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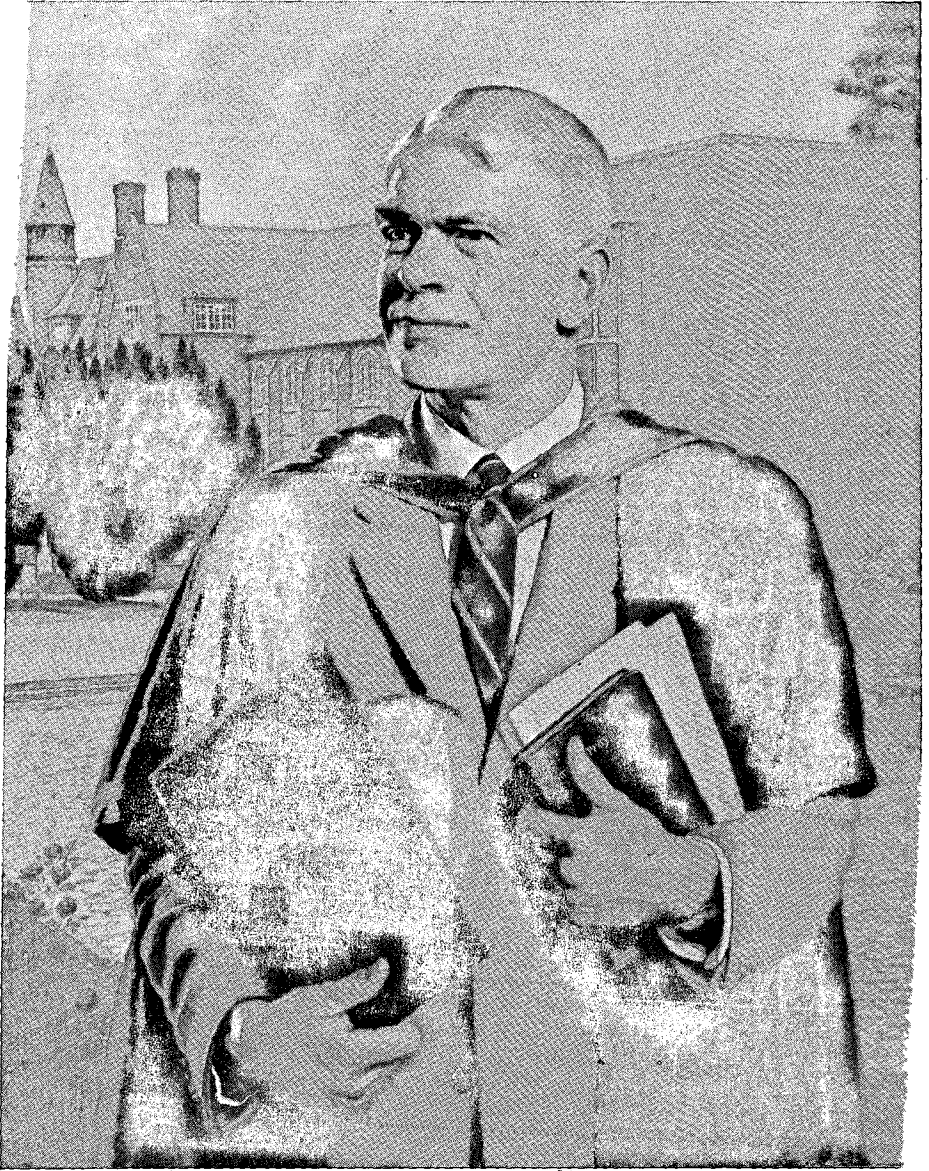
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EDITORIAL

An interesting article which recently appeared in one of the leading newspapers stated that no less than one third of the applicants for university under the U.C.C.A. scheme this year would fail to gain places—and this inspite of the fact that all of them have sufficient qualifications. This is an alarming thought. It suggests that in future outstanding rather than good passes at 'A' Level will be needed before the young people of this country can obtain university education.

There are of course obvious solutions, one of which—the building of many more universities—is more easily stated than carried out. Schools too will inevitably change in ethos—intent rather upon sheer academic attainment than upon the creation of what we loosely term character training and responsibility, they will not necessarily be better places. Moreover, in the present atmosphere of secondary school re-organization it is by no means certain that the required academic standards will be forthcoming at any rate for some time. And this raises a further point. Is it morally acceptable for a school such as Abingdon to sacrifice everything for the sake of academic results? Well balanced achievement is in any case probably as desirable in this modern age as in the past.

It is said that traditions die hard. One of Abingdon's traditions is the production of this balanced achievement and it is a tradition which will and must survive the present problems. Whatever the outcome of modern educational upheaval and change our aim must remain to educate in the full sense of the word and to produce as far as we are able young men of such quality that they will be able to withstand all the social, moral and physical stresses which will be imposed upon them.

SCHOOL NOTES

It is with profound regret that we record the death of a senior member of the School, David Cullen, which occurred instantaneously, as the result of a shooting accident, on Tuesday, 31st May, at Bramley, Surrey, where he was staying with friends of the family over the half-term weekend.

David Charles Cullen, second son of F/Lt. C. S. Cullen, R.A.F., and Mrs. Cullen, was born on 7th March, 1949, and entered School House as a boarder in April, 1963. At the time of his death he was a member of Lower Sixth (Arts). He was a popular boy of wide interests, which ranged from ringing church bells to tinkering with old motor cars. He had already established himself as a personality in the House, and he had been marked down for early promotion to office.

To his parents, who were in Germany at the time, to his brothers—and especially to Michael, who was present when the accident happened—and to Mr. and Mrs. Nye, the friends with whom he was staying, we offer our deepest sympathy.

The Headmaster and Mr. Tammadge, David's housemaster, accompanied by four of his friends, attended the funeral, which took place in the little village church of Abbot's Ann on Friday, 3rd June. On the same afternoon his friends of the School Campanological Society rang a quarter-peal of 1260 plain bob doubles, half-muffled, in his memory at the Church of St. Nicolas, Abingdon. Many more of his friends were able to attend a simple memorial service held in the School Chapel at noon on Sunday, 5th June, at which the Headmaster gave a short address and the lesson was read by Mr. Tammadge.

We salute two Governors who are going to have a little more time in future to enjoy life—and to help run the School: Mr. Bredin, on retirement from his second full-time career, as Bursar of Pembroke College, Oxford, and Alderman Freeman, who is giving up the post of Clerk of the Didcot Parish Council.

And continued good wishes to Alderman Dr. Mary Watson, whose courage remains unabated during long and tiresome convalescence.

We congratulate our good friend, Alderman G. W. Phillips, on his re-election as one of the Corporation's representatives on the Governing Body.

Welcome home to Dr. Alan Tayler, after his year in America. We shall look forward to hearing from him to what extent the new Mathematics has hit the United States.

We congratulate the Headmaster on the unusual honour of appointment as one of Her Majesty's Deputy-Lieutenants for the Royal County of Berkshire. It was a happy coincidence that the news was announced on the first day of the Founder's Day Celebrations.

And on 7th July the Headmaster, accompanied by his two eldest daughters, had the honour of attending the Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace.

Staff changes are again so numerous as to call for a special article. But it would be ungracious not to say here, very briefly, how much we shall miss those two pillars of the School, the Bursar and Mr. Duxbury. We wish them many years of happy and well-earned retirement.

The news was broken at the Old Boys' Dinner that Mr. Tammadge had been selected for appointment as Master of Magdalen College School, Oxford, to succeed Mr. Stanier on his retirement in the Autumn of 1967. We congratulate Mr. Tammadge and we like to think that his appointment will forge even stronger the bonds that unite the two schools. Mr. Hillary has accepted the Governors' invitation to take over School House on Mr. Tammadge's departure.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Davies on the birth of a second son (Robin) on 4th May, and Mr. and Mrs. Howard on the birth of a first daughter (Sarah Jane Constance) on 5th May.

A wedding of no ordinary interest took place in the School Chapel on 30th July, when Mr. Tyson, the departing house-tutor of Waste Court, married his house-master's daughter, Miss Nigella Sewry. The ceremony, which was by special licence, was performed by the Rev. Gerald Phizackerley, former Chaplain, assisted by the present Chaplain, Rev. David Street, and a reception followed at Waste Court. On the same day Miss Fairlie Winship, until recently the Headmaster's Secretary, was married at St. Margaret's Church, Ockley, to Major Paul Elrington, of the King's Own Royal Border Regiment; and on 20th August Mr. Reynolds was married to Miss Julia Bungay. To all parties concerned—our warmest good wishes.

And warm good wishes too, on his retirement, to Mr. G. J. Joyce, formerly Captain/Q.M. in the A.C.F., who has looked after the 'Q' side of the Corps so devotedly for so many years. He will be succeeded by Mr. Cadwall, formerly of Millfield School.

We shall welcome two more student masters from Westminster College for the first half of the coming term, Mr. Morley Smith, B.A. (Sheffield) in Mathematics and Mr. Brian Summers, B.Sc. (London) in Chemistry.

We congratulate Rev. Professor Canon Ian Ramsey, parent (past and present), who has been nominated by Her Majesty for election as Bishop of Durham.

All who remember Mr. Richard Woollett as one of our most active student masters will be pleased to hear of his appointment to Westminster School, with a view to taking over the History Department.

Now that Richard Welch (O.A.) has completed his course at Westminster College, we can say how deeply grateful we are for all the help he has given us with the Scouts in recent years.

We are deeply grateful to many friends of the School for welcome gifts—to Dr. F. A. Vick, for a large consignment of books which he sent to us before departing to take up his new appointment as Vice-Chancellor of the Queen's University, Belfast; to Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Havelock for a hard-wood seat for the Jekyll Garden (inscribed with the initials of their three sons, RGH: PBH: TJH / 1953-1965); to Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Denny, for an oboe; to Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Eason, for a piano; and to Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Bosley, Mr. and Mrs. Coe, Mr. and Mrs. Hands-Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. Hills, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Mr. and Mrs. Roper and Mr. Richard Hooke (O.A.) for so promptly and generously responding to the Headmaster's appeal for more roses—contributions, in cash and in kind, will enable us to restock, in part or in whole, all the four beds in the Jekyll Garden.

We are and shall remain very grateful to Mrs. Duffield for her continued interest in our archaeologists whom she took off on another pleasant jaunt, this time to Stonehenge, on Excursion Day (19th July).

On Friday, 15th April, we had the pleasure of welcoming to the School a strong contingent of surveyors who held their annual meeting in the Court Room; and on Friday, 6th May, a similar party of Town Clerks who met in the Heylyn Room after coffee in the School Shop.

Visitors from overseas this past term included Dr. J. L. Somervell—a name well-known in missionary and in mountaineering circles—from the Church of South India (28th April); Mr. D. B. Tranger, of the Oakbridge National Laboratory, Tennessee (11th May); Mr. Ishola, a U.N.E.S.C.O. Fellow from Nigeria, who visited the Grundy Library on 13th May; Miss Dorothy Madigan, of Australia, who came to talk to us on 'Australia Today' on 17th May; a party of American teachers for an International Summer School in Oxford (8th July); our American preacher, Rev. Dr. Clark W. Hunt (16th and 17th July); and a large contingent of Norwegian teachers, sponsored by the British Council (19th July).

Half-a-dozen school prefects took a large part in the entertainment of the Norwegians; and (we are assured) made a deep impression on their guests by their 'poise and social adroitness'. Later we heard that in their official report our visitors said 'the prefects var virkelige gentlemen'.

Then during the holidays came Mr. A. Kabiri, Director of Education for the Holy City of Meshed, in the north-eastern tip of Persia (11th August).

Conversely, when the *Oxford Mail* sent its Educational Correspondent down to probe our views on educational reorganisation, it was a relief to find that it was our own Alan Smith (O.A.).

The Master-singers achieved a major break-through on the evening of Sunday, 14th August, when they appeared on TV as guest-artistes with Mr. Ken Dodd. Once the studio audience had cottoned on to

what the 'Highway Code' was all about it was most appreciative. And they have followed up their record of the 'Code' (Parlophone R.5428) with another disc (R.5393) on which they provide the musical backing for Peter Sellers. We hear they received a telegram of good wishes, before their TV appearance, from Mr. Montague in Australia. His place has been taken (dare we hope temporarily?) by a friend of Mr. Keating.

Still in the world of arts, Anthony Fawcett had a full-length article on the Oxford Museum of Modern Art published in 'Isis' (4th May); it is rumoured that Michael Liversidge has one in the pipe-line of 'The Connoisseur'; and on 10th June the 'Daily Mail' published a strip of cartoons showing how six well-known cartoonists saw Michael Bateman (O.A.).

The number of boys on the School Roll at the beginning of the Summer Term was 595, of whom 194 were in one or other of the Sixth Forms (including Sixth Special).

Foundation Scholarships were awarded this year to N. J. Beeching (Boundary Oak Preparatory School, Fareham) and N. J. Minns (Abingdon School).

We congratulate T. R. Paxton on the award of a 'reserved cadetship' for the Royal Navy; and M. A. Cockerill, J. D. Evans, D. J. Faires and D. G. Hounam, a team representing the Trinity Methodist Youth Club, who came equal first in the National Finals of an All-Britain Quiz organised by the National Association of Youth Clubs.

Two Parents' Evenings were held in the Court Room this term, one for the Sixth Forms on 2nd June, and one for the Fourth Forms on 16th June. It was warm enough on the former occasion for refreshments to be served, and discussion continued, on one of the lawns in Lacies Court.

Mr. G. K. Barnes visited the School on 6th June on behalf of the Public Schools Appointments Bureau.

The Ruri-decanal Conference was held in the Court Room on 5th May, after preliminary intercessions in the Chapel. The Study Group of the Abingdon Council of Churches has continued to meet regularly at the School.

The School Photograph was taken on 30th April. Earlier the same day the Gideons of Oxford had visited us, to present a pocket New Testament to every boy.

The General Inspection of the C.C.F., on 20th May, is recorded elsewhere. Here we may say that the Inspecting Officer, Rear-Admiral P. U. Bayly, C.B., D.S.C., summed up his visit as 'a very good inspection of an above-average contingent'.

The Supplementary Entrance Examination was held on Thursday, 30th June.

We are grateful to two top-line atom scientists who gave up Saturday mornings this term to talk in succession to the Physicists of the Lower Sixth and the Upper Sixth. On 4th June Mr. T. E. F. Carr, of the Medical Research Council's unit at Harwell, spoke on 'The biological effects of radiation and fall-out'; on 18th June Dr. Hancox, of the Culham Laboratory spoke on 'Super-conductivity'.

R. J. Howell and A. N. R. Wharton attended a two-day conference for sixth-formers organised by the University of Leeds (4th-6th July); and later (18th-23rd July) J. L. Sayce and M. J. T. Theophilus spent five days at a special Oxfam Conference, 'Disc 2', at Sibford School.

Other outside entertainments at which we have assisted (apart from 'society' jaunts reported elsewhere) include a 'Schools Day' at the Oxford Playhouse, centring round a production of 'Amphitryon 38', on 5th May; a performance of Henry IV, Parts I and II, at Stratford on 12th May; a film show in the Church Hall, to help Christian Aid, on 15th May; a lecture on 'John Mason' given (appropriately) by Mr. Derrick Hurd on 26th May, under the auspices of the Friends of Abingdon; a public meeting organised by the W.E.A. on 22nd June, in the new Abbey Hall, at which some 700 people heard the Headmaster and Mr. Alec Peterson discuss the vexed question of comprehension; and the centenary service of Dr. Barnardo's in St. Helen's Church on 30th June.

We participated more actively in a Road Safety Rally on 25th June and in an inter-schools dramatic festival at the Unicorn Theatre on 13th July. Members of the School also helped with the Dr. Barnardo's Fête on 4th June and the Friends of Abingdon Fête on 1st July.

We played our part too in International Week—an imaginative conception which did give Abingdon quite a cosmopolitan air. We were well represented on the afternoon of Friday, 10th June, when the week was inaugurated by the Rt. Hon. Anthony Greenwood, M.P., the Minister for Overseas Development, and the new Abbey Hall was officially opened by the High Steward of the Borough, the Earl of Abingdon; and again at the United Civic Service at St. Helen's Church on the morning of 12th June and at the ceremonial bun-throwing which followed it. We also contributed to the Exhibition of Schools Art and provided one of the choruses for the schools' production of Gluck's 'Orpheus' of which two performances were given on 18th June. The idea of mounting such a complicated production, with the minimum of combined rehearsal, would have daunted anyone but Mr. Cullen, the conductor, and Mr. and Mrs. Kitching, the producers. And we managed to find beds for some of our visitors from the Continent.

It has not been a good season for the Prefects. The annual cricket match between the two Common Rooms had to be cancelled owing to rain. And an unfortunate choice of date meant that we were unable to hold our Formal Dance as planned. Instead we laid on at short notice a kind of Joint-Club-cum-Leavers' Party which was enjoyable enough

but not quite the same thing. We are grateful to our own 'Tea Set' for providing the music on this occasion.

We congratulate the winners of the following awards, which together with the House Cups were distributed at a 'Supplementary Prize-Giving' at the final assembly of the term—

Cricket—

The Fletcher Cup, for the highest batting average in the First Eleven: R. B. Davis.

The Morris Cup, for (in this instance) the outstanding bowler: M. J. Heading.

The Junior Colts Single Wicket Competition Cup: M. J. Hill.

Tennis—

The Buckley Cup, for the winner of the Open Singles: M. G. Cockman.

Shooting—

The West Cup, for the best individual shot: M. C. C. Hunter.

The Darbshire Cup, for the best shot under 16: A. O. Akinbiyi.

Athletics—

The Decathlon Cup: D. W. Hall.

Music—

The Strings Cup: A. R. Gibbs.

On 18th July Mrs. Duxbury presented the awards at the Boat Club Regatta. Mrs. Manly performed the same office at the Swimming Sports on the 20th.

Much thought was given this year to the reorganisation of the timetable for the last week of the term so as to ensure that once examinations were over every boy in the School was—or at any rate could be—gainfully occupied throughout either in rehearsals or excursions or projects or initiative tests—or plain work. More of this on a later page. Here our thanks to Mr. Randolph who was the man behind the whole operation.

This year we were even more fortunate than in 1965, for we had good weather on both days of our Founder's Day Celebrations—which to many of us seemed to go off more happily, more smoothly, than ever before.

After the Leavers' Service on the Sunday (24th July) came the Prefects' Party at Lacies Court. Then on Monday the boarders enjoyed their usual end-of-the-year suppers—with a difference; for the large Founder's Day marquee was used instead of School House Dining Hall. More room, less atmosphere—in both senses of the word. Afterwards the various houses dispersed for their own games, gentle or violent: once again the defeat of the masters in the tug-of-war provided the final set-piece in the School House programme.

It has been difficult to keep touch of all the holiday activity, both collective and individual. On the last day of term a contingent of about

forty members of the C.C.F. left for hutted camp at the School of Artillery, Larkill. On 30th July a slightly smaller party of the Air Section went off to the R.A.F. Station at Manston, and a naval party under Mr. Griffin penetrated as far north as the R.N. Boom Defence Depot at Aultben in Ross-shire. Eight of the Air Section will be attending a gliding course at East Dereham during the early part of September, three more (M. A. Cockerill, R. P. Jessett, T. J. Rawlins) are spending four weeks implementing their Flying Scholarships. Individual members of the Naval Section are attending courses in Engineering, Diving, Commando Work, and Air Training. The Scout Camp was held from 27th July to 5th August on an ideal site at Erlestoke near Devizes. Subsequently the indefatigable Mr. Lewis took parties to two different V.P.S. Camps.

Two of our linguists have been attending vacation courses in Germany, N. D. Keen at Freiburg under the auspices of Euro-Lingua, and A. W. Randle at the Erlangen-Nürnberg University. Some of our cricketers joined with staff and old boys in the second Cricket Festival organised by the Alligators, while an enthusiastic School Four, sponsored by Mr. Butt, competed with modest credit in regattas at St. Neots and St. Ives during the first ten days of the holidays, and half-a-dozen keen types went off to help the Rev. Mark Williams to tidy up his churchyard at Little Bansted. Andrew Vernède is taking part in the National Youth Theatre's production of 'Antony and Cleopatra' at the Scala Theatre, and Roger Morgan has hit the headlines of the N.B.H. with the Instant-Youth-Club he has been running.

A welcome innovation this term was a series of lunch-time recitals, for organ and First Orchestra, given in the Chapel on four successive Fridays in June. A special word of thanks to the organists—David Murphy, Christopher Rowson, Brian Orland and Jonathan Lister—each of whom played one of Handel's Organ Concertos.

Before we leave the last school year behind us, let us say how gladly we have welcomed our visitors from overseas. David Horwitz, of Syracuse (N.Y.), has been with us as a dayboy for the whole year, Nicholas Martin, of Prince Alfred College, South Australia, for half the Lent Term and most of the Summer Term. Our old friends Jean Teillac and Denis Cordelle returned to us for the second half of the Summer Term, as boarder and dayboy respectively. In the month of July we also welcomed as dayboys, for shorter periods, P. Hammez and U. Kienitz (from Germany) and G. Leder, C. Leneuf and A. Ranoux (from France).

Looking forward to September, we shall welcome among our new boys four more 'American temporaries'—K. E. and T. S. Neilson from Atalanta, and R. M. Braid and D. Tettenbaum from Illinois—and, with especial warmth, an O.P.O.S. scholar, Yani Doganoglu, from Istanbul, who will board with us for a full sixth-form course.

We are following with interest the redevelopment of the central area of Abingdon. Now that we have used the new Abbey Hall for one of our own productions, we can appreciate the added amenity it offers to audience and to performers alike. The shops are gradually opening in the reconstituted Bury. We look forward to seeing what they make of the north side of the market-place.

Fame at last. The Headmaster recently received a letter from Cambridge, by ordinary mail, addressed to J. M. Cobban, Headmaster, Abind. Just that!

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We acknowledge gratefully the receipt of many contemporary magazines which are duly placed in the Library.

FROM THE HEADMASTER

This term we have run the full gamut of emotion. All those who knew David Cullen, and more especially his friends in School House, were stunned to hear of his untimely death. Now we can see only the wrong side of the web, with all its loose ends—and pretty untidy they are. Some day we shall see the whole pattern, in all its beauty, from the other side.

Then at the end of the term came an Old Boys' Dinner which will long live in my memory. To be presented with your own portrait while still in harness is an unusual experience, and I should have been more (or less) than human if I had not been deeply moved. The occasion was made more memorable by the presence of the artist himself—and we could never have expected that Mr. Halliday would turn out to be such a charming guest, such a felicitous speaker. But it was George Duxbury who really (and rightly) stole the limelight with *his* presentation. I think we were all grateful to him for keeping our emotions just this side of sentiment: but one could sense the feelings that we were all sharing.

If any of you, parent or Old Boy, missed seeing the portrait on Founder's Day, and would like to do so, it has been hung, temporarily, on the first floor landing at Lacies Court, where we shall be delighted to show it to you. It is not so much that it is a portrait of *me* but that it is a superb piece of craftsmanship created by a great painter—and a great man. And I know that Edward Halliday will not take it amiss if I say that what I value even more than the painting is the album containing the printed names of all the subscribers. Every one of them brings back its own memories—all of them happy ones.

Then we were incredibly lucky with the weather on the Saturday, when the informal At Home bridged the gap between State Service and Concert: and on the Sunday the Leavers' Service provided a deeply moving epilogue to our celebrations.

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At their meeting just before the end of the term the Governors reviewed their building programme in the light of the economic situation. They decided to push ahead with the construction of the Ingham Music School, a project which some time ago received the full approval of the Department, and indeed the workmen arrived on the site towards the end of August. Reluctantly too they accepted the necessity for re-roofing the greater part of the main block of 1870. This is an expensive job, but now that tiles have started to fall postponement would have involved real hazard. School House is now festooned with scaffolding. We are assured—we hope rightly—that the work can be completed without exposing Upper Dormitory to anything worse than slight inconvenience. The Governors also approved of a reconstruction of the paths of Waste Court Field which will fit in much better with our 'traffic-flow', and this project is now almost completed. But they agreed to postpone the reconstruction of the Gymnasium and to play it softly over the Dining Hall. Delay here, irksome though it be, will give us more time for detailed planning of the kitchen, a breathing space to strengthen our financial resources. Within the School, we have committed ourselves to progress on two fronts. In Physics, the old Dayboys' Changing Room is being converted into a Project Room, and the Governors have made a generous grant, spread over the next five years, for the purchase of special equipment which will enable us to make use of the new Nuffield syllabuses. And in Modern Languages we shall be making the first move towards a 'laboratory' by developing the use of less elaborate 'audio-visual equipment'; the appointment of our first French *assistant* will help here too.

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The spare copies of all the memoranda I have produced on 'Reorganisation' in the last year weigh just over fifteen pounds . . . but I am glad to say that as far as this School is concerned, both County and School have now initialled a draft agreement which has been submitted to the Department for its approval. This agreement promises to provide a means whereby we can continue to co-operate with the national system of education without abandoning our own standards or compromising our own freedom of action. I myself am convinced too that it can be implemented without appreciably affecting the standards of the County's own schools. On both sides there has been a genuine determination to hammer out an agreement, and this spirit of co-operation is one of the most hopeful signs for the future.

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I have said my say on another page about all those masters who are leaving us. Here I should just like to emphasise that what I have valued most in each of the men concerned is his personal quality. They have all had a deep—and wide—influence for good: somehow or other those of us who are left have to try to fill the gap. It won't be easy—though we have some good fresh blood coming in to help us.

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I must take this opportunity of saying how deeply I have appreciated the many congratulations I have received on my D.L. I like to think that it is an honour for School and for Town as much as—far more than—for myself. J.M.C.

CHANGES OF STAFF

On the last day of term we said good-bye to the Bursar and to no less than six members of the Staff. To Commander Hoyle and Mr. Duxbury we offered our good wishes for happy retirement, to five of our younger colleagues we wished God-speed as they left us to take up new and challenging appointments.

Mr. Blagden came to us in 1956 with two universities behind him, Cape Town and Cambridge, and very quickly showed himself to be a sound schoolmaster in and out of the class-room. He quietly and modestly accepted any job that was given to him, whether it was coaching a junior boat, running the Evening Entertainments, or organising the seating for the School Play. Perhaps he was happiest when working with the Skye Group, or engaged in the rather tougher activities of the Scouts. To him and to Mrs. Blagden, one of my former secretaries, we wish especial good fortune as he proceeds to St. John's College, Johannesburg, as Head of Science. I am glad to think that he will there continue to provide that kind of link between our two nations which is so desperately needed.

Mr. Tyson, who came to the School in 1960, has acted as Mr. Tammadge's lieutenant in the exciting creative years of the School Mathematics Project. We soon discovered that his appearance successfully concealed a delightfully urbane humour: and the man who could wrestle with the Higher Mathematics and who put chess on the map in a big way was equally at home as first-form master or as house-tutor of Waste Court. But perhaps it is as Gloriana in the Quatercentenary Pageant that I shall remember him most vividly. He too takes with him a very personal link with Abingdon, in the person of his house-master's daughter, whom he married in the School Chapel just after the end of the term. We hope they will both be very happy at Bradfield where Mr. Tyson has been appointed Head of Mathematics.

We can scarcely believe that Mr. Manly has been with us only four years, for in that time he has made an unusual mark on the School.

The success of our Russian candidates this year, both at 'A' and at 'O', is testimony to his work in the class-room. Outside, he has helped vigorously on games field and river, and he has made history as the first Commanding Officer of the C.C.F. to wear a blue uniform. Our very real loss is Stowe's gain, and we wish him well—and Mrs. Manly too—as he takes up appointment there as Head of Modern Languages.

Mr. Lewis and Mr. Herrman have been with us an even shorter time. Mr. Lewis, also of Cape Town University, came to us in January, 1964, under the sponsorship of the School Mathematics Project, to sit at the feet of A.R.T. We have been very lucky to keep him so long, for he turned out to be a born schoolmaster. I once described him, not unkindly, as 'Nature's boy-scout', and his infectious enthusiasm and his boundless energy kept us all up to the mark. Falcon College, Rhodesia, whither he is shortly flying, will soon know what has hit them. I was taken to task, from Rhodesia, for a casual remark about that 'unhappy land' in last term's School Notes. Perhaps Rhodesia will feel more kindly towards us when John Lewis has made his impression.

Mr. Herrman, of Dartmouth College (U.S.A.) and St. Catherine's (Oxford), is another representative of two cultures. He only came to us in January, to teach Economics, and his short stay was broken by a long spell in hospital. But opportunity, in the shape of an invitation to join the staff of the Anglo-American Staff College at Ditchling Park, has knocked far sooner than we would have wished. We shall remember him however with gratitude and affection.

If I have left Roger Hoyle and George Duxbury to the end it is because I find it so difficult to summarise their service to the School—or to say what I think of them.

Commander Hoyle became first Bursar of the School in September, 1947, immediately after his retirement from the Royal Navy. For nineteen years he devoted himself loyally and selflessly to its interests, regardless of unpopularity, unsparing of time and energy. A man of great kindness and of infinite patience, he was always ready to deal with anything from a blocked drainpipe to an exigent headmaster, what time the strata of papers on his desk grew ever deeper: and the office hours he kept would nowadays be considered a disgrace to any self-respecting man. A Bursar has none of the glamour of a headmaster, he gets none of a headmaster's excitements and triumphs. But the plain fact is that the material development of the School in the last two decades has been largely due to Roger Hoyle. We wish him and Mrs. Hoyle happiness in the retirement that he has doubly earned.

George Duxbury had already been at the School upwards of twenty years when I arrived, and it did not take me long to appreciate his value. A sound and sympathetic teacher, he consistently exemplified in his own life, without any preaching, those humane and liberal values which the classics are supposed to inculcate. In his time he commanded

the C.C.F. and kept the School Boat Club going right into the post-war period. Later he built up a vast empire—just because he was the obvious man to run the G.C.E., to organise the Library, to look after all the text-books. To me he was always the most loyal (and imperturbable) of lieutenants, and I learnt to lean more and more heavily on his judgment. But perhaps his greatest service was as the link between the School and the Old Boys. Happy is the school that has someone like George Duxbury to preserve this personal connection with Old Boys of all generations, scattered all over the world. It is pleasant to think that he will remain in the neighbourhood and that he will retain some connection with the Old Abingdonian Club. Our warmest good wishes go with you both, George.

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Replacements can be recorded more briefly. But I trust our new colleagues will feel that behind this bald summary lies a very warm welcome, and the hope that they will all find their stay with us both happy and profitable.

Captain I. G. Mason, R.N., the new Bursar and Clerk to the Governors, comes from the Supply and Secretariat Branch of the Navy. He is a graduate of the Joint Services Staff College and his administrative appointments included Secretary of the Defence Planning Staff of the Ministry of Defence and Naval Director of N.A.A.F.I. His final appointment was as Vice-President of the Admiralty Interview Board. He is married, and has three children.

Mr. P. V. Moody, B.A., read Mathematics and Physics at St. John's College, Cambridge, before migrating to London for his Diploma course. His games include rugby and rowing. Dr. J. O. Pryce, B.A., Ph.D., another mathematician, from Eton and Trinity (Cambridge), took his second degree at Newcastle and his Dip. Ed. at Bristol. Mr. D. C. Taylor, M.A., of Queen's College, Taunton and Clare, a former officer in the R.A.F., read Russian at Cambridge and plays cricket and rugby. Mr. J. E. G. Varley, a physicist and a tennis-player, had wide industrial experience before taking his Dip. Ed. at Nottingham. Mr. M. Woodgett, M.A., won an Exhibition from Malvern to Exeter College, Oxford, and secured a first in Greats before moving to Cambridge for his Diploma course. He has had some years' experience as Classical Sixth Form Master at Hereford, and is a competent chess-player.

We welcome also two temporary masters, Mr. L. Millard, M.A., formerly of Merton College, will teach History for one term while Mr. Hillary implements his School-master Studentship at Christ Church. Mr. J. N. Knechtel, B.A. (Toronto), will teach Economics for a similar period pending a permanent appointment in the place of Mr. Herrman.

And lastly, a particularly warm greeting to Monsieur Roger Briand, who comes to us as our first French *assistant*.

J.M.C.

CHAPEL NOTES

I write these notes shortly after the great Thanksgiving Service on Founder's Day when boys, parents and friends filled to capacity the ample aisles of St. Helen's Church. Our preacher, the Reverend J. S. D. Mansal, M.A., Sub-Dean of the Chapel Royal and Domestic Chaplain to H.M. the Queen, underlined the note of thanksgiving, and then spoke on the quality of Christian love which inspired all true community life. Looking back we have much to thank God for, and not least for all that inspires the truly family spirit of the School. In the current debate on education I feel sometimes that there are important spiritual factors that are too easily ignored. Schools are primarily communities of people and education is for fulness of life. Whatever else we value on educational grounds in our particular heritage, we value that which the worship of God gives to us.

A large number of boys from the Lower Sixths took an active part in the house to house collections organised by the Abingdon and District Council of Churches during Christian Aid Week. And we were also well represented at two important services held at St. Helen's, one during the International Week (12th June) and the other a thanksgiving Service to commemorate a century of Christian work by Dr. Barnardo's (30th June), at which the address was given by the headmaster.

Once again Theatre Roundabout, sponsored by the U.S.P.G., gave their performance in Chapel on a Sunday evening (22nd May). The technical quality of their production is superb. If much of it may pass over the heads of the younger boys some at any rate will stick in their minds. We were also glad to welcome our old friend, The Reverend C. G. Watts, Rector of Limehouse, who stayed overnight and celebrated at our altar. Another visitor was Dr. J. L. Somervell, who gave an excellent talk to members of the Upper Sixth on his work at one of the big hospitals of the Church of South India.

There have been several innovations this term connected with the life of the Chapel. Two Bible Study Groups, one for boys and one for staff, now meet weekly. There has been a considerable increase in the attendance at the boys' bible study this summer, and both groups owe much to the initiative and enthusiasm of Mr. Lewis, whom we shall sadly miss as he returns home to Rhodesia. In the Lent Term members of the Upper Sixths were invited to produce non-biblical readings suitable for use in Chapel at the weekday services every fourth week. This met with a very good response, and these readings have been much appreciated this term. There have also been four lunchtime organ recitals given by the boys themselves in Chapel. The lusty singing, and the devoted work put in by the Choir under Mr. Cullen, have continued to inspire our worship.

Two coachloads of boys and staff attended the evangelistic crusade

of Dr. Graham at Earl's Court on 20th June and several more attended privately. Thirty-five boys are at present in the Confirmation classes.

The tragic death of David Cullen in an accident over the half term weekend cast its shadow over the whole school when we re-assembled. The Headmaster and representatives of David's many friends here were present at the funeral in Hampshire, and many more of his friends came together for a Memorial Service in the Chapel on 5th June.

On 2nd May Elizabeth Jane St. Clair Potter, the adopted daughter of Bill and Angela, was baptised in the Chapel, and we now look forward to the wedding of Mr. John Tyson to Miss Nigella Sewry which is to take place in Chapel on 30th July.

So many people serve the Chapel in so many ways that it would be invidious to single out any individuals or groups. I should like to thank them all, and to wish God's blessing upon all who are leaving us this term.

In addition to our own Chapel Funds our collections have been given as follows:

Royal National Lifeboat Institution	...	£8 5 0
Christian Aid	£10 15 0
Feed the Minds Campaign	£7 10 0
Westminster Abbey Appeal	£8 10 0
New Guinea Mission	£8 0 0
Ashbury Church Restoration Appeal	£8 10 0

The collection at the Beginning of Term Service in St. Helen's Church amounted to £8 1s. 6d. and was given to All Saints' Methodist Church, Abingdon. The collection at Founder's Day Service amounted to £52 6s. 0d., and was divided between St. Helen's Church and Dr. Barnardo's Homes. The collection at the Leavers' Service amounted to £14 15s. 7d. and was given to St. Nicolas' Church.

The Chapel flowers, always beautifully arranged by Mrs. Potter, have been provided by the following groups and societies: Form 5G, Dayboy House Prefects, Joint Club, Miss Cobban, R.N. Section, The Scouts, Lower Sixth Form Debating Society, Boarding House Prefects, The Cobban Family, Prefects' Common Room and the Ladies of the Staff. We are very grateful to Mrs. Rawlins for giving the Chapel flowers on Founder's Day.

The Sunday Services in the School Chapel for the Michaelmas Term will be as follows: Matins with Sermon at 10.0 a.m. on all Sundays except for September 18th, October 9th and November 6th when the state service will be Evensong with Sermon at 6.30 p.m. There will be an early celebration of Holy Communion at 8.15 a.m. on every Sunday except for September 25th, October 23rd and November 20th, when there will be an Evening Celebration instead at 6.30 p.m. Visitors are welcome at all these Services.

We look forward to welcoming the following visiting Preachers in the Michaelmas Term:

2nd October—Mr. Paul Rainey, M.A., Headmaster of Fitzharrys School, Abingdon.

9th October (6.30 p.m.)—Rev. Gerald Phizackerley, M.A., Rector of Gaywood, King's Lynn.

23rd October—Mr. R. J. Knight, M.A., Headmaster of Oundle.

20th November—Rev. T. G. Comber, M.A., Chaplain of S. Helen's School, Abingdon.

11th December—Mr. Austin Longland, Q.C., C.B.E.

D.G.S.

VOLUNTARY SERVICE

Our most spectacular activities occurred during Projects Week, an account of which appears elsewhere. But our regular commitments of helping old people and running an Auxiliary Fire Service group have continued unobtrusively, but effectively.

Again the A.F.S. group had complete success in the exams, held on the last Tuesday of term. We shall need at least six new members in September to replace those who have now left. Applicants must be aged 17 or over, be staying the whole year at school, and be free on Tuesday afternoons. Further information may be had from D. M. Dickson (VIM), D. S. Jackson (VI B), or from myself.

This year's visitors have been particularly efficient and conscientious. To their efforts have now been added those of M. O'Neill and his helpers, who are repairing wireless sets for old people. We should be glad to know both of old people whose sets need attention and of disused sets which could be repaired and brought back into use.

With so many boys helping with visiting at some stage during their time here, it is perhaps invidious to single out names for mention. But of those leaving this term, F. R. Howlett and P. A. Williams have helped for so long that they deserve our special thanks and best wishes.

H.T.R.

VALETE ET SALVETE

Valete — left 29th March, 1966

VII: P. A. C. Roblin.

VIII: G. H. Hallett; T. D. Harding; S. N. Pearson.

VIB: P. V. Bosley.

VIM: J. Clifford (left 5th February); P. J. Wilson (left 12th March); A. M. Wood.

II: G. Habgood.

Salvete — came 26th April, 1966

3N: R. W. Leary.

2Y: R. J. N. Barwood.

EXAMINATION RESULTS

We foresaw that we should have a thin year at 'Advanced' level. In fact, our total number of subject-passes was 203—less than in 1966, but higher than in any previous year—and the percentage of successes was only marginally below last year (70% against 73%). But this was in part due to the outstanding performance of our younger candidates who were taking a limited number of papers from the Lower Sixth. Their achievement in securing 29 subject passes out of 30 (eleven of them at Grade 'A') promises well for the future, and is some consolation—to us at any rate—for our disappointing score of 'distinctions' and 'merits' higher up. We are uncomfortably conscious too that several candidates from the Upper Sixth failed to achieve a single pass. They remain a small minority of the total but even one candidate in this position is one too many. The moral is that the good candidate must go all out to secure the higher grades for which the universities are looking, the marginal candidate, who needs a couple of bare 'A' levels for his professional requirements, must not think that he can pull it off by leaving his effort until the final term.

The results at 'Ordinary' level ran very much according to the form-book. Our total number of subject-passes, 712, represents a new record. Once again it was swollen by uncommonly good performances in Latin, French, and Mathematics at fourth form level. Of the major subjects, with ten candidates or more, Greek, Chemistry and Biology all achieved a percentage of passes in the nineties: and for the first time we can claim to have secured passes in six different foreign languages (Latin, Greek, French, German, Russian, Italian).

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

M. J. Adam (B, K*, P*): T. S. Addison (Eng. Drawing, P): D. D. Allen (B, K, P): S. P. B. Allen (L): M. J. Arundel (F, H†, J): K. Barnes (B†, K, P): A. J. Barnett (K, M/s, P): N. P. J. Bell (K, P): R. J. N. Bennett (E, H, J): K. A. Berrington (K, M/s, P): P. H. Blackburn (E, Ec, H): P. K. Booker (F, H†, L): R. E. N. Bradfield (K): N. D. Brice (M, M, P†): D. J. Brown (E, Ec, H†): I. Campbell (B*, K, P): G. P. Candy (B, K): D. Clare (E†, H): P. J. Clargo (H, J): G. M. Cockcroft (P): M. A. Cockerill (K, P): M. G. Cockman (M/s): A. R. Coffee (H): P. E. Comber (L): R. J. M. Conibear (M/s): C. N. Cook (H): R. Coomber (H†): R. G. Coulbeck (K, P): E. A. C. Crouch (K, P): M. S. A. Davis (K, P): C. W. Denny (E†, F, N): S. J. Denny (AH, Mus): C. M. Dobson (K, P): P. G. Dowling (E, H): C. S. Downes (B*, K*, M/Stat): R. A. Forsythe (H): P. A. Foulkes (L): A. R. Gibbs (K, Mus, P): P. S. Gilbert (F, L, N): B. E. Goldsworthy (Ec, H, J): C. B. Grierson (K): R. E. T. Hall (B, K): L. P.

Halling (K, P): M. H. Hampton (B†, K†, M/Stat): J. N. Harper (H, J): J. W. Hassett (K, P): M. J. Heading (H): I. R. Hewes (F, N, R): A. W. Hills (L): D. G. Hounam (E, F, H†): F R. Howlett (F, N, R): A. Hubbard (K): M. C. C. Hunter (B, K, P): J. S. Hutchins (K, P): A. M. Jell (AH, G, L): R. P. Jessett (M, M, P): M. C. Johnson (H): N. Jotcham (F, L): M. J. ff. King (M/s, P): A. L. Leaver (E†, H*): D. J. Letley (K, P): G. J. R. Lewis (L, H): T. Lewis (K, P): J. B. Lister (K, P): A. J. Longstaff (B*, K, P): R. J. Luttmann (Ec, H†, J): R. A. Lyons (P): M. W. Marshall (B, K): K. A. Mein (K, M/s, P): J. G. Millard (L): M. O'Neill (P): B. C. Orland (F): T. D. Paige (H): P. H. Painton (M/s, P): R. E. Parkes (H): D. S. Partridge (L): D. W. Penney (N): J. D. Pickavance (K, M/s, P): J. R. Poole (B, P): A. C. Putman (K, P): T. J. Rawlins (H): R. D. R. Ray (H†, J): A. W. Rendell (L): D. N. Roblin (B, K, P): M. A. Roden (Ec, M/s): C. I. Rowson (G, L, Mu): J. A. Rozier (F): D. J. Saunders (K*, M/s, P): R. W. Schnellmann (J): S. P. Sewry (H, Mu): C. D. Simmonds (H): P. J. Sparrow (K): M. Spencer (K, P): M. J. Stilwell (K, P): P. A. Sugg (A, H): I. S. Sykes (Ec, H): M. J. Tajfel (P): D. W. Tanner (E, H): M. H. Vaughan (H): A. L. Vernède (D): N. C. Ware (H): P. A. Williams (Ec, H): P. J. Wilson (Eng. Drawing): T. J. Wood (E).

J.M.C.

FOUNDER'S DAY

Incredibly, in view of the bad weather of the previous week, Founder's Day was warm and sunny. This provided a pleasant background to the unusually wide range of exhibits on show during the afternoon. But first things first.

St. Helen's Church was, as usual, packed to overflowing for the service on the morning of Founder's Day. This year we welcomed as preacher the Reverend J. S. D. Mansel, M.A., sub-dean of the Chapel Royal and domestic Chaplain to H.M. the Queen at Buckingham Palace. Before the Service, the Head of School and the Senior Day Boy Prefect laid a wreath at the tomb of John Roysse. The traditional Order of Service was observed, but the superb singing of the Chapel Choir surely deserves mention. Their rendering of Händel's Coronation Anthem, "Zadok the Priest", was worthy of the dignity of the Service. The paean filled the building, and provided a fitting introduction to the preacher's address.

The preacher chose his text from the first verse of Chapter 13 of St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians—"And now I will show you the best way of all", and discussed the relevance of St. Paul's essay on love to the modern age. He said that, without love, or 'charity', as the

AFTER THE EXAMINATIONS



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WORKING AT COTHILL

(Photo by Studio Atalanta, Didcot)

Authorised Version has it, the Christian ideal cannot be related, and drew our attention to the fact that there is nothing that love cannot achieve, since there is no limit to its faith, love and endurance.

In the afternoon, there was an admirable range of exhibits. Surely every visitor must have found something to interest him. In the Court Room, there was a calculating competition, attracting large crowds of observers, between 1st and 2nd formers, ably and bravely organised by Mr. Tammadge. The Projects-Reports, the various *oeuvres* on display in the Art Room, the R.A.F.'s ingenious Wind Tunnel and Identification Board, all attracted many visitors. The more scientifically minded may have been drawn to the Laboratories, where there was even an opportunity to play noughts and crosses against a computer!

The permanent amenities of the School proved to be popular. Many visited the Library, to see the superb portrait of the Headmaster by Mr. Halliday. It was interesting to see how the New Changing Room had fared after being used for nearly a year, and how the recent decorations had improved the already-beautiful Chapel. Some parents were even observed as far afield as the new boat-house, a useful addition to the School which is not in daily view of everyone.

The Cricket and Tennis matches provided an extremely pleasant background to the afternoon's activities. The 2nd XI's match on Upper Field, which has now become an annual fixture, is a very welcome alternative for those of us who are too lazy to make the pilgrimage to the War Memorial field.

The literary magazine "Etc." was on sale throughout the afternoon, and provided pleasant reading for those with a moment to spare.

During tea, which was served in a marquee on Upper Field from 4.00 to 5.00 p.m., the band provided light music by Suppé, Vaughan Williams, Rossini, Coates and Offenbach from Tower Steps.

In addition to the tea served in the marquee, there was an opportunity of having a snack in the School Shop; this gave parents the chance of "experiencing" a school amenity "from the inside", as it were.

Although Founder's Day itself ended with a performance of the School concert in the Abbey Hall, there was, of course, a Prologue and Epilogue to the day's festivities. On the preceding Fridays, there was Old Boys' Day, with the first day of the cricket match and the Dinner in the evening. In contrast to last year, the weather was warm.

On Sunday evening, the annual Leavers' Service was held, to which all Masters and Leavers, with their parents and friends, are invited. The Preacher was the Headmaster, and it was satisfying to see that many boys who had left earlier in the year returned for this Service.

A SUMMER CONCERT

For the first time the annual entertainment was seen in the newly constructed Abbey Hall, which added much to the pleasure of the evening. The programme, like the Hall, was ambitious, and Mr. Cullen is to be congratulated on setting the sights of his performers so high.

The entertaining mood of Nicolai's overture "The Merry Wives of Windsor" set the tone for the evening, although at the first performance there was some unevenness in the tempo, mainly due to a certain timidity of approach. However, this was soon to disappear as the tempo and the gaiety of the overture increased, with particular power coming from the piccolo of Frank Butterworth.

Mr. Griffin's young poets presented an interesting contrast in styles, although the younger boys found it difficult to do the same justice to Shelley's "To Night" as they could to the others. The "Five Poems" were delivered with enthusiasm, particularly on the second night, and few will forget the younger Whipple's enjoyment of his lines.

With the appearance of Mr. Billington as conductor the male voice choir was accompanied by Mr. Cullen at the piano. Once again the performers showed their obvious enthusiasm for their words, and the conductor succeeded in bringing out a crispness and clarity of voice which was quickly appreciated by the audience.

The first part of the concert was brought to a close with the Finale from Bruch's Violin Concerto in G minor, with Tony Gibbs as the soloist. Although orchestra and soloist did not always blend in a strong unison the lapses were few, and under the careful direction of Mr. Cullen, the general impression was one of great competence and promise, particularly on the part of the soloist, and this was fully appreciated at both performances.

The second half of the concert was devoted to Coleridge-Taylor's "Hiawatha's Wedding Feast", and one was particularly grateful to have the printed sheets of Longfellow's poem distributed with the programme. This work produced by the composer while still studying the violin and composition at the Royal Academy of Music, is a testing piece for both choir and orchestra, and both gave of their best in the two performances, with few but the conductor noticing delayed entries of one or other section of the assembled group, or the occasional difference in timing between orchestra and choir. By both this was a lively and enjoyable performance, with a very able rendering of the tenor solo by David Allen.

The admirable arrangement of orchestra, choral verse, choir and soloist produced a most pleasing programme for this year's entertainment, for which both organizers and performers deserve unreserved praise, and congratulations on producing such an enjoyable "Summer Concert".

D.W.M.

PROGRAMME

The National Anthem

THE FIRST ORCHESTRA

Overture to "The Merry Wives of Windsor" Nicolai
(1810-49)

THREE POEMS

Sir Smashem Uppe E. V. Rieu
To Night P. B. Shelley
William the First - 1066 Eleanor and Herbert Farjeon

THE MALE VOICE CHOIR

Harmonious Young Men (Songs for the use of) William Bowie
It was a' for our rightfu' King (Robert Burns)
Fear no more the heat o' the sun (William Shakespeare)
Little Billee (W. M. Thackeray)
Hear lies Fred (Epitaph on Prince Frederick)
There was a naughty boy (John Keats)

FIVE POEMS

i. Ballad C. S. Calverley
ii. Wine and Water G. K. Chesterton
iii. A Musical Instrument E. B. Browning
iv. Prayer before Birth Louis McNeice
v. Memorabilia E. E. Cummings

THE FIRST ORCHESTRA

Finale from Violin Concerto No. 1 in G minor Op. 26 Max Bruch
(1838-1920)

Soloist - Anthony Gibbs

Interval of Fifteen Minutes

CHORAL SOCIETY AND ORCHESTRA

"Hiawatha's Wedding Feast" Samuel Coleridge Taylor
(1875-1912)

Tenor Soloist - David Allen

THE APPEAL

Since last September's edition of "The Abingdonian" the revised target of £63,000 has been passed and we are now into the sixty-sixth thousand. Our thanks to all those who have helped and are still helping in this great achievement. The Ingham Music School really must materialise soon and the fund will be faced with heavy demands then, particularly in view of rising costs. It may well be that this fund

will be of even greater value to the School in future; but so flourishing an activity as music deserves the most vigorous support.

Below is the twentieth list of subscribers, running from 1st August, 1965 to 31st July, 1966. Annual and Covenanted subscribers are marked *; those who have renewed their covenants (R).

K. W. Allen*	A. E. Gould*	L. E. J. Luker*
Anonymous	P. Gresswell (R)	B. Milanovic
Anonymous (R)	F. G. Habgood*	S. M. Nicholl
F. W. Armsden (R)	D. R. K. Hallum*	David G. Hurton*
Rev. L. W. Barnard*	Mrs. C. Hands-Clarke	R. J. Pezaro (R)
H. A. Britcher*	G. E. Harrison	J. W. Rayson (R)
Mrs. J. Brown	M. Horwitz	D. Rogers*
Christ's Hospital	C. M. Humfrey (R)	R. W. Schnellman
E. R. E. Corner*	J. H. Ireland*	G. Smith
R. C. E. Cox (R)	W. M. Isbister (R)	T. D. Thomas (R)
V. S. Crocker*	J. R. Jacques*	J. Visser*
Mrs. L. M. R. Crosse	A. G. B. King*	G. H. Walton (R)
Mrs. E. E. Day*	John Lay*	L. A. Ward*
Rev. J. H. S. Dixon	L. B. Leaver	Mrs. A. F. L. Wastie (R)
H. Duncan (R)	A. Leder	T. A. Wiggins (R)
D. G. Fathers	J. B. Lewis*	Capt. D. C. Woolf (R)
D. P. Farr*	L. C. Libby (R)	E. Wright*

A.A.H.

CRICKET

FIRST ELEVEN

There is always something paradoxical about a cricket team and this year it was that an excellent fielding side failed to produce a good record because the vital catch was so often dropped. Even the great performance against the M.C.C. was marred by two dropped catches at a crucial moment; they were 63 for 9! R. A. Jackson, M. J. Heading and A. J. Varley were the outstanding fielders with R. B. Davis producing a notably accurate, flat throw. The other great failing was that none of the batsmen were truly reliable enough to form a nucleus around which the innings could be built. This was one of the weakest batting sides for some years. Davis disappointed; occasionally he played well and fluently but all too often he gave his wicket away in the thirties. N. D. Brice improved much but still has a lot to learn about playing an innings. P. H. Blackburn showed that he has a good temperament and a sound defence but was too fallible when going for his shots. For the rest Jackson coped nobly with an unfamiliar post as opener; A. J. Varley, at fifteen, showed flashes of what we may expect in years to come; Heading and D. W. Penney made some progress. D. S. Partridge and A. R. Coffee occasionally played well but lacked a sincere enough will to improve.

Of the bowlers Penney and Heading were the best and each bowled magnificently at times. All were a little slow to adapt themselves to unusual conditions and there was a distressing unwillingness to bowl at the stumps. Again Varley showed much promise; Brice had moments of genuine aggression and accuracy; both need to develop control of direction and in Brice's case of length as well. Jackson faded out as a bowler but little use was made of J. N. Harper who came into the side as the off spinner. Among the great disappointments of the season were the failure of Partridge to strike form and the injury to N. K. Cook which prevented him from bowling his fast left arm stuff, though it was good to see him back in the side towards the end of the season.

P. H. Painton as wicket keeper has improved and did a very sound—at times excellent—job. He still tends to snatch at the ball sometimes but his general agility and position as a focal point of the game improved markedly as the season progressed. Although in the latter half the throwing was good, in earlier days he was certainly tested by some highly inaccurate cannonball returns! Captaincy, too, that most elusive of all cricketing qualities, improved greatly and in the last few games Penney set the fields with confidence and good sense and handled his bowlers well. His declaration against the Old Boys on the second day was a masterly combination of toughness and challenge; a fitting answer in fact to the fine example set by the O.A. Captain, M. D. Nurton, earlier in the day. That the challenge was accepted right to the end by the Old Boys, with the final decision very delicately poised, showed an admirable spirit.

The final Eleven were: D. W. Penney (Capt.), R. A. Jackson, P. H. Painton (w/k), R. B. Davis, D. S. Partridge, N. D. Brice, M. J. Heading, P. H. Blackburn, A. J. Varley, A. R. Coffee, J. N. Harper.

The following also played: N. K. Cook, N. G. Burns, R. Coomber, N. C. Ware, B. H. Ford.

Full colours were awarded during the season to M. J. Heading, N. D. Brice and P. H. Painton.

Half Colours were awarded to P. H. Blackburn, A. R. Coffee, J. N. Harper and A. J. Varley.

R. B. Davis won the Fletcher Cup with a batting average of 24.6.

The Morris Cup was awarded this year to M. J. Heading as an outstanding bowler and a much improved all-rounder.

N. D. Brice and A. J. Varley have won the Henderson Cricket Prizes.

D. W. Penney, M. J. Heading, A. J. Varley and N. D. Brice are all to be congratulated on playing for the Berkshire Bantams this August.

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The Senior and Junior Knock-out games, played as last year on an overs basis, were both won by Blacknall. They defeated Reeves in the Senior and Bennett in the Junior Finals. Senior and Junior Leagues

were also won by Blacknall, who thus made history with a clean sweep of the Cricket Cups.

The Junior Colts held a Single Wicket Competition this year, won by M. J. Hill. This was a great success, though it proved a lengthy business. Thanks are due to Mr. Owen who organised it and showed considerable powers of endurance throughout.

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The Alligators completed their second season in some style and with great enjoyment. We must thank our President, the Headmaster, for his continued support—expressed on one occasion in a particularly palatable form—the Bursar and Miss Gray for their unfailing kindness and help. In addition to the July Week there were two fixtures during the Term; on May 29th we were delightfully entertained by the Morton Cricket Club on their beautiful little ground and on June 19th we enjoyed a second visit to our ground by the University College of North Wales, Bangor, who were on tour again in this area. We lost both games but it was very good cricket and we are going to Morton again next year.

Results

Monday, July 25th: Alligators 240 for 4 dec. (P. N. Shellard 88; M. D. Nurton 50 n.o.). T. G. Evans' XI 143.

Tuesday, July 26th: J. M. Bunce's XI 168 (P. J. Hobson 88 n.o.; F. Booth 4 for 27). Alligators 118 (M. W. Vallance 53).

Wednesday, July 27th: Alligators 151 (M. S. Ford 52; P. Oats 6 for 40). Berkshire Gentlemen 153 for 3.

Thursday, July 28th: Alligators 179 (J. Dickenson 4 for 49). B. G. Bowden's XI 183 for 7 (S. Wilde 85; A. J. Varley 4 for 41).

Friday, July 29th: Alligators 179 for 8 dec. (R. B. Davis 65) v. Clayesmore Cormorants. Rain stopped play.

A.A.H.

1st XI Results

Played 15: Won 4: Lost 4: Drawn 6: Abandoned 1.

v. St. Bartholomew's G.S., Newbury (a). 7th May. Lost.

Abingdon 85 (N. Burns 24; Williams 5 for 18; Bailey 4 for 30).
St. Bartholomew's 87 for 5 (Williams 42 n.o.).

v. Royal Masonic School (h). 18th May. Won.

Abingdon 83 (R. B. Davis 31).

Royal Masonic 45.

v. Brentwood School (h). 21st May. Lost.

Abingdon 204 for 8 dec. (R. B. Davis 37; A. J. Varley 43).

Brentwood 205 for 3 (S. W. French 111 n.o.).

v. Berkshire Gentlemen (h). 25th May. Drawn.

Berkshire Gentlemen 166 for 3 dec. (A. D. Brow 111 n.o.).
Abingdon 94 for 9 (F. W. Neate 6 for 17).

v. Abingdon C.C. (a). 28th May. Lost.

Abingdon C.C. 189 for 4 dec. (J. M. Bunce 105 n.o.).
Abingdon 109 (D. Pead 9 for 56).

v. Pembroke College, Oxford (h). 1st June. Drawn.

Pembroke College 158 for 7 dec. (T. Dyas 57 n.o.).
Abingdon 151 for 4 (R. B. Davis 61; N. D. Brice 34 n.o.).

v. Bloxham School (a). 4th June. Won.

Abingdon 155 for 9 dec. (R. B. Davis 37).
Bloxham 73 (D. W. Penney 6 for 51; M. J. Heading 4 for 22).

v. Nautical College, Pangbourne (a). 11th June. Drawn.

Pangbourne 136 (D. W. Penney 6 for 35).
Abingdon 116 for 5 (P. H. Blackburn 50 n.o.; R. A. Jackson 32).

v. Magdalen College School (a). 15th June. Drawn.

Abingdon 135 for 7 dec. (A. J. Varley 35).
M.C.S. 102 for 8 (Wallis 51 n.o.); D. W. Penney 4 for 18).

v. Incogniti C.C. (a). 18th June. Lost.

Abingdon 125 (N. D. Brice 26; K. Robinson 5 for 44).
Incogniti 126 for 3 (N. Dewar 64).

v. M.C.C. (h). 25th June. Abandoned.

M.C.C. 97 (N. D. Brice 3 for 21; A. J. Varley 4 for 17).
Abingdon did not bat because of rain.

v. The Common Room (h). 29th June. Drawn.

Common Room 143 (A. A. Hillary 84).
Abingdon 138 for 5 (N. D. Brice 48; A. J. Varley 40; G. A. Smithson
3 for 34).

v. The Oratory School (h). 2nd July. Won.

Abingdon 90 (Cairns 5 for 18; McEntegart 4 for 43).
The Oratory 74 (D. W. Penney 4 for 8; A. J. Varley 3 for 17).

v. R.G.S., High Wycombe (a). 9th July. Drawn.

R.G.S. 126 for 5 dec. (Hayter 74 n.o.).
Abingdon 57 for 7 (R. A. Jackson 20; Colley 4 for 17).

v. Old Abingdonians (h). 22nd & 23rd July. Won.

Abingdon 189 (R. B. Davis 69; P. H. Blackburn 32); and 155 for 5
dec. (R. B. Davis 64; N. D. Brice 40 n.o.).
Old Abingdonians 149 for 6 dec. (M. D. Nurton 51 n.o.); and 179
(M. D. Nurton 52; P. N. Shellard 32; M. J. Heading 6 for 62).

BOWLING AVERAGES: qualification 10 wickets

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
D. W. Penney	193.3	53	502	35	14.34
M. J. Heading	180.7	52	537	31	17.32
N. D. Brice	106.2	24	293	16	18.31
A. J. Varley	94.2	19	241	12	20.08

BATTING AVERAGES: qualification 100 runs

	Innings	Not Out	Runs	Highest Score	Average
R. B. Davis	15	0	369	69	24.6
N. D. Brice	15	2	289	48	22.23
M. J. Heading	13	6	125	28	17.85
P. H. Blackburn	8	1	125	50*	17.85
R. A. Jackson	15	1	216	32	15.42
A. J. Varley	12	1	165	43	15
D. W. Penney	12	2	127	27	12.7

SECOND ELEVEN

If in general the standard of play of the team fell below expectation there were occasions when individual performances exceeded even the highest hopes. Not until very late in the term did the captaincy fall upon Chaplin—playing in his third and final season—and this early lack of stability in leadership together with other innumerable changes throughout the season led to a lack of cohesive team spirit and play and too much reliance upon individual prowess.

Nowhere was this more evident than in the bowling of Nancarrow who carried the main burden with admirable consistency and economy. Although Gibbs and, latterly, Parfitt—a steadily improving bowler—did their best to support Nancarrow in the opening attack, too often the fielding, though tidy, lacked the positive team aggression needed to capitalize upon early success. In batting, once the steadying influence of Harper, as captain, had been removed to the 1st XI—to be followed two matches later by his deputy, Blackburn—the side seemed to bat without sensing the need for pacing the individual contribution according to the needs of the side as a whole.

Once, Paddison, whose wicket-keeping improved enormously as the season progressed—and Caton gave a splendid example of what was required: their sixth wicket partnership of 62 against Wallingford was perfectly timed and led to as exciting and good a game as one could wish to see.

It is doubtful if any such performance against R.M.S. Bushey or Radley could have affected the result for in both games the team was soundly beaten by well-balanced teams and, especially in the case of Radley, some forthright competent batting. But for the rest one hopes that the many young and comparatively inexperienced members of the

side will remember these two games as examples of how a well-knit side, full of purposeful aggression, can dictate the pattern of play to its own advantage.

Results

Played 11: Won 3: Lost 3: Drawn 4 (Abandoned 1).

v. Newbury G.S. (h). 7th May. Won by 46 runs.

Abingdon 103; Newbury 57.

v. R.M.S., Bushey (h). 18th May. Lost by 7 wickets.

Abingdon 95; Royal Masonic School 96—3.

v. Radley (a). 21st May. Lost by 8 wickets.

Abingdon 101; Radley 102—2.

v. Abingdon C.C. (h). 28th May. Drawn.

Abingdon 136—8 dec.; Abingdon C.C. 131—7.

v. Bloxham (a). 4th June. Won by 98 runs.

Abingdon 134—3 dec.; Bloxham 36.

v. Wallingford G.S. (h). 22nd June. Won by 3 wickets.

Wallingford 101; Abingdon 103—7.

v. Wantage G.S. (a). 25th June. Abandoned.

Wantage 27—0, rain stopped play.

v. R.G.S., High Wycombe (h). 9th July. Lost by 1 wicket.

Abingdon 60; High Wycombe 61—9.

v. Magdalen College School (h). 13th July. Drawn.

M.C.S. 120—8 dec.; Abingdon 75—4.

v. Shiplake Court (a). 16th July. Drawn.

Shiplake 133—8 dec.; Abingdon 86—7.

v. Old Abingdonians. 23rd July. Drawn

O.A.'s 187—4 dec.; Abingdon 109—7.

The following played for the 2nd XI: R. Chaplin, R. Nancarrow, J. Paddison, T. Parfitt, M. Parry (all matches); P. Caton, M. Osborne (9 times); P. Gibbs (8 times); R. Coomber, N. C. Ware (7 times); P. Blackburn, B. Ford (4 times); and F. Dobbs, F. Harper, L. Morgan (3 times).

Also played: N. Burns, P. Matthews, D. Partridge, D. Sayce, J. Sayce, D. Ventham.

C.D.R.M.

THIRD ELEVEN

Fortunate in having in Bradley a competent and experienced captain, the team had an extremely good season. Enjoyment was the chief feature of the play and the team displayed commendable determination and enthusiasm, qualities which extended to those who attended nets so regularly without getting a game.

The first match, against King Edward VI School, Southampton, although nearly lost, was probably the most enjoyable, being played in an admirable spirit by both sides. We then went to Westminster College for an even game, in which our batting was as impressive as our fielding was embarrassing. A magnificent recovery after being 34—5 and the bowling of Matthews were the highlights of the game with Magdalen, while that against Oratory was definitely Wallan's match (45 not out and 5 for 11). Finally came a high-scoring match against St. Edwards', in which Mosdell made up for earlier failures by the vigour of his onslaught on our opponents' opening bowlers.

Of the batsmen, Wallan and Coulbeck were the most consistent, Matthews the most entertaining, while Ford, Bradley, Jell and Mosdell all played at least one good innings. The bowling lacked an opener of real pace, once Gibbs had gone to the 2nd XI, since Morgan, though very fast, proved too erratic to bowl regularly. But Wallan and Booker did well at medium pace, Matthews always looked dangerous with his leg-breaks, and Bradley improved considerably as a slow bowler. Mosdell, although slow to make ground to a wide delivery or return, was a competent wicket-keeper, and the fielding was usually quite good, Matthews being outstanding and Coulbeck a safe catcher and a promising fielder generally.

"I never knew cricket could be so enjoyable", one of our opponents was heard to remark after the game, and this is a fitting tribute to a side which is unlikely to be bettered for many years to come.

Results

v. King Edward VI School, Southampton (h). 21st May. Drawn.
King Edward VI School 142—6 dec. (Hutton 61).
Abingdon 117—9 (Jenkinson 6 for 22).

v. Westminster College (a). 4th June. Drawn.
Westminster College 149—8 dec. (Whitby 69).
Abingdon 123—8.

v. Magdalen College School (h). 15th June. Won by 65 runs.
Abingdon 145—8 dec.
Magdalen 80 (Matthews 7 for 36).

v. Oratory School (a). 2nd July. Won by 96 runs.
Abingdon 138—8 dec.
Oratory 42 (Wallan 5 for 11).

v. St. Edward's School, Oxford (h). 16th July. Won by 55 runs.
 Abingdon 192—7 dec. (Mosdell 56).
 St. Edward's 137.

The team was as follows: B. J. W. Bradley (Captain), P. K. Booker, R. G. Coulbeck, B. H. Ford, A. M. Jell, R. L. Matthews, L. Morgan, J. P. W. Mosdell, M. F. Rothwell, T. K. Simmons, B. S. Wallan.

Also played: N. G. Burns, F. J. Dobbs, P. E. Gibbs, N. V. Moore.
 Scorer: D. J. Hardwick.

H.T.R.

COLTS ELEVEN

It is unpredictable—this game of cricket! A convincing ten-wicket win over Radley at the beginning of the season, in which the necessary 78 runs were knocked off in about fifty minutes—and a humiliating defeat by St. Edward's by 136 runs at the end of it. In between, wins over Bloxham, Douai and Oratory, a draw with Pangbourne and a defeat by Cokethorpe.

The Colts this year were an unpredictable side. They could look very good in the field or at the wicket, and they could be quite abysmably bad. Lack of concentration and failure to watch the ball resulted in many wickets being thrown away, while careless fielding several times meant that our opponents' score was higher than it should have been. Nonetheless this was a promising team and with a bit more experience its members should be more consistent.

The more successful batsmen were Sayce, D., with innings of 48 *v.* Cokethorpe and 33 *v.* Oratory and McLaughlan with 34 not out *v.* Oratory, 44 *v.* Douai and 36 *v.* Pangbourne. Other good innings came from Sayce J. (53 not out *v.* Radley), Evans (29 *v.* Cokethorpe) and Rose (25 *v.* Oratory). Rose (15 wickets), Cowley (11 wickets) and Ventham (9 wickets) were the most successful bowlers while Gibbs bowled accurately and was unlucky not to take more wickets.

Sayce, D., by his own batting set his side a good example but was less successful in the field where he did not always deploy his forces to the best advantage and in particular was too reluctant to use his slow bowlers.

The regular members of the team were: D. R. Sayce (Captain), J. Y. McLaughlan, A. Rose, D. J. Ventham, A. J. Cowley, P. C. McPhail, S. Gibbs, W. D. Chislett, G. R. Evans and H. J. Flint while the remaining places were filled by J. L. Sayce and B. J. Fellows (4 times), A. J. Varley and M. C. Varley (twice), and M. J. Hill (once).

Results

v. Radley College (h), May 7th. Won. 77, 78 for 0.

v. Bloxham School (a), June 4th. Won. 72, 80.

v. Pangbourne N. Coll. (a), June 11th. Drawn. 129 for 8, 86 for 9.

- v. Douai School (h), June 18th. Won. 86, 140 for 9.
- v. Oratory School (h), July 2nd. Won. 122, 123 for 6.
- v. Cokethorpe Park School (a), July 9th. Lost. 112 for 7, 109.
- v. St. Edward's School (a), July 16th. Lost. 161 for 6, 25.

L.C.J.G.

JUNIOR COLTS XI

This side was really a better one than its playing record—two won, one drawn, five lost—suggests. In six of its matches it played itself into a winning position but lacked the all-round skill to turn advantage to victory. Thus, although neither Oratory nor Newbury were allowed to catch three-figure totals, High Wycombe, behind the clock for the first hour, were allowed to accelerate ever faster until they passed the formidable Abingdon score of 155—2. In the most amazing of finishes, Bloxham, with eight wickets down, put on sixty runs in half an hour to snatch a one wicket victory. Salesian College managed to dismiss the side for twenty runs less than their own modest 70 and although the best opening partnership of the season seemed to have opened the way to victory over Magdalen College School, chances vanished rapidly when 67—3 became 67—7.

The side's great strength was its batting; it topped the hundred mark in five of its eight innings. Chief run-getters were captain M. J. Hill and opener M. C. Varley, both of whom struck good form in July and scored fifties against High Wycombe. D. M. Marshall would surely have pressed them hard had not an unfortunate injury kept him out of the side for half the season. A newcomer, he is an elegant batsman and exciting prospect.

Their support came from M. R. Ward, a naturally forcing left-hander but temperamental cricketer. D. H. Parry, a hard hitter of the ball, D. N. Baumann, still young and comparatively slight, and C. G. Day, who distinguished himself first as stone-walling match-saver and later as makeshift opener.

Internal practice matches were marked by the dominance of bat over ball; even reserve players could bat for long periods without trouble. The side simply lacked a really penetrating bowler or rather a pair of bowlers who could stem the flow of runs as the opposition began to play strokes. Of course individual bowlers had their successful days but so often opponents were saved by the chance to retrench during alternate overs.

Varley and Ward often bowled well, Ward at medium pace, Varley a little faster. S. E. W. Boyers, left-arm slow, flighted the ball and was supported by H. A. J. Harfield with off-spinners. All four had good 'bags' of wickets but there was nothing to follow if they had an "off-day". R. A. Deane, a promising leg-spinner, pressed hard for inclusion but it is rare to find three slow bowlers used profitably at this level.

R. W. Speight played some games as a third medium pacer but was not sufficiently hostile to trouble the batsmen. Towards the end of the season Baumann's leg-breaks attracted attention in the nets. One of these three may come to the rescue next season.

Fielding, of course, wins matches. This side's fielding was usually charitable. Sometimes, to the horror of captain and bowlers, it was frankly idle. It is customary to complain about poor fielding but, even if this side did hold as many catches as it dropped, it was very slow to move to the ball, turn the half chance to a chance, or play as a team with one man supporting another. C. J. Nichol held a regular place in the side simply because he could catch, run and throw. Anyone like him would have found a place, too. Varley was speedy and energetic at cover; Marshall became an excellent gully; Hill was a very agile wicket-keeper, particularly on the leg-side. All did their best when the ball came to them. Let us hope that next season they will be more active and see that the ball comes to them more often. Then this pleasant set of cricketers will earn a bigger share of the victories that they deserve.

The following boys played in the side: M. J. Hill (Captain), M. J. Harfield (Vice-Captain), M. C. Varley, D. H. Parry, M. R. Ward, D. N. Baumann (8 times); S. E. W. Boyers (7 times); C. G. Day (6 times); D. M. Marshall, C. J. Nichol (5 times); R. W. Speight, H. I. Kilgour (4 times); R. A. Deane, J. R. Rowson (3 times); T. C. C. May, N. J. Minns, A. N. R. West (once).

Results

The scorer was J. W. S. Chalker.

v. Newbury G.S. (h). 7th May. Won by 46 runs.
Abingdon 103. Newbury 57 (Varley 4—7).

v. Radley College (a). 14th May. Drawn.
Radley 155—8 dec. (Boyers 3—29). Abingdon 47—9.

v. Salesian College, Cowley (a). 1st June. Lost by 17 runs.
Salesian 71 (Ward 3—20, Harfield 5—11). Abingdon 54.

v. Bloxham School (h). 4th June. Lost by one wicket.
Abingdon 123 (Ward 22). Bloxham 124—9.

v. Magdalen Coll. Sch. (a). 15th June. Lost by 34 runs.
Magdalen 141 (Varley 3—22). Abingdon 107.

v. Oratory School (a). 2nd July. Won by 71 runs.
Abingdon 123 (Hill 34, Ward 22, Marshall 27). Oratory 52 (Varley 4—22, Ward 5—7).

v. R.G.S., High Wycombe (h). 9th July. Lost by 4 wickets.

Abingdon 155—2 dec. (Varley 61 n.o., Hill 60, Parry 28 n.o.). High Wycombe 156—6.

v. St. Edwards School (a). 16th July. Lost by 8 wickets.

Abingdon 83 (Varley 24). St. Edward's 84—2.

The Single Wicket Tournament was deservedly won by M. J. Hill, who defeated D. H. Parry in the final round.

C.J.W.O.

JUNIOR ELEVEN

After an uncertain beginning the Junior XI developed into a good-looking side in all departments, primarily due to their determination and ability to learn from their mistakes. A moral win against a strong Under 15 Cokethorpe side and an overwhelming victory against High Wycombe in their last match confirmed their promise and application. Of the eight matches played, five were won, two drawn and one lost.

Shellard was a thoughtful and unselfish captain who gained the support of his team by his quiet and effective example. Technically a very promising batsman, his failure to make the really big innings one expected from him was compensated for by the middle batting which improved markedly with each game. Here Loosemore, with his capacity for concentration; and Harding, who despite his lack of inches played aggressive shots, made noteworthy contributions. Cox, J. P., and Minns both succeeded in curbing a desire to hit straight balls to mid-wicket and played matchwinning innings on occasions. Other faults which at the beginning of the season were common to most were indecisive running between the wickets and failing to hit the bad ball hard, but with increased experience and confidence these were largely remedied.

The bowling was the strength of this side, and was always supported by keen alert fielding with Cox, J. L., outstanding. Very few catches were dropped, and the result was that only once did the opposition exceed 100 and then by only one run. Cox, J. P., and Shellard were a formidable opening pair who never failed to take early wickets, despite their tendency to bowl too short at times. They were well supported by Minns and Savory whose natural ability to spin the ball is rare for one of his age.

We are grateful to Rev. H. Pickles for his continued interest and help in the nets.

The following played: Shellard (Capt.), Cash, Cox, J. L., Cox, J. P., Deane, R. E., Harding, Healy, Loosemore, Milton, Minns, Muff, Murphy, Savory, Smith, D. I., Snodgrass, Wallace.

Results

v. Newbury G.S. (a). 7th May. Won.

Abingdon 48 (Cox, J. P., 34 n.o.).

Newbury 22 (Shellard 5 for 10; Cox, J. P., 4 for 2).

v. King Edward's, Southampton (h). 21st May. Lost.

Southampton 101 (Minns 5 for 30).

Abingdon 41 (Minns 20).

v. Millbrook House (h). ('A' Fixture). 25th May. Won.

Millbrook House 36.

Abingdon 37 for 1 (Shellard 21 n.o.).

v. New College (h). ('A' Fixture). 1st June. Drawn.

New College 98 (Shellard 5 for 13).

Abingdon 90 for 7 (Minns 33 n.o.).

v. Magdalen College School (h). 15th June. Won.

Magdalen 72 (Savory 4 for 9).

Abingdon 73 for 7 (Harding 22 n.o.).

v. Cokethorpe Under 15 (h). 22nd June. Drawn.

Cokethorpe 84 (Shellard 5 for 16).

Abingdon 71 for 6 (Loosemore 27; Cox, J. P., 23).

v. Moreton C.C. (h). ('A' Fixture). 25th June. Won.

Moreton 54 (Ventham 6 for 10).

Abingdon 56 for 4 (Shellard 22).

v. R.G.S., High Wycombe (a). 9th July. Won.

High Wycombe 55 (Cox, J. P., 5 for 17).

Abingdon 57 for 3 (Cox, J. P., 28 n.o.).

D.G.S.; N.H.P.

ROWING

The Boat Club has enjoyed a reasonably successful season, perhaps more so than might have been expected early on, when various difficulties had to be surmounted.

Owing to the regulations governing status the 1st VIII had to compete in Junior-Senior events, in which they rowed some excellent races without the success they deserved. The races against Bedford R.C. at Wallingford, against National Provincial Bank I at Eton and Windsor, and against Imperial College I at Reading, showed that the crew were extremely fit and strong and also very fast. With a more relaxed and rhythmical approach to their rowing they could have reached an even

higher standard. At the National Schools' Regatta misfortune, in the shape of an umpire's launch, struck again when the Eight was leading Bedford School and King's School, Worcester, in the First Eights event, and although we were awarded the race, the shock of the accident prevented a really good row in the second round. At Henley the Eight lost a good race against Kingston G.S. in the first round of the Princess Elizabeth Cup in a reasonably good time.

A 'four' from the Eight followed up their success in winning the Schools' Cup in the Abingdon Head during the Easter holidays (as Gryphon B.C.) by winning School Fours at Stratford Regatta after reaching the Final of a similar event at Reading.

The 2nd VIII after a mixed season at various regattas narrowly missed winning Novice Eights at Pangbourne and Whitchurch Regatta, losing in the Final by $\frac{1}{2}$ length to Reading University.

The Colts VIIIs probably travelled further by road than by water this term, entering at various far-flung regattas at which they reached three semi-finals and one final. They were very unlucky not to bring home a 'pot' or two.

Our 1st IV rowed extremely well, winning Novice Fours at Pangbourne and Whitchurch, after reaching the final at Reading.

Finally, two members each of the 1st and 2nd VIIIs combined to win Novice Fours at Saltford Regatta.

Mention must also be made of the exploits of Mr. Butt, who has coached the Colts VIII. As a member of Abingdon R.C. he won Junior-Senior Fours at Peterborough. His appearances in Senior and Junior-Senior Pairs up and down the country must have struck terror into the hearts of opponents such as Goldie B.C. and Nautilus, whilst his knowledge of the Laws of Boat Racing have dumb-founded more than one Regatta Committee.

Our own regatta took place at the end of term. The high-light was undoubtedly the appearance of the Staff Four, who, rowing with enormous spade blades of Mr. Butt's design were unfortunate to lose to the School Four by $\frac{1}{2}$ length after leading them for most of the course at a very much lower rating. This was also an occasion where we sadly said good-bye, and a big thank-you, to Mr. Duxbury, who has done so very much for the Boat Club for more than thirty years. Probably only a very few of the present members of the Club know how much he has done over the years, as Master in Charge, Coach, handyman (in the days before we had a boatman), and latterly as an expert on the business affairs of the Boat Club and general trouble-shooter. The Club would not be in its present healthy state without his help and encouragement. It was also a great pleasure to welcome Mrs. Duxbury to the Regatta to present the winners with their trophies.

Finally, our thanks are due as always to those Parents and O.A.s who give us their support at Regattas and in so many other ways. Here

the New Boat House must be mentioned: at last complete, it has been much appreciated by all. And to the Captain and Secretary of Boats and to all who are leaving our gratitude for their labours and best wishes for their rowing in the future.

R.G.M.

CREWS

1st VIII

Bow	D. W. Tanner
2	R. E. Parkes
3	S. P. Sewry
4	M. A. E. J. Ballinger
5	R. W. Schnellmann
6	N. R. Taylor
7	T. D. Paige
Stroke	D. Clare
Cox	T. J. Wood

2nd VIII

Bow	R. J. Howell
2	I. L. M. Carr
3	R. J. N. Bennett
4	R. A. Forsythe
5	P. K. Ablewhite
6	J. T. W. Kenney
7	J. B. Lister
Stroke	J. P. H. Bosley
Cox	C. M. Dobson

(C. D. Le Voi rowed at bow at Wallingford Regatta)

1st Colts VIII

Bow	M. C. G. Stevens
2	J. A. F. Ridge
3	T. W. Hewes
4	R. G. Whittington
5	C. E. J. Lilley
6	P. J. Hopkins
7	J. R. Burton
Stroke	M. J. Stilwell
Cox	M. C. Geary

2nd Colts VIII

Bow	T. R. Paxton
2	P. J. Munnoch
3	N. R. J. Brett
4	P. R. M. Sherwood
5	D. G. Nasmyth
6	A. E. Lewis
7	J. P. Tromans
Stroke	N. J. Pilling
Cox	P. M. Annett

1st IV

Bow	C. D. Le Voi
2	A. Mc. I. King
3	D. J. Saunders
Stroke	J. D. Evans
Cox	P. E. Scott

(R. J. Howell and I. P. G. Stevens rowed at bow and 2 respectively at Wallingford Regatta)

School IV

Bow	R. E. Parkes
2	D. Clare
3	R. W. Schnellmann
Stroke	D. W. Tanner
Cox	T. J. Wood

(B. E. Goldsworthy was Cox at Reading Amateur Junior Regatta)

Novice IV

Bow	M. A. E. J. Ballinger
2	J. T. W. Kenney
3	T. D. Paige
Stroke	J. P. H. Bosley
Cox	C. M. Dobson

J/S IV

Bow	P. K. Ablewhite
2	N. R. Taylor
3	Mr. R. V. J. Butt

(Abingdon R.C.)

Stroke	S. P. Sewry
Cox	P. G. Dowling

Results

FIRST EIGHT

May 21st: *Wallingford Regatta—Junior/Senior Eights.*

1st round: Beat Hertford College B.C. by 3 lengths.

2nd round: Lost to Bedford R.C. by 1 length.

May 30th: *Windsor and Eton Regatta—Junior/Senior Eights.*

1st round: Lost to National Provincial Bank R.C. by 1 length.

June 11th: *Reading Amateur Regatta—Junior/Senior Eights.*

1st round: Lost to Imperial College B.C. by 6 feet, but beat University College, Oxford, by $\frac{3}{4}$ length.

June 22nd: *National Schools' Regatta—Child-Beale Cup.*

1st race: Awarded to the School, 2nd was Bedford School and 3rd King's School, Worcester. We were rammed by a launch.

Semi-final: Lost to Nautical College, Pangbourne by 3 lengths, and Eton by $\frac{3}{4}$ length, but beat King's School, Worcester by $\frac{1}{2}$ length.

June 29th: *Henley Royal Regatta—Princess Elizabeth Cup.*

1st round: Lost to Kingston Grammar School by $1\frac{1}{4}$ lengths.

SECOND EIGHT

May 21st: *Wallingford Regatta—Junior Restricted Eights.*

1st round: Lost to Thames Tradesmen R.C. by $\frac{1}{2}$ length.

May 28th: *Reading Amateur Junior Regatta—Novice Eights.*

1st round: Beat Bryanston School B.C. by $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths.

Semi-final: Lost to Thames Tradesmen by $\frac{3}{4}$ length, but beat Imperial College B.C. by $2\frac{1}{2}$ lengths.

May 30th: *Windsor and Eton Regatta—Junior Eights.*

1st round: Lost to Twickenham R.C. by 1 length.

June 11th: *Reading Amateur Regatta—Junior Eights.*

1st round: Lost to Molesey B.C. by $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths, but beat Marlow R.C. by a canvas.

June 18th: *Marlow Regatta—Junior Eights.*

1st round: Lost to King's School, Worcester, 1st VIII by 3 feet, but beat Reading University 'A' by $\frac{1}{2}$ length.

June 22nd: *National Schools' Regatta—Elsenhäm Cup.*

1st race: Lost to Winchester by a canvas, but beat St. Edward's School by 1 length.

Semi-final: Lost to Emanuel School by $3\frac{1}{2}$ lengths and the Bryanston School by $2\frac{1}{2}$ lengths.

June 25th: Pangbourne and Whitchurch Regatta—Novice Eights.

- 1st round: Beat Magdalen College School by 3½ lengths.
 Semi-final: Beat Nautical College, Pangbourne, by 2½ lengths.
 Final: Lost to Reading University by ½ length.

FIRST COLTS EIGHT

May 21st: Chiswick Amateur Regatta—School Colts' Eights.

- 1st round: Beat Emanuel School by a canvas and Owen's School 'A' easily.
 Final: Lost to Staveley School by 1 length.

May 28th: Cambridge Regatta—Novice Eights.

- 1st round: Beat Downing College 'B' by 4 lengths.
 2nd round: Beat Wandsworth School 'A' by 6 lengths.
 Semi-final: Lost to Westminster School 2nd VIII by 1½ lengths.

June 4th: Oxford City Royal Regatta—Novice Eights.

- 1st round: Lost to St. Edward's School 'A' by 1½ lengths.

June 18th: Peterborough City Regatta—Novice Eights.

- 1st round: Beat King's School, Peterborough, easily.
 2nd round: Beat Oundle 'B' by 1½ lengths.
 Semi-final: Lost to Kingston R.C. by 1 length.

June 22nd: National Schools' Regatta—Colts Cup.

- 1st race: Beat Radley 'B' by 2 feet, Eton 'B' by 1 length and St. Paul's by 1½ lengths.
 Semi-final: Lost to St. Edward's by 2 lengths, but beat Beaumont by 1 length.

SECOND COLTS EIGHT

May 28th: Cambridge Regatta—School Eights.

- 1st round: Lost to St. George's College, Weybridge, 3rd VIII by 5 lengths.

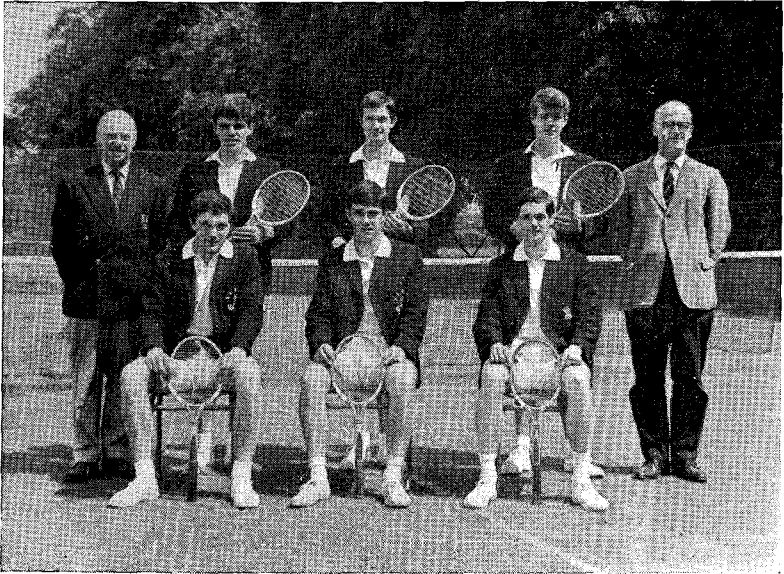
June 4th: Oxford City Royal Regatta—Novice Eights.

- 1st round: Lost to Keble College 2nd VIII by ¾ length.

FIRST FOUR

May 21st: Wallingford Regatta—Novice Fours.

- 1st round: Beat St. Mary's Hospital B.C. 'A' in a photo-finish.
 2nd round: Lost to Reading School by 4 lengths.



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— AND ACTIVE (Reading Regatta, 1966)

May 28th: Reading Amateur Junior Regatta—Novice Lightweight Fours.

1st round: Beat Maidenhead R.C. easily and Magdalen College School easily.

Semi-final: Beat Sutton School B.C. by $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths.

Final: Lost to Walbrook R.C. by 3 lengths and Nautical College, Pangbourne by 1 length.

Semi-final: Beat Sutton School B.C. by $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths.

1st race: Lost to Eastbourne College by $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths, but beat Belmont Abbey by 1 length and St. Edward's School by 2 lengths.

Semi-final: Lost to Latymer Upper School by $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths, and to King's School, Rochester, by $\frac{1}{2}$ length.

June 25th: Pangbourne and Whitchurch Regatta—Novice Fours.

1st round: Beat Sutton School 'B' by 1 length.

Semi-final: Beat Shiplake College by $\frac{1}{2}$ length, and Nautical College, Pangbourne by 1 length.

Final: Beat Marlow R.C. by $\frac{1}{2}$ length.

July 16th: Saltford Regatta—Junior Fours.

1st round: Beat Clifton College by $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths.

Semi-final: Lost to Wallingford R.C. by $2\frac{1}{2}$ lengths.

SCHOOL FOUR

May 28th: Reading Amateur Junior Regatta—School Fours.

1st round: Beat Shiplake College by $\frac{1}{2}$ length.

Final: Lost to Latymer Upper School by $\frac{3}{4}$ length, but beat Wellington College by $1\frac{1}{4}$ lengths.

July 16th: Saltford Regatta—School Fours.

1st round: Beat R.A.F. Hereford easily.

2nd round: Beat Monmouth School 'C' by $2\frac{1}{2}$ lengths.

Semi-final: Beat King's School, Worcester, easily.

Final: Beat Monmouth School 'B' by $1\frac{1}{4}$ lengths.

NOVICE FOUR

July 16th: Saltford Regatta—Novice Fours.

1st round: Beat Hereford R.C. by 1 length.

2nd round: Beat King's School, Worcester, by $1\frac{1}{4}$ lengths.

Semi-final: Beat Bewdley R.C. by $\frac{1}{2}$ length.

Final: Beat Bristol Ariel by $\frac{3}{4}$ length.

JUNIOR SENIOR FOUR

July 16th: Saltford Regatta—Junior/Senior Fours.

1st round: Lost to Stratford-upon-Avon B.C. by 2 feet.

SCULLERS

R. A. Forsythe

July 16th: Saltford Regatta—Novice Sculls.

1st round: Lost to A. J. Stokes (Bradford on Avon) easily.

THE SCHOOL REGATTA

The Regatta was held on Wilsham Reach on July 18th.

Results

Bennett Cup for House First Fours: Tesdale beat Reeves by 1 length.

Pixell Cup for House Second Fours: Blacknall beat Bennett by 1 length.

Pixell Bowl for House Intermediate Fours: Tesdale beat Bennett by 3 lengths.

Morrell Cup for House Junior Fours: Tesdale beat Reeves by 3 feet.

Pierpoint Cup for Boarders v. Dayboys: Boarders beat Days boys by $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths.

Haarhoff Cup and Mayor's Waterman Trophy: N. R. Taylor beat A. J. Longstaff by 1 length.

Eason Goblet for House gaining most points: Tesdale.

Coaches v. Coached: Coached beat Coaches by $\frac{1}{2}$ length.

We are grateful to Mrs. Duxbury for presenting the trophies.

S.P.S.

ATHLETICS

This has been another good term. Bell's enthusiasm saw to it that we had more fixtures and although sometimes we were hard put to it to raise a full team, the competition urged people on to be more rigorous in their training and times and distances improved dramatically in a large number of cases.

We started the season in fine style with our first ever win over Westminster College, but we came down to earth with a bump two days later at Culham College. Although our team put up 9 personal best performances most of these could only gain 3rd or 4th positions and we lost 56—81. Blackburn, P. H., (Shot 42ft. 10ins.) and Hassett (Javelin) were our only winners, but Ray clocked 23.0 secs. in finishing 2nd in the 220 yards thus establishing a new School record.

Because of injuries Wallingford G.S. were unable to field full teams for our fixture on 9th June, so the senior and junior matches were combined, each school nominating one competitor from each age group. Although our times and distances were mostly only moderate, we had the individual winner in every event and our junior nominee beat his opposite number on 8 occasions. However this superiority wasn't re-

flected in the final score of 64—54, because disqualification in the relay cut our winning margin by 12 points.

Rain did not prevent some good performances at King Alfred's School, Wantage. Bell broke the School quarter mile record by 0.2 sec., Ray and Wilde almost tied for first place in the 100 yards about six yards clear of the opposition, and Smart, who is only 14, broke 5 minutes for the mile. However with Hunt and both Blackburns engaged in other sporting activities and with Hassett and Roblin having strained arms we fared badly in the throwing events and the result was fairly close.

On 16th June we sent an "A" team and a Junior team to compete against Shiplake College. The Juniors had an easy victory 74—40 but the Seniors only just won 58—56. The best performance was by Hall who ran a well judged mile to beat Forsyth—a runner of great potential who had seemed almost invincible in our encounters in the Lent Term.

The North Berks Schools Championships took place at Fitzharrys School on 21st May. We had 13 1st places, 7 2nd and 3 3rd. Akinbiyi beat the old U/17 triple jump record (39ft. 2ins.), Hunt won both U/17 Shot (43ft. 7ins.) and Discus (142ft. 3ins.), while Smart also scored a double with good victories in the U/15 mile (5:21) and half-mile (2:18.1)—a feat which earned him the trophy for the best performance in the championships. Later 15 boys represented the district in the Berkshire Schools Championships, and as a result of these Bell (440 yards) and Smart (U/15 mile) were invited to go to the All England Championships. Once again Bell had to decline because of examination commitments, but Smart ran well to finish 4th in his heat. Although this did not earn him a place in its final, his time of 4 mins. 48.3 secs. meant that he was the fastest non-qualifier.

The decathlon championship was revived after the exams and was thoroughly enjoyed though it was a pity that only 8 members of the Athletics Club took part. The result was: 1—Hall 711, 2—Wilde 705, 3—Blackburn, R. K., 681.

During the term full colours were awarded to D. W. Hall, R. D. Ray, W. M. Marshall and R. C. Wilde. Half Colours were awarded to A. C. Ellis, D. J. Faires, A. O. Akinbiyi, and D. N. Hunt.

We are very grateful to Mr. Howard who has given up so much of his time to help with coaching and also to F/Lt. Arundel, the P.F.O. at R.A.F. Abingdon who has allowed us to use their new cinder track on a number of occasions.

As several "A.S.A.C. School Records" have been broken recently it may be of interest to give a complete list:-

100 yards:	10.2	N. Duncan	1906	(Abingdon)
		D. G. Brown	1934	(Abingdon)
220 yards:	23.0	R. D. R. Ray	1966	(Culham)
440 yards:	51.6	N. P. J. Bell	1966	(Wantage)

880 yards:	2:0.8	P. W. Liversidge	1964	(Iffley Road)
Mile:	4:28.6	R. W. Harvey	1960	(Abingdon)
High Jump:	5:7½	M. J. Nelson	1962	(Pocklington)
Long Jump:	21:4	P. J. F. Blair	1963	(Radley)
Shot:	51:4	N. A. H. Bosley	1965	(Cokethorpe)
Discus:	143:11	A. G. B. King	1952	(Abingdon)
Javelin	164:9	J. W. Hassett	1966	(Abingdon)
4 x 110 Relay:	45.5		1965	(Wallingford)

RESULTS

v. Westminster College (away). Tuesday, 24th May.

100 yards:	1—Ray, 10.8; 2—Wilde.
220 yards:	1—Ray, 23.5; 2—Bell.
440 yards:	1—Bell, 52.8; 2—Hassett.
880 yards:	1—Westminster, 2:3.1; 3—Marshall; 4—Denny.
Mile:	1—Westminster, 4:31.7; 2—Hall; 4—Smart.
High Jump:	1—Ellis, 5:3; 3—Faires.
Long Jump:	1—Westminster, 19:6; 3—Beckett; 4—Snodgrass.
Triple Jump:	1—Akinbiyi, 38:1½; 2—Wilde.
Shot:	1—Blackburn PH, 40:0½; 2—Hunt.
Discus:	1—Westminster, 133:0; 2—Blackburn; 3—Hunt.
Javelin:	1—Hassett, 125:3; 4—Roblin D.
4 x 110 yds.:	1—Abingdon 47.0; 2—Westminster 48.0.
4 x 440 yds.:	1—Abingdon 3:43.3; 2—Westminster 3:44.7.
Result:	1—Abingdon 106 pts.; 2—Westminster 76 pts.

v. King Alfred's School, Wantage (away). Monday, 13th June.

100 yards:	1—Ray 10.4; 2—Wilde; 3—Vickers (W).
220 yards:	1—Ray 23.6; 2—Bell; 3—Vickers (W).
440 yards:	1—Bell 51.6; 2—Hassett; 3—Reeves (W).
880 yards:	1—Maynard (W) 2:6.5; 2—Marshall; 3—Crawford.
Mile:	1—Maynard (W) 4:49.2; 2—Marshall; 3—Smart.
High Jump:	1—Ellis 5:5; 2—Faires; 3—Welsh (W).
Long Jump:	1—Beckett 19:4½; 2—Welsh (W); 3—Snodgrass.
Shot (8 lb.):	1—Evans (W) 46:6; 3—Ray; 4—Snodgrass.
Discus	
(1 kilo):	1—Coyle (W) 124:9; 3—Roblin; 4—Chislett.
Javelin:	1—Bedford (W) 128:5; 3—Hassett; 4—Roblin.
4 x 110 yds.:	1—Abingdon 45.6; 2—Wantage 47.8.
Result:	1—Abingdon 80½ pts.; 2—Wantage 69½ pts.

Berkshire Schools' Championships. Palmer Park. 18th June, 1966.

The following finished in the first three in their events:

Under 15:	Mile:	1st—Smart 4:56.3
Under 17:	High Jump:	2nd—Ellis 5:4
	Shot:	2nd—Hunt 41:3
Under 20:	100 yards:	2nd—Wilde 10.9
	220 yards:	3rd—Ray 23.9
	440 yards:	1st—Bell 53.1
		2nd—Hassett 53.6
	Mile:	2nd—Hall 4:37.7
	Long Jump:	3rd—Beckett 19:4

R.H.B.

TENNIS

Once again the inclement weather has been a critical factor, severely limiting practice sessions and causing three of the 1st VI matches to be abandoned. Otherwise the 1st VI can look back upon one of its most successful seasons, with 7 matches won, 1 drawn, and 3 lost.

The 1st pair partnership of R. E. N. Bradfield (Captain) and M. G. Cockman (Secretary) was highly successful, only once being defeated in a school match and once in a club game. Bradfield has become a very efficient player with a powerful backhand and sure volleying touch. Only his service seemed to lack certainty and needed more variation in pace, spin or kick. By contrast his partner Cockman could produce a lethal first service and had greatly improved his second serve. Perhaps his whipped forehand cross court drive was his best shot, but his backhand had become stronger and his volleying support to Bradfield was often very impressive. He could also make winners with cleverly placed deep lobs.

As in the previous season, the main problem rested in the composition of the 2nd and 3rd pairs, where various combinations were tried with inconclusive results. R. P. Jessett started the season very short of practice, and it was only when he found his true form that his partnership with D. S. Jackson was confirmed as the best 2nd pair combination. Both players could rely on strong services and were good at the net, Jessett had a useful backhand and so fitted well in the left-hand court; Jackson was a good attacking player, greatly improved from last season, but still with a penchant for taking risks in over hitting the more difficult shots. If anything what this pair needed most was more continuous practice, and some of their off periods may be ascribed to the interruptions due to the weather and examinations. In the 3rd pair, G. Walkinshaw was often brilliant, but equally often very erratic; while his partner R. J. Luttmann had a very good style, with beautifully produced strokes, but often failed to press home an advantage.

The 2nd VI was again ably captained by M. J. H. Liversidge, and both he and his partner B. C. Orland had games in the 1st VI; and indeed were strong contenders for the 3rd pair position, until Liversidge was unfortunately away for a period with an injury and seemed to lose his impetus. The most promising 2nd VI player was D. N. Hunt, who showed that he had the power and the strokes, but needed a little more confidence and a less tentative approach. The other members failed to distinguish themselves, losing 4 matches and winning 2, though most of the games were quite closely contested.

This year it has proved possible to accept more juniors from the 3rd forms and below, by arranging for junior play on Tuesday and Friday afternoons—made easier by the very welcome addition of Mr. B. E. Woolnough to the Staff tennis ranks. All these juniors will still be under 16 years, and half indeed under 15 years, next season, when it is hoped they will make a real impact. The most promising youngsters have been N. S. Coulbeck, a naturally gifted stroke player; and his partner J. A. Clargo, who always appeared confident and unruffled. Of the older junior recruits R. K. Blackburn and K. P. Brown have come along well and should make their mark next season; whilst of the youngest players A. T. Winnington and P. R. Clarke showed the most zest and potential. It is difficult to comment on the junior matches played at different levels—under 16, and under 15 or 14½—except to say that our opponents were usually more experienced, but that next year the situation will be different and we should be in a much stronger position.

There were 56 entrants for the Buckley Cup singles championship and more than half of these were from those whose main sport was not tennis, showing the wide general appeal of the game. The semi-finalists were R. E. N. Bradfield, M. G. Cockman, R. P. Jessett, G. Walkinshaw; and in the final Cockman produced his best game to defeat Bradfield 7—5, 6—3, thus reversing last year's result. We may here again commend Bradfield and Cockman for their continued good work as Captain and Secretary, and express our regrets that the time has come to say good-bye to Michael Cockman, who will be greatly missed next year.

In conclusion may we again express our thanks to Mr. Lay for all the trouble he has taken with the junior coaching; and also Mr. C. M. Ruck, who most kindly volunteered to tune up some of the members of the 1st VI and to make available his intimate knowledge of match tactics and stroke play, based on years of experience as a county player. We finally congratulate R. P. Jessett and D. S. Jackson on receiving their full colours; and R. J. Luttmann, G. Walkinshaw on their half colours.

H.M.G.

FIRST VI MATCHES

May 7th v. Radley College (a). Lost 3—6.

May 14th v. The Common Room (h). Won 5½—3½.

May 18th v. Pembroke College (a). Won 8½—½.

- June 1st v. Magdalen College School (a). Lost 2½—6½.
 June 4th v. Bloxham School (h). Won 8—1.
 June 11th v. Culham College (h). Won 5—4.
 June 18th v. Reading School (a). Won 9—0.
 July 2nd v. Pangbourne Nautical College (h). Won 5½—3½.
 July 13th v. The Bohemian Club, Oxford (a). Lost ½—8½.
 July 18th v. Abingdon L.T.C. (h). Drawn 4½—4½.
 July 23rd v. Old Abingdonians (h). Won 6—3.

Matches against Leighton Park School, Berkhamsted School, and R.G.S., High Wycombe were rained off.

SECOND VI MATCHES

(1st pair: M. J. Liversidge and B. C. Orland; 2nd pair: G. A. Macdonald and P. J. Davis; 3rd pair: D. N. Hunt and M. F. K. Baumann. Also played: A. R. Cantwell, A. W. Luff, R. K. Blackburn).

- May 7th v. Culham College (h). Won 5½—3½.
 May 21st v. Newbury Grammar School (h). Won 5½—3½.
 June 1st v. Magdalen College School (h). Lost 2½—6½.
 June 8th v. Oratory School (h). Lost 3—6.
 June 18th v. Radley College (a). Lost 3½—5½.
 June 29th v. Wallingford G.S. (a). Lost 3—6.

Matches against Salesian College, Leighton Park School, Douai School, and the Staff and Ladies were rained off.

JUNIOR VI MATCHES

(1st pair: A. W. Luff and R. K. Blackburn; 2nd pair: C. J. Woods and K. P. Brown; 3rd pair: N. S. Coulbeck and J. A. Clargo. Also played: G. C. Ruck; and in U/15 matches: J. R. Comerford, R. N. Macdonald, A. T. Winnington, P. R. Clarke).

- May 18th v. Magdalen College School (h). Lost 2½—6½.
 June 8th v. Oratory School (a). Lost 3—6.
 June 15th v. Douai School (h). Drawn 4½—4½.
 June 18th v. Salesian College (h) (U/15). Lost 2½—6½.
 June 29th v. The Dragon School (h) (U/14½). Won 5—4.

Matches against Bloxham School, and Shiplake Court were rained off.

YOULL CUP: PUBLIC SCHOOLS' TENNIS COMPETITION AT WIMBLEDON

- 1st pair: R. E. N. Bradfield, M. G. Cockman.
 2nd pair: R. P. Jessett, D. S. Jackson.

This year we had a bye into the second round, where we met Cranleigh. The contest between the 1st pairs was very close, and we saved two set points against us, before winning 6—4, 7—5. Our

second pair was outclassed by a pair playing as well as the first pair, which meant that a single had to be played to decide the match. This took place the following morning, when Bradfield got off to a good start and soon led 4—1. At this stage he developed service trouble, though he was still playing some delightful ground strokes and passing shots. It is easy to criticise double faulting, but there do appear to be occasions when, like a stammer, the service becomes uncontrollable and paralysis sets in. Fifteen double faults later, Bradfield had lost the match, quite narrowly, 5—7, 5—7.

H.M.G.

HARD TENNIS COURTS APPEAL FUND

This has now reached £485, which together with the very generous contribution promised by the Governors will cover £1,570. Unfortunately estimates have now risen to near £2,000, so that further contributions to close the gap would be very welcome indeed. H.M.G.

There follows a second list of subscribers, in alphabetical order, for the period 1st April—31st July: R. C. Bateman, T. E. Gardiner, W. M. Isbister, T. J. King, R. Milne, J. A. Nichols, N. G. C. Norman, Dr. N. Parfit, J. N. Pearson, F. M. Sandall.

SWIMMING

The weather was kind to us at the beginning of term and so a number of boys were able to train seriously for the first of the competitions which the School entered. This was the North Berkshire Schools' Swimming Competition held on June 6th at Carmel College. The following successes were gained: Schuck—2nd Backstroke; P. H. Blackburn—2nd Free Style; A. N. Wharton—1st Butterfly; Lacey-Johnson—2nd U/16 Free Style; Tresidder—1st U/13 Backstroke, 1st U/13 Free Style, 1st U/13 Breast Stroke; Rawlins—1st Breast Stroke; in addition the School Open Medley and Free Style Relay Teams came first.

On June 10th, Rawlins competed at the Berkshire Schools' Swimming Association Diving Championships at Reading and came first. One week later, on June 17th, the following gained places in the Berkshire Schools' Swimming Championships. They were representing North Berks.: P. H. Blackburn—3rd Free Style; A. N. Wharton—3rd Butterfly; Lacey-Johnson—3rd U/16 Free Style; Tresidder—1st U/13 Free Style, 3rd U/13 Breast Stroke; Rawlins—3rd Breast Stroke. The North Berks Medley Relay team came second and included three Abingdonians.

Subsequent to these Championships, Tresidder was invited to represent the County in a Junior Match against the Swindon and Dolphin Swimming Clubs on July 1st. Blackburn has been invited to swim for Berkshire in a Four Counties Match on October 8th and Wharton too—if

all goes well in another trial—may also represent the County. On June 27th, Blackburn and Wharton competed in the Oxford and District Schools Swimming Association Open Time Trials and came third and first respectively.

Our only actual fixture against another school took place on July 1st when Senior and U/16 teams raced against Wallingford Grammar School. The Senior team which comprised A. N. Wharton, P. H. Blackburn, P. K. Ablewhite and T. J. Rawlins beat their opponents by 47 points to 39. The U/16 team—A. C. Ellis, A. S. Loudon, V. Lacey-Johnson, J. E. North, R. K. Blackburn and A. C. Douglas—lost by 26 points to 44. The match, our first ever, gave us valuable experience for the future.

The Swimming Sports were held on the afternoon of Wednesday, July 20th and despite the extremely bad weather and the fact that somehow there was an excess of chlorine in the water five records were broken. At the conclusion of the racing, Mrs. J. Blagden presented the Cups and Certificates to the winners. Results were as follows:-

Open Free Style 50 yards:

1—Blackburn PH, 27.6 secs.; 2—Lilley; 3—Lacey-Johnson.

Under 16 Breast Stroke 100 yards:

1—Allen CJ, 1 min. 32.2 secs.; 2—Egelstaff R; 3—Ellis.

Under 14 Back Stroke 50 yards:

1—Tressider, 41.5 secs.; 2—Jordan; 3—Minns NJ.

Open Butterfly 50 yards:

1—Blackburn PH, 31.6 secs. (record); 2—Wharton ANR; 3—Akinbiyi.

Junior Diving:

1—Brown AME; 2—Snodgrass AR; 3—Heading NP.

Under 16 Backstroke 50 yards:

1—Lilley, 39.7 secs.; 2—Blackburn RK; 3—Ellis.

Open Backstroke 100 yards:

1—Wharton ANR, 1 min. 23.1 secs. (record); 2—Arundel IA; 3—Blackburn RK.

Under 16 Free Style 100 yards:

1—Lacey-Johnson, 1 min. 7.4 secs.; 2—Lilley; 3—Ellis.

Under 14 Breast Stroke 50 yards:

1—Tressider, 44 secs.; 2—Snodgrass AR; 3—Minns NJ.

Open Free Style 100 yards:

1—Blackburn PH, 1 min. 7.8 secs.; 2—Ablewhite; 3—Lacey-Johnson.

Open Breast Stroke 100 yards:

1—Rawlins, 1 min. 22.1 secs. (record); 2—Wharton ANR; 3—Loudon A.

Senior Diving:

1—Rawlins; 2—Blackburn PH; 3—Ellis.

Under 14 Free Style 50 yards:

1—Tressider, 34.1 secs.; 2—Short; 3—Minns NJ.

Open Breast Stroke 250 yards:

1—Rawlins, 4 mins. 11 secs.; 2—Wharton ANR; 3—Parfitt.

Open Free Style 250 yards:

1—Blackburn PH, 3 mins. 48.3 secs.; 2—Blackburn RK.

Medley Relay:

1—Tesdale House, 1 min. 7 secs. (record); 2—Reeves House; 3—Bennett House.

Senior Free Style Relay:

1—Bennett House, 55.7 secs. (record); 2—Tesdale House; 3—Blacknall House.

Junior Free Style Relay:

1—Tesdale House, 59.8 secs. (equals record); 2—Bennett House; 3—Blacknall House.

The Elliot Cup for the swimmer with the most individual points went to P. H. Blackburn who also won the Becker Cup for Free Style Swimming. The inter-House competition for the Green Cup was won by Tesdale House who secured 65 points as against the runner up, Blacknall House, who gained 56 points.

For the first time a Plunge Event for which no points were awarded took place. This was won by Wharton ANR with a length of 37 feet. Second place went to Blackburn PH and third to his brother, Blackburn RK.

The Royal Life Saving Society examinations were held on Thursday, 21st July and the following were successful:

Instructor's Certificate: P. H. Blackburn, A. N. R. Wharton.

Bronze Cross: C. P. Allen, R. D. Egelstaff, C. Spearing, M. C. Crawford, V. Lacey-Johnson, S. Shield, R. K. Blackburn, A. C. Ellis, A. O. Akinbiyi.

Bronze Medallion: N. P. Heading, A. M. E. Brown, J. Griffith, I. Blair, M. I. Johnstone, M. G. Baker, S. A. Bodimeade, D. N. Marshall, D. J. Ventham, N. J. Minns.

Intermediate Certificate: H. T. Tressider, C. H. Short.

At the end of term, grateful thanks go to Mr. Coleman for all the work he has done in instruction and supervision of the Pool and to Mr. Gray, Mr. Baker and Mr. Willis for help at other times. Special thanks go to Roger Wharton for the work he put into the organization of the Sports.

T.J.R.

COMBINED CADET FORCE

Once again the Annual Inspection was held early in the term, in an effort to avoid any clash with examinations. Our inspecting officer this year was Rear Admiral Bayly, C.B., D.S.C., from the Royal Naval College at Greenwich. The weather was warm and the Admiral, with his accompanying officers, carried out a careful inspection of the parade, showing particular interest in the R.N. Section and in the Scouts who were doing an excellent job evacuating the "casualties" of the afternoon. After visiting the various activities, including the R.N. dinghy on the river, the Admiral requested a half-holiday for the contingent in his address, and this was taken later in the term.

The Annual Inspection was followed by a Field Day more favoured by good weather than last summer's, and 'C' Company were able to spend an uneventful night in the field while 'B' Company had an interesting day with the Maritime Squadron at Portsmouth. The remainder of the Army Section visited the Command Ammunition Depot at Bramley, the Civil Defence Depot at Kidlington, or the Churn Range.

ARMY SECTION

Interest in the weekend camps has continued and it has been possible to choose other areas for such exercises this term. It is hoped that the scheme will continue and that cadets, particularly the younger ones, may put into practice some of the theory which seems so unattractive in the classroom.

Examinations soon began to interfere with parade afternoons and we began to think of annual camp, held this year at the School of Artillery, Larkhill, and attended by some thirty-seven cadets, five officers and our P.S.I., Mr. Joyce.

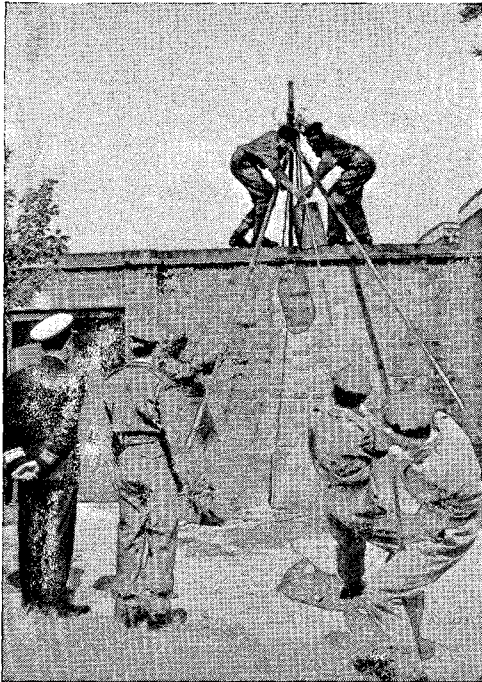
By the beginning of the Michaelmas Term, Mr. Joyce will have left the Corps and to him we extend our grateful thanks for years of devoted service and many long hours, and our best wishes for a happy retirement. Under-Officer Partridge is yet another leaver, having been Senior Cadet for more than a year and devoted much time to the activities of the Corps. To these and to all other members of the Contingent, I should like to extend my own thanks and bid farewell, and I offer my very best wishes to Lieutenant Commander Griffin as Contingent Commander.

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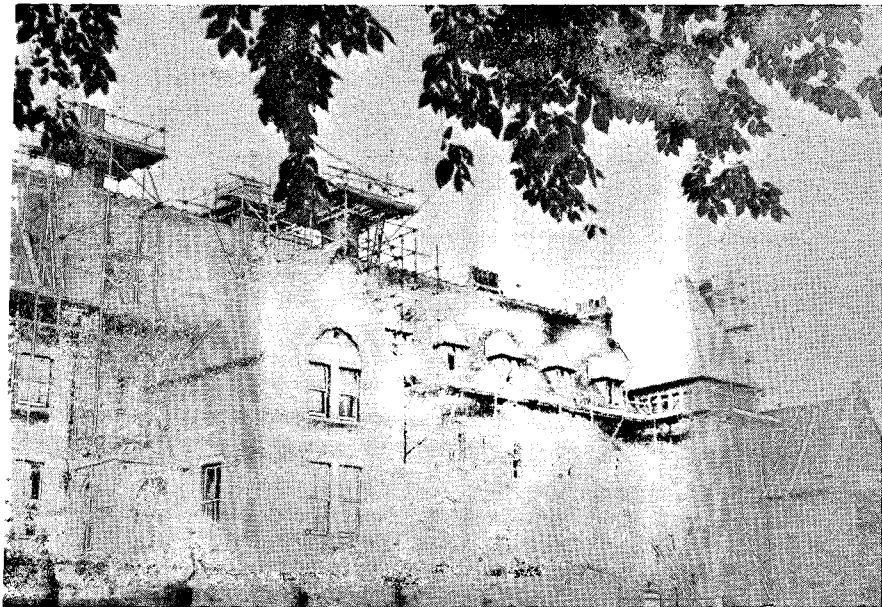
ANNUAL CAMP — LARKHILL

It is difficult to consider this year's camp without comparing it with that held at Wyke Regis last year. Many of us attended this year expecting the camp to take a similar form, namely for us to be instructed by the Regular soldiers on the camp. In this, however, we were disappointed. Although the training, organised in the main by our own

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officers, was excellent in itself, it was the general feeling that we did virtually nothing which we could not have done either on field days or on Tuesday afternoons. In fact we felt that this camp was not a drastic enough departure from mundane training.

However, the accommodation (in two large huts), was excellent, the food was plentiful and varied. The camp itself was so large that we had a true taste of army life, for the regular soldiers carried on, oblivious of our presence, throughout the week. The amenities of the camp were good, there being table tennis, billiards, a football field, cinema and a multi-purpose shop. There was also a skating-rink, which was certainly well-patronised!

For the majority of the training, the contingent was split up into three groups—A, B and C, each under the command of a Senior N.C.O. On the first complete day of training, the Wednesday, group 'A' left for a nearby site in order to bivouac for the night, while groups 'B' and 'C' were instructed in map reading by Captain Holloway. In the afternoon, the knowledge acquired was put to the test in an exercise involving the discovery and subsequent rout of 'A' by 'B' and 'C', which was successfully achieved. A similar arrangement was organised on the following day, when 'C' was dropped outside the camp and was instructed to find its own way back, while 'A' and 'B' were instructed in the use of No. 88 Radio Sets by the Signallers in our own Contingent. An exercise, similar to that of the previous day, was organised in the afternoon, with 'B' spending the night in a bivouac. The whole contingent attended the dress rehearsal for Larkhill Day, on the Friday, the actual display taking place on the Saturday. This was especially noteworthy, as 1966 is the 250th anniversary of the Royal Artillery. In the morning, we attended a static display and we watched an exhibition of guns in action in the afternoon. In the evening, group 'C' bivouaced, not without incident, for it found itself in the midst of a military exercise involving tanks! However, the group survived to return the next day when the whole contingent was instructed in Range Discipline by Lt. Fairhead. The remainder of the weekend was free except for a Church Parade on Sunday in the garrison Church.

On Monday, we received our only training from the Gunners. Accompanied by Capt. Willis, we spent the day with a 25 pdr. battery, taking turns at firing the guns, plotting the targets and observing the fall of shot at the OP end. Although this was highly enjoyable—and we appreciated the patience of the IG, Captain Blunt—it made the remainder of the training seem even more mundane. On our last day, we fired 303 at Bulford Rifle Range. This was, for some of us, their first attempt at firing these weapons but in spite of this scores were high.

The departure, on Wednesday, was smooth and the absence of traffic ensured a swift return, everyone arriving at School before noon.

A feature of the camp was the frustration we experienced over transport. Allotted a 1 ton truck and a champ, we were appalled to

find that they had to be collected from Taunton, over sixty miles away—and returned there at the end of the camp! The operation involved the waste of two officers and Mr. Joyce for two days. And on top of this, the camp was in such poor condition that it had to be written off. Surely the Army can do better than this? In contrast, we had the smooth running of the stores in camp by Mr. Joyce, a reflection of the high standard of competence he has always shown at School. We are all grateful to him and, as this is his last camp, we wish him luck for the future.

J.D.E.

ROYAL NAVAL SECTION

The arrival of an R.N.S.A. sailing dinghy, complete with sailing gear, the inspection by Rear Admiral P. V. Bayly, C.B., D.S.C., and an extremely good Field Day have been the highlights of this term. The dinghy, largely due to the efforts of L/S Coe, is in good trim and several cadets have had instruction in rigging her. We hope to sail her more frequently next year. The Admiral seemed satisfied with our efforts and the Inspection went off well. Field Day was in H.M.S. Sultan, where the efforts of Lieut-Cdr. D. A. Vaughan, R.N., offered a variety of activities for cadets to choose from. The whole section arrived at Sultan on the Monday evening and camped overnight. Lt.Cdr. Vaughan gave up his entire evening until well after ten o'clock, supervising the cadets shooting on the .22 range, and this was much appreciated. On the Tuesday, activities included sailing round Portsmouth harbour, a visit to the Atomic propulsion side of H.M.S. Sultan, and some initiative training which involved rigging a jackstay across a wide moat, building a raft from oil drums and manouvring a heavy weight by means of sheer legs and many similar activities. Altogether a really splendid day and we are most grateful to Lt.Cdr. Vaughan for arranging it.

Next term will see the first change of command since the Naval Section was started some eighteen years ago. My duties as S/Ldr. Manly's successor will not allow me to retain direct control of the Section and I am most grateful to Mr. Reynolds who has agreed to take over. I shall obviously retain a special interest in the Navy and shall do all I can to help.

Finally, we should like, on behalf of all the Naval members of the Corps, to wish S/Ldr. Manly the best of luck as he moves to Stowe.

Annual Camp

Once again it was Loch Ewe and this time with eight cadets, one of the larger contingents. The week was as instructive and enjoyable as ever and the activities much the same. There was perhaps more boat-work than in previous years—indeed some found there was too much—but the instruction was good and the cadets learnt a great deal. One of the more enjoyable occasions was the half-day spent in an M.F.V.,

doing some practical navigation and helmsmanship—not to mention a little fishing. The climax came at the end of the week with an overnight exercise involving climbing a mountain (An Teallach) and bivouacking for the night with ground sheets and plastic bags. Surprisingly enough, most of us had a very good night's sleep, despite rain, and one of our members is reputed to have been still asleep at 10 a.m. At least, even after a six mile walk through the rain with packs on their backs, having in fact already walked some fifteen miles the previous day in mist and very difficult country, four of the Section found enough energy to help pull a whaler and to be the first cadet crew home in a race involving in all some twenty crews. We were beaten by a C.C.F. officers' crew and a Ship's Company crew, the other members of our crew being drawn from Edinburgh Academy. Altogether a very good week.

L.C.J.G.

ROYAL AIR FORCE SECTION

This has been a fairly successful term with one or two very pleasing events. No fewer than 3 Flying Scholarships were awarded to members of the section during the term; to Sgt. Rawlins, Cpl. Jessett and L/Cpl. Cockerill. These fortunate three carried out their training at various flying clubs during the summer holidays, Rawlins at Carlisle, Jessett at Thruxton and Cockerill at White Waltham. The Flying Scholarship is almost the highest prize a cadet can gain while he is in the section and considering that only 350 were awarded over the whole country, including all A.T.C. units as well, the award of three at once is something of which the whole section may be proud.

Before and after the term there were many comings and goings. Flt. Lt. Morelle and four of the section led by Clare returned in April from an exhausting but pleasant week with the R.A.F. in Germany, at Bruggen; 27 cadets and F/O Howard spent a week's annual camp at Manston, very enjoyable on the whole although one hardly expects seasickness on an Air section camp, and Flt.Sgt. Brice led 7 others to R.A.F. Swanton Morley in Norfolk for a week's gliding.

Several members of the section sat the official examinations and I am pleased to say that a much more favourable pass rate was obtained than in last term's examination. Sutton's achievement of 100% in each of the two proficiency papers he took deserves particular commendation. Field Day was spent again pounding the Berkshire and Gloucestershire roads, very enjoyable in retrospect. Air Experience flying was rained off and our Beverley for the last Tuesday of term had to be cancelled—both disappointments. However, two sessions of Air Experience have been arranged for early next term so perhaps we shall have better luck then.

Finally a word of thanks to every member of the section for a very good turn out and display for Annual Inspection. The Inspecting

Officer was particularly impressed with the marching of A Flight and Wg.Cdr. Collins from White Waltham was very pleased with the training programme. Well done. I do hope that as many of the Section as possible will repeat this smartness and turn out on Remembrance Sunday.

M.R.M.

Annual Camp

A party of two officers, Squadron Leader Manly and Pilot Officer Howard, and 27 cadets attended the annual camp at R.A.F. Manston on the Kent Coast. Quite a varied programme of activities had been arranged for the week, but it was sometimes in spite, rather than because, of this that things went smoothly.

The programme included Air Experience Flying in Chipmunks, each cadet getting about 25 minutes in the air, .303 and .22 shooting on the 25 yards range and swimming tests for R.A.F. proficiency certificates. Visits around the Station included a partial demonstration of the crash/fire technique for which the station is famed, though the 'foam blanket' was not demonstrated for financial reasons. There was also a very interesting visit to 22 Squadron where we learned a good deal about the Air Sea Rescue techniques of the helicopter squadron. There was a full day map-reading exercise and an attempt to spend a day in France, which was thwarted—too late, alas, for we had already set sail—by a Channel gale!

For the rest, what the Station itself lacked in evening entertainment was compensated—for those whose money lasted—by the dual attractions of nearby Ramsgate and Margate.

A.G.H.

SCOUTS

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JUNIOR TROOPS

This has been a term of great activity. Although the emphasis has been on camping, a great deal of test passing and badge work has been done. This is a good sign, as in the past too few of our Scouts have reached First Class standard by the end of their third year. Congratulations to those who have passed Second Class, and to M. K. C. Allen and J. H. Walker on the award of the First Class badge. Several boys have obtained proficiency badges, notably the Swimmer's badge. Congratulations also to J. L. Hounam on obtaining his Scout Cord, having passed the tests for the required six badges.

Before Half Term, each troop camped once or twice at Oakley House, and at the combined troop camp run by Mr. Lewis at Youlbury after Half Term quite a high standard was achieved. Two patrols competed in the District camping competition, and here the Kingfishers came

first and the Wolves (under J. S. B. Frere) third. The Kingfishers subsequently competed in the County Flag Competition, at Bear Place beyond Henley, and deserve praise for coming second against some very stiff opposition. The patrol were: J. L. Hounam (patrol leader), M. K. C. Allen, P. G. K. Staniland, A. J. Matterson, P. J. Berry, and R. G. Wood.

On Field Day, each patrol was dropped at a different spot on the road between Lambourn and Newbury, with instructions for a hike of about Second Class Journey standard. After completing the required investigations into the flow of the River Lambourn, and the state of the old railway, most of the patrols managed to hike to the Monument above Wantage in the required time. In the end everybody was ferried home, and it was rated a successful day.

Another very successful Fête in aid of troop funds was held at the home of Prof. and Mrs. Allen on Boars Hill, and a profit of about £47 was made despite the showery weather. We are very grateful to the Allens for allowing such an invasion for the third successive year, to the parents who went to such trouble in organisation, and to our Group Scoutmaster (the Headmaster) for opening the fête and supporting us for the afternoon.

Our thanks, too, to Mr. Mervyn Beadle of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade, who has come along to three troop meetings this term to talk about First Aid and give a practical do-it-yourself demonstration of the mouth-to-mouth resuscitation method.

The Scouts' Advance Party Report has been in the news this term. The recommendations will be implemented over the next few years, on a carefully planned schedule. In our own troop, the number of scouts will be unavoidably decreased next term. A single Junior troop of thirty-six is planned, plus a Troop Leader. Some of the meetings will be in the evenings; one advantage of this is that it will be easier to call on external people for help in special demonstrations.

Summer camp was held on a spacious site commanding a glorious view, above the village of Erlestoke near Devizes, in Wiltshire, by kind permission of Mr. R. H. Hampton of Brounckers Court Farm. Thirty-seven scouts were formed into six patrols, and in addition there was a specially-chosen Senior patrol of six, plus Messrs. Blagden and Welch. This year the Seniors went to camp one day early, taking all the equipment on a lorry, and this made things much easier the next day when the coach-load of Scouts arrived.

Model campsites were soon established, with altar fires, camp tables and all the necessary gadgets; fairly rigorous inspections (which are intended to encourage the patrol) help to keep the standard of camping high. We had a good deal of rain during camp, but were able to carry out nearly all our planned activities. We made rafts, using large barrels we had brought, and a glorious time was had with them and with three

canoes on the rather muddy lake. A wide game was played on the wooded slopes below the Salisbury Plain; preliminary instructions for this had been flashed to camp from these slopes in Morse code the night before. There was a venture incident journey, which Mr. Baker and Mr. Truran helped to run, as they camped with us for a time.

All the patrols were sent out at the same time on a patrol hike, and went in various directions with specific objectives to pursue, such as an investigation of the Westbury White Horse. Each patrol camped about six miles away, in fine weather, and returned next day. Our "camp fire" had to be held in a local hall because of rain, but many local people came and we had a good sing-song interspersed with patrol stunts. We spent a very long day at the international Jamboree at Ogbourne St. George, attended by the Chief Scout who shook hands with many of us. In part this day was boring, but we met many Scouts and Guides of several nationalities, and toured the huge and muddy campsites comparing the standards of camping (sometimes rather unfavourably) with our own.

At camp the patrol leaders were really put through their paces; a great deal of responsibility was put on them and they shouldered it well. The Seniors too deserve our thanks for working like Trojans throughout the camp; and we must not forget the kindness of everyone in Erlestoke, particularly the vicar and the Warden of the Detention Centre, who allowed us to watch the World Cup Final in their homes.

For us who are now leaving, the camp was a fitting climax and end to our scouting with the troop. We hope you will continue to support the troop as you have done in the past, and we wish good fortune to Mr. Davies as scoutmaster.

J.B./R.P.W.

SENIOR SCOUTS

The term started with an energetic meeting—clearing trees at Mr. Milton's house in Cothill. At the time the activities seemed to consist mainly of wading through mud, but some useful work was done.

As usual we had a Venturer Incident Journey. For this meeting the Patrol Leaders formed a separate patrol, and Seconds took charge of their own patrols. Incidents included rescuing an unconscious victim from a burning building and lowering an injured person from the Science Block. Naturally, the Patrol Leaders won.

Our termly working party at Youlbury devoted itself this term to digging out some unwanted trees. Two large trees were removed in the course of the afternoon, although several people had to leave early.

Our last major meeting before the G.C.E. exams was "trailing" in Oxford. Scouts made their own way into Oxford, where they had to keep their quarry under constant observation, without being seen themselves. Our only joint activity with the Guides was a ramble over the Downs, which was rather spoilt by heavy rain.

Field Day was particularly successful this term, starting as usual on Monday evening. Again the Patrol Leaders deserted their patrols, to form a group of trail-blazers, leaving clues for the others to follow. Clues were left in such places as the parapet of a railway bridge overhanging the road. On the Tuesday the exercise was concluded with the attempted assassination of the Maharajah of Düdelpyppe, disguised as Mr. Lewis. No patrol succeeded in this.

Our numbers will be swelled in the Michaelmas term by some ten Juniors who are coming up to the Senior Troop; but this will be offset by the loss of Richard Poole, who has been our Troop Leader since being too old for a Patrol Leader.

It is with deep regret that we say goodbye to our three mainstays—Mr. Blagden, Mr. Lewis and Richard Welch. Their invaluable service to the Group will be remembered and appreciated for a long time. We are sure, however, that their work will be well carried on by Mr. Baker, for the Seniors; and Mr. Davies, for the Junior troop.

J.R.P./R.A.L.

AFTER THE EXAMINATIONS

The tendency nowadays is for more and more schools to finish the Summer Term as soon as the G.C.E. ends. We, however, with Founder's Day on the last Saturday giving purpose to the final week of term, are better able than many schools to avoid a sense of anticlimax once the examinations end. For us, the week becomes a chance for the 200 or so whose battles with the examiners are over to occupy themselves usefully in ways not normally open to them, while the rest of the School works to a timetable modified to suit the needs of Founder's Day preparations.

For the considerable number wanting a chance to be out of doors an unusually interesting choice of occupation was open this time. Thanks to the initiative of J. J. A. King, some fifteen boys were able to help in excavating a Roman villa between Drayton and Sutton Courtenay. L. J. Berry and five others did a superb job of work at Christ Church, Northcourt, where they cleaned down the inside of the church and had the whole building tidied up again in time for the Sunday services. Another small group continued the task, begun last year, of clearing dead trees and bushes from the Jarn Mound Garden on Boars Hill for the Oxford Preservation Trust. As for the thirty stalwarts who helped the local Nature Conservancy Warden remove reeds from a swamp in the Cothill Reserve, only those who actually saw them at work, covered in mud but apparently enjoying themselves, can fully appreciate their efforts. A report and photograph of this project, together with a short account of the week's other activities, appeared in the local Press. Finally, there were jobs for the School:



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much clearance work in Lacies Court garden and an even-more-than-usually efficient Boat Club working party.

Of those not exercising their muscles outside, a great many were engaged in laying on displays for Founder's Day in the labs and elsewhere or in all manner of other activities. Some fifty boys conducted surveys or research on a great variety of topics. The results were of an unusually high standard and selecting prize-winners was no easy task. In the end, prizes were awarded to R. D. R. Ray for his "Survey of Three Ancient Earthworks in the Region of Hinton Waldrist" and to P. M. Osborne and P. G. Randall for their "Survey of Central Abingdon".

One other activity of the last week of term deserves mention. Not deterred by what they heard from last year's victims, far more boys than could be taken applied to go on the Initiative Test. The 38 selected spent a strenuous night roaming the North Hampshire countryside in search of an objective which proved slightly more elusive than last year's. Finding their way, with only compass and sketch-map to help, on a night when there was a new moon and no stars—a stroke of luck for the organizers!—was not easy, and it says much for the participants that so few ended up badly off course.

H.T.R.

MUSIC NOTES

The Founder's Day Concert this term provided a fitting climax to a year in which many felt new heights have been reached, not only in the ambitiousness of the works tackled, but also in the high standard of performances achieved by the boys. A critique on the Founder's Day Concert appears elsewhere, but I wish here to add my own thanks to every member of the Orchestra, Choral Society, Concert Band, and Chapel Choir for the hard and, I hope, rewarding work he put in to the week's music-making.

The Band on two occasions this term did themselves full credit—the C.C.F. Inspection, and an open-air Concert on the afternoon of Founder's Day. Many people expressed their appreciation of both these events. At the latter, several 'large-scale' works were included in the programme—Overtures 'Light Cavalry' and "William Tell", a selection from "My Fair Lady", and "The Dambusters March".

Although the Second and Third Orchestras and the Chamber Music Club did not perform this term, they have put in valuable rehearsal work under Mr. Billington and Mrs. Kitching, the results of which we hope to hear next term.

The Final Round of the House Music Competition (Orchestras, Choir, and Original Compositions) was held on 19th June, at which we again were pleased to be adjudicated by Mr. Pratt. It was rather dis-

appointing to find that one house could not produce a satisfactory choir, particularly as the other choirs were good. Bennett deserved their very clear victory, although, in all fairness, I should point out that luck plays quite a large part here particularly in the supply of orchestral players, and they were fortunate in having so many fairly senior ones. Nevertheless, standards on the whole were deemed to be very high.

A series of Four Lunchtime Recitals was held on the four Fridays of June all of which attracted fairly large and enthusiastic audiences. Four organ pupils, D. Murphy, C. Rowson, B. Orland, and J. Lister, were the soloists in four of Handel's popular Organ Concertos with the First Orchestra.

The members of the two O-level Music sets, together with several sixth-formers took part in a memorable performance of Gluck's opera "Orpheus" given by the Abingdon Senior Schools' Festival as part of International Week.

The School is much indebted to Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Eason, and to Commander and Mrs. R. I. Hoyle for the generous gift of their pianos. We are also most grateful to Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Denny and Stephen for their kindness in presenting an oboe to the School.

With the opening of the superb new Abbey Hall, the Committee of the Subscription Concerts Society has decided to widen the Society's horizons this forthcoming season, and has accordingly arranged a programme of considerably wider appeal than those of past years. With the success of many of the past recitals, and the two already held in the Abbey Hall since Easter, there is much evidence of an ever-increasing interest in and demand for Celebrity Concerts of the highest level. For the coming season we have engaged The Melos Ensemble with Gervase de Peyer, Wilfred Brown with The Finzi Orchestra, Opera for All, and Denis Matthews. As the programme has such an outstandingly-wide appeal, there has already been a fairly heavy demand for Subscription Tickets. In order to pay our way, we must now advertise beyond our present list of Subscribers, and I would commend these Concerts very strongly for good value. Membership is open to all, whether or not connected with the School. I shall be pleased to send a leaflet giving full details to anyone interested. It goes without saying that the more members we have, the better the Concerts.

This year we are losing quite a large number of sixth-formers who, throughout their School career, have played a valuable part in the musical life of the School. Space prevents me from recording them individually, but to each I wish to express our most sincere gratitude for his loyalty, enthusiasm, and service.
J.G.C.

The Associated Board of Music Examinations resulted in passes as follows: Grade 1: A. Clarke (piano); Grade 2: C. Fathers (violin); Grade 3: G. Maunder (piano); Grade 4: J. North (double bass);

Grade 5: C. Allen (clarinet and piano), A. Cowley (clarinet), J. Jefferson-Loveday (clarinet), C. Rock (clarinet), N. Soffe (violin);
Grade 6: P. McPhail (flute), J. Rowson (violin).

A. Clarke and P. McPhail passed with Merit (over 120 marks out of 150).

SCHOOL SOCIETIES

THE SIXTH FORM CLUB

President: The Headmaster.

Chairman: R. B. Davis. Treasurer: M. J. Heading.

Secretary: R. D. R. Ray.

The Club is now firmly established as part of the School, and is extensively used by individual members of the Sixth Form and for senior society meetings. This term the addition of four Picasso prints has added colour to the writing room.

R.D.R.R.

ROYSSÉ SOCIETY

This, the last term of a year which has seen several revolutionary innovations in the Society, was remarkable for its reversion to type, a term of normal but effective meetings and an extremely enjoyable visit to the theatre in Oxford.

The first meeting (11th May) heard a paper by J. A. Cooper entitled "Social behaviour in animals". This produced a wide range of thoughts and facts—from human behaviour to the domestic problems of the Robin—it even led to the eternal questions of evolution and migration.

The second paper (6th July) was read by I. R. Hewes and dealt with "The Origins of Morals and Culture"—a subject which proved to be closely linked with the human side of the previous paper. The problems which arose from the second paper unfortunately proved to be too wide and complex to be fully discussed and comprehended in one evening and this rather took the edge off the ensuing discussion.

For the final meeting (15th July) the Headmaster very kindly invited members of the Society to be his guests at a quite excellent D'Oyly Carte production of Ruddigore at the New Theatre, Oxford. I am sure that all the members would join with me in thanking him for his hospitality and indeed that of all the family for their kindness throughout the year.

And our especial good wishes go with two of our leaving members, Jane Constantine and Valerie Parsons, of St. Helen's School, who have blazed a trail which we hope will soon become a well-worn path.

R.B.D.

THE ATHENAEUM

Chairman: P. A. Sugg.

Secretary: M. J. H. Liversidge: Treasurer: R. B. Davis.

The Summer term is generally the most conducive to cultural activity, and this season has proved no exception. Somerset Maugham's 'The Sacred Flame', presented at the New Theatre, Oxford, by the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre from Guildford provided an opportunity to see a comparatively rare work produced by an outstanding company. Peter Hall's production of 'Hamlet' at Stratford-upon-Avon three weeks later was no less notable: the Society was particularly fortunate to attend a

performance of Mr. Hall's sympathetic interpretation, probably among the finest ever staged, of this singular Shakespearean tragedy.

The term concluded with an informal 'conversazione', held by the kind invitation of Mrs. Liversidge at 28 East St. Helen's. Finally, at a brief general meeting at the end of term, the appointments of A. L. Leaver as Chairman, A. L. Vernède as Secretary and D. W. Tanner as Treasurer were announced.
M.J.H.L.

JOINT CLUB

Chairman: D. W. Penney. Treasurer: N. C. Ware.
Secretary: T. J. Rawlins.

The Club has at last managed to escape from the standard social evenings of previous terms.

On Friday, May 12th, a party of thirty visited Reading Bowling Alley. Despite the date, the outing proved a great success. The next meeting, a barbecue at Stanton Harcourt, was equally enjoyed. The final function was held on July 20th in place of the Prefects' Dance, which was unavoidably postponed. Taking the form of an Upper Sixth Form Leavers' party with dancing to the 'T Set', it provided a most convivial end to the term. Our thanks are due particularly to the Headmaster for his part in arranging the occasion as an alternative to the original dance.

This term we bid farewell to Miss Glass, our sponsor for eighteen years, to whom we all owe an enormous debt of gratitude.

T.J.R.

ST. EDMUND SOCIETY

Secretary: J. R. Poole.

At the first of this term's two meetings, Mr. Charles Hammond, a shop steward of the Transport and General Workers' Union, spoke of the development and functions of the trades union movement, and of his work in the docks.

At the second meeting two of our members presented a tape recording of the views of the clergy and the laity on three topics, religion and politics, Christian unity and the televising of services. A lively and interesting discussion followed.

Attendance at both meetings was high, and we were happy to welcome a party from St. Helen's on each occasion. Once again our thanks are due to the Rev. Street for his interest and encouragement as sponsor.

J.R.P.

THE HISTORIANS

Secretary: R. A. Forsythe

All three meetings have been well attended. At the first, held at Larkhill, Mr. Willis read a very illuminating paper on the great wave of Imperialism that swept Great Britain in the nineteenth century.

M. J. H. Liversidge and R. A. Jackson read a joint paper at the next meeting on the Renaissance in Elizabethan England. Finally, at the last meeting D. Clare read a paper on Charles James Fox in which he assessed the very complex character of that very controversial figure.

R.A.F.

LITERARY SOCIETY

Secretary: R. B. Davis.

This term's Literary Society activities were an extremely successful culmination to a stimulating and interesting year. We were privileged to have as our first speaker a very eminent guest in the person of Mr.

J. O. Bayley, who discussed Robert Lowell. His intensive knowledge brought to life a man about whom the members of the Society knew very little, and we are extremely grateful to him for a superb evening.

The Society held only one further meeting at which the Secretary read a lengthy paper on W. B. Yeats. A few of the members were able to visit the Duke of York's Theatre during the last week of term to see "The Anniversary". Unfortunately, this clashed with a number of other engagements and the Society was unable to go *en masse*.

Once again our sincere thanks must go to Mr. Owen who, as sponsoring master, has conducted and managed the Society so successfully throughout the year. We feel that in his hands the Society has a tremendous future.
R.B.D.

The Society has indeed flourished this year and much of the credit goes to R. B. Davis, who was an outstandingly good Chairman and Secretary. It is worth noting that John Bayley made favourable comparisons between our own Society and undergraduate societies in Oxford and Cambridge.
C.J.W.O.

MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY

Secretary: N. D. Brice.

Due to examination commitments, it was only possible to arrange one meeting this term, at which Professor M. F. Atiyah, F.R.S., Savilian Professor of Geometry at Oxford University, spoke on 'The Fourth and other dimensions', showing the use of n co-ordinates to give a 'plane of solutions' to practical problems.
N.D.B.

THE SYMPOSIUM

Secretary: B. S. Wallan.

Owing to the full calendar this term the society was able to hold only two meetings, but both proved highly successful.

On May 16th B. S. Wallan read a controversial paper entitled 'Education', which primarily concerned comprehensive education, after which there followed a heated discussion. At the second meeting of the term on June 14th, a new Secretary was elected. A. N. R. Wharton then read a paper on Billy Graham, which gave a detailed objective account of a typical crusade meeting. In the resulting discussion two parties emerged, one for and one against Dr. Graham.

Lastly, we are very grateful to Mr. Hillary, our sponsor, for his help and support during the term.
B.S.W.

THE CRITICS

Secretary: P. H. Blackburn.

At the first meeting of the term the Society experimented with a new form of meeting, when 'The Spy who came in from the Cold', the film 'Life at the Top' and the American television documentary 'Webster Groves', were discussed.

P. E. Gibbs presented a paper on 'The Effect of Entertainment upon the Public' at the second meeting, vigorously attacking the current decline in standards.

At the last formal meeting of the term, Albert Cannus' 'The Outsider' and the television play, 'Way off Beat' by David Turner, were reviewed. Finally, the Society visited London on July 18th to see 'The Anniversary' by B. U. Macilwraith at the Duke of York's Theatre.
P.H.B.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

Secretary: M. J. Adam.

The Society was privileged this term to have Professor Dunn and Professor Fellgate from Reading University to lecture on their specialist subjects. Professor Dunn talked on the recent advances made in technology and Professor Fellgate covered a vast amount of ground when he lectured on 'Quasars and Wide-field Telescopes' where he explained the work done on quasars with advanced astronomical instrumentation.

Earlier on in the term we had Dr. Allen to talk on the electrostatic induction of high voltages and its application in nuclear physics, a lecture which was accompanied by some excellent slides and demonstrations.

Despite the emphasis on physical topics this term however, Dr. Tarnoky lectured on his work in the Reading Pathological Laboratory and included a survey of careers in biochemistry with particular emphasis on clinical biochemistry. At the same time Dr. Tarnoky arranged what was a most successful visit to the Laboratory in Reading.

To all the above lecturers and especially to our sponsors Mr. Gray and Mr. Talbot, who have encouraged and supported the Society's activities (and finances) we offer our sincere thanks.

M.J.A.

DEBATING SOCIETY

Chairman: P. A. Sugg.

Deputy Chairman: M. J. H. Liversidge. Secretary: M. H. Hampton.

The first meeting of the term took the form of a debate, the first organised by the Society for many years. Subjects varied between the serious 'Vietnam' (treated with disarming flippancy by P. A. Sugg) and suggestive quotations from Oscar Wilde.

The second meeting was devoted to the Lower Sixth. A. L. Vernède and B. M. Edwards successfully proposed that "Stage Censorship is outdated", despite the vigorous opposition of J. D. Evans and D. Ventham.

The considerable interest shown in the Society by members of the lower forms augurs well for the future.

M.H.H.

PLAY READING SOCIETY

Secretary: A. L. Vernède.

Four plays were read this term—Shaffer's 'The Royal Hunt of the Sun', 'The Fire Raisers' by Frisch, 'Bartholomew Fair' by Jonson and Wilde's 'An Ideal Husband'. Those by Shaffer and Jonson proved the most popular, although all four meetings were most stimulating.

This term the Society is sadly depleted by the loss of some of our most loyal members, all of whom have contributed to the continuing success of meetings over the years.

A.L.V.

CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY

Secretary: S. P. Sewry.

Despite the temporary disintegration of (the) wind quintet, the available resources were put to good use. Both Mozart's Clarinet Quintet and a lesser known work, the Oboe Quartet, have received considerable attention, whilst the string section have devoted much time to Brahms' Sextet in B flat, Op. 18. An innovation this term was the formation of a small brass choir to study the admirable works, written for that medium during the sixteenth century.

S.P.S.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

Secretary: P. A. C. Minns.

The highlight of the term was a talk and demonstration by Mr. Ivor Field on enlarging which proved very informative and inspired many members to greater efforts in the darkroom. The other meeting took the form of a film strip on flash photography.

On his departure for South Africa, the Society would like to thank Mr. Blagden for all the work he has done as sponsor, and wish him every success in his new life there.

P.A.C.M.

TAPE-RECORDING SOCIETY

Secretary: M. F. Kirby.

This term the Society say farewell to Mr. Tyson, who has been our sponsor for two years. It is a regrettable loss, but we wish him well for the future. We welcome Mr. Cullen as his successor next term, and hope that his association with the Society will be as fruitful as Mr. Tyson's.

At this term's General Meeting M. F. Kirby was elected Secretary, with the committee consisting of A. F. Martin, C. W. Denny and R. C. Stevens. The Society has purchased a Vortexion tape-recorder but it has not yet been delivered. Several members have produced tape for the St. Edmund Society, and others have been engaged upon a variety of activities. With over eighty members we feel that we have now established ourselves as one of the major School Societies.

M.F.K.

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

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

The arrival of the long summer evenings has meant that the Society's observations have been almost exclusively directed towards the sun. Three members carried out a variety of successful experiments during the partial solar eclipse on May 20th. The remainder of the term has been devoted principally to research into the rotational period of the sun.

M.A.C.

ONSLOW SOCIETY

Secretary: A. W. Hills.

At the first meeting of the term, on May 5th, the Society held a symposium on 'King John and Magna Carta', in which Cook, Coe, Evans, Hills, Millard, Morgan and Wallan took part. On June 14th the Society visited 'An Exhibition of Scottish History' at Wellington College. The final meeting was held on July 4th, when Mr. Richard Woollett, of the Oxford Department of Education, gave a stimulating talk on 'Richard III and the Historians' Dilemma'. Some members are again joining archaeological 'digs' in the holidays.

A.W.H.

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Secretary: J. J. A. King.

At the first meeting of the term, held on Friday, 13th May, in the History Room, three members (T. C. C. May, N. J. Attwood, and J. J. A. King) presented papers on various aspects of the Industrial Revolution. The papers were followed by a very lively discussion.

The Society did not meet again until after the 'O' Levels, when a party of fifteen spent a week helping to excavate a Roman Villa near

Sutton Courtenay, under the guidance of Mr. Graham Thomas of the Oxford Institute of Archaeology. Though bad weather curtailed activities somewhat, it was generally agreed that this was time well spent.
J.J.A.K.

GARDENING CLUB

Secretary: R. H. Roper. Treasurer: L. P. Halling.

This term we have begun to reap the rewards of last term's efforts. A variety of vegetables have given good financial returns, and we have made a substantial profit, enabling us to repaint the greenhouse with some help from the Bursar. Our special thanks are due also to Mr. Potter, Mr. Willis and Mr. Smithson for their invaluable help.

R.H.R.

ANGLING CLUB

Secretary: J. H. Wilson. Treasurer: D. Button.
Committee: P. Butcher, C. B. Grierson.

The close-season activities of the Club consisted of a trip to the National Angling Show, a talk on 'Pike Fishing' by Mr. F. Taylor of Oxford, and a talk on 'Chub Fishing' by Mr. J. Webb of Abingdon.

The season opened with a Night Fishing Trip to Appleford Lakes, while three competitions were held during the course of the term. These were won by R. D. Tammadge and D. Button.

We wish to thank the Chaplain for his support as sponsor.

J.H.W.

THE GRUNDY LIBRARY

We are greatly indebted to Dr. A. Vick, Director of A.E.R.E., Harwell, for the gift of a large number of books on Physics and Maths.: to Dr. Howlett for the regular receipt of *Scientific American* and to Mr. Addison for providing the Library with the *Christian Science Monitor*. We shall hope to acknowledge a number of Leaving Books in our next issue.

Having seen the School Library pass through many phases and habitats, culminating in the present magnificent Library, I can look back with some satisfaction but great gratitude to Mr. Hasnip and successive Library Prefects and their henchmen who have kept the system working efficiently. I wish Mr. Hasnip and Mr. Moore happiness in their charge and I know the Library will increase in usefulness as well as size under their direction.

G.F.W.

This term's Library report would be incomplete without some appreciation of the invaluable services rendered over the years to the Library by Mr. Duxbury. Every department of School activity with which Mr. Duxbury has been connected during his career at Abingdon can only have benefitted from his interest, and none more so than the School Library, which grew from a comparatively small annex into the opulence of the present Grundy Library under his supervision. Generations of School Librarians and their assistants will remember with

affection his imperturbable good humour in the daily administration of what became an increasingly exacting responsibility, and will join in wishing him a happy retirement.

M.J.H.L.

O.A. NOTES

BIRTHS

- BARTLETT.** On 27th June, 1966, to the wife of Frank Bartlett (1952), a son Andrew John, brother for Sharee.
- BINNING.** On 29th May, 1966, to Caroline Audrey, wife of Alan Binning (1955), a daughter, Clare Audrey.
- COXETER.** On 5th July, 1966, to Jane, wife of Rex Coxeter (1955), a son, Mark Rex.
- FODEN.** On 30th August, 1966, to Virginia, wife of John Foden (1959), a daughter.
- JONES.** On 15th April, 1966, to Gwyneth (née Harvey), wife of Godfrey Jones (1960), a son Benjamin John, brother for Christopher Martin.
- MILLARD.** On 16th July, 1966, to Mary, wife of Peter Millard (1953), a son, Nicholas Richard.
- PRITCHARD.** On 24th March, 1966, to Lesley, wife of Alan Pritchard (1960), a daughter, Louise, sister for Michael.
- SPACKMAN.** On 7th June, 1966, to Wendy, wife of Christopher Spackman (1961), a daughter, Gaynor Clare.
- STACEY.** On 14th March, 1966, to Hilary, wife of Brian Stacey (1957), a son, Jonathan David, brother for Rhian Elizabeth.
- WALKER.** On 9th March, 1966, to Wendy (née Wintle), wife of Trevor Walker (1955), a son, Alistair James.

MARRIAGES

- BEISLEY-KEARSLEY.** On 20th August, 1966, at St. Peter's Church, Didcot, Derek A. Beisley (1958), to Margaret Kearsley.
- BLYTHE-BIGNELL.** On 14th May, 1966, at St. Mary's Church, Hayes, Kent, Michael John Blythe (1959), to Susan Astra Bignell.
- BURTON-ANDREWS.** On 2nd April, 1966, at St. Peter's Church, Didcot, Roy F. Burton (1960), to Christine Andrews.
- CUNNINGHAM-WILLIAMSON.** On 16th July, 1966, at St. Nicolas' Church, Abingdon, Ian M. Cunningham (1960), to Sarah Spencer Williamson, sister of John S. Williamson (1952).
- DAVIES-HOLBROOKE.** On 15th January, 1966, at St. Peter's Church, Drayton, Trevor Davies (1959), to Judith Holbrooke.

- DULY-DONO.** On 4th June, 1966, at St. Mary's Church, Woodstock, Keith R. Duly (1959), to Mary Elizabeth Dono.
- FORD-BENNETT.** On 14th May, 1966, at St. Nicolas' Church, Abingdon, Peter John Ford (1960), to Gillian Mary Bennett.
- GRANT-GIBBONS.** On 3rd September, 1966, at All Saints' Church, Dunkerton, Bath, Neville J. H. Grant (1957), to Jane Wentworth Gibbons.
- GREADER-MOBBS.** On 23rd June, 1966, at St. Helen's Church, Abingdon, Timothy P. Greader (1958), to Valerie, daughter of J. E. Mobbs (1929), and Mrs. Mobbs.
- KELLY-RAHILLY.** On 18th June, 1966, at Holy Trinity Church, Bradford-on-Avon, John Stephen Kelly (1961), to Christine Juliet Rahilly.
- MEAKINS-CHUMBLEY.** On 10th September, 1966, at St. Matthew's Church, Harwell, Robin H. Meakin (1962), to Brenda Chumbley.
- SPACKMAN-JARVIS.** On 11th September, 1965, at St. Aldate's Church, Oxford, Christopher A. B. Spackman (1961), to Wendy Jarvis.
- TILBY-ELLEY.** On 28th May, 1966, at St. Helen's Church, Abingdon, Trevor John Tilby (1953), to Jaine Lynne, daughter of A. N. Elley (1935), and Mrs. Elley.
- WIGGINS-MORE.** On 16th July, 1966, at the Church of the Transfiguration, Canford Cliffs, Roger Harold Wiggins (1961) to Fione More.
- WILLIS-DUNTHORNE.** On 30th April, 1966, at St. Nicolas' Church, Abingdon, James A. R. Willis (1962), to Lesley Dunthorne, sister of John Dunthorne (1965).

DEATHS

- BANWELL.** On 5th May, 1966, Charles Henry Banwell (1945-52), aged 32.
- WESTON.** On 4th June, 1966, suddenly at the Radcliffe Infirmary, Kenneth John Weston (1941-48), aged 36.

It is very sad to have to record the death of two contemporaries, still in their 30's. Charles Banwell will be remembered by all who knew him as a most cheerful and lovable boy who triumphed over physical disability. He was a House Prefect, keen on cricket and a L/Cpl. in the J.T.C. He became an accountant and maintained a very lively interest in cricket and local activities to the day of his death, which occurred peacefully in his sleep.

Kenneth Weston was a School Prefect and an outstanding games player—Captain of Cricket, Hockey and Athletics and with 1st XV Colours. On leaving School he joined the Pavlova Leather Co. and

apart from two years National Service in the R.A.F. spent 16 years there rising to Departmental Manager. He continued to play cricket both for Oxford City and local teams and was also interested in Amateur Dramatics. His death came suddenly and unexpectedly.

To the families of both we offer our sincere sympathy.

H. P. Tame (1917) has recently retired from his position as Engineer, Surveyor and Planning Officer for Woking, having seen the population rise from 30,000 to 76,000. After a 3 months trip to Canada he looks forward to devoting himself to his painting.

Michael Cullen (1945) has been appointed Chairman of all the Lever Bros. interests in Malaya, including three factories and vast palm-oil estates. He had only recently completed a tour to the Far East, visiting the Philippines, Hong Kong, Thailand and India.

Rodney Deval (1945) after 10 years in the Esso Laboratories in London has been transferred to the Research Labs at Esso House, Milton Hill.

Freddie Lucas (1949) is now the Professional at Wimbledon Park Golf Club.

Roger Marchbanks (1955), now married, is living in Cambridge, attached to the Biochemistry Dept.

Anthony Haynes (1960) is on the teaching staff at the Royal Academy of Music. His brother Robert (1962) is a student at the College of the Architectural Association in Bedford Square.

Michael Grigsby (1955), a Granada Director, did a follow-up on 22nd June of the programme 'Take It or Leave It'—dealing with intending emigrants to Australia. In this programme he visited Australia to obtain the reactions of English families four months after their arrival.

Frank Bartlett (1952), farming at Te Awamatu and Pat Sale (1953) at the Dept. of Agriculture, Auckland, are near enough to visit each other regularly. Frank now has two children and Pat a first daughter.

Nigel Norman (1958) was also 'down under' for two years in Sydney, Quantity Surveying for an American firm. Between August and December 1965 he travelled 15,000 miles round the country.

Lindsay Ewing (1962), still on his world tour, is now with a party exploring in Darien on the Colombian border, living with Chocos Indians to study lost Indian tribes. He may be home in December.

Michael Nurton (1961) has been appointed Head of Physical Education at St. Albans School.

Peter Pemberton (1957) is still with the Commerz Bank in Dusseldorf. As they deal in gold quite a lot it is rather more glamorous than English banking.

F/O Roderick Campbell (1960), 42 Sqdn. Coastal Command at St. Mawgan, was Deputy Standard-bearer at the Presentation of a new Standard by the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh.

Martin Chambers (1958), having taken his First Mate's Certificate is now 2nd Officer in B.P. Tanker.

Ian Cunningham (1960), recently married, is on the accounting staff of the Imperial Smelting Corporation at Avonmouth. The company manufactures zinc, lead and other non-ferrous metals, and with a £14 million expansion programme under way he finds plenty of interest in the work.

Robert Shepard (1960), Councillor of the Borough of Hillingdon at 4, is making quite a name for himself on Education and Works Committees. In private life he is a clerk in a Discount House in the City.

His brother Kevin (1964) has been accepted for a 3 year course in Graphic Design at the London College of Printing and Design.

Andrew Lloyd (1962), working for Lloyd's Register of Shipping, has been temporarily attached for five months to the New York Office to complete Lloyd's Register of American Yachts.

John Hall (1955) is working with Cooper Bros., Chartered Accountants, in Paris. His brother Allan (1962) is still serving in the Intelligence Corps in Germany.

Ian Ashworth (1955) and Roger Antrobus (1960) are both working for I.B.M. in London, Ian on the sales side and Roger in the technical branch.

Godfrey Jones (1960) who married Gwyneth Harvey (formerly of St. Helen's School) in 1962 graduated B.Sc. at Aberystwyth in 1964 and, having completed a 2 years Graduate Apprenticeship with B.M.C. at the Longbridge Works, has now taken a post with Pressed Steel at Oxford.

Malcolm Johnston (1964) is an Administrative Assistant with the National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain.

We congratulate Trevor Giddings, who left at Easter, on being awarded a Civil Engineering Scholarship Trust Scholarship, which he will hold at Imperial College.

Frederick Light (1965) is doing one year's V.S.O. in a village school at Darvel Bay, North Borneo, before entering the Birmingham College of Commerce, part of the new Aston University.

Richard Carter (1963) having taken his L.L.B. at London, is now reading at the Law Society School to become a solicitor.

Angus Fraser (1963) who gained a 2nd Class in Physiology at Embroke College this summer secured a Medical Scholarship for a few weeks' attachment to the University of California Medical Centre in the Cardio-Vascular Research Institute.

Anthony Elliott (1963), after qualifying as an Accountant, is now working at Elliston and Cavell, the Oxford member of the Debenhams Group.

Kurt Bowen (1964) called in briefly to see us, returning from extended stay in Europe to his course at Carleton University, Ottawa.



POSTSCRIPT BY GEORGE DUXBURY

These are the last Notes I shall be compiling before handing over the task to Mr. Hillary who will be my successor as O.A. Secretary for School. It has been a great joy to me to hear your news and I hope to keep in touch for some years through the O.A.T.F. and perhaps have more time to answer your letters. I hope I may be forgiven for all the errors and omissions of which I have been guilty during the last 20 years. Tony Hillary is known to all of you by name and to the majority, I imagine, in person, so send him all the news you can about yourselves. He will handle it much more efficiently than I, and I hope he will gain as much pleasure.

I should like also to take this opportunity of saying a very inadequate thank you to all those—the Governors, the Headmaster, the Staff, the Boys, the Old Boys, the Boat Club, the Librarians—the list seems endless—who marked my departure with such generosity in words and gifts. It was quite overwhelming, and unforgettable. I thank you, and wish Good Luck to the School and all who are part of it.

O.A. CLUB NOTES

Last-term, Old Boys' Day was held on Friday, 22nd July. The day was fine, and the Cricket and Tennis matches were enjoyed by the participants, and by those O.A.s visiting the School.

The Annual General Meeting was held after tea, with the President, Mr. Duncan West, in the chair.

The Annual Dinner, which by the invitation of the Headmaster, was

held again in the Court Room, was a memorable occasion for the 115 members and guests present.

The President was supported by the Vice-Chairman of the Governors, the Mayor of Abingdon, Alderman J. Jones, Mr. Edward Halliday, President of the Royal Society of British Artists, and the Headmaster. After dinner, R. E. Eason, on behalf of the Club presented the Headmaster's portrait, together with a presentation book listing the names of O.A. subscribers. Mr. Eason thanked the Headmaster for his selfless devotion to the School, and congratulated him upon the meteoric advancement of the School over the past years. He thanked Edward Halliday for painting a wonderful portrait, and expressed his gratitude to all Old Abingdonians who had made it possible by their generosity. The Headmaster, declaring it was the proudest moment of his life, expressed his deep sincerity and thanks to the Club for the portrait—the presentation of which had deeply touched him.

Before proposing the health of the School, the President congratulated the Headmaster upon his appointment, announced that day, as a Deputy Lieutenant of the Royal County of Berkshire. Of those guests present who were leaving the School, the President thanked especially John Tyson and David Manly who were leaving to take up other appointments, and George Duxbury and the Bursar, who had done so much for the good of the School and the Club during their long years of service. The Headmaster, in his reply, thanked the President for his kind remarks, and referred to his appointment as an honour not only to himself, but to the School. He went on to give a heartening picture of the progress of the School, and was still very hopeful that a fair compromise would be found with the County, which would enable the School to continue to play its part in the educational system, without loss of standards and integrity. Thanks were expressed to R. E. Eason and J. H. Hooke for the work they had done towards this end, as members of the special negotiating committee, appointed to deal with the County. The Headmaster then congratulated Mr. Tammadge upon his recent appointment as Master of Magdalen College School. He referred to the departure of George Duxbury as the end of an epoch, and wished him and the Bursar good fortune in their retirement.

In replying to the toast of the Guests, Edward Halliday thanked the Club for giving him the opportunity of painting James Cobban, particularly as he had made a new friend while working on the portrait. The speeches were fittingly rounded off by R. B. Davis. The President then presented George Duxbury with a silver salver on behalf of the Club, in recognition of his great service to the O.A. Club. George Duxbury briefly thanked the Club, and was confident in the ability of Tony Hillary, his successor as School Secretary, to look after the interests of the Club. The formal proceedings ended with the installation of L. P. Mosdell as the new President. Thanks are due to Mrs. Bevir, who as usual provided some beautiful flower arrangements.

We give advance notice that the 1st XV Rugger Match will be played on Saturday, 26th November on Waste Court Field at 2.30 p.m. This will be followed by the Annual Dance which this year will be held in the Restaurant of A.E.R.E. Harwell. Tickets for the Dance will shortly be obtainable from the Secretary.

OLD ABINGDONIAN TRUST FUND

Once more we offer hearty thanks to our subscribers, and in particular the following for new or renewed Covenants. (The figures in brackets indicate the number of a renewed Covenant): Geoffrey Hill (3), John Ranger (3), A. L. Shepherd, J. L. Taylor (3 increased) and W. F. Wiggins (3). Work on the new fives Court proceeds steadily and it should be finished by the new year.

I shall be carrying on as Treasurer, for some time I hope, and shall always be delighted to hear from Old Boys—quite apart from receiving subscriptions. My address will still be: Roon, Frilford Heath, Abingdon, Berks.

Abbreviated Accounts for the past financial year are appended. Many thanks to Rowland Snell for having them audited.

Cash Account for the year ended 31st March, 1966.

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<i>Receipts</i>				
Balances in hand 1st April, 1965	231	3	5
Subscriptions and Donations	262	18	6
Refund of Income Tax on Covenants 1963/64		90	7	6
Trustee Savings Bank Interest		10	6
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		£584	19	11
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		<i>Payments</i>		
School Magazine Expenses	62	7	2
Payments towards Fives Court	164	14	10
Stamps on Covenants, Postages, Stationery	3	17	1
Bank Charges	3	13	6
Balances in hand 31st March, 1966	350	7	4
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SUMMARY OF RUGBY FOOTBALL
FIRST FIFTEEN

September

Thur. 22 v. Oxford R.F.C. Nomads (h).

October

Sat. 1 v. St. Bartholomew's School, Newbury (h).

Sat. 8 v. Oxford School (a).

Sat. 15 v. Solihull School (h).

Sat. 22 v. Pembroke College (h).

Wed. 26 v. Magdalen College School (a).

Mon. 31 v. Bradford Grammar School (h).

November

Wed. 9 v. Pangbourne Nautical College (h).

Sat. 12 v. R.G.S., High Wycombe (a).

Tues. 15 v. Berkhamsted School (h).

Sat. 19 v. Leighton Park School (a).

Sat. 26 v. Old Abingdonians (h).

Wed. 30 v. Bloxham School (a).

December

Sat. 3 v. Dauntsey's School (h).

Sat. 10 v. Reading School (a).

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