and Mrs. Alan Kitching for what they have done to put Abingdon on the musical map over the years.

Kicking a soccer ball about has always been a favourite relaxation (and why not?) of both boarders and dayboys. Fresh interest has been stimulated this term by the institution of a cup to be played for by the boarding houses. The finalists in this unofficial competition, which will be concluded next term, are School House, who defeated Lacies Court 3—1, and Crescent House, victors over Larkhill by 8 goals to 3. Further excitement was provided on 7th November when an Old Boys' XI played a School team. Despite a very wet pitch, a good, close game resulted from which the School emerged victorious by 3 goals to 2. The teams were captained respectively by K. M. Wood, O.A., and T. J. Wood; it is to the latter's enthusiasm that much of the current interest in the game is due.

Our work for Oxfam this term has been less spectacular. But we did collect old clothing, and we helped to run the shop in Ock Street, organised jointly by Oxfam and Christian Aid, which raised in all well over three hundred pounds.

Steps have recently been taken to overhaul the channels of communication between the School and the School Shop. The old Advisory Committee, consisting of representatives of every age-group in the School, will continue to pass on routine complaints and suggestions to Cullen. In addition, it will nominate three of its senior members the same number of staff as a joint committee, under the



PROBLEM PICTURE — see page 442



"RESERVED FOR DAYBOYS"

chairmanship of Mr. Willis, which will not only be concerned with improving the amenity of the shop in general but will also have a very real say in the disposal of the profits.

Last term saw the inauguration of a particularly happy piece of co-operation between public and private enterprise. As the County no longer had room on our school 'bus for any fee-paying passengers, it kindly agreed to run a larger bus and charter one-third of it to us, to sell as we would. This rather complicated partnership is so far working very well.

It is now generally known that the Abingdon School Staff Quartet, composed of Messrs. Horrex, Keating, Montague and Pratt, has broken into the commercial field under the happy (if not very original) name of The Master Singers, and that they provided the supporting music for Peter Sellers' latest record. It was of course by their version of 'The Highway Code', set to an Anglican chant, that they first sprang to fame. This has been broadcast frequently in recent months and we are assured that a disc of it is being produced for public sale early in the New Year. Meanwhile on the evening of 22nd December Mr. Horrex was interviewed on Midland Television by Mr. David Lloyd, O.A., in the course of one of his magazine programmes; and this interview was followed by a long extract from the Code with accompanying cartoons by Larry. It is sad to think that the quartet is now scattered so widely.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of magazines from schools local and distant. For the photographs in this issue we are indebted to Mr. Milligan, Photographer; T. Grevatt; and I. M. Hallett. We also thank Mr. Ivor Fields for his help.

We are indebted to Mr. George Pratt, now Senior Warden of Harwood Hall in the University of Keele, for drawing our attention to the following extract from Augustus Hare's Journal for 1857, which may well serve as our tail-piece (sorry!).

" . . . and another (excursion) to Abingdon, where we had luncheon with the Headmaster of the Grammar School who, as soon as it was over, apologized for leaving us because he had got 'to wallop so many boys'."

*Tempora mutantur*—or so we hope.

### FROM THE HEADMASTER

It has been a good term. The First Fifteen, with only two of last year's players to build on, played better than we could have dared to hope. The School play (as I saw it on the Saturday) went with delightful élan. How grateful we are to the Principal of Culham College for offering us hospitality on this occasion! Then Mr. Cullen achieved what we all thought was impossible, and flogged his choir

along to a higher standard than ever before for the Service of Lessons and Carols. But the best was to come, in the shape of five awards at Oxford and Cambridge. Congratulations to all concerned—and this includes parents and subject-masters too.

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Shortly before Christmas we received ministerial approval for the building of the Ingham Music School. Construction will start early in the New Year, and we hope to be making music in it by the late Summer. The agreed plans for the Dining Hall Block have recently been sent up to the Department for approval. This is a very much bigger project. Its completion will add so much to the amenity of the School. Certainly there will be no delay as far as the School is concerned. And the Governors have now approved of the conversion of all the cubicles of the Big Dormitory of School House into study-bedrooms, on the lines of a 'mock-up' which they inspected after their last meeting. Looking forward, they have instructed the Building Committee to consider proposals for the reconstruction of the Gymnasium. I suspect that with new windows and a general refurbishing it will present an entirely new image.

The Ingham Music Block will of course be entirely paid for by the Appeal Fund, which has already provided the School with Shop, Swimming Bath, Library, and a new house (Whitefield). It was on 27th October that the Appeal Secretary had the pleasure of telling me than an unexpected donation of £10, from a friend of the School who is not particularly well off, had 'rung the bell' and brought the total given and promised up to our revised target figure of £63,000. Renewal of covenants (stout work, this) has since added another thousand to the total. And so we go forward to the second 'sixty-three', confident that whatever is given to the Appeal will be wisely spent in the interests of the School. On 30th November the Appeal Committee celebrated success with a memorable dinner. Our warm thanks to our anonymous host who made sure that not a penny of the cost came out of the Fund—or, for that matter, out of the pockets of the rest of us.

The outstanding success of the Boat House Appeal has encouraged us to start another 'sectional appeal'—this time directed to all those who are interested in tennis and would like to help towards the construction of two more hard tennis courts at the back of the Crescent House property, conveniently near to the existing courts. An appropriate letter will be sent out very shortly. Meanwhile our thanks to two or three parents who have happily beaten the pistol and between them contributed some £63 (yes!) to start the Appeal off. The Governors too, appreciating that the Tennis Club has neither the potential resources nor the mystique of the Boat Club, have agreed to devote the whole of the accumulated profits of the School Shop—£600—to the Appeal, and in addition to subscribe pound for pound from the future profits. This means that a total contribution of £500 from

parents and friends will assure the Tennis Club of a total of £1,600 which represents the minimum cost of the two courts.

Perhaps I should emphasise in this connection that the School Shop is run primarily as an amenity. The net profits average little more than 6% of gross turnover, which seems to be about the right proportion. Even so, they represent a useful addition to our disposable income.

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And now we have had to say good-bye to Mr. Montague. It is sad that we should lose the last of the Master Singers. I shall always be grateful to Mr. Montague for the quite outstanding support he gave me as my adjutant during the year of quatercentenary. I shall remember too the fun of trying to teach in competition with him when there was only the Court-room partition to divide us. No soft-mouthed Limey he; Brisbane Grammar School is lucky to filch him from us.

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This day I have been sorting through the mass of cards which brightened our first Christmas in Lacies Court (and how we are enjoying our new home!). In all, they amounted to some 800, many of them from Old Boys scattered as far afield as Kuwait and British Honduras. One came from an Old Boy in the Argentine, working his way round the world, another from a young medico seconded for voluntary service in Nigeria. To all who remembered us in this way, my very grateful thanks.

And perhaps I can close these notes by quoting the last paragraph of the terminal report which I recently submitted to the Governing Body—

"There are times when even a hard-boiled headmaster feels a lump in his throat. That has happened to me three or four times recently—when the House said good-bye to me at the end of last term (with the pen, so to speak, with which I write these words), when I learned of the Old Boys' portrait, when I heard that all my former Heads of House since 1947 were organising something for me—but most of all I think when I watched our contingent of C.C.F. and Scouts marching back from the Remembrance Day Parade. Any Governor who could have stood with me at the bottom of the drive would have shared my feelings of pride. *Non nobis, Domine*".

J.M.C.

### CHAPEL NOTES

These notes are being written shortly after the Festival of Lessons and Carols in St. Helen's Church which took place on 14th December. From all reports this Service maintained, and musically it surpassed (if that were possible), the high standard set in previous years. The Church was filled to capacity; and how fortunate we are to be able to use this

lovely Church for our various great Services throughout the year! The readers at the Carol Service were as follows: M. S. Whipple (New Boy), R. S. Moore (Chorister), P. V. Bosley (Head of Dayboys), R. B. Davis (Head of School), Mr. B. J. Montague (Master), The Chaplain, The Reverend Dr. G. Roe (representing the Vicar), The Bursar (Clerk to the Governors) and The Headmaster. The well balanced singing of the Choir, which was unconduted throughout the Service, showed once again Mr. Cullen's skill. A short critique, written by a parent who wishes to remain anonymous, follows these notes.

On Sunday, 5th December, The Bishop of Oxford administered Confirmation in the Chapel to thirty-one candidates in the presence of many parents, Godparents and friends. Several of the parents were able to return the following Sunday to join their sons at their first Communion. On the Friday and Saturday afternoons preceding Confirmation the candidates attended a quiet afternoon run by the Cowley Fathers at their Mission House in Oxford. This was a new experience for them all, and I think they were somewhat apprehensive at the prospect of four hours of silence. In fact they entered very well into the spirit of it and found real value in being able to withdraw from the distractions of school life and allow their thoughts and prayers to be directed in a relaxed atmosphere. We are most grateful to the Superior General of the Society of St. John the Evangelist for his hospitality and for laying on these two afternoons. But Confirmation is always a new beginning rather than an end, and it is what happens after Confirmation that really matters. I hope next term to be able to do some kind of follow-up training with the candidates.

On Sunday, 7th November, Holy Communion was celebrated in the evening at 6.15 p.m., there being no early celebration on that day. This service was very well attended and much appreciated by those who came. It is possible at this hour to make the Service much more of a family Communion and to emphasise its true nature as a corporate offering with the congregation taking a fuller part. At such a service there is also a place for a short teaching address delivered from the chancel steps. The encouraging response to this Service has decided us to vary the normal pattern of our Sunday Services next term. The norm will still be Holy Communion at 8.15, Matins at 10.0 and short Evening Service at 6.10, but on three occasions we shall have an Evening Communion in place of the Morning one, and on certain Sundays Evensong will replace Matins. On the Evening Communion Sundays we very much hope that parents will come to the altar with their sons.

While we are on the subject of things new we hope that there will be a generous response to the Headmaster's appeal for new hymn books. The old Public School Hymnbooks now in use in the Chapel have had their day and the condition of many of them is quite unworthy of the Chapel. The change-over to 'Hymns for Church and School', the

new edition of the P.S.H.B., is bound to be an expensive undertaking. It is one we can no longer put off.

The annual visit to the Parish of St. Anne's, Limehouse, took place over the weekend September 24th—26th. It was possible to increase the size of the party this year, and we are most grateful to the Rector of Limehouse and Mrs. Watts and the parishioners for the warm welcome and kind hospitality that were afforded us. The whole weekend was as instructive and eye-opening as ever, ranging from the problems of London's 'Down and Outs' to the work and labour relations in the Port of London Authority. We were further honoured by the presence of the Bishop of Stepney who came to join us for lunch.

The Study Group of the Abingdon and District Council of Churches has met this term in the Court Room and on one occasion, when the Court Room was in use, this Study Group met in the Chapel. We were also glad to welcome a small party from the Abingdon Branch of Toc H who held their quarterly service in the Chapel. D.G.S.

The following candidates were confirmed on 5th December: O. A. Akinbiyi; C. A. Alford; C. P. Allen; J. D. Arundel; M. F. K. Baumann; R. K. Blackburn; P. K. Booker; C. J. Bovey; A. M. E. Brown; W. D. Chislett; R. J. Crane; M. H. Cullen; P. J. Davis; M. C. Eagle; S. Fairlie; D. W. Galbraith; N. P. Heading; M. J. Hill; P. J. A. Hopkins; C. E. J. Lilley; A. F. Martin; W. K. Minter; M. W. Parry; A. C. Pollock; G. C. Ruck; N. F. Soffe; P. G. K. Staniland; M. C. G. Stevens; J. P. Tromans; R. A. C. Turner; and Mr. C. J. W. Owen.

The weekly Chapel Collections have been allotted as follows:

St. Anne's, Limehouse	...	...	£8 9 6
New Guinea Mission	...	...	£10 7 2
The Hostel of God	...	...	£9 0 0
Jerusalem and The East Mission	...	...	£9 3 0
Ludgershall Parish Church	...	...	£8 8 0

In addition to these the collection at the Service for New Boys and their Parents (£21 16s. 8d.) was given to the Chapel Furnishing Fund. The collection at the Beginning of Term Service (£6 18s. 8d.) was given to St. Helen's Church, which also shared the collection at the Service of Carols and Lessons (£47 5s. 4d.) with the Church of England Children's Society. This Society also received £5 18s. 1d. from collections taken by our vagrant Carol singers. The retiring collection at the Confirmation Service (£13 15s. 0d.) was divided between the Bishop's List and the Chapel Furnishing Fund. Four heavy tins were also returned to the British Legion after collections taken over Remembrance Weekend.

Chapel Flowers, which have always been beautifully arranged by Mrs. Potter, have been provided by the following: Form 1L, Roysse Society, Form 1T, Mathematical Society, Form 2X, Form 2Y, Form 2Z, Literary Society, Form 3N, St. Edmund Society, Form 3L, Form 3G.

We look forward to welcoming the following preachers next term:

23rd January: Mr. J. L. Cain, M.A., Headmaster of Wallingford Grammar School.

30th January: Rev. J. A. Tate, M.A., Sub-Warden of St. Mary's Convent, Wantage.

20th February: Mr. D. M. Annett, M.A., Headmaster of the King's School, Worcester.

13th March: Rev. Graham West, B.D., of Trinity Methodist Church, Abingdon.

27th March: Rev. Hugh Pickles, M.A., Vicar of Blewbury.

### SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

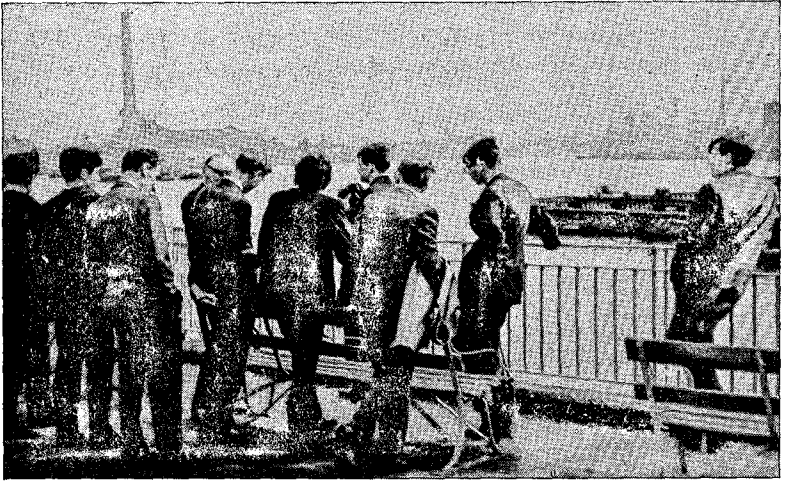
"The annual Carol Service is of course one of the highlights of the school year and yet it is more than a school occasion: it is a family occasion as well. This was brought home to us on the evening of 14th December when we came together, teachers, parents and boys, welcomed as we walked towards St. Helen's Church by the peals of bells rung by members of the school.

Within St. Helen's the sense of occasion was heightened by the impressive setting of the historic church and the prelude to the service from the organ. Into this atmosphere of reverence came the infinitely touching solo treble voice of a chorister reminding us of the story that began in Royal David's city; a story taken up by the choir, unaccompanied at first, then with the organ; and finally we all joined to add our contribution and were involved at once in the corporate worship, the recurring joy in the hope brought by the Nativity.

So was the service set on its way to follow its familiar pattern: we were gratified by the standard of reading established by the clarity of the new boy reading the first lesson and maintained by all the readers, and we were beguiled by the attractive blend of old and new carols and the careful balance of choir and congregation participation in the singing. Yes, this was indeed a family occasion. Great credit is due to Mr. Cullen for his work with the choir; we admired the crisp strong tone of 'Adam lay y-bounden', the smooth singing in Vaughan-Williams' 'Herefordshire Carol', and the fine dynamic phrasing in 'The Cherry Tree Carol' and 'A Spotless Rose' — this latter with a quite delightful pianissimo tone in its final bars. 'The Shepherd's Cradle Song' was sung clearly and expressively and had the real gentle swing of a lullaby, but perhaps the most moving moment of the whole service came with the final verse of Mr. Cullen's arrangement of 'Away in a Manger' when the solo treble voice was heard in child-like simplicity against the background harmony of the more mature voices of the rest of the choir — this we shall remember for a very long time.

The welcome juxtaposition of congregational and choir singing was enriched by some fine surging descants from the choir culminating in a magnificent soaring upwards to the glorious organ accompaniment in





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'Adeste Fideles'. After Prayers and the Blessing the service concluded with 'Hark! the herald angels sing', and a rousing postlude on the organ from Mr. Billington sent us on our way rejoicing: this had certainly been a joyful festival of lessons and carols."

#### VOLUNTARY SERVICE

They will seldom admit it, but there are those who find the summer holidays a trifle on the long side. What a pity that more of these do not look around for new ways of spending some of these weeks! One activity which boys from this school have been curiously reluctant to try their hand at is Work Camps. There are many of these, organized up and down the country — and abroad — by such bodies as the Christian Education Movement and Toc H. Now is the time to apply for camps in 1966 and these will be advertised early in the term. R. A. Balbernie (6B) is one who can vouch for their being much more enjoyable than they sound!

We are also organizing similar activities ourselves. I. L. M. Carr's group did such valuable work for a week during August in the parishes of the Rev. M. N. Williams that Mr. Williams has asked them back again. I have also heard from the Rev. G. R. Phizackerley that he would welcome a small party for a week or so during August to help him in his churchyard at Gaywood, King's Lynn. Would anyone interested in this project please see me as soon as possible?

Back in Abingdon, 34 boys have continued their unobtrusive, but much appreciated, work of visiting old people. The A.F.S. group has

had rather an unsettled term, new recruits being slow to come forward and the Fire Brigade having to cancel a number of training sessions because of more urgent commitments. We hope things will go better next term.

H.T.R.

### THE DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES

The School was fortunate and privileged this year to have Major-General Sir Randle Feilden, K.C.V.O., C.B., C.B.E., to distribute the prizes on 23rd September. We were particularly grateful for this opportunity of giving visible expression to the close relations which have for so long existed between the School and Messrs. Morland, with whom General Feilden has been associated for some years as Chairman.

As the Headmaster commented in his report, this year's prize-giving was something of a double innovation, both because it completed the introduction into the school year of the new state calendar (in which it had been separated from Founder's Day) and also because it was held at the School in the Court Room in the absence of a suitable assembly hall in the town. Although some restriction on the numbers attending the function was inevitable, the new venue proved an adequate substitute for the old Corn Exchange, but we look forward next year to the capacious splendour of Abingdon's new Civic Hall, at present being erected adjacent to the Roysse Room.

After the Chairman of the Governors, Mr. C. G. Stow, had made his introductory remarks he called upon the Headmaster to make his report on the preceding year. It had been one of achievement both academically and in sporting activity, dominated respectively by last summer's G.C.E. results, reflected in the sustained expansion of the Sixth Form to just over two hundred boys, and an outstanding rugby season. Over the year the School had tried to promote international understanding by offering hospitality to several boys from overseas. The Headmaster was also able to report that the Quatercentenary Appeal Fund had almost reached its revised target, and that its benefits could be seen in two more important additions to School property: the Dayboy Changing Room, opened only a few days before, and Whitefield, in Park Crescent. A group of parents and Old Boys had generously presented the School with a new boathouse, and two class-rooms had also been erected. Further progress had also been made towards encouraging greater responsibility and a maturer outlook among senior boys through increased freedom in the creation of a small, senior Sixth Form boarding house in Lacies Court, whither the Headmaster himself had moved following his retirement from School House.

Following the Headmaster's report Mr. Stow called upon General Feilden to distribute the prizes, among them a newly-endowed prize presented by St. Catherine's College, Oxford, for intellectual initiative,

after which he delivered his address. Sir Randle congratulated the Headmaster on his encouraging report, which he said confirmed his high opinion of the School. Nonetheless, he considered it was important to emphasise the value of good manners and leadership, qualities which tended to be neglected as the pace of life grew faster and education became more concerned with keeping abreast of the 'rat race' than with the development of character. But more than ever before these qualities would single out those of true merit when they went out into the world.

Mr. J. E. J. Francis then thanked Sir Randle Feilden, after which the proceedings were concluded by the singing of the National Anthem.

The prize list was as follows:

#### THE ENDOWED PRIZES

The Morland Prize (presented by Messrs. Morland in memory of W.T. Morland, O.A., and awarded for all-round merit)—S. M. Nicholl; The Thomas Layng Reading Prize—S. J. Denny; The Smith Chemistry Prizes—E. C. C. Crouch, D. G. Clubley, I. Campbell, E. A. C. Crouch; The Ball Science Prize—C. C. Ford, C. S. Downes; The Biology Prizes (presented by Dr. and Mrs. Charles Ford)—C. S. Downes, M. J. Adam; The Bevan Essay Prize—P. H. Fletcher; The Bevan Scripture Prizes—L. P. Halling, J. H. T. Davies, D. H. Parry, N. S. Coulbeck, B. A. Sharpe; The Ellis Prize for Character—P. V. Bosley; The Ingham Physics Prizes—T. C. Tozer, R. P. Jessett; The Ingham Music Prize—A. G. Fairlie; The Henderson Cricket Prizes—D. A. M. Bent, A. J. Varley; The Initiative Cup—P. J. Snowley; The Quatercentenary Prize—R. B. Davis; The St. Catherine's Prize for Intellectual Initiative—M. J. H. Liversidge.

#### THE SCHOOL PRIZES

The Mayor's Prize for Service to the School (presented by Councillor Percy Lambert, J.P.)—A. R. Williams; The Headmaster's Prizes—P. N. Sheppard, C. C. Ford, P. N. Atkins; The Old Boys' Prizes: English Verse—S. N. Pearson, English Essay—C. N. Cook, Geography Essay—R. D. Schuck, R. D. R. Ray, Divinity Essay—S. N. Pearson, Modern Languages Essay—S. J. Denny; The Van Wagenen Essay Prize (presented by Colonel R. W. Van Wagenen, Dean of the American University, Washington, U.S.A.)—M. J. H. Liversidge; The Prizes for General Achievement—M. A. Bisby, P. G. Henderson; C.C.F. Prize—C.S.M. Partridge, D. S.; The Junior Reading Prize (presented by C. C. Woodley, Esq., O.A.)—D. H. Parry; The Music Prizes: Choral (presented by E. H. F. Sawbridge, Esq.), Senior—A. G. Fairlie, Junior—S. Fairlie; Pianoforte: Senior (presented by Miss Sheldon Peach)—T. C. Tozer, Intermediate—D. W. Galbraith, Junior—R. S. Moore; Organ (presented by the Director of Music)—G. H. Hallett, A.R.C.M.; Woodwind—A. G. Fairlie; Brass—S. P. Sewry, D. W. Penney; The Art Prizes—J. C. Randall, R. G. Pickavance.

#### THE FORM PRIZES

Sixth Form Upper: Classics—S. J. Denny, English—R. B. Davis, History—T. D. Harding, Mathematics—M. F. Wells, Modern Languages—A. E. Medland; Sixth Form (Lower): Classics—P. H. Fletcher, English—D. W. Tanner, History—R. Coomber, Mathematics—D. J.

Saunders; Fifth Forms: Classics—S. P. B. Allen, English and History—A. W. Hills, Mathematics—E. A. C. Crouch, Physics—J. B. Lister, Modern Languages—A. W. Rendell; Fourth Forms: General Achievement—H. J. Flint, Mathematics—P. J. A. Hopkins, Form 4L—N. G. Hands-Clarke; Form 4F—R. R. Risher III; Form 3A—D. H. Parry; Form 3X—A. R. N. West; Form 3Y—J. R. Gough; Form 2X—N. S. Coulbeck; Form 2Y—J. S. B. Frere; Form 1X—B. A. Sharpe; Form 1Y—H. J. Manning.

### VALETE ET SALVETE

*Valete—left 29th July, 1965*

Upper Sixth Form Arts (L): A. G. Fairlie, J. R. Jennings, V. A. Marsh, J. A. Rozier, H. J. N. Wharton, A. F. G. Wiggins (left 30th March); P. A. Bartlett, N. I. Broad, C. D. Evans, J. G. King, T. H. G. Lester, G. J. R. Lewis, F. A. Light, A. E. Medland, J. C. Randall, J. A. Roest, R. N. Spencer.

Upper Sixth Form Arts (H): P. G. Henderson, D. G. S. Hilleard, T. R. Morris, A. R. Williams; A. O. B. Akinbiyi, D. A. M. Bent, C. J. Corps, D. E. Joyce, R. M. Limerick, K. G. Robbins, M. T. Woodley.

Upper Sixth Form Science (B): N. A. H. Bosley, C. W. F. M. Cox, D. J. Munson, I. Nayler, P. J. Snowley; B. S. Avery, S. H. Broughton, A. C. Hoddinott, S. A. Marsh, J. R. Owen, F. M. Sutton, R. J. Thornton, A. W. Willis.

Upper Sixth Form Science (M): P. N. Atkins, S. J. Baker, E. C. C. Crouch, P. B. Godfrey, W. R. Lynn-Robinson, T. B. Moore, A. G. Rowson, R. S. Armsden, R. B. H. Becker, D. G. Clubley, R. J. Davis, B. D. Diffey, A. M. Forsyth, A. K. Hodgson, L. R. Llewellyn, M. J. Ridehalgh, D. H. Willis.

Lower Sixth Form Arts (H): J. J. F. Burn, B. I. M. Chapman, M. J. R. Nevill, B. G. Wiggins.

Remove: A. G. Ferguson.

5G: G. J. Froggatt.

5C: M. C. C. Morris, R. W. Purbrick.

4F: C. N. Hedley, R. B. Phillips (left 17th July), R. R. Risher III.

3A: M. F. Loudon.

3X: P. W. Rowland.

2X: D. A. Cerow Jnr. (left 3rd July), S. H. Frost (left 15th May), B. R. Risher.

2Y: J. M. Hull.

1X: G. D. Cerow (left 3rd July).

1Y: D. Bernstein (left 19th June), C. S. Boyd, D. Cordelle, M. L. Proost.

*Salvete—came 17th September*

Upper Sixth Form Arts (H): A. L. Leaver.

Lower Sixth Form Arts (L): D. J. Ventham, B. S. Wallan.

- 4A: P. N. Bennett, C. G. Day, A. T. Ireland, C. McL. King, C. J. Nicholl, R. A. C. Turner.
- 3G: I. M. Bricknell, P. G. Henry, R. B. Luff, G. H. Maunder, M. J. Minns, A. G. Muff, N. G. W. Seaver, C. R. Teall, M. R. Ward, J. R. Weir, J. H. Whittington, N. P. Winton, A. J. Wise.
- 3N: C. H. Britcher, C. R. Gibaud, D. M. Marshall, J. C. Visser.
- 2X: C. G. Clothier, G. P. Radley.
- 2Y: C. D. Chafer, M. A. Neville.
- 1L: B. Ashcroft-Jones, A. Balbernic, P. J. Berry, M. S. Broughton, A. Clarke, C. S. Crocker, N. R. M. Crosse, N. K. Darroch, A. E. Farr, G. R. Fowler, G. Habgood, P. J. S. Harris, S. R. B. Holloway, J. N. Jaques, B. E. Jones, R. P. Klepzig, J. Lay, D. M. Lewis, N. J. Luker, R. I. Macdonald, M. Milanovitch, D. M. Paine, M. J. Parsons, P. D. Price, R. C. Rogers, N. Rutishauser, P. E. Scott, M. C. Smith, K. G. Sykes, M. P. Taylor, J. G. Walker, P. Webb, S. Weir, R. G. Wood, T. J. Wright.
- 1T: S. C. M. Barnard, V. R. Barnes, J. C. M. Binks, H. E. Burton, A. D. S. Chalker, C. C. Corner, J. R. Cowlin, R. A. Eastgate, C. C. Fathers, D. A. Gould, R. G. Hallum, P. J. Hingley, G. Home-wood, D. J. Horwitz, W. W. Howell, M. I. Kendall, M. Lawless, G. J. H. Legouix, C. N. Leonard, E. C. J. Lilley, A. J. Matterson, S. Moore, C. A. Nasmyth, D. N. Plail, N. R. H. Pollard, M. J. Rice, A. D. Rowley, D. P. C. Smith, S. E. Stone, A. A. Tammadge, H. T. Tressider, R. D. Ward, P. D. B. West, M. S. Whipple, T. Wright.

### SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL

(December 9th, 10th and 11th)

For its Christmas production this year, the Dramatic Society, again in association with the School of St. Helen and St. Katharine, turned to Sheridan. The result was an extremely successful play, a delight to both eye and ear, a critique of which appears below. We are indebted to Mr. R. S. Stanier, Master of Magdalen College School, Oxford, for this critique. Our gratitude also goes to Mr. Barnett, Principal of Culham College, who kindly allowed the production to be staged at Culham. Owing to the demolition of the old Corn Exchange, where all previous School plays have appeared, and the fact that the new Borough Buildings are still under construction, it would have been virtually impossible for the Dramatic Society to have put on its play this year had not the admirable facilities at Culham College been placed at our disposal. We are indeed grateful.

"I warmly congratulate Abingdon School and their collaborators from St. Helen's and St. Katharine's on giving a large and enthusiastic audience an extremely lively, amusing and agreeable evening—the more warmly because The School for Scandal is in many ways rather a bad play. The plot is implausible and the characters—except for Lady Teazle, who is at any rate given some self-contradictory qualities—are

flat cut-outs, lifeless except for such life as the actors are able to breathe into them. Sheridan apparently found some difficulty in deciding what sort of play he wanted to write. As the programme nicely reminded us, he was satirising the 'Men of Sentiment' or earlier dramatists, who 'paced the stage "He-whoing" for all they were worth'; and his picture of malicious gossipers which gives the play its title is also satire of a kind we have recently seen in TW3—a gross exaggeration of activities the author dislikes, expressed in witty language. On the other hand, the business of the 'little French milliner' behind the screen, the guises in which Sir Oliver Surface presents himself, and the intricate plot which they serve, are really pure farce—very amusing, but not touching the heart as comedy does. When a moment of real feeling occurs—and there is, I think, only one in the play—it is difficult to paper over the join.

To overcome these dramatic weaknesses, or at any rate difficulties, Sheridan relied on the unity provided by his elegant flow of formal language; and this imposes a severe test on the actors. On the whole they passed it with flying colours, Philip Sugg as Joseph Surface was particularly successful, preserving his aplomb and manner through all his lies and plots, until the final exit. I liked especially the way in which he so courteously rebuffed the supposed Mr. Stanley. This was a genuine man of the 18th century, not a boy representing one.

Charles Surface is a difficult part. A modern reader, at any rate, finds it hard to believe that a young man who behaves so badly and so



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selfishly has really a heart of gold, nor can one applaud the generosity with which, having sold his ancestors' portraits, he bilks the creditors who have a right to his money in order to make a fine gesture in favour of old Stanley who has not. Trevor Giddings, however, succeeded in making him the likeable hero that Sheridan obviously wanted.

Equally likeable—in the long run—was Sally Minford's Lady Teazle. Indeed she was almost too lovable throughout; it was hard to believe that those smiling lips could utter the horrible things that the author demands. But this is Sheridan's fault, as mentioned above, not Sally Minford's. Her change-over from quarrelling with Sir Peter to being reconciled with him was beautifully and touchingly done, and she coped with the endearments both of her husband and of Joseph Surface with a delightful ease and assurance. Of the other female parts, Alison Varney's Lady Sneerwell was admirably 18th century; and Meg Griffin was a lively Mrs. Candour.

Not surprisingly, none of the 'old men' were wholly successful in disguising their youth. The best, in this respect was David Clare as Rowley, though Andrew Vernède conveyed the testiness, if not the antiquity, of Sir Peter Teazle, Charles Maude made a valiant attempt at the egregious Sir Oliver (Sheridan's fault again!) as did Donald Hounam with Crabtree, though he was a little apt to swallow his words. (The word 'thorax' eluded me for some time, and he might have made a little more of the delightful account of the travels of Sir Peter's bullet). Charles Cook gave an elegant account of Sir Benjamin Backbite and his epigrams, and all the minor parts were competently done, especially Nicholas Ware's Moses (thutheth to uthury!) and Peter Wilson's Snake, a striking combination of feebleness and villainy.

The production was excellent. The fact that most of the scenery was in the form of screens was not only singularly appropriate but also enabled it to be rapidly moved by the contemporary scene-shifters (to the sound of contemporary music). I liked the backcloth, a London Square, and also the portraits on view at the 'sale of ancestors', though I could not see why none of them bore any resemblance to the pictures actually knocked down (I decline to accept the explanation which I heard charitably advanced by a youthful member of the audience—'I expect they had some pictures done by someone who hadn't read the play, and they hadn't time to get any more').

To reach the all-round standard attained a great deal of hard work, as well as natural ability, must have been required and I (and, I am sure, all the rest of the audience) am very grateful to the cast and to Mr. Griffin and his helpers."

R.S.S.

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#### PROBLEM PICTURE

A picture of the car headlamps as parents arrive for Parents' Evening—taken from above.

## RUGBY FOOTBALL

### FIRST FIFTEEN

After the outstanding success of last year's Fifteen and the subsequent departure of thirteen of them, the prospects for the season did not seem very bright; in fact it was obvious from the first trial game that any success the team had would come more from team work and morale than from any particular strength.

Deficiencies there were in plenty. A lack of overall skill and experience showed themselves in the first two games against an Oxford Thursday side, which consisted mainly of County players, and a Saracens XV which rather spoilt the occasion by arriving late and with only thirteen players. In these matches one of the weaknesses which persisted to the end showed itself when far too many gaps were left close to the scrum and there was too little cover in depth to make up for this. Things did not go well either in the first school match against St. Bartholomew's, Newbury, when the team were beaten by a side who, though not able to reply to a good try, possessed a powerful goal kicker who made full use of the opportunities presented to him.

The crisis was reached in the next game against Berkhamsted when an exceptionally large and fast Fifteen beat the School in all departments of the game. No one likes to lose, least of all by a margin of fifty points, and the School practice game which followed showed how near the teams—for the Second Fifteen had suffered a heavy defeat too—came to demoralisation. At least, however, they knew they could only improve and in the ensuing ten days a lot of practice games were played to increase experience, a great deal of practice at the basic skills was done and these were always rounded off by some hard training. The next match against Solihull, though lost narrowly, showed that the teams had profited from their lessons, and by this time the structure of the side and the pattern of play began to establish itself.

Too often, nowadays, the tactics of the game are based on forward play with the backs playing a purely secondary and supporting role. But the field is quite big enough for all fifteen players to play an equal part and it is lack of skill rather than any other factor which is responsible for the low standard of back play in modern Rugby, even at the highest level. In these days distance and time too often militate against organized club practice, but in a school there is no reason why the backs should not be able to contribute to the sort of rugby which people enjoy watching and a team enjoys playing. To score as many tries as possible and this is surely the aim in ruggery, it is essential that the ball should be moved about and across the field as much as possible. Then and only then, as the defence is stretched, will gaps appear. The policy of the Fifteen, therefore, was for the ball to be dispatched to the wings and attacks to be started from there.

In the scrum, the front row of Schnellmann, Julian Bosley and Comber were reliable even if they never really dominated the opposition.



Schnellmann had some outstanding games both in tight and loose play. Comber, too, kept up the modern tradition of sprightly prop forwards but had a tendency to buckle in the set scrums. Between them Julian Bosley struck quickly for the ball but needs to adopt a much harder and a more aggressive attitude in other aspects of the game. In the second row Ballinger and Cook continued a very successful Colts partnership and showed outstanding promise. Cook improved tremendously and his handling in both line-outs and loose play was one of the features of the later games. Ballinger's assets are his quickness on the ball and his hardness in the tackle. Other players might well emulate him in this latter respect; it was one of the weaknesses of the side.

At wing forward the team was well served by Longstaff and Blackburn. The former, though perhaps lacking in pace, was always up to carry on the play. Blackburn too, though rather a slow starter this season, proved to be very sound and rather more constructive than many blind side wing forwards. The pack were held together by Peter Bosley at No. 8. With his exceptional speed he is by nature an attacking forward and it was only in the later games that he was able to show his talents. In general the pack was adequate in the scrums and line-outs, rather slow to get about the field but quite adept at retrieving the ball once they had tracked it down.

Behind the pack, Conibear and Jackson were sound and had very safe hands. In attack they fed the backs well but in defence they did not always have enough experience to improvise. However they both look the part and in another season either, or both, will be a force to be reckoned with.

The centres were usually Gibbs and Bradfield, Gibbs providing, but not always, the breaks and Bradfield the steadiness. Both tackled with enthusiasm if not always very accurately but they too have plenty of time in which to develop. Painton and Davis on the wings had pace and power. On their days they were virtually unstoppable but too often they ran with insufficient determination. Davis was another who made great strides this season. His tackling which had been very weak improved as his successful running gave him confidence. Success certainly bred success with him. At full-back Ray performed the same task as Bosley did for the forwards and always gave confidence to those in front of him. In fact he was one of the spearheads of the attack and the instigator of several good tries. As a line the backs combined well and one very fine scissors movement between Gibbs and Davis is especially remembered. Indeed the handling was a feature of their play even in the most appallingly cold and wet conditions. Kicking was kept to a minimum although one opposing full-back must have got the impression that he was on the receiving end of some very accurate target practice.

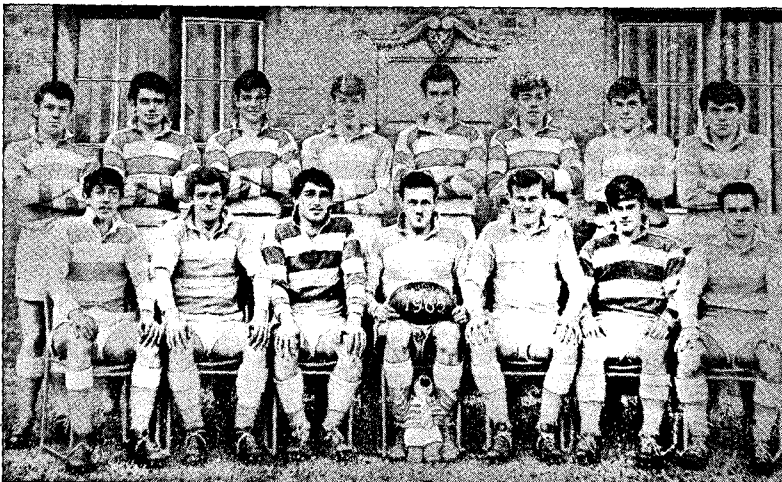
Perhaps two players can be picked out for special mention. Painton was the chief try scorer through his ability to hold a ball coming to him at almost any angle or speed. He not only scored some spectacular

tries but kicked some fine goals as well. Peter Bosley's contribution was not so readily apparent this year, probably because as leader of an inexperienced pack more of his attention had to be diverted from his usual attacking role. It has been his lot to captain first, an unusually mature and successful side, and then, a young and inexperienced one. That he, and therefore the team, did not lose heart this season speaks volumes for his tact and patience. Individually he is an outstanding schoolboy player. If he can develop a more explosive attitude both in attack and defence, there need be no limit to his achievements.

It would be ungracious at this stage not to mention three players who bore the brunt of a lot of the early and often unrewarding work but who were not around so to speak when pay day came. Goldsworthy, Sprent and Partridge served the team very well and fully deserved their half colours.

Memories of the various matches and jounries are numerous. Some perhaps stand out; for instance, the first win against Leighton Park under the nose of the *Guardian*; the exhaustive kit check before the journey to Pangbourne and the subsequent appearance of one member of the side in a maroon coloured shirt; the frequency with which another player had his shorts ripped off; the warm welcome on the last away match; and finally the overwhelming hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Bosley on the last Monday of term.

Finally no appreciation of the season's activities would be properly complete without expressing gratitude to those who did so much work behind the scenes—to Mr. Willis and the 2nd Fifteen who always



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fitted in with the whims and needs of the team, to Mr. Smithson for always having the pitch immaculately ready for kick-off, to David Ray for his exceptional efficiency as secretary, and to all who braved some pretty horrid elements to give their support to the team.

If a season as uncompromising as this one could be enjoyed as much as it was, there can be no worries for next year.

During the season, Full Colours were awarded to Ballinger, Cook, Gibbs, Longstaff, Panton and Schnellmann; and Half Colours to Blackburn, Bosley JPH, Bradfield, Conibear, Davis and Jackson.

The final arrangement of the team was: R. D. R. Ray; P. H. Panton, P. E. Gibbs, R. E. N. Bradfield, R. B. Davis, D. S. Jackson, R. J. M. Conibear; R. W. Schnellmann, J. P. H. Bosley, P. E. Comber, N. K. Cook, M. A. E. Ballinger, A. J. Longstaff, P. V. Bosley (Capt.), P. H. Blackburn.

Also played: D. S. Partridge, P. A. C. Roblin (6 times); B. E. Goldsworthy, M. Sprent (5 times); D. S. Rogers (4 times); D. W. Penney, T. J. Rawlins (twice); N. D. Brice and D. N. Hunt (once).

#### Results

v. Oxford R.F.C. Thursday XV (h). Thurs., 23rd Sept.	Lost 11—49
v. Saracens 'A' XV (h). Sat., 25th Sept.	Lost 0—12
v. St. Bartholomew's, Newbury (a). Sat., 2nd Oct.	Lost 8—9
v. Berkhamsted School (a). Thurs., 7th Oct.	Lost 5—52
v. Solihull School (a). Sat., 16th Oct.	Lost 3—6
v. Leighton Park School (a). Wed., 20th Oct.	Won 6—3
v. Pembroke College (h). Sat., 23rd Oct.	Won 17—14
v. Magdalen College School (h). Wed., 27th Oct.	Won 22—8
v. Pangbourne Nautical College (a). Sat., 6th Nov.	Lost 3—6
v. R.G.S., High Wycombe (a). Sat., 13th Nov.	Lost 5—21
v. Bloxham School (h). Sat., 20th Nov.	Won 27—3
v. Southfield School (h). Wed., 24th Nov.	Won 32—0
v. Old Abingdonians (h). Sat., 27th Nov.	Won 16—8
v. Dauntsey's School (a). Sat., 4th Dec.	Lost 3—6

The Old Boys' team was: R. W. J. Bampton; J. M. Bunce, A. E. Johnson, J. Talbot, R. J. C. Bampton; M. J. Nurton, C. C. Ford; T. A. Marsh, D. H. Willis, C. W. F. Cox, R. M. Limerick, N. J. H. Bosley, B. G. Mackay, P. Gibbs, J. Bowthorpe.

The Oxford R.F.C. Thursday XV was: J. J. McPartlin (Harlequins and Scotland); H. Eden (Harlequins and England Trials), I. J. Parsons (O.A., United Services and Oxfordshire), M. Simmie (Oxford Univ.), D. Kilgour (Oxfordshire); R. Tapper (Middlesex), N. Starmer-Smith (Oxford Univ.); J. Head (Oxfordshire), C. Ede (Oxfordshire; Capt.), T. A. Marsh (O.A. and Oxford), M. J. Parsons (Oxfordshire), D. Green (Oxfordshire), T. Cooksley (Oxfordshire), M. Bond (Sussex), W. Wakelyn (Oxford Univ.).

H.E.

## VACATION RUGGER

Certain members of the Fifteen were active in holiday rugger. Peter Bosley played for both the Harlequins Schoolboys and the Saracens Schoolboys. Playing for the Harlequins against the Richmond Schoolboys side, he was joined by Schnellmann and Comber while David Ray turned out with him for the Saracens against Streatham and Croydon and against Esher. Bosley also represented the Saracens Schoolboys when they played the Old Alleynian Colts and he played one game for Saracens 'A' against Wimbledon Schools. Ray in addition played for Saracens versus Sutton Schools and Partridge who had earlier missed the game against Richmond turned out for Harlequins 'A' against the Civil Service Extra 1st XV. Rawlins nearer home played in the Oxfordshire Schoolboys Trial game at the beginning of the holiday but unfortunately was played out of position—on the wing instead of in the pack. We welcome this evidence of keenness for the game and hope that these boys have all managed to secure a foothold in London club rugger—Bosley indeed has already been invited to join the Harlequins.

D.O.W.

## SECOND FIFTEEN

It was almost half term before the team was settled, a number of changes of position and personnel taking place. This was due partly to team building in the 1st Fifteen, in which some eight of the side played one or more games, and partly to injuries. Despite it however, the side did well, results with two exceptions were good and the enthusiasm and spirit of the team most evident. The team's good overall record was indeed recognised in the award of some six Half-Colours.

Undoubtedly the best games were those against Leighton Park, M.C.S. and Dauntseys. In these matches everything seemed to click smoothly, both pack and threequarters excelling themselves with the ball often moving effectively out to the wings in a most attractive way. On the other hand, the game against Berkhamsted was a poor showing, the team cracking badly after holding their strong opponents for most of the first half; and that against Henley, although not as indifferent a game, was of a similar pattern.

So far as individual players are concerned, tribute must be paid to Bell's captaincy. Extremely keen, he led the side well and took effective control of the training in spite of the fact that his own play on the wing was disappointing — for most of the time he never quite fulfilled the promise of last year. The key man of the team was undoubtedly Goldsworthy at scrum-half. Always unruffled, his strength and skill was a great help under pressure, his kicking both in attack and defence excellent and his combination with Heading very good indeed — I have rarely seen such enjoyment of the game. Heading at fly-half had a superb attacking kick and, although he tended to overdo his kicking,

acquitted himself well in every game. Of the remaining backs, all played their part although the many changes among the centres inevitably interfered with consistent threequarter play. D. N. Roblin, a winger of tremendous determination, was the chief "try-getter", closely followed by his brother, P. A. C. Roblin, in the centre when the latter was not playing for the senior side. Bradfield played himself into the 1st Fifteen, Cooper — a much improved player — and Penney adequately filled his place whilst Beckett and, for two games, Morgan deputised effectively on the wing. Penney played well at full back until displaced by Sprent who was perhaps a trifle slow but otherwise very good and indeed unluckily not to keep his place in the 1st Fifteen.

Good forward play is the basic requirement for any successful rigger side and this year's pack was good. Prop-forwards, Sewry and Day, veterans of previous seasons, provided the necessary strength up front and were ably assisted by the hooking of Arundel: all three were useful players in the loose with Day perhaps excelling in any drive forward. Crouch, a player of great promise, Brice or Partridge made the second row, the latter two alternating also in the No. 8 position. Brice is a very good line-out forward and much better about the field than he was last season — he should do well next year; Partridge has boundless energy and keenness but tends to be a little undisciplined — a fact which possibly lost him his place in the 1st Fifteen. In the back row, Rawlins — another promising player — worked the open side most effectively and led the scrum throughout the season but his partner, Rogers, did not really fulfil the promise of last year. Blackburn until his translation to the 1st Fifteen was an excellent lock-man and Harper on the occasions when he played a very lively wing-forward.

The final arrangement of the team was: M. Sprent; N. P. J. Bell (Capt.), P. A. C. Roblin, J. A. Cooper, D. N. Roblin; M. J. Heading, B. E. Goldsworthy; S. P. Sewry, M. J. Arundel, C. E. I. Day, D. S. Partridge, E. A. C. Crouch, T. J. Rawlins, N. D. Brice, D. S. Rogers.

Also played: D. W. Penney (7 times); J. N. Harper (6 times); T. C. C. Beckett, P. H. Blackburn, R. E. N. Bradfield, J. P. H. Bosley, R. J. M. Conibear (4 times); L. Morgan (twice); and N. K. Cook, P. E. Comber, R. B. Davis, R. A. Forsythe, P. E. Gibbs (once).

During the season Half Colours were awarded to Day, Goldsworthy, Partridge, Roblin DN, Roblin PAC and Sprent.

### Results

v. Reading School (a). Wed., 29th Sept.	Won 12—0
v. Newbury Grammar School (h). Sat., 2nd Oct.	Won 11—3
v. Berkhamsted School (a). Thurs., 7th Oct.	Lost 3—5
v. Oxford R.F.C. Colts (h). Sat., 9th Oct.	Lost 6—18
v. Solihull School (a). Sat., 16th Oct.	Won 22—8
v. Leighton Park School (h). Wed., 20th Oct.	Won 35—8
v. Radley College (a). Sat., 23rd Oct.	Lost 3—14

- v. Magdalen College School (a). Wed., 27th Oct. Won 21—3  
 v. Henley Grammar School 1st XV (a). Wed., 3rd Nov. Lost 3—27  
 v. R.G.S., High Wycombe (a). Sat., 13th Nov. Drawn 3—3  
 v. Wallingford Grammar Sch. 1st XV (a). Sat., 1st Dec. Drawn 8—8  
 v. Dauntsey's School (h). Sat., 4th Dec. Won 22—0

The match against Bloxham School on 20th November was cancelled.

D.O.W.

### THIRD FIFTEEN

The fixture list for this term included matches against the Third XV's of Marlborough and Radley instead of their usual Fourths and in addition we had a first ever fixture against Dauntsey's 3rd XV. On our side the prospects at first seemed bleak since we had no nucleus of experienced players; bleaker still during the first match at Newbury where we were deservedly defeated. However the team began to settle down and although Marlborough beat us we began to show some cohesion. Then we went to Shiplake where the performance was far from sparkling but relieved to some extent by a good try from Hampton in the last few minutes to enable us to draw.

This match marked the end of the preliminary phase and from that point on we began to see all round improvement. The arrival of Clare and Schuck strengthened the pack to give us a fast and spirited set of forwards who dominated every succeeding game except that against Radley. This meant that the backs were given ample possession and the opportunity to develop their own techniques so that slowly the games became far more varied and exciting.

The halves began the season lacking any real skills. Foulkes at scrum half and Parfitt at stand off, improved in every match so that by the season's end both were playing with great self confidence and competence. Parfitt's kicking in particular became invaluable in that it was normally used in attack and not just to find touch. A commensurate improvement was obvious in the two centres, Coomber, a very good captain, and Giddings. The wings on the other hand provided problems which were never entirely settled. Wilde, on the right wing, was a ready made match winner and could always be relied upon to put some acceleration into the attack. The other wing position finally came to Hampton who was first class, running with great power and momentum but injury put him out of the game from half term. C. M. B. Wharton took his place but never really settled down in that position.

The only persistent weakness among the backs was a reluctance to tackle, but this was overcome by good work from the back row, Coe, Sykes and Walkinshaw. The latter proved himself time and again to be a skilful and versatile player; in the final match he played successfully at full back. Wood was a reluctant but enormously useful member of the team who hooked well and was invaluable in the loose. At full

back Le Voi made up for some positional weakness by great determination.

The general improvement in technical skills and enthusiasm led us to approach the final game at Dauntseys with some confidence but in the event the weather made conditions so appalling that both teams were reduced to wallowing in freezing black mud. The best match therefore was the penultimate game against Wallingford II where the backs came into their own and scored a series of excellent tries. Against the Abingdon Harlequins (Staff XV) we put up a good show but were outclassed by the galaxy of talent which the Staff produced.

In retrospect a pleasing feature of the season was the high morale and team spirit which quickly developed to retrieve what could have been a very unsuccessful series. Much of the credit for this must go to Coomber who was splendidly efficient throughout.

For its final match, the team was: G. Walkinshaw; R. C. Wilde, T. R. Giddings, R. Coomber (Capt.), C. M. B. Wharton; T. A. Parfitt, P. A. Foulkes; R. P. Jessett, C. D. Le Voi, D. Clare, R. D. Schuck, J. T. W. Kenney, T. J. Wood, R. A. Forsythe, S. S. Coe.

Also played: I. S. Sykes (7 times); K. Barnes, M. H. Hampton, J. N. Harper (4 times); T. C. C. Beckett, J. P. W. Mosdell, M. H. Vaughan, A. M. Wood (twice); T. S. Addison, E. P. Caton, D. W. Penney, J. L. Sayce and A. N. R. Wharton (once).

#### Results

v. Newbury Grammar School (a). Sat., 2nd Oct.	Lost 8-18
v. Marlborough School (h). Sat., 9th Oct.	Lost 8-12
v. Shiplake Court 1st XV (a). Wed., 13th Oct.	Drawn 11-11
v. Leighton Park School (h). Wed., 20th Oct.	Won 37-0
v. Magdalen College School (h). Wed., 27th Oct.	Won 14-5
v. Henley Grammar Sch. 2nd XV (a). Wed., 3rd Nov.	Won 16-0
v. Cokethorpe Park School 1st XV (h). Sat., 6th Nov.	Won 12-11
v. Radley College (h). Sat., 13th Nov.	Lost 8-16
v. Stowe School 4th XV (a). Sat., 27th Nov.	Won 13-3
v. Abingdon Harlequins (h). Mon., 29th Nov.	Lost 0-5
v. Wallingford Grammar Sch. 2nd XV (a). Wed., 1st Dec.	Won 25-6
v. Dauntsey's School (a). Sat., 4th Dec.	Drawn 0-0

J.T.

#### FOURTH FIFTEEN

This year for the first time the School ran a fourth Fifteen. In the first match, against Marlborough College, the pack held its own but a lot was lost through inexperience and carelessness with regard to the rules. However, we were unlucky not to score in the second half. In the Radley match, we were up against a superior pack and our backs saw little of the ball. When they did get the ball they played well and

Vaughan scored a good try which was converted by Caton. The side was well led by Addison.

It is hoped to provide more fixtures for this team next season and to allot a sponsoring master to it. The experience of this term has proved that there is a real need for a representative side at this level.

The final line-up of the team was: M. A. Pressland; M. H. Vaughan, J. P. W. Mosdell, T. C. C. Beckett, R. J. Luttmann; E. P. Caton, N. V. Moore; S. P. B. Allen, A. M. Wood, D. M. Dickson, D. Button, S. N. Pearson, M. J. Theophilus, G. C. V. Collings, T. S. Addison (Capt.).

Also played: M. J. Arundel, J. W. Sagar, R. D. Schuck, and C. M. B. Wharton.

#### Results

v. Marlborough College (h). Sat., 9th Oct.

Lost 0-17

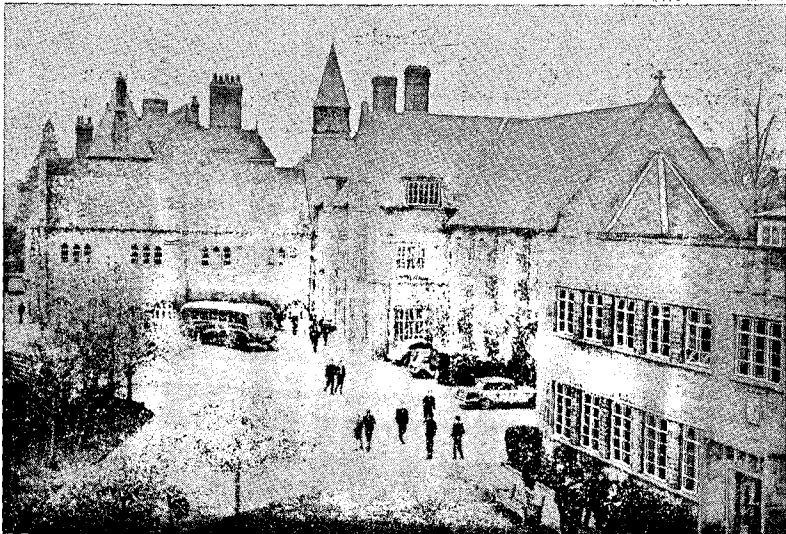
v. Radley College (h). Sat., 13th Nov.

Lost 5-45

J.T./D.O.W.

#### COLTS FIFTEEN

This side is to be congratulated upon an unbeaten season. To go through nine games undefeated is no mean achievement and the team did it magnificently even though on a cold, wet November day on Bloxham Hill, they looked in danger of losing their record—in the



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mud. The standard of rucker was at times of the highest order and the pack while always outweighed in the set pieces, made the most of their chances to dominate loose play and gain possession for a set of very talented backs.

Hunt was a dependable full-back with a big kick. Both wings ran strongly on occasion but Morgan lacked real confidence to use his speed in a tight spot. The centres both ran and tackled well while the half-backs provided a good safe link. McLaughlin came into his own in the wet conditions at the end of term — his kicking being very accurate. All the forwards could handle the ball well and Ablewhite developed into a fine lock-forward. The back row were excellent in attack but despite useful coaching from R. G. Coulbeck rarely showed up as spoilers in defence.

Carr led the side very well and those forwards who did not command a regular place in the side were most dependable reserves. It says a lot for a team which can play a wing-forward at full-back and a second row man on the wing as temporary replacements and get away with it! Well done, all!

The final composition of the side was: D. N. Hunt; L. Morgan, N. J. Booker, J. C. Paddison, A. O. Akinbiyi; B. H. Ford, J. Y. McLaughlan; N. R. Snodgrass, G. C. Ruck, R. L. Matthews, J. F. Goldsworthy, P. K. Ablewhite, A. E. Banes, I. L. M. Carr (Capt.), T. R. Paxton.

Also played: D. R. Sayce, A. W. Semmence (5 times) and J. R. Burton (twice).

#### Results

v. Reading School (a). Wed., 29th Sept.	Won 15—8
v. Newbury Grammar School (h). Sat., 2nd Oct.	Won 19—0
v. Berkhamsted School (h). Thurs., 7th Oct.	Won 15—6
v. Radley College (h). Sat., 16th Oct.	Won 11—5
v. Cokethorpe Park School 2nd XV (a). Wed., 3rd Nov.	Won 6—3
v. Pangbourne Nautical College (a). Sat., 6th Nov.	Won 13—0
v. Royal Merchant Navy School (a). Wed., 10th Nov.	Won 8—0
v. Bloxham School (a). Sat., 20th Nov.	Drawn 3—3
v. Dauntseys School (h). Sat., 4th Dec.	Won 8—5

B.J.M.

#### JUNIOR COLTS FIFTEEN

The season has been one of mixed fortune. The problem has been to make the best use of the talent available, and this has led to the inclusion of boys who were not in a team last year and to a great deal of re-shuffling.

The back line combines well in attack, with M. Varley particularly strong at finding a gap, but the pack contains only individual talent and has frequently been unable to give the backs much of the ball.

This, in conjunction with weak tackling in midfield, has caused our defeats.

Wet weather play needs re-thinking. It is usually a waste of effort to handle the ball in one's own half of the field: good touch kicking and well-placed attacking kicks to keep play in the opponents' 25 are effective tactics in wet weather.

There is a lot of good in this side and A. Varley has been a helpful captain. I think results will be better next year.

The final arrangement of the team was: M. J. Harfield; F. J. Barnes, A. J. Varley (Capt), M. C. Varley, A. C. Ellis; M. J. Hill, P. C. McPhail; R. W. Hamilton, A. L. Watts, B. K. Langmead, M. A. Fletcher, C. E. J. Lilley, M. G. Baker, J. E. North, R. K. Blackburn.

Also played: K. G. Cuthbert (7 times); A. J. Cowley (6 times) and S. Gibbs (once).

#### Results

v. Newbury Grammar School (h). Sat., 2nd Oct.	Won 19—3
v. Solihull School (a). Sat., 16th Oct.	Lost 0—21
v. Leighton Park School (a). Wed., 20th Oct.	Won 17—0
v. John Mason High School (a). Sat., 23rd Oct.	Won 14—8
v. Magdalen College School (a). Wed., 27th Oct.	Lost 5—6
v. Radley College (a). Thurs., 28th Oct.	Lost 3—15
v. R.G.S., High Wycombe (h). Sat., 13th Nov.	Won 35—0
v. Bloxham School (a). Sat., 20th Nov.	Lost 0—11
v. Dauntseys School (a). Sat., 27th Nov.	Lost 11—36
v. Wallingford Grammar School (h). Wed., 1st Dec.	Lost 9—17
v. Southfield School (a). Sat., 4th Dec.	Won 9—0

K.M.D.H.

#### JUNIOR FIFTEEN

This has been an excellent season—168 points for, 45 against—with a keen, happy and successful side, very well captained by Smart. The term ended with the team undefeated by any other Junior XV although they did lose to a heavy Cokethorpe Junior Colts side.

The main strength of the side lay in the pack which worked so well as a unit that it seems invidious to mention individuals, although of course in the tight the shove of Cuthbert and Grant in the second row was well timed and extremely effective. Coulbeck and Smart were the most prominent forwards in the loose; Smart in fact from No. 8 position scoring no fewer than 11 tries, only two less than John Cox, our top scorer in the centre. Comerford was steady at scrum half—slow to pass but excellent in defence. The rest of the back line disappointed at times. Plail tried hard at stand-off but heavy grounds told on his lack of weight and Marshall made a good replacement. John Cox in the centre and brother James on the right wing were consistently successful. Bad points for the whole team were the tackling and falling

—Bodimeade at full-back was an exception here but his handling was suspect at times.

The best win—worth an individual mention—was our defeat of Dauntseys, a new fixture, away on their ground on a sloping pitch in a high wind and after a two hour coach journey. For once the scrum were dominated in the tight by a heavier pack but superb loose play continually gave us possession after Dauntseys attacks broke down and all our points came from this. An excellent win.

Two final congratulations—first to Cuthbert who shared the place kicking with Bodimeade and who kicked 25 valuable points, and secondly to Bowden for serving very willingly and efficiently as touch judge.

The regular team was: S. A. Bodimeade; D. W. Galbraith, J. P. Cox, K. P. Brown, J. L. Cox; D. M. Marshall, J. R. Comerford; N. S. Coulbeck, D. I. Smith, V. Lacey-Johnson, W. H. Cuthbert, R. J. Grant, N. P. Heading, N. K. A. Smart (Capt.), J. K. Ridge.

Also played: R. O. Plail, N. G. W. Seaver (5 times); J. M. Whittington (twice) and J. A. Clargo and T. J. G. Healy (once).

#### Results

v. Berkhamsted School (h). Thurs., 7th Oct.	Won 22—8
v. Radley College (a). Sat., 9th Oct.	Won 16—6
v. Solihull School (h). Sat., 16th Oct.	Won 14—3
v. John Mason High School (a). Sat., 23rd Oct.	Won 14—3
v. Magdalen College School (h). Wed., 27th Oct.	Won 8—0
v. Cokethorpe Park School U/15XV (h). Sat., 6th Nov.	Lost 5—9
v. R.G.S., High Wycombe (h). Sat., 13th Nov.	Won 19—8
v. Dauntseys School (a). Sat., 27th Nov.	Won 19—8
v. Wallingford Grammar School (h). Wed., 1st Dec.	Won 25—0
v. Southfield School (h). Sat., 4th Dec.	Won 26—0

An 'A' Junior XV played one away match against New College Prep. School in Oxford and were soundly beaten 0—11. The team was: I. S. Bowden; R. N. Macdonald, J. R. Rowson, J. M. Whittington, J. W. S. Chalker; R. O. Plail (Capt.), J. Y. McLaughlan, Jnr.; N. P. Heading, K. L. Blair, N. P. Winton, J. A. Clargo, M. H. Bellinger, I. M. Bricknell, T. J. Allington, D. I. Smith.

M.N.M./N.H.P.

#### HOUSE MATCHES

All House matches were played off without interruption from the weather although the final of the Senior Knock-out Competition had to be played in appallingly wet conditions on Lower Field. The preliminary round of this competition had resulted in two excellent games, both played on the afternoon of Wednesday, 10th November. The game between Reeves and Tesdale was especially close and ended in a

16—11 victory for Reeves for whom R. B. Davis was in great form scoring three of their four tries. Beckett also scored and Heading converted twice. The Tesdale points came from Bradfield (2 tries), C. M. Wharton (1 try) and Caton (a conversion). In the other game, Blacknall rather overwhelmed Bennett, scoring no less than six tries—D. N. Roblin (2), Walkinshaw (2), P. V. Bosley and Rawlins (1 each)—two of them being converted by Partridge. Yet Bennett battled manfully throughout and were in no way disgraced. The Final was by contrast disappointing. Not only were conditions bad but Blacknall and Reeves were so evenly matched forward that the game was at stalemate for much of the time. Of the two sides, Blacknall attempted more open play and to this extent it was perhaps just when they ultimately won the Lin Cup by two penalty goals, both from the boot of Painton.

The Senior and Junior League Competitions provided plenty of excitement even though the standard of rugger was not always very good. The Toplis Cup for the Senior contest went to Blacknall who had an outstandingly good team: they defeated Bennett (26—11), Reeves (19—14) and Tesdale (33—3). Tesdale, victors over Reeves (19—11) and Bennett (30—3), were runners up while both Bennett and Reeves lost their matches except when they managed to play one another to a drawn game, 6—6.

In the Junior contest, last year's runners up, Reeves, gained the Robinson Cup with three good wins over Bennett (16—3), Blacknall (20—5) and Tesdale (27—3). Second place went to Tesdale who however could only muster one victory—over Blacknall (17—5)—and a drawn game with Bennett (8—8). Blacknall came third by defeating Bennett (18—0), the latter like its senior House merely securing the modest compensation of a drawn game with Tesdale.

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The annual Dayboys v. Boarders match played on Saturday, 11th December, provided an extremely good display of rugger, a just reward for those boys and staff who braved the icy wind and muddy field to line the touch. Both sides were determined to play good football. The Dayboys were the first to settle down and produced several nice movements, one of which resulted in Painton going over for a try which he converted himself. Shortly before half-time and despite a fierce Boarder attempt to dominate the game forward, the Dayboys scored again through Partridge. The second half provided the fireworks when the Boarder pack seized the initiative and for some twenty minutes dictated the play. This resulted in a fine try from D. N. Roblin who gaining the ball from a quick heel near the Dayboy line literally forced his way over. The try was converted by R. B. Davis. This was followed about ten minutes later by perhaps the best try of the day from Gibbs. Davis again converted to put the Boarders ahead by 10 points to 8. The last minutes of the game were played out amid great excitement and a Dayboy revival led to their getting a further goal (try from Jackson,

conversion by Painton) in the very last minute. The final result was a 13—10 victory to the Dayboys in what was generally agreed to be the best of these encounters to date.

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The Place Kicking Competition for the Bosley Cup did not unfortunately attract a very large entry and took place at the end of term. Kicking was not on the whole as good as it was last year when Partridge only dropped one point but it was perhaps more keen. This time Partridge had to be content with second place giving precedence to Painton who gained 8 points out of a possible 12. Partridge had a score of 7 points and there was a tie for third place between Ray, Heading and Coffee, each of whom secured 6 points. It is regrettable that all of these were high scorers in the competition last year—no new place-kickers have come forward although all the fifteens need them badly.

### CROSS COUNTRY

We had few fixtures against other schools this term so it was most frustrating that two of these were among the three matches which were cancelled by our opponents at the last minute. In some of the remaining matches we were rather outclassed, but the experience gained in races with a large number of competitors served us well in the Berkshire Championships later in the term when our six runners returned with seven medals—4 silver and 3 bronze.

Hall and Marshall both ran consistently well but unfortunately Berry, the Secretary, never recaptured his form of last season. Hewes, Denny and Roper all improved greatly during the term and Cook and King also did well on occasions. Jackson and Hassett were prevented by injury from doing much running, but we hope they will be fully recovered for next term.

Half Colours were awarded to W. M. Marshall, C. W. Denny, R. H. Roper and T. W. Hewes.

The following represented the School on more than one occasion this term: L. J. Berry, C. W. Denny, D. W. Hall, T. W. Hewes (5 times); C. N. Cook, W. M. Marshall, R. H. Roper (4 times); M. J. F. King (3 times); R. A. Jackson (twice).

### RESULTS OF MATCHES

*v. Westminster Training College (away). Sat., 2nd October.*

1st—Westminster 33 pts.; 2nd—Abingdon 45 pts.

(Scorers: Marshall 4, Hall 5, Jackson 6, Berry 9, Denny 10, Hewes 11).

v. *Culham Training College, King Alfred's Training College, Winchester and Reading University (at Culham). Wed., 3rd November.*

1st—Culham 44 pts.; 2nd—K.A.C., Winchester 62 pts.; 3rd—Reading University 72 pts.; 4th—Abingdon 130 pts.

(Scorers: Marshall 17, Hall 18, Jackson 21, Berry 23, Hewes 25, Roper 26, Denny 27).

v. *R.G.S., High Wycombe (home). Wed., 17th November.*

1st—High Wycombe 33 pts.; 2nd—Abingdon 45 pts.

(Scorers: Marshall 3, Hall 4, Denny 7, Roper 8, Hewes 11, Berry 12).

v. *St. John's College, Oxford, and 2 composite teams from other colleges (away). Wed., 1st December.*

1st—St. John's; 2nd—Oriel, Etc; 3rd—Abingdon; 4th—Keble, Etc.

(Scorers: Hall 12, Marshall 14, Denney 15, Hewes 16, Roper 17, Berry 22).

*The Berkshire Championships (at Aborfield). Sat., 11th December.*

In the Youth's Race, Abingdon came 3rd out of 10 teams (59 ran); (Hall 2, Roper 6, Denney 16).

In the Boys' Race, Abingdon came 2nd out of 8 teams (49 ran); (Hewes 5, Ford 13, Berry 17).

#### INTER-HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY

The 1st Form Race (2 laps of Albert Park) was held on the last Thursday of term and the other races were held the next day over the Rye Farm Course (by kind permission of Peter Wilsden, O.A.). The frost at the end of November was followed by almost continuous wind and rain and the river came to within inches of flooding the course. By the actual day, however, the water level had dropped leaving behind the squelchy conditions which we have come to associate with these races—but the wind had dropped and it was quite mild.

There are seldom such exciting finishes as that in the 1st Form Race this year when Balbernie and Habgood raced neck and neck over the last 200 yards with several others only a few yards behind. Balbernie finally won by about a foot, breaking the old record by  $\frac{2}{5}$  of a second.

In the Junior Race, Smart set a terrific pace and only Cox JP managed to stay with him for any length of time. Both beat the old record by over half a minute. Although Blacknall House had six runners in the first eight, Bennett House and Reeves House both packed much better lower down and emphasised once again that these races provide an opportunity for every boy to do his bit for his House.

It was no surprise that Hewes was in the lead at the end of the first lap of the Intermediate Race, but it was surprising that he should be so far in front that a herd of cows could leisurely cross the track

behind him and still not impede the second runner. He went on to break the record by 40 seconds.

Fearing Hall's superior finish, Marshall soon went to the front in the Senior Race and opened up a sizeable gap, but Hall bided his time and then went away strongly over the last mile. The first four finished well in front of the rest of the field in times that only the course record holder, Avery, has bettered.

The experimental scoring system introduced last year was retained and it was decided to include the 1st Form results in the House Championship. Only in the Intermediate Race did some competitors fail to complete the course in a "reasonable time". 434 boys scored points for their Houses—59 more than last year.

#### DETAILS OF THE HOUSE COMPETITION

	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>Blacknall</i>	<i>Reeves</i>	<i>Tesdale</i>
Senior:	1663 (1)	1136 (3)	1423 (2)	875 (4)
Intermediate:	1311 (2)	1333 (1)	1264 (3)	1173 (4)
Junior:	1550 (1)	1309 (3)	1337 (2)	894 (4)
1st Form:	336 (2)	297 (4)	343 (1)	305 (3)
Totals:	4860 (1)	4075 (3)	4367 (2)	3247 (4)

The first ten home in each race were:

*Senior:* Hall DW (17:19.2), Marshall WM, Denney CW, Roper RH, Bradfield REN, Booker PK, Jessett RP, Kenny JTW, Cook CN, Heading MJ.

*Intermediate:* Hewes TW (18:03.4), Snodgrass NR, Ramsey VA, Berry LJ, Janz R, Ruck GC, North JE, Varley AJ, Rose A, Flint HJ.

*Junior:* Smart NKA (8:53), Cox JP, Cox JL, Varley MC, Marshall DM, Wallace CA, Jordan CJ, Plail RO, Minns MJ, Crocker AJM.

*1st Form:* Balbernie A (7:27.3), Habgood G, Price PD, Leonard CN, Smith DPC, Chalker ADS, Wood RG, Sykes KG, Whipple MS, Walker JG.

R.H.B.

#### COMBINED CADET FORCE

Once again, the number of recruits has enabled us to fill all the vacancies in the various sections and the total strength including the Band almost tops the 250 mark. One important change of sectional strength has taken place in that the R.A.F. Section now is increased to 75 cadets with a corresponding reduction in the Army Section. This has been as a result of demand exceeding supply in the past and the Ministry of Defence authorization for the change also enables us to increase our officer strength by one.

Some 200 cadets paraded on a cold Remembrance Sunday—a magnificent turn out. The Guard of Honour represented all three sections for

the first time; the Band led us back to School playing their tune—'Colonel Bogey'—in rousing style and the contingent responded to it with a good display of marching. This made up for a cacophony at the Guildhall when two bands were playing at the march-past—different tunes, different rhythms.

And now I sign off and hand over to Mr. Manly. I hope he enjoys his time as C.O. as much as I have. B.J.M.

### ARMY SECTION

A routine term with continued assistance from 16 Bn. R.A.O.C. and 14 Sig. Regt., R. Sigs. We are grateful too for help from Mr. Scott, Sgt., T.A., who has assisted with recruit training. Field Day continued its usual varied fare: C Coy. visited C.O.D. Bicester and B Coy. enjoyed a day's revision ready for their Proficiency Exam which was held on the last Monday of term. R.A. Section and Rescue Section joined C Coy. for the day while R. Sigs visited their sponsors at Bampton Castle.

The standard of N.C.O. instruction continues to give us some headaches but at least they are given magnificent example by U/O Partridge who tackles his job with tremendous enthusiasm. B.J.M.

### ROYAL NAVAL SECTION

An almost entirely new set of Instructors took over at the beginning of term, and worked steadily towards the written examinations held at its end.

Field Day took the form of a map-reading exercise in the Dorchester area, and although it proved to be rather too simple to appeal to the seniors, some of the younger members of the section enjoyed it.

There was a very good turn-out for Remembrance Sunday, virtually all the Section being present, and History was made when all three Services supplied the guard for the Cenotaph. Our own representative acquitted himself well.

Summer Camp this year will again be at Loch Ewe from 30th July to 6th August, and there is a large number of courses available both in the Summer and at Easter. It is hoped that more boys than usual will avail themselves of these opportunities.

Finally we have to say goodbye, most regretfully, to Major Montague, and we welcome S/Ldr. Manly who takes over command of the Corps in his place. To them both we wish the best of good fortune.

L.C.J.G.

### R.A.F. SECTION

Flt. Sgt. Munson and Sgt. Penney successfully completed their Flying Scholarship courses and were awarded their Private Pilot's Licence. Cpl. Tooze and Cdt. Cockerill both completed gliding courses at R.A.F. Henlow, where the former also attended a Star Camp.



This term two visits have been made to R.A.F. White Waltham for Air Experience Flying in Chipmunks. A number of recruits managed to have their first taste of flying in this way. Further flying experience was also acquired on Field Day, when the Section visited R.A.F. Little Rissington and R.A.F. Lyneham. The party visiting the former Station were fortunate to spend nearly two hours flying in a Britannia involved in a fly-past at some other Station. The visit to R.A.F. Little Rissington was not quite so successful, as fog interfered with much of the flying programme, although some cadets did have a flight in a Varsity.

The size of the Section continues to grow, and should stand at seventy-five cadets and three officers in a year's time. Although the increase presents certain difficulties, opportunities for the keen cadet do increase, and it is hoped that four cadets will be visiting Germany as part of a new scheme for cadet visits to B.A.O.R. It is also hoped that opportunities for gliding will increase now that we are affiliated to the Gliding Centre at Swanton Morley. Two applicants for Flying Scholarships have once again passed the Biggin Hill Selection Board and have been recommended for the award. These cadets are Cpls. Jessett and Tooze.

Finally, Flt. Lt. Morelle will be taking over the duties of Section Commander from the beginning of the Lent Term, and although I shall not lose sight of the activities of the Section, I hope that all concerned will continue to show the enthusiastic interest which I have seen during my three years as C.O.

Promotions announced this term were:

To Flight Sergeant: D. Clare.

To Sergeant: R. A. Forsythe.

To Corporal: T. J. Rawlins, I. S. Sykes.

D.W.M.

It is with regret that we bid farewell to Major Montague, who in the short time he has commanded the Corps has devoted so much of his time and energy to encouraging the activities of every section of the C.C.F. In expressing our gratitude to him we wish him every success in his new appointment.

D.S.P.

## SCOUTS

*34th North Berks*

### JUNIOR TROOPS

We welcomed a large number of recruits at the beginning of term. There is now a total of seven patrols in the Monday and Thursday troops, containing forty-six boys. We are glad to have with us Mr. Davies, who has been Assistant Scoutmaster with the 11th Wakefield troop.

The new patrol leaders are shouldering their responsibilities and a lot of useful badge work has been done. It is to be hoped that all the tenderfeet will soon be invested. On Field Day we went to Cothill, and each patrol was set a separate task for the morning, such as attempting to send or receive smoke signals or attempting to map the boundary of the nature reserve. Simple backwoods cooking was encouraged at lunch, and a successful wide game occupied the afternoon.

At half term Mr. Blagden and Mr. Welch took a party of nine scouts to Wales, intending to hike over the Rhinog Mountains from Barmouth to Cwm Bychan. Bad weather made this impossible, and apart from one wet morning above Barmouth all we climbed was the Roman Steps. Luckily we were able to stay in an Inter-Varsity Club hostel instead of relying on our hike tents.

### SENIOR TROOP

At the beginning of the term only two scouts came up from the junior troops; one scout who had spent a year in the Corps re-joined us, and one boy left us to join the Corps, making our numbers seventeen. We also welcome Mr. Truran, who was a scouter with the 1st Croydon troop in Adelaide, South Australia.

Activities included the inevitable Venturer Incident journey — the boys are now better at keeping to the scheduled times. There was also a very eventful half term weekend spent in Snowdonia. The weather was far too bad for us to do the walks we would have liked to, but we did get to the top of Snowdon. On the Monday we found a very sheltered rock climb facing the sun, where some of us had a marvellous time. It was unfortunate that the two youngest members of the party got such a wet introduction to rock climbing on the Sunday.

One new activity that met with a large degree of success was a cycle rally, so much so that the court of honour have included another in the Lent Term programme.

Following the combined barbecue in the Summer Term we tried a certain amount of combined activity with some of the Abingdon Guides, and we are grateful to Mrs. Allen of the 3rd Abingdon Company for her co-operation. In addition to a party to which the guides invited us, two ventures were explored: an afternoon of Pioneering at Youlbury when four projects were tackled, one by each patrol, and a combined campfire for all our scouts and the Guides, again held at Youlbury, unfortunately in the training centre owing to drizzle. Such combined activity is still very much at the trial stage but should prove a great success, as both movements have a lot that they can learn from one another. It merely remains to strike the happy note as to what the best activities are and how often we should have them. The boys and girls have certainly enjoyed those that we have so far tried.

Finally we wish to thank all those parents and friends who support the troop in all its activities. We greatly value their help.

J.B./J.S.L.

## CHESS

After a shaky start, losing to Bedford Modern School and Oxford City, the 1st VI achieved six wins and a draw—a very pleasing performance. The first two rounds of the *Sunday Times* Tournament, against Salesian College and Reading School, were safely won, and at the beginning of next term we meet Bicester G.S. in the third round. I believe that this year we stand a fighting chance of coming to the zonal final and winning it; certainly this is not beyond the bounds of possibility. We shall keep our fingers crossed.

We also won our first two matches (against Littlemore G.S. and Southfield) in the Oxford Schools League. We decided to join the league this year for the first time because it has now been reorganised in such a way that membership is less of a burden. Here again we can reasonably hope to come out well, though it is probably tempting providence to say so!

Giddings and Wells are leaving us at Christmas, and they will both be sorely missed. Giddings has been a good Captain and he has always been a most useful member of the 1st VI since he first played in November 1962. Wells has been playing regularly for even longer—since December 1961: his services too have been absolutely invaluable. We wish all good fortune to these two leavers.

Next term Harding will become the new Captain, and Burton will take over from him as Secretary. The gaps in the team will not be difficult to fill as there are several very promising young players waiting for a regular place. It has been very heartening this term to see the abundance of talent and enthusiasm shown by these juniors. The future looks quite bright.

We must thank the Abingdon Chess Club for their gift of a second very handsome set and board. Unfortunately the Club has been forced to cease its activities for a while, through lack of support. We hope the membership soon increases to a working number.

Since the Abingdon Club stopped meeting, Harding has been playing (with great success) for Oxford City and also occasionally for Worcester City. With such a wealth of experience behind him he is now a most formidable top board for the School team.

Match results for the term are:

29th Sept.	1st VI v. Bedford Modern School (a).	Lost 2½-3½
4th Oct.	1st VI v. Oxford City (a).	Lost 1-5
17th Oct.	U/14 VI v. Dragon School (a).	Lost 2½-3½
25th Oct.	1st VI v. Salesian College (a).	Won 4½-1½
28th Oct.	1st VI v. Eton College (a).	Drawn 3-3
11th Oct.	1st VI v. Littlemore G.S. (h).	Won 5-1
18th Nov.	1st VI v. K.A.S., Wantage (a).	Won 4½-1½
22nd Nov.	1st VI v. Reading School (h).	Won 4-2

24th Nov.	School v. Masters' Common Room.	Won 6—1
7th Dec.	1st VI v. Southfield (a).	Won 5—1
20th Nov.	U/15 VI came second equal in the Schools' Jamboree at the Dragon School, scoring 4 points out of 6.	

Individual scores are as follows:

For the 1st VI: T. D. Harding 6/8; M. F. Wells 5½/8; T. R. Giddings 3½/7; J. R. Burton 5/7; P. H. Blackburn 4/7; J. J. A. King 3½/7; M. J. F. King 0/1; M. G. Osborn 5/6; H. J. Manning 3/3; B. K. Langmead 0/1.

In other matches: M. G. Osborn ½/1; H. J. Manning 1/1; C. J. Marley 1/2; D. H. Parry 0/1; C. J. Nicholl 0/1; D. N. Longdon 1/2; A. T. B. Herbert 2/2; A. A. Tammadge 1/2.

J.V.T.

## MUSIC NOTES

This term's activities were again in full swing. The Choral Society is one of the best we have had in recent years as is the Concert Band. Together they gave a most enjoyable Carol Concert on the last Sunday of the term at which a large audience gave its vocal support to the popular carols. Next term the Choral Society will be joined by the First Orchestra in rehearsing and performing Hadyn's "Nelson" Mass which is a most rewarding and enjoyable work both for performers and audience.

The three orchestras are also preparing for an Orchestral Concert in the Lent term. Mrs. Kitching very kindly agreed to take on the direction of the Third Orchestra which is now a most promising feature of the School Music.

We were particularly pleased to welcome Mr. George Pratt, Director of Music at Keele University, to adjudicate the first round of the House Music Competition, and competitors were much helped by his advice and constructive criticism. Winning performances were given by T. Tozer, R. Pickavance, and P. Scott on the Piano, and G. Hallett, and D. Murphy on the Organ. Bennett came first in the House points with Tesdale a fairly close second.

Two first-rate and contrasting Subscription Concerts were given this term. Mr. James Blades, the famous percussion player, provided a most illuminating and entertaining lecture-recital employing over 30 assorted percussion instruments ranging from an African tam-tam to an enormous gong. The Edinburgh Cellist, Miss Joan Dickson, gave the second recital, and left one in no doubt that her outstanding technique and musicianship, combined with a real depth of feeling, made this recital one of the most memorable we have had in the series of Subscription Concerts.

With the building of the new Music School about to commence, the

distant prospect is alluring. The benefit of having a centre for music-making, teaching, and storing of instruments is without measure, and we can now look forward to realisation of these in the near future.

The following were successful in the Associated Board Examinations held this term.

Pass: R. Hazeldine (II—Piano); C. Allen (IV—Clarinet); P. Shaw (V—Piano); K. Poole (V—Violin); D. Langmead (V—Oboe); M. Howlett (V—Cello).

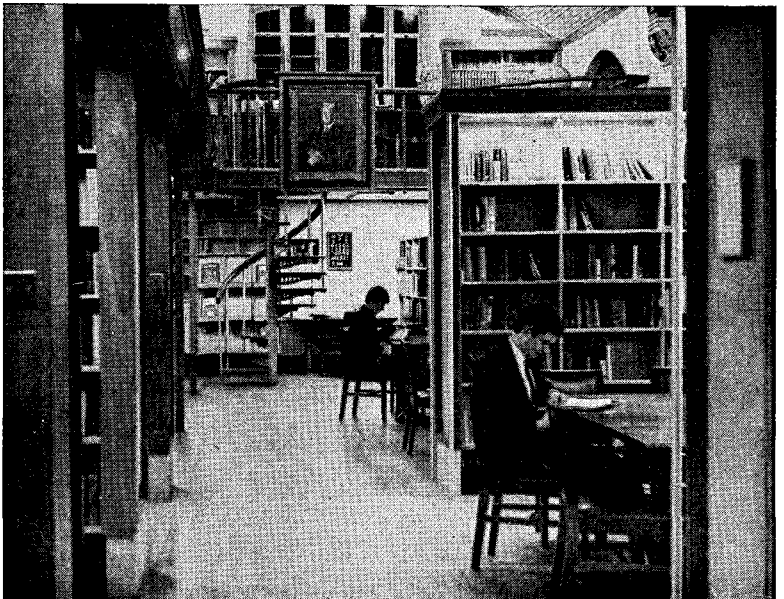
With Merit: G. Webb (VII—Violin); G. Edwards (VIII—Clarinet); T. Tozer (VIII—Piano).

With Distinction: C. Rock (III—Clarinet); T. Tozer (VIII—Organ).

J.G.C.

### THE GRUNDY LIBRARY

The major acquisition last term was the complete Dictionary of National Biography, a truly munificent gift from P. L. Howard, O.A. We are also very grateful to Mrs. Duffield for the gift of many books on



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local history and also two scholarly works on Cranmer and Wycliffe by her son; to the Misses Morland for a large number of books to suit all ages and tastes; and to the following for leaving books - or just books: Richard Paxman, M. Proost, Richard Morris, Alan Wiggins and David Willis. To all our sincere thanks. We must mention too the very welcome co-operation of the Berkshire Schools Library Service by which some hundred books are sent each term on loan for the term. We are most grateful to Mrs. Heeks, the Librarian, for her assistance.

G.F.D.

## SCHOOL SOCIETIES

### ROYSSÉ SOCIETY

Chairman: The Headmaster. Secretary: R. B. Davis.

This term the society has seen two revolutionary changes from the system which had survived so admirably for fifteen years. The Headmaster's move from School House to Lacies Court involved a corresponding change of venue for the society's meetings, at one of which we welcomed the first visitor to address the society—Mr. Donald McLachlan, the editor of the 'Sunday Telegraph', to whom, together with Mrs. McLachlan (the first lady to be present at a meeting), we are most grateful. Mr. McLachlan spoke informally on "The Education of a Prince", discussing the development of royal education generally as a background to the specific training of Prince Charles.

At the first meeting of the term M. J. H. Liversidge read a paper on "Force or farce: the role of the British Commonwealth today", particularly appropriate at the time in relation to developments in Rhodesia. At the third meeting we heard R. D. R. Ray speaking on drugs and drug addiction in a paper entitled "Dagga, Hashish or Bhang"—a topic which provoked much lively discussion.

The society would like to express its sincere thanks to the Headmaster and Miss Cobban for the very kind hospitality at these meetings.

R.B.D.

### LITERARY SOCIETY

Secretary: R. B. Davis.

With only three members of the society left from last term, the initial meetings were likely to provoke stimulating and controversial discussion. This, indeed, proved to be the case at the first meeting, when P. A. Sugg read a paper on the development of English comedy from Jacobean times. The ensuing discussion ranged over the entire field of English literature, and helped members to assess the knowledge of their 'opponents'.

At the second meeting R. D. Schuck read a paper on Dylan Thomas, a topic of a controversial nature which provoked extremely heated arguments, the principal one being a debate whether sheer beauty of sound in poetry can be a satisfactory end in itself. The last meeting was entirely different: six poems, varying from a Shakespeare sonnet to Brecht's "Memory of Maria A" (in the original German), were read and each was fully criticised and discussed by the meeting. The whole proved a most successful experiment, greatly enhanced by the hospitality of Mrs. W. Liversidge, to whom we are extremely grateful.

Our thanks must also go to our sponsor, Mr. Owen, for the continued help and interest he has shown towards the society.

R.B.D.

## SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

Secretaries: T. C. Tozer, A. M. Wood.

The result of the amalgamation of the former Clarendon and Scientific Societies, finally agreed at the beginning of this term, has been most encouraging.

At the first meeting, on the evening of 8th October, P. J. Wilson gave a very good talk on "Deep Space Mining": a curious topic, but a factual conglomeration of astronomy, astrophysics and vacuum engineering. We were fortunate on 15th October to hear Dr. G. Sanders, O.A., speaking on "Magneto-hydrodynamic generation of electric power". The principles and problems of M.H.D. systems were clearly explained and the future of the development was discussed. On 11th November there was a very good attendance when Dr. Bannister of Esso Research lectured on "Synthetic Rubber". After giving a history of their development he explained the chemistry, manufacturing techniques and applications of many synthetic rubbers. The final meeting was on Friday, 19th November when two films were shown: "Forming of metals" and "Energy for Europe". Although lacking in scientific content, they were of general interest.

T.C.T.

## THE ATHENAEUM

Chairman: P. A. Sugg. Treasurer: R. B. Davis.

Secretary: M. J. H. Liversidge.

Two excursions have been made this term, both to the Oxford Playhouse, where we saw Anouilh's "Antigone" and the Oxford University Experimental Theatre Club's production of the Hungarian Julius Hay's "The Horse", a satirical farce which, although superficially entertaining, proved most stimulating intellectually. Apart from their political undertones (Anouilh directing his against German-occupied France, while "The Horse", based on the story of Caligula, is an eloquent comment on the contemporary Hungarian regime) neither play had anything in common with the other: that both were equally enjoyed is a measure of the society's eclectic tastes, which we hope will be equally exercised again next term. In addition to these meetings, an Annual General Meeting was held at the beginning of term for the election of associate members.

M.J.H.L.

## ST. EDMUND SOCIETY

Secretary: J. R. Poole

The term began well when seventy persons, including a number of guests from St. Helen's, heard Father Paulinus Milner speak on "New thoughts from the Vatican". At the second meeting of the term a film of "Coventry Cathedral" was shown.

Finally, on 25th November, a group of boys, accompanied by two masters, visited the Cowley Fathers at their monastery in Oxford. After supper, taken in silence, Brother Cyril, who has previously visited the School, and two priests conducted the party around the extensive buildings comprising the monastery. The evening was concluded at their associate youth club, where a good time was had by all.

Our thanks are once again due to the Chaplain for his continued energy and enthusiasm, and for his hospitality after the meetings.

J.R.P.

## THE HISTORIANS

Secretary: G. H. Hallett. Treasurer: T. D. Harding.

The term's activities began impressively with a lecture by Mrs. Duffield on "Local History", of particular value since it was directed at historians of all periods. Mrs. Duffield sought to stimulate an interest in Local History, for which she has generously offered a prize in 1966, emphasising its variety and value to the serious historian in developing a thorough understanding of the background to national history. The society was pleased to welcome a party from St. Helen's at this meeting.

The characters of the Emperor Ferdinand, Gustavus Adolphus, Cardinal Richelieu and Maximilian of Bavaria, taken by P. A. Sugg, D. G. Hounam, T. D. Harding and R. A. Jackson respectively, figured prominently at the meeting on 4th November, while a non-historian, F. R. Howlett, spoke for Wallenstein. In the discussion on their motives during the Thirty Years' War which followed some interesting and controversial theories were expounded.

Finally, we should like to add our tribute to Mr. Montague, who has acted as our sponsor this term, and wish him every success in Australia.  
G.H.H.

## THE SYMPOSIUM

Secretary: D. W. Tanner.

Three meetings have been held this term, all of which provided lively and controversial discussion. At the first D. G. Hounam introduced a paper on "The Population Explosion", in which he discussed the severe threat to the world from over-population and suggested immediate action to shake us from our apathy. J. C. Mellor then read a paper on "Television", emphasising the increasing importance of mass media, and suggesting improvements to fit television better for its task. Lastly, P. K. Booker spoke on "Trades Unions", examining the power wielded by the factory workers and its effects on the state of British industry today. Much emotional discussion was provoked among the more politically-conscious members.

Finally, we should like to express our sincere thanks to Mr. Hillary for guiding our discussions to the advantage of all.  
D.W.T.

## THE CRITICS

Secretary: T. D. Harding.

For various reasons, it was only possible to hold two meetings this term, but it is hoped to compensate for this by arranging four next term. The first meeting, on 9th November, heard P. H. Blackburn discuss "Edgar Allen Poe—genius or madman?", provoking energetic and wide-ranging discussion.

On 7th December, A. L. Leaver read an excellent paper on "The Poetry of William Blake", which was followed by a profitable symposium on both Blake's poetry in particular and the application of symbolism to the arts generally. It was pleasing to hear most members contributing intelligently to this discussion.  
T.D.H.

## JOINT CLUB

Chairman: P. V. Bosley. Treasurer: N. C. Ware.  
Secretary: T. J. Rawlins.

Two meetings were held this term, a social on 6th October in the Sixth Form Club and a 'nocturne' at the Manor exactly a month later, when Guy Fawkes and witches were celebrated. The latter was



thoroughly enjoyed by all, the superb decoration of the room adding atmosphere to a very pleasant evening. A final meeting—a Christmas party—had to be abandoned when St. Helen's fell foul of mumps.

Ideas are in hand for the Lent Term, when we hope to get out of the 'social' rut and attempt something rather more ambitious.

Once again our thanks are due to our sponsors, Miss Glass and Mr. Sewry, both of whom do so much to help the club. T.J.R.

### DEBATING SOCIETY

Chairman: P. A. Sugg. Secretary: M. H. Hampton.

The Annual General Meeting was held on 1st October to elect new officers for the year.

Only one meeting was held this term, when D. W. Tanner, supported by B. E. Goldsworthy, successfully proposed the motion that "This House believes that freedom is possible in modern society", despite the able opposition of P. H. Blackburn and P. E. Comber. The motion was carried by 22 votes to 20, with 1 abstention.

A proposed joint meeting with St. Helen's was unfortunately cancelled because of illness. M.H.H.

### MODERN LANGUAGES SOCIETY

Secretary: C. W. Denny

This term started off well with the prospect of four meetings ahead of us. The first of these, a joint visit on 21st October to Anouilh's "Antigone" at the Oxford Playhouse, was a great success. Shortly after this we received the disheartening news that our friends from St. Helen's were unable to attend any further meetings owing to an outbreak of mumps, resulting in the cancellation of the main meeting of the term, when we were to have heard a talk by an Assistant from Culham College. Instead of our traditional end of term meeting, when French carols are sung, Mr. and Mrs. Hasnip very kindly entertained the society on 26th November for a reading of Corneille's "Polyeucte", which was most enjoyed. C.W.D.

### CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY

Secretary: S. P. Sewry.

In recent years the Music Society has concentrated principally on the study of chamber music, and it was felt that its name should be changed to indicate this tendency. This term the society has been primarily concerned with studying Mendelssohn's Octet, Op. 20, and Beethoven's Piano and Wind Quintet, Op. 16. It is with regret that we say goodbye to Charles Jamieson who has been a staunch member of the society for some years. S.P.S.

### BRUCE SOCIETY

Secretary: S. N. Pearson

Messrs. Moore and Eden have replaced Mr. Booth as sponsors, and the term has seen a definite change in the society's policy: it will no longer simply supplement the 'A' level geography syllabus, but will be of general interest to all sixth formers. In addition, the new amenities of the Sixth Form Club in Lacies Court have provided a more comfortable venue for meetings.

The major event of the term was Mr. Eden's talk on an "East African Journey" on 25th October, which proved both entertaining and informative. A wealth of illustration captured the atmosphere of this important region of Africa, and the meeting was an unqualified success.  
S.N.P.

#### TURNOR SOCIETY

Chairman: M. H. Hampton. Secretary: C. S. Downes.

The Annual General Meeting was held on 24th September. On 15th October Mr. D. W. Manly spoke about his recent stay in Russia and the Soviet way of life. At the next meeting on 12th November, Mr. J. S. Lewis gave a very topical talk on his native Rhodesia and the background to U.D.I., declared by Mr. Smith that very afternoon. Finally, on 3rd December, Mr. Holloway of the Economic Research Council spoke on "Britain's Changing Economy", in which he clarified many of the problems facing Britain at a crucial time in her economic development.  
C.S.D.

#### PLAY READING SOCIETY

Secretary: A. R. Coffee.

All four of this term's meetings were held in the Sixth Form Club in Lacies Court, a venue which filled the society's needs most adequately. The plays read were "Strife" by Galsworthy, "Hobson's Choice" by Brighouse, "Major Barbara" by Shaw and Ibsen's "The Wild Duck". A high standard of reading was maintained throughout the term, but unfortunately attendance was poor. It is to be hoped that more boys will show interest next term.  
A.R.C.

#### TAPE RECORDING SOCIETY

Secretary: C. W. Denny. Treasurer: P. J. Wilson.  
Committee: T. J. Havelock, M. F. Kirby.

This term, because the membership had grown so large, the committee decided to reorganise the society into smaller sections. Despite this, however, it is still true that a few members are doing most of the work, while the majority are not taking as much advantage of their membership as they might.

Highlights of this term's recording activity have been the production of Mozart's "La Finta Giardniera" at the Watermill Theatre, Newbury, the carol service and the school play. Material is also continually being collected for "Newsreel 1965". In all our work we shall miss the untiring support of our former secretary, Trevor Havelock, whose meticulously prepared sound-tracks are records of real achievement.  
C.W.D.

#### JAZZ CLUB

Secretary: R. D. Schuck.

Four meetings have been held this term, all very well attended. At the first, three members spoke on topics of particular interest to themselves, M. J. T. Theophilus on "Jazz of the Thirties", R. A. Chaplin on Sonny Boy Williamson II, and the secretary on a general outline of jazz, while at the fourth meeting we welcomed Mr. P. Sykes, jazz critic of the 'Oxford Mail', who lectured on "Improvisation in Jazz". In addition several members attended two concerts in London.

R.D.S.

## BUILDING CLUB

Secretary: P. A. Williams.

The building of a second fives court behind the new Dayboy Changing Rooms is now progressing rapidly. During the term, in spite of bad weather and the shortening days, the concrete floor has been laid and the walls built to just above the damp course level. On two occasions many willing helpers made light work of the seemingly formidable task of bringing the large quantities of concrete necessary for the floor on to the site in wheelbarrows.

It is hoped that the weather next term will not be too great an impediment to the continued progress of this project. P.A.W.

## PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

Secretary: P. A. C. Minns. Treasurer: P. D. Healy.

No formal meetings have taken place this term, but in future the society hopes to work in conjunction with the Abingdon Camera Club, with whom we hope to plan a full programme of activities for the coming term.

The society would like to thank Mr. Blagden, our new sponsor, for the valuable help he has given us this term. P.A.C.M.

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Secretary: J. J. A. King.

The previous society of this name has been split into three branches, of which the Historical Society is one. At the inaugural general meeting on Friday, 5th November, B. K. Langmead, R. S. Passmore and R. G. Whittington were elected to the committee and prospective activities were discussed.

On Wednesday, 8th December, twenty-five members attended an excursion to the Ashmolean Museum, Oxford, which proved to be a very worth while outing.

Next term we hope to invite a visiting speaker to address the society, show a film and to hold a symposium of members' papers.

J.J.A.K.

## ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

Secretary: M. A. Cockerill. Treasurer: G. B. Edwards.

The society was formed this term to enable those interested to use the School's eight-inch reflecting telescope for serious study. It has held several observational and theoretical meetings, including a lecture by Mr. R. H. Cockerill on the practical aspects of "Astronomy and Telescope Making" which has inspired several members to make their own telescopes.

We are most grateful to Mr. Woolnough for his enthusiastic support as our sponsor. M.A.C.

## RAILWAY CLUB

Secretary: R. W. Speight.

The society has held two meetings this term, the first of which took the form of an Annual General Meeting at which it was agreed to alter the name of the society to the Railway Club. We also welcomed Mr. Butt as our new sponsor in succession to Mr. Morelle.

At the second meeting R. W. Speight spoke on "Bulled Pacifics".

R.W.S.

**ANGLING CLUB**

Secretary: J. H. Wilson. Treasurer: D. Button.

At the beginning of term twenty-five members joined the club, which has held several competitions during the term, a fishing rod being awarded at the last one. Our first activity was a night fishing expedition over half-term at Appleford Lake which was rewarded by the capture of a 3½ lb. pike and a 2 lb. tench.

It is hoped that next term Mr. F. V. Taylor, an important figure in the angling world, will give a talk to the society. J.H.W.

**JUNIOR KNOWLEDGE SOCIETY**

Secretary: R. N. Macdonald.

This term the society has held six fortnightly meetings, all well attended. At the first meeting the committee was elected and Mr. Reynolds replaced Mr. Morelle as sponsor. Enjoyable and illuminating talks have been given by members and we were also privileged to hear Mr. Sykes, lately of the R.A.F.

R.N.M.

**THE SIXTH FORM CLUB**

President: The Headmaster.

Chairman: R. B. Davis. Secretary: R. D. R. Ray.

Treasurer: M. J. Heading.

The necessity has long been felt for a set of rooms which seniors, dayboys and boarders alike, can use as a retreat during the day where they can relax over a newspaper and a cup of coffee. An ideal setting for this became available when the Headmaster moved to the pleasant surroundings of Lacies Court and the three rooms which now form the club, the Radcliff, History and Young rooms, were released from their former use as teaching rooms. Refurnished, they provide the senior sixth form with admirable common room facilities. The History Room has been renamed the Reading Room, while the Young Room, suitably decorated, has become the Coffee Room. The old dark-room adjoining it has been converted into a kitchenette, and a new dark-room has been constructed in the further fastnesses of the house.

The club is exclusive to members of the Upper Sixth Form, who may, however, invite one guest into the club at week-ends. Completely refurnished, and equipped with radio, radiogram kindly lent by the Headmaster, and a wide selection of papers and magazines, the club provides ideal surroundings in which senior boys may relax—or work.

At the beginning of term a select committee was appointed to run the club, with the Headmaster as President, Head of School ex-officio Chairman and other members representative of the Upper Sixth. Initially the committee has fixed a terminal subscription at ten shillings, though it is at present not possible to say whether it will remain at this level since already a considerable sum has been spent on furnishings, pictures and equipment for the kitchenette, items which would have

been beyond our means without the generous assistance granted by the Governors to the club. A 'constitution' has been drawn up by the committee and, apart from a few early 'teething troubles', the club has proved a popular and successful idea.

Our thanks are due to those who have given so much help and encouragement at the beginning of this experiment, and particularly to the Headmaster and to the secretary, R. D. R. Ray, both of whom have spent a great deal of time and energy on ensuring the success of the club in these early stages.

## O.A. NOTES

### BIRTHS

**BUXTON.** On 12th September, 1965, to Barbara, wife of Noel Buxton (1952), a son, Richard Mark.

**CALVERT-FISHER.** On 12th July, 1965, to Stella, wife of Colin Calvert-Fisher (1944), a daughter, Ann Frances.

**GARNER.** On 8th September, 1965, to Pamela, wife of Alan Garner (1948), a son, Andrew James.

**HARVEY.** On 14th October, 1965, to Maria, wife of Michael R. Harvey (1958), a daughter, Alison Jane.

**KEARSEY.** On 19th April, 1965, to Ann, wife of Neville R. Kearsey (1953), a son, Andrew Neville, brother for Jane Grace.

**GRAM.** On 18th September, 1965, to Anne, wife of Barry Mien. (1954), a son, Martin John.

**SALE.** On [redacted]ber, 1965, in Auckland, N.Z., to Valerie, wife of Patrick R. [redacted], a daughter, Kathleen Ann.

**SEWRY.** On 15th August to Freda, wife of Trevor Sewry (1961), a daughter, Nicola Jane.

**WASTIE.** On 19th June, 1965, to Diana (née Bailey), wife of Forbes Wastie (1957), a son, Jonathan Charles, brother for Jeremy.

**WORTH.** On 17th December, 1965, at Ronkswood Hospital, Worcester, to Rose Cecilia, wife of Raymond Worth (1957), a fifth daughter, Jean Margaret.

**WRIGHT.** On 17th October, 1965, to Judith, wife of Christopher Wright (1960), a daughter, Fiona Jane.

### MARRIAGES

**COWLES-STEVENS.** On 2nd October, 1965, at St. Michael's Church, Bray, Berks, James Ernest Cowles (1954) to Christine Stevens.

**HALL-RIVERS.** On 2nd October, 1965, at Oxford Registry Office, Nigel Hall (1958), Rosamund Rivers.

**HARVEY-CRAIG.** On 26th September, 1964, at the Church of the Holy Redeemer, Chelsea, Michael Richard Harvey (1959), to Maria Loretta Craig.

**HEWISON-PEUGH-KESTAVON.** On 2nd October, 1965, at Stanmer Parish Church, Brighton, Richard J. L. Hewison (1960) to Josephine Helen Peugh-Kestavon.

**JOHNSON-KNIGHT.** On 24th July, 1965, at Didcot Parish Church, Clifford T. Johnson (1960) to Sally Knight.

**LONGWORTH-ROBERTS.** On 16th October, 1965, at St. Margaret's, Westminster, John A. Longworth (1958) to Catherine, daughter of Sir Peter Roberts, M.P., and Lady Roberts.

**SOUTHERN-EBERS.** On 11th September, 1965, at the New Baptist Church, Wantage, James Nigel Southern (1959) to Valerie Ann Ebers.

**WRIGHT-FITZPATRICK.** On 6th November, 1965, at St. Mewan Church, Cornwall, Timothy L. Wright (Eke) (1960) to Geraldine Fitzpatrick.

#### DEATH

**SHEPHERD.** On 15th August, 1965, at his home at Edgbaston, Birmingham, George Hubbard Gelston Shepherd (1900-09), aged 75.

George Shepherd was Head of the School in 1908 and a first class athlete, winning the 100 yards at the Public Schools Sports in 1909 and coming 3rd in the Long Jump. He went up to Pembroke College as Abingdon Scholar, and after winning the 100 yards and putting the weight in the Freshmen's Sports, he represented Oxford in both events against Cambridge. After taking his degree he set up as a Classics coach in Birmingham and continued that work for some 50 years till shortly before his death.

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Rev. David Wheaton (1948) has been appointed Vicar of St. Paul's, Onslow Square. He leaves his present parish of Ludgershall, Bucks, with the satisfaction of having achieved the target of £5,000 for the Church Restoration Fund, to which his appeal on the BBC Good Cause Programme contributed almost exactly one quarter.

Rev. R. E. J. Packer (1955) has also moved from Chippenham, Wilts, to Caversham.

Heartly congratulations to Christopher P. Wyatt (1959), of British Aircraft Corporation, Guided Weapons Division at Bristol, on winning one of the Portal Award gold medals. Part of the award involves a research project costing not more than £100 and lasting not more than three weeks.

Somewhat belatedly we congratulate Seymour Plummer (1931) on his appointment as a Justice of the Peace for Surrey. In addition to his work on the Bench he is a member of a Home Office Committee investigating the question of Legal Aid in Criminal Proceedings. Together with his normal work his time is more than fully occupied.

Michael Cullen (1945) is now more permanently based in London at the Head Office of Unilever.

Roger Clarke (1932) is now owner of his own company, Guinea Coast Engineering Ltd., which operates principally in West Africa.

Stephen Woodley (1957), now Head of the English Department at K.C.S., Wimbledon, is playing Tennis for Kent in the 1st pair.

Forbes Wastie (1957), at Eastbourne College, was recently made Head of the Biology Department.

Michael Bateman (1951) back from Spain is doing freelance work after resisting a tempting offer by a National Daily. His first book, 'A Funny Way to Earn a Living'—a series of interviews with eminent cartoonists—will be published next month.

Robin Grant (1950) is now working with Fourget Ltd. the Ciment Fondu manufacturers. His brother Neville (1957), is a Lecturer at Dar-es-Salaam Technical College.

Pat Sale (1953), now a Horticultural Adviser to the New Zealand Government, is keeping up his distance running. In the Owairaka Marathon on 6th December last he came second—by only 48 secs.—to the N.Z. Champion, W. Baillie.

Richard Paxman (1954) is another emigrant to New Zealand. He leaves shortly to take up a five-year assignment with Shell Oil N.Z. Ltd., in their Agricultural Chemical Division.

Martin Ogle (1929) has finally retired from his post as Headmaster of Anderson School, Malaya, and is living at Radcot Bridge Cottage near Faringdon.

Peter Lay (1954) has left Ferranti and is now Electronic Production Manager with Molins Machine Company. He has also a new home at Marlow.

John Beere (1962) who graduated as B.Sc. (Eng.) at London University in the summer, spent six weeks in Japan (via Berlin, Warsaw and Moscow) under the 'Experiment in International Living' Scheme. His stay with a Japanese family was most interesting. He is now a Graduate Apprentice with Tube Investments Ltd., with a Technical and Production Management post in view.

Campbell Stott (1946), recently returned from Australasia, is now Assistant Manager of a Taylor Woodrow contract in Pakistan.

Terence Libby (1961) has a very interesting and responsible post in the Overseas Development Corporation at Nairobi.

In the world of Television, Michael Grigsby (1955) is off to Australia shortly to direct a joint Granada/Australian TV production. His film on Arctic Fishery shown recently on ITV was first-rate. David Lloyd (1954) is also making a name for himself with his own programme from the ATV Birmingham Studio. Beverley Marks (1964) has moved to the BBC Birmingham Studios leaving Robert Hewison (1964) behind in London.

Of the other Hewisons, Richard (1960) left Reading University with a B.Sc. (Agric.) in July 1964 and is now managing a 500 acre farm at Elsfield, near Oxford. We congratulate him on his recent marriage.

David (1963) is in his second year at Seale Hayne Agricultural College working for his H.N.D.

Tom Denniford (1958) has taken a post under the Chief Surveyor to the Pearl Assurance Co., a great change from the agricultural side of the profession which he has previously been dealing with.

Michael Harvey (1958) has transferred from the Metropolitan Police Force to the Berkshire Constabulary, and is living at Newbury.

Harry Baecker (1949) is now working with Computer Analysts and Programmers Ltd., Queen Street, E.C.4.

Geoffrey Stone (1962) has passed the Intermediate Exam of the Institute of Chartered Accountants.

Michael Blythe (1959) is an instructor at the Devon Outward Bound School.

Tony Edwards (1962), an Engineer Apprentice with Rolls Royce, now in his third year at Birmingham University, was lucky enough to spend 3 months in U.S.A. on an exchange visit to U.S. Aircraft factories as part of his training. He earned £35 a week at the McDonnell plant at St. Louis and appeared in a TV interview.

Michael Hart (1961) is a Senior Assistant to the Faringdon R.D.C. Engineer prior to a Civil Engineering post overseas.

### THE SERVICES

Lieut. Christopher Cobby (1957) having finished his Course at Greenwich is in H.M.S. Leopard.

Sub-Lieut Paul Cross (1960) takes his place at the College.

Sub-Lieut. Simon Richardson (1961) is in H.M.S. Lowestoft operating between East Africa and Singapore.

Sub-Lieut. Chris Loukes (1959) is at Manadon R.N.E. College, where he rows—and even writes.

Midshipman Tobias Furneaux (1964) officially at Dartmouth is doing his flying training at R.A.F. Linton-on-Ouse, York. Two others,



William Jamieson (1962) and Michael Livingston (1964) are serving in H.M.S. Penelope and H.M.S. Brereton respectively.

Major Hugh Leach (1953) is at H.Q. Middle East Command at Aden and Capt. Roger Hamer (1950) is also at H.Q. Aden Brigade.

Major Anthony Cherrill (1948), R.A.P.C., is in British Honduras.

Lt. David Riddick (1961) is at Fusilier Bde Depot, Sutton Coldfield.

2nd Lt. Christopher Pickup (1960) is in Borneo.

John Cook (1961), Cpl. R.A.M.C., is at Colchester acting as Area Hygiene Assistant.

Flt. Lt. Alan Caswell (1956), R.A.F. Regt., is back from Kenya and stationed at Catterick.

P/O Michael Westwood (1962) is at Khormaksar and P/O David Heather-Hayes (1960) at Chivenor in an Operational Conversion Unit.

David Clubley and David Joyce are our representatives at R.M.A. Sandhurst. Richard Ormerod is at R.C.M.S., Shrivenham, and P/O Peter Merriman is pursuing a Dip. Tech/B.Sc. Course at Henlow Technical College.

#### THE UNIVERSITIES

We congratulate Michael Kitto (1964) at Lampeter on being awarded the Hannah More Scholarship and Paul Bartlett (1965) on securing an Edward Rathbone Scholarship at Liverpool University. Congratulations also to Stephen Janisch (1962) now at King's School, Chester, on his Open Exhibition at St. Catherine's Cambridge. He is Vice-Captain of the 1st VII at Chester.

John Kelly (1961) after graduating at Trinity College, Dublin, is reading for his D.Phil at St. John's College, Cambridge.

Nigel Parker (1957) and Brian Rosevear were both playing in the London University XV.

Christopher Winfield (1963), St. John's, Oxford, is rowing in one of the Trial Eights. After their success in Eights last Summer the St. John's crew were elected members of Leander Club.

The following are, according to our latest information, in residence at Universities and Medical Schools. We apologise for any errors and omissions and shall welcome corrections.

Oxford: *Pembroke*: I. J. Kirby (B.A.), J. M. Talbot, M. R. Mole, A. C. L. Fraser, T. J. Pegram, T. A. Marsh, C. J. D. Bailey, E. Blaze, M. J. I. Day, T. J. King, S. D. Thornton, S. M. Nicholl, E. C. C. Crouch, C. C. Ford, M. J. Giddings; *Christ Church*: N. P. Loukes; *New College*: P. J. Ford; *Magdalen*: A. E. Johnson; *St. John's*: C. R. Winfield, F. A. Bisby; *Jesus*: A. S. Harrison; *Wadham*: G. Sheppard; *St. Edmund Hall*: P. W. Liversidge; *Keble*: G. C. H. Phillips, J. L.

- Walton; *St. Peter's*: A. M. Q. King, C. G. Purnell, M. A. Bisby;  
*St. Catherine's*: R. J. Hutcheon; *Mansfield*: J. D. Urwick.
- Cambridge: *Christ's*: P. S. McK. Ramsey; *Churchill*: R. J. Davis;  
*Clare*: R. M. Carter (B.A. Dunedin); *Gonville & Caius*: P. A.  
 Bretscher; *Jesus*: P. G. Henderson; *Fitzwilliam House*: M. C. E.  
 Hodge.
- St. Andrew's: C. D. Turnbull, J. H. Thewlis.
- Edinburgh: T. H. Day, A. G. D. Matson.
- Trinity College, Dublin: M. E. F. Willey, A. E. W. Willey.
- London: *King's College*: E. D. J. Hunter; *Imperial*: M. A. Hedges;  
*L.S.E.*: D. J. French; *Queen Elizabeth's*: P. E. Cable; *Holborn Coll.*  
*of Law*: R. N. Carter; *College of Estate Management*: C. R. Wood.
- Birmingham: L. A. Edwards, I. G. Burns, M. R. Morris, R. H. M.  
 Burridge, R. J. Crumly, R. C. Leathem, S. Lewis, T. R. Morris.
- Bristol: K. N. Haarhoff (B.A., Cantab), D. R. Gerring, C. J. Dean,  
 P. R. Munson, F. C. A. Exon, J. J. Mackenzie, J. C. Burbank, T. B.  
 Moore.
- Cardiff: P. P. Hutchinson, R. S. Armsden.
- East Anglia: M. S. Ford.
- Exeter: A. R. F. Redgrave, P. J. Leather.
- Glasgow: R. D. Booker.
- Hull: R. D. Hall, R. B. H. Becker, A. G. Fairlie, J. R. Owen.
- Lampeter: M. F. Kitto.
- Leeds: J. A. Simms, S. J. Baker.
- Leicester: R. Dowson.
- Liverpool: N. A. G. Spackman, P. A. Bartlett.
- Loughborough: C. M. Davis, R. F. Budden.
- Manchester: G. F. Keeys, K. W. R. Dixon, I. W. D. Matson, L. R.  
 Llewellyn.
- Newcastle-on-Tyne: V. A. Marsh.
- Nottingham: D. R. Brown, J. R. Jennings.
- Reading: A. T. Barrett.
- Sheffield: E. N. Broadway, N. I. Broad, P. J. Snowley.
- Sussex: P. D. Prebble.
- Southampton: R. M. Kirby, P. G. James.
- Warwick: P. N. Shellard, H. J. N. Wharton.
- York: R. M. Limerick.
- Medical Schools:
- King's (St. George's): B. G. Mackay, J. Bowthorpe, C. W. F. M. Cox.  
 P. R. F. Morgan (King's).
- Guy's: N. P. W. Coe, D. J. Jessett, B. S. Avery, S. A. Marsh.

Middlesex: P. J. V. Willis, J. A. R. Willis, A. W. Willis.

St. Mary's: R. A. Lucas, P. E. Dixon, P. B. Havelock.

Royal Veterinary: S. M. Womar, J. P. G. Butt, D. J. Aplin, B. R. Rosevear.

Birmingham: P. D. Exon, A. J. C. Leathem, J. D. Spencer.

Bristol: R. G. Parks, P. J. Hardwick, D. J. Munson.

Trinity College, Dublin: R. G. Lockton.

The following are pursuing full time Courses at other institutions.

R. P. Welch and K. G. Robbins at Westminster College.

J. A. Rozier at St. John & St. Mark's College, Chelsea.

R. W. Ellaway at St. John's College, Canterbury.

N. R. Leach at Lancaster Training College.

P. B. Godfrey at College of Aviation, Hamble.

M. P. S. Wood and N. A. H. Bosley at School of Architecture, Oxford.

R. J. Parsons, A. J. Cheary, D. G. Halstead and D. G. Hilleard at Oxford College of Technology.

D. L. Clarke and D. R. Sheard at Battersea C.A.T.

M. L. Thorpe at Bradford Inst. of Technology.

B. D. Diffey at Chelsea C.S.T.

D. Hayward at Bristol C.S.T.

R. K. Gregson at Salford C.A.T.

I. A. Walkinshaw at Wolverhampton C.A.T.

R. C. H. Moorshead at West Ham C.S.T.

D. W. Taylor at Manchester C.S.T.

D. F. K. Smith and A. K. Hodgson at Regent Street Polytechnic.

At Universities Overseas we have Rodney Moore (1961) reading for M.A. in Political Science at Carleton University, Ottawa, having already graduated at Keble Oxford and been called to the Bar.

Peter Mann (1963) and J. N. Clarke (1963) are at McGill; Trafford Taylor (1959) and Ted Hodgetts (1963) at Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario. Robert and Kenneth Johns (1960) are at McMaster University, Hamilton and Jonathan Utin (1959) at Virginia Polytechnic Inst. in his third year, has been distinguishing himself in the rugby Fifteen.

A. O. Akinbiyi is at Ibadan University.

Of others who have left since July 1965 we have the following news:

S. H. Broughton is working on his father's farm prior to entering Seale Hayne College in September.

J. J. F. Burn is with National Provincial Bank, Shepherds Bush Branch. He plays rugger and hopes to row for the Bank.

- B. I. M. Chapman is with C. G. Fowler, Estate Agents, Newbury.
- C. A. P. Charlett is an Apprentice Motor Mechanic with City Motors, Oxford.
- J. W. Dunthorne is with Wilson & Gill, Jewellers, of London W.1.
- P. J. Evans is an Executive Officer in Board of Trade.
- A. C. Hoddinott is also destined for Seale Hayne College this year.
- J. G. King is pursuing accountancy in Eastbourne.
- T. H. G. Lester is with Royal Insurance Co. in Oxford.
- W. R. Lynn-Robinson is doing a 5 year Sandwich Course for B.Sc. (Mech. Eng.) with English Electric Co., Rugby.
- A. E. Medland is articled to Accountants in London.
- M. J. R. Neville is with Lloyds Bank, Harwell, and J. C. Randell with Westminster Abingdon.
- A. G. Rowson is a Scientific Assistant at the Atlas Computer Laboratory, Chilton.
- M. S. Southern is doing a Sandwich Course with Rolls Royce.
- M. G. Topham is with Accountants in Oxford.
- A. F. G. Wiggins is in the Modern Languages Dept. at Blackwells.
- D. H. Willis and M. J. Ridehalgh are doing an Engineering Apprenticeship with Morris Motors.
- M. T. Woodley is articled to the Town Clerk, Abingdon, to train as a Solicitor.

#### O.A. CLUB NOTES

Old Boys' Day was held for the first time last term under the new system, with the Annual Dance held on the same day as the Rugged Match.

The Club fielded a very strong fifteen, which was well supported from the touchline by a large gathering of O.A.s. However, the School team played an excellent game, and in a very good match, defeated the Club by sixteen points to eight. The names of those playing for the Club appear elsewhere in this issue.

After the match, the Annual Dance was held in the Guildhall, and was well attended, with 188 present. It was generally agreed to be a most successful function, and special thanks are due to Mrs. Bevir for her floral arrangements.

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All O.A.s will shortly be receiving a letter from the Committee appointed to commission the Headmaster's portrait. The artist is to be Mr. Edward Halliday and the first sitting has been arranged for the end of January.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS, 1966

Hockey Match: Saturday, 5th March.

London Dinner at the Constitutional Club: Friday, 11th March.

Athletics Meeting: Saturday, 12th March.

Old Boys' Day, Cricket Matches, A.G.M., and Annual Dinner: Friday, 22nd July.

Rugger Match and Dance: Saturday, 26th November.

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 Baronsmead Road, High Wycombe, Bucks.

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

## OLD ABINGDONIAN TRUST FUND

Work on the new Fives Court proceeds steadily, and the walls are now up to Remus height. With good luck and hard work by the Building Club the Court should be ready by next autumn. Meanwhile, we are most grateful to our loyal subscribers who have renewed their covenants—S. A. Fabes, R. D. Gibaud, J. B. Rich, R. C. Clarke, John Cowling, S. D. Plummer, R. W. Snell, T. D. Thomas, and particularly the first three for increasing their subscriptions. Once again I would appeal for support from some of our younger Old Boys who are now entering the higher income-brackets—if they will forgive the expression.

G. F. Duxbury.

## O. A. CLUB LONDON DINNER

will be held on

FRIDAY, 11TH MARCH, 1966

AT THE CONSTITUTIONAL CLUB, ST. JAMES' STREET, LONDON.

Reception 6.30 p.m. Dinner 7.00 p.m.

Tickets: 50/- each (including wine at table) obtainable from  
S. A. Paige, 13-14 Basinghall Street, London, E.C.2.

*It is particularly requested that application should be made in good time.*

If sufficient numbers notify George Duxbury by 1st March he will book transport to leave Abingdon at 4 p.m.

## SUMMARY OF GAMES FIXTURES

## HOCKEY — FIRST ELEVEN

*January*

- Wed. 19 v. King Alfred's School, Wantage (h).  
 Wed. 26 v. Wallingford Grammar School (a).  
 Sat. 29 v. St. Edward's School 'A' XI (h).

*February*

- Wed. 2 v. Pangbourne Nautical College (a).  
 Sat. 5 v. Solihull School (h).  
 Sat. 12 v. Pembroke College (a).  
 Sat. 19 v. Abingdon H.C. (h).

*March*

- Wed. 2 v. Hockey Association (h).  
 Sat. 5 v. Old Abingdonians (h).  
 Wed. 9 v. Oxford High School (a).  
 Sat. 12 v. Bloxham School (a).  
 Wed. 16 v. R.M.A., Sandhurst 2nd XI (a).

## ATHLETICS

*(Cross Country and Track)**January*

- Sat. 22 Cross Country v. Reading School (a).  
 Wed. 26 Cross Country v. Queen's College, Oxford (h).

*February*

- Tues. 1 Shiplake Road Relay.  
 Wed. 9 Cross Country v. K.A.S., Wantage (a).  
 Sat. 12 Cross Country v. Westminster College (h), 3 p.m.  
 Thur. 17 Cross Country v. St. Edward's School and Radley College  
 (at Oxford).  
 Sat. 19 Cross Country v. Shiplake Court School (a).  
 Sat. 26 Berkshire Schools' Cross Country Championships.

*March*

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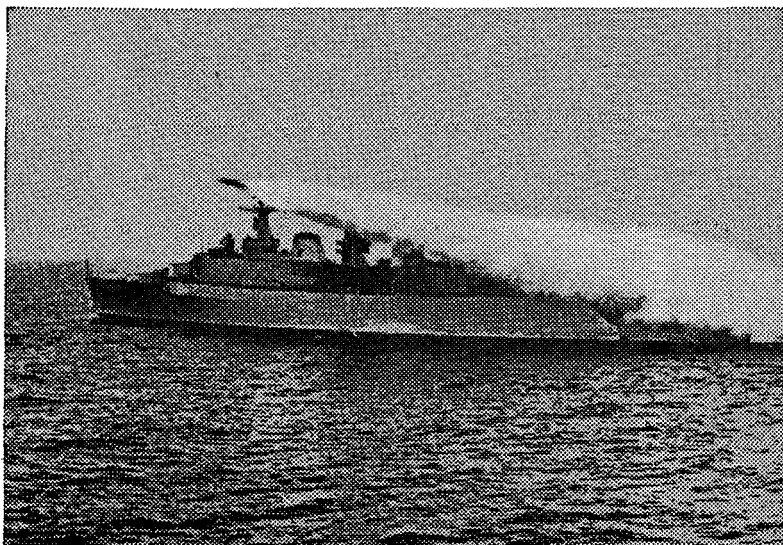
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