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EDITORIAL

It is certainly refreshing to observe the growing spirit of co-operation which has sprung up in Abingdon between the three largest secondary schools in the town — Abingdon, the School of St. Helen and St. Katherine and John Mason High School. It is absurd that three such schools should exist in a town the size of Abingdon without forming some firm link between themselves.

Naturally, the co-operation at the present early stage is limited to a certain number of societies, in general the most senior ones in each school. However, the existence of a steering committee consisting of a member of staff from each school and appointed representatives from among the pupils of the schools, allows any society to make arrangements for 'joint' activities.

This is, obviously, extremely beneficial. Of course, the idea has had, and in all probability will have, its teething troubles but, as members of each school become more familiar with the organization of other schools, and as they become more friendly with each other, the scheme should flourish with great advantage to all three schools. Furthermore, the scheme acts as a valuable shot in the arm for many societies which have become dormant. For example, our own Turnor Society has been remodelled as a joint society known as the "Rostrum". Also, distinguished speakers are more likely to make time to speak to three schools than to one.

It is to be hoped that, as this scheme grows in strength, other schools, of different types to our own, may be included. This is all the more necessary in view of the advance of Comprehensive Education with all its attendant vices and virtues in North Berkshire. Perhaps an Abingdon

Council of Schools might be encouraged. Such a body can only exist to the benefit of school life in Abingdon and it is the possibility of such a body that makes the present embryonic development so important and exciting.

SCHOOL NOTES

At the terminal meeting of the Governing Body held on 16th March the Chairman of the Governors, Mr. C. G. Stow, tendered his resignation, in view of his increasing personal commitments. The Governing Body accepted this resignation with profound regret and expressed their deep appreciation of the services which Mr. Stow had rendered to the School since he succeeded Admiral Clifton-Brown in 1958. Mr. G. R. F. Bredin, C.B.E., former Bursar of Pembroke College, was elected as Chairman in his stead, and Mr. John Hooke (O.A.) was elected Vice-Chairman in the place of Mr. Bredin.

Mr. Stow will remain for the time being as a Governor and as the representative of the School on the Governing Bodies' Association, of which he is a committee member.

To Mr. Stow, our warm and affectionate thanks (which we shall hope to have an opportunity of expressing in person in the Autumn when he has promised to distribute the Prizes). To Mr. Bredin and to Mr. Hooke, tried and trusted friends of the School — our humble duty.

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We were saddened to hear of the death on 6th April, after a long illness, of Mrs. Agnes Challenor, who in 1950 recorded the double distinction of being the first lady to be elected Mayor of Abingdon and so, by virtue of her office, the first to be appointed a Governor of this School. The Headmaster represented the School at the funeral service in St. Helen's Church on 10th April.

It was more pleasant to hear that Dr. Mary Watson was sufficiently recovered to take her place at the Governors' Meeting. Renewed greetings and good wishes.

As Mayor, schoolmaster and neighbour, Alderman John Jones has taken an unusually warm interest in the School during his year of office. We shall be able to say our own good-bye to him on the first Sunday evening of the term, 30th April, when accompanied by the Mayoress he will be attending Evensong in the School Chapel. Meanwhile our congratulations to him on a highly successful year of office, and our welcome to his designated successor, Councillor R. A. Rogers, whom as an elected Governor of the School we already regard as our friend.

It was not as Governor that Alderman Jones had his photograph in the *Sunday Times* of 16th April, but as one of the standard-bearers in the fight to preserve the skyline of Abingdon from the violation of the

Southern Gas Board. Not since Crichel Down can bureaucracy have shown itself so insensitive to natural justice. More power to the elbows of all those who are fighting to save the amenity of this historic town.

We have said good-bye this term, with deep regret, to Miss Jane Morgan-Gray, who as house-keeper of School House has occupied a key position in the economy of the School (and we use the word in its primary sense!). We wish her good fortune and we welcome her successor, Mrs. Sandford.

More appointments. In July we shall be losing, besides Mr. Tammadge, Mr. John Cullen, who has been appointed Director of Music at Tunbridge, and Mr. Billington and Mr. Davies, both of whom, curiously, are leaving us to take up teaching appointments in Barbados. We shall say more of them in our next issue.

Meanwhile we welcome a couple of schoolmasters from overseas who will be attached to us for the Summer Term. Mr. R. J. R. Gillespie, B.Com. (Natal), Head of Mathematics at Michaelhouse, has been awarded a Travelling Fellowship offered by the Conference of Headmasters and Headmistresses of Private Schools in South Africa, and has chosen to implement it by watching us playing the New Mathematics. And at the request of the Ministry of Overseas Development we are also welcoming Mr. H. D. Baptiste, B.A., M.Ed., Headmaster-elect of the Grenada Boys' Secondary School in the West Indies.

We were pleased to hear that Mr. Tammadge, Master-elect of Magdalen College School, had been invited to join H.M. as an honorary member of the Pembroke College Senior Common Room.

We have read (possibly with more interest than understanding) an article by Mr. Tammadge in the February issue of the (American) *Mathematics Teacher*; and also, coming nearer home, an article on Dr. Peter Heylyn by Mr. Hammond which appeared some time ago in *Thames Valley Countryside*.

If Mr. Murray, one of our student masters, was missing over the weekend of 5th February, it was because he was representing Scotland in the six-miles international road race at Catania (Sicily) in which he came second.

Our thanks to the Headmaster of the Abuja Secondary School for the gift of some lovely pottery, made by Abasiya Ahuwan before he came over to England to join us, which is now on display in the Entrance Hall; to Mrs. H. Mathew-Jackson, grandmother of one of our juniors, for a cup which will be used as a Golf trophy; to Councillor Aubrey Smart, governor and parent; for a cup for the Inter-house Road Relay; to Mr. David Green for a generous donation to the funds of the Tape-Recording Society; and to Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Parry for an excellent upright piano.

We were very glad to welcome to the School on 31st March the Rev. Bert Honea, Jr., Headmaster of Groton School, Massachusetts, who

brought us greetings from Mr. Peter Emms, of Rugby, who has been seconded to Groton for a year.

At the beginning of the Lent Term the number of boys on the School Roll was 613, of whom 192 were boarders.

We congratulate M. S. A. Davis on the award of an Open Entrance Scholarship at Southampton University; and N. D. Brice on the award of a G. K. N. University Scholarship.

This year for the first time our Entrance Scholarships were competed for in a special examination, for which the February Common Entrance provided a preliminary hurdle. As a result an Award of £60 a year was made to N. J. Mole (St. Edward's School, Reading).

The customary Parents' Evenings were held this term for Third Forms (9th February) and for Remove and Fifths (2nd March). The written papers of the School Entrance Examination took place on 20th February and selected candidates were interviewed on 7th, 10th, and 15th March.

Saturday evening entertainments this term included the following lecturers:

14th January — Dr. Malcolm Lyall-Watson, Ph.D., F.Z.S., on 'Man's Place in the Animal World'.

4th February — Mr. Anderson-Rosendal on 'Kuwait' (with slides).

18th February — Dr. Peter Beighton, M.R.C.P., on 'Easter Island' (with slides).

4th March — Mr. Robin Hanbury Tenison, F.R.G.S., on 'Twelve Thousand Miles through South America' (with film).

— together with the following feature films: 'Heavens Above', 'To Kill a Mocking-bird', 'Winchester '73' and 'Pathor Panchali'.

The Abingdon School Subscription Concert Society ended its season with two successful meetings. On 19th January the 'Opera for All' Group performed 'The Love Potion' by Donizetti, and on 26th February we heard a lecture recital by Denis Matthews.

The Study Group of the Abingdon and District Council of Churches met in the Court Room on 16th January, 20th February and 13th March. The April meeting (17th April) was held for the first time in the Ingham Music School.

On 22nd February we welcomed Lt. Cdr. R. C. Sturgeon, R.N., our Area Schools Liaison Officer, and on 13th and 14th March, Mr. A. W. Gilkes of the Public Schools' Appointments Bureau, who held a series of interviews and gave a more general talk to all members of the Lower Sixth Form.

We are very grateful to Mr. Airey Neave, M.P., who gave a quite enthralling talk on 'Resistance Movements', at the inaugural meeting of the Rostrum (a new School Society incorporating members from St. Helen's School and the John Mason High School) on 3rd March.

Among other visitors who have come to talk to us we have welcomed the Bishop of Durham, who spoke to the St. Edmund Society on 30th January; Mr. G. B. Gray, M.Inst.T., of the London Midland Region, whose talk on British Railways was illustrated by a film, on 2nd February; Professor D. C. Freshwater of Loughborough (2nd February); Dr. W. M. Lomer of Solid State Physics Division, A.E.R.E. (7th February); and Professor N. Tinbergen, F.R.S., of Oxford University Department of Zoology on 9th March.

Entertainments outside the School which we have attended include: a discussion organized by U.N.A. at the College of Further Education on Vietnam (19th January); a visit to Keble College Engineering Laboratory, Oxford, organised by Mr. Milton and Mr. Baker (10th February); a lecture by Mr. Edmund Blunden at Oxford (20th February); a talk by Mr. Terence Lawson, Secretary of C.E.W.C. on 'India' at Christchurch, Northcourt (20th February); a visit to Abingdon Drama Club's presentation of Shaw's 'Heartbreak House' in the Abbey Hall (23rd February); a visit to the Oxford Playhouse 'Schools Day' to see 'Amphitryon 38' (7th March); a visit organized by Mr. Griffin to the Oxford Playhouse production of 'She Stoops to Conquer' (10th March); the North Berks Music Festival at Wantage (4th and 10th March); the Larkmead School Passion Play (an uncommonly imaginative and moving production) on 19th March; and the film of 'The War Game' sponsored by U.N.A. at the John Mason High School (23rd March. On 24th February, we had joined St. Helen's School to hear John Betjeman read some of his own poetry.

Auctions and Sales among the junior forms have raised almost £30 for Oxfam during the past term. Our thanks are due to Mr. Baker who has been the driving force throughout.

P. D. Healy, A. S. Jackson and D. J. Saunders represented us at a weekend conference organised by the Society of St. John the Evangelist at Cowley (10th-12th February); and we were well represented at a Service of Prayer for Christian Unity held at St. Helen's School on 23rd January, and at the special services held to mark the centenary of the dedication of S. Michael's Church during the week beginning 22nd January.

The Ingham Music School was formally opened on 18th February by an inaugural concert given by the First Orchestra and the Concert Band. An informal concert was given by the three School Orchestras on 5th March, again in the Music School.

The production of Handel's 'Messiah' in the Abbey Hall on the evenings of 20th and 21st March was the musical highlight of the term, with an enlarged orchestra and with a chorus of over 300 boys and staff. A most moving prelude to Easter.

The fourth annual soirée for Old Boys at Universities and other full-time institutions of sound learning was held in the Music School, and afterwards in the School Shop, on the eve of the first Sports Day, 17th March.

The usual Boarders' Concert was held in the Court Room on the last evening of term, 22nd March. Those with long memories were unanimous in thinking that it was the best production of its type for many years.

Seven of our members took (and all passed) the R.A.C./A.C.U. Motor Cycle and Scooter Proficiency Test held locally on 18th February. Congratulations.

The blood-donors — one of the most select of the School societies, with Derek Saunders as Chief Vampire — have now risen to eight in number. The staff must look to its laurels.

Minor games which are putting themselves on the map include badminton, organised by Mr. Taylor, with McGowan-Docherty as secretary-elect for next term; and sailing, which will take on a new lease of life now that Dr. Pryce has been able to arrange access to the Farmoor Reservoir.

It was pleasant to see that quaint local institution, the Gentlemen v. Runners Race, revived one Sunday towards the end of the term; but we hope no-one will ask us who won it. We rejected an amusing photograph of it, for it would have required too much explanation for the world outside.

One of the advantages of the really mixed school such as Abingdon is that transfer from one side to the other is comparatively easy. Not for the first time we shall have a new Head of School, B. E. Goldsworthy, who is a dayboy-turned-boarder; but never before, we think, has a dayboy 'come over' as late in his school career as this. We are also welcoming to the boarding side four or five other dayboys who are transferring just for one term to occupy beds vacated by mid-year leavers. An interesting experiment.

The face of Abingdon continues to change — and we can only hope optimistically that in the long run it will be for the better. It was on Sunday, 16th April, that the old Bury Street School crashed in ruins. Architecturally, this was not such a loss as the Pied Piper in Broad Street, which we had fondly hoped was on the protected list.

Holiday activities have been so numerous and varied that we are once again summarising them separately. But here we may note that for eleven school prefects, who had challenged H.M. to a walk, activity began before the last parent had left the gravel. It is credibly accepted that all twelve covered the 2.4 miles to Sunningwell Church, by road, in under the half-hour. A short rest and they were invigorated to walk back in rather more leisurely fashion across the fields. The start of another tradition?

We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of many contemporaries, all of which are duly displayed in the Grundy Library. And in so doing we would remind you all that the editors of our own Literary Magazine

(Millard, Theophilus and Vernède) will be glad to receive contributions for the July edition.

We are grateful, for the photographs in this issue, to Mr. Milligan (Photographer), the C.O.I., R.A. Balbernie, M. M. Clift, D. J. Faires, I. M. Hallett and D. J. Hardwick.

Finally, our thanks to a group of School Prefects whose leaving present has taken the form of a comely tree, a catalpa, which has been planted on the Prefects' Lawn, nicely balancing the mulberry, presented by their predecessors, the Prefects of 1951, to commemorate the Festival of Britain.

FROM THE HEADMASTER

History was made in Abingdon on Friday, 24th February, when a schoolmaster Mayor of Abingdon entertained the staff and myself to wine in the Council Chamber; and he and I had the rare pleasure of pledging one another in the Bostock Goblets. There are many other landmarks by which I shall remember this term — the opening of the Ingham Music School, some uncommonly good hockey matches, a very civilised dinner with the Cambridge O.A.s, an exhilarating performance of *The Messiah*, an end of term concert which avoided alike the Scylla of embarrassment and the Charybdis of boredom. And all our various plays took place against the backcloth of an unusually mild winter. At first our puritan consciences told us that we ought to be enduring snow, frost and fog, in order to establish our claim to a good summer in return. But soon we learned to enjoy with an easier mind an almost unbroken run of mild and sunny days.

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We are still hoping that the last of the scaffolding will be removed from School House before term starts. During the holidays the main work of maintenance has been the complete redecoration of the Court Room, inside and out. And the open space between Jekyll Garden and Music School has been levelled and sown to grass. In the Autumn we intend to plant it, informally, with a varied assortment of fruit trees which will provide much amenity, possibly a little provender, until the day when it is required for building.

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It is a good thing that some of the best of our young men should feel the call to do a spell of service overseas — not so good when it despoils us of a couple of masters in the same year. We shall miss Mr. Billington and Mr. Davies very much. But more of them later. At the end of July too we shall be saying good-bye — or rather *auf wiedersehen* — to Mr. Holloway and to Mr. Morelle, who are being released for a year, respectively to follow a course of advanced study in Oxford and to be seconded to a school in California. Mr. Morelle will be doing a

straight swap with his opposite number. The search for replacements for the others is in hand.

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If, as has recently been reported in *The Times*, the Public Schools Commission is really going to have its terms of reference extended to include schools on the Direct Grant List, this will represent a major break-through for those who have contended from the beginning that their exclusion was against all logic. On the home front it does seem too that common-sense may yet triumph in the Battle of the Abingdon Gasholder. If it does it will be due partly to the vigilance and determination of the town's representatives and partly to the generous support accorded to them by the national and local press. What worried me was the apparent divorce between public and private morality that this sorry business revealed. Presumably none of the members of the Southern Gas Board would have dreamed of trying to take advantage, as a private citizen, of a loophole in the law so as to inflict irreparable harm on his neighbour.

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This year Old Boys' Day and Founder's Day will once again be combined, and the double programme will be very much as last year. The Annual Dinner of the Old Abingdonian Club will be held at the School on Friday, 21st July; Old Boys will be equally welcome the following morning when the Bishop of Durham has very kindly agreed to preach at the Service in St. Helen's Church at 11.30 a.m. There will be two performances of the Summer Concert — alas, Mr. Cullen's swan-song — on the Thursday and the Saturday evenings respectively.

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I started these notes late in the evening of 15th April — the twentieth anniversary of the day I took over. I am very grateful for the good wishes I received on this occasion. Really I felt I ought to be thanking you all for putting up with me for so long. Looking back over those twenty years (year of happiness and of sorrow, of hard work and fun) I am more than ever conscious how much I owe to the support of parents, old boys, staff, and (most of all perhaps) the Governors. No one can have been more fortunate in his Chairmen than I, with first Admiral Clifton-Brown and then Mr. Stow to guide me. I am grateful to Mr. Stow, glad that he remains as a member of the Governing Body, glad too that Mr. Bredin has felt able to accept election as Chairman in his place. Under his leadership I am sure that the School can look to the future with confidence.

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Erant fortes . . . I have just been reading again Roger Hoyle's reminiscences, which appear on another page. How many memories they bring back to me! And they remind us (though I am sure this was the last thing R.I.H. intended) how much of the development of the School over the last twenty years was due to his own efforts.

J.M.C.

YOU IDLE CREATURES, GET YOU HOME: IS THIS A HOLIDAY?

As usual, a surprising number of our members engaged in some worth-while activity or another, more or less under the auspices of the School, during the holiday month. Many of the group activities are reported in detail on later pages. Here is a brief conspectus of what has been happening.

It was at 6.0 a.m. on 28th March (not very long after, anyway) that two Land Rovers, escorted by Mr. Cadwell's car, left the gravel to carry the Arduous Trainees to Kirkcudbrightshire where they spent a reasonably tough week. On the following morning our exchange party left under Mr. Taylor for Béziers, returning on 13th April. Then on the 30th the Skye Group departed for its eponymous island, where they found a new location at Glenbrittle on the west coast. A large contingent of Scouts attended an Easter training camp at Youldbury from 1st to 5th April. They returned on the same day as the thirteen R.A.F. cadets under Mr. Hammond who had been in annual camp at Watton (Norfolk) since 29th March. A further party of ten cadets spent a week in Germany, at R.A.F. Geilenkirchen (12th to 19th April). P. G. Tooze implemented his flying scholarship under the auspices of the Bedford Flying Club: R. T. T. Morgan attended a 'star' camp at R.A.F. Coltishall, where he worked with Air Traffic Control. Two naval cadets attended courses at R.N.A.S. Arbroath, a couple were at R.N.A.S. Yeovilton. An innovation this year was what you might call the civilian equivalent of an arduous training camp which Mr. Baker organised at Glencoe from 6th to 20th April — timed so that the real addict could go straight over to it from the Skye Group. Then at the end of the holidays Mr. Truran took a small party of boys to the Portland Bill Bird Observatory from 20th to 24th April.

Two boys, P. K. Ablewhite and P. H. Blackburn, spent the greater part of the holidays at the Moray Outward Bound School. Two more, L. P. Halling and A. S. Jackson, attended an A.C.C.M. Sixth Form Conference at Jesus College, Oxford (19th March — 1st April). Seven boys went off on Careers Courses — P. K. Booker, C. M. Howlett and J. B. Lister (all at the P.S.A.B. Manchester Course in Industry), P. D. Healy (the P.S.A.B. York Course in Administration), N. G. Burns (Westminster Bank), C. B. Grierson (Fosesco International) and M. F. Kirby (Cadburys). Mr. Owen took off a small 'reading party' to soak themselves in Yeats and Co. in the Sligo area (30th March — 8th April). And R. A. Balbernie cruised in the *Sir Winston Churchill*.

Nearer home, we were very well represented, by boys past and present (mainly the former) in the Unicorn Opera Group's production of Handel's *Giustino* (21st and 22nd April). On 25th March our athletes put up a creditable performance in the Schools' Athletics meeting at Eton. Two of our number competed as individuals in the L.A.C. Schools Challenge Meeting on 21st and 22nd April. Our 2nd VIII

rowed in the Putney Head of the River Race on 25th March, and later the Gryphon IV again won the Schools Section of the Abingdon Head on 15th March, in which an Old Boys' IV was also competing. Philip Gibbs and Michael Heading have been playing for Harlequins 'A'.

And especial mention must be made of the fourteen boys who gave up an afternoon of their holidays on 5th April to provide the raw material for a demonstration class arranged by Mr. Tammadge for a conference of the Association of Teachers of Mathematics at Westminster College.

. . . There still seemed to be lots of boys left about in Abingdon to keep bob-a-job going or to 'tell' at the County elections.

THE INAUGURATION OF THE INGHAM MUSIC SCHOOL

The New Music School, which bears the name of John Ingham, whose bequest covered a substantial portion of the cost, was formally inaugurated on Saturday, 18th February. The inauguration took the appropriate form of a concert given in the presence of the Mayor of Abingdon, members of the Board of Governors and the Staff.

The concert began at 8.15 p.m. with a 'Fanfare for an Inaugural Occasion' written by Mr. Cullen. After the National Anthem, the First Orchestra provided a spirited and skilled rendering of Richard Rodney Bennett's 'Farnham Festival Overture'. This was followed by the 'Romance in F for Violin and Orchestra', the solo part being sensitively played by Jeffrey Evans. The orchestra was a little too placid at the beginning of this piece, but soon became masters of the lively rhythms of the work.

After the 'Romance' the concert consisted of works involving smaller ensembles. Christopher Rowson and David Murphy displayed the qualities of the new grand piano in a memorable performance of Moskowsky's 'Three Spanish Dances for Piano Duet'. A clarinet quintet played the First Movement from Mozart's 'Clarinet Quintet' with Geoffrey Edwards playing the clarinet in a very professional-sounding presentation. The finale of the concert was a spirited performance by the whole of the Music Staff of Saint-Saëns' 'Carnival of the Animals'.

After the concert the Headmaster made a short speech thanking the musicians and then all those who had worked so hard to secure the erection of the Music School. In welcoming the Mayor he hoped that he would not be too much inconvenienced by the strains coming over his garden wall. In reply the Mayor emphasised the goodwill which the town felt towards the School. Mr. Gray, as the doyen of the Masters' Common Room, thanked the Mayor for his speech.

Fortified by sherry the guests then toured the New Music School. It is a pre-fabricated building, built by Messrs. Vic Hallam Ltd., with

Messrs. Drew acting as the local contractors. It was designed by Mr. D. B. West, M.B.E. (O.A.) and consists of a large Concert Room, a group teaching room, five studios for individual tuition and practice, and two instrumental store-rooms, together with an office, a library for records and music, and a cloakroom. It is heated by a hot-air system, and every room is carefully soundproofed. Each room used for playing has magnetically-sealed doors.

It is already evident from the use which the Music School has had in its half-term of active existence, that this project has satisfied a very real need for the School. We are indeed grateful to the late Mr. Ingham and to all those countless supporters of the Appeal Fund who have contributed to the cost of it.

A.W.H.

CHAPEL NOTES

It is not often that the Lent Term runs well into Holy Week, but, when it does, it gives the School the opportunity to present again the challenge, the offence and the power, of the Cross. The daily celebrations during this last week of term have been well attended, and these, together with the production of Handel's Messiah and the magnificent singing of Malcolm Williamson's Procession of Palms on the final Sunday Service, can have left few completely unmoved.

Shortly after Easter an important conference is to be held at Bloxham School on Public School Religion. It is to be attended by Headmasters and Chaplains — we shall be represented in both kinds — and, to judge from the response, this conference is clearly seen to be important. There can be very few Schools of our kind, if any, that would claim today to be entirely satisfied with their traditional patterns of school worship and divinity instruction. There ought not to be any. What changes ought to be made? Already many Schools have been experimenting nor have we remained entirely static. But what changes are made must not be made for the sake of change, nor must they be superficial. Anyone who thinks seriously about these problems will realise how many factors are involved, theological, social, emotional and educational. A great deal of hard thinking and prayer for wisdom is necessary if we are to arrive at that happy certainty of our forefathers "It seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us . . ." We believe in the continuing power to guide of the Spirit of God. He convicts, and I believe that the general spirit of uneasiness, that prompts this Bloxham Conference, is evidence of this activity already operating amongst us. If this is true then we may expect the Conference to bear fruit.

We are most grateful to the Reverend Leslie Smith of Culham College for his six addresses here during the Thursday evenings of Lent. He brought a very fresh and unchurchy approach which was appreciated by many, mostly younger, boys who came to them regularly. In addition to these Mr. Eden's Wednesday evening Bible Study has continued to

prosper, and, freed from Confirmation Classes this term, I have run a weekly open house for fourth formers which has ranged widely. A good many preliminary enquiries have been made by boys about the Confirmation Classes which will be starting again in May.

I am very grateful to the many from the Staff, Cleaning Staff and boys who do so much throughout the term to maintain the standards of worship and music, and to Mrs. Potter for arranging the flowers each week. Chapel flowers up to the beginning of Lent have been kindly given by the following: The Prefects' Common Room, The Lower Sixth Debating Society, The Cobban Family and The St. Edmund Society.

In addition to the Chapel Fund, the Chapel Organ Fund and the Chapel Furnishing Fund our collections this term have been allocated as follows:

January 13th: £6 14s. 3d. — St. Helen's Church (Beginning of Term Service).

January 27th: £8 5s. 3d. — The Christian Education Movement.

February 5th: £7 9s. 3d. — The United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel.

February 19th: £8 15s. 11d. — The New Guinea Mission.

March 5th: £6 14s. 3d. — The Royal School of Church Music.

March 19th: £5 18s. 9d. — The Society of St. John the Evangelist Cowley.

There will be Evening Celebrations during the Summer Term at 6.30 p.m. on May 21st (Trinity Sunday) and June 25th; and on three Sundays, April 30th, June 4th and July 16th, Evensong at 6.30 p.m. will replace Mattins. On the last Sunday of the term, July 23rd, there will be the traditional service for leavers and their families at 6.30 p.m. in St. Nicolas' Church. On all other Sundays the Services will be confined to a Celebration at 8.15 a.m. and Mattins at 10 a.m. The short evening service for Middle and Junior School will be suspended during the summer months.

We look forward to welcoming the following visiting preachers:

April 25th (School Service in St. Helen's Church) — Rev. Anthony Green M.A., of the Abingdon Congregational Church.

May 7th — Mr. R. A. Bradley, M.A., Warden of St. Edward's School, Oxford.

May 21st — Mr. G. K. Embleton, M.A., J.P., Headmaster of the Royal Latin School, Buckingham.

June 4th (evening) — Rev. T. D. Taffinder, M.A., Vicar of Bibury, Glos.

June 11th — Rev. A. J. Davies, M.A., of the Trinity Methodist Church, Abingdon.

July 2nd — Rev. H. T. Batey, M.A., of Culham College.

July 9th — Rev. A. B. Buchanan, Rector of the Calvary Episcopal Church, New York.

D.G.S.

VOLUNTARY SERVICE

There is little to report about our two regular activities, visiting old people and Auxiliary Fire Service training, except that they have continued satisfactorily. We hope for some more spectacular ploys during Projects Week next term.

We say farewell to I. Campbell, who has been a quite outstandingly loyal visitor for nearly four years. To him, as to two members of the A.F.S. group, A. R. Gibbs and M. H. Vaughan, we offer our thanks and best wishes.

H.T.R.

VALETE ET SALVETE

left December 18th, 1966

Upper Sixth Form Arts (L): P. J. Clargo (left November 14th); I. S. Sykes.

Upper Sixth Form Arts (H): A. L. Leaver; D. W. Tanner.

Upper Sixth Form Science (B): M. J. Adam (left November 25th); C. S. Downes.

Upper Sixth Form Science (M): N. D. Brice.

came January 13th, 1967

Lower Sixth Form Arts (H): A. Ahuwan.

Form 3N: D. J. Longman.

HOCKEY

This has been a season of some innovation — for the first time we have fielded five elevens and this has stimulated enthusiasm among those on the fringe of the Second Eleven, and served to give the natural eagerness of those new to the game some point and direction. A further innovation was the six-a-side tournament of which mention is made elsewhere.

The House match final was won, as expected, by Tesdale House who had much the stronger side, though the other Houses all played with spirit and went down fighting.

L.C.J.G.

FIRST ELEVEN

January, February and March are not the ideal months for a game which at best should be played on a dry, firm and level pitch, and the 1st XI sometimes failed to adjust their approach according to the varying conditions they faced. The inability to change tactics and to play to their opponents' weakness were perhaps the major faults of a young and promising side which, after remaining undefeated for the first five matches, lost its last three and never quite fulfilled its potential. The

impossibility of playing any practice matches because of frustrating weather conditions in the second half of the term was, to be fair, a contributory factor.

This was a well balanced side, with a good sense of positional play, who were prepared to work hard as a team. Until the last two matches the defence looked very sound and covered admirably. Mosdell in particular emerged as a strong and reliable back who could become a class player if he wanted to. He was well supported by Coulbeck, a case of a natural games player achieving 1st XI standard on merit despite almost no background experience. This applied also to Wood who was wooed from the soccer field to solve very successfully a goalkeeping problem.

Parry soon found his feet as a centre-half and, once he had learnt not to be drawn from the middle of the field, became an effective link; he should be very good next year. Caton's experience and Rose's enthusiasm completed a competent half-back line, but we did not always see enough of the hard-hit cross-field pass. Neither did the defence as a whole always clear the ball quickly enough once having gained possession, but they retreated in depth and tackled effectively and supported each other often extremely well.

The ability to put the ball in the net is an invaluable but elusive quality, and we had our full share of missed opportunities. Ventham and Janz, promising Colts last year, developed their games very pleasingly and both scored a number of well-taken goals. But the forwards shone more as individuals than as a unit, not always achieving the consistent cohesion one had hoped for. Parfitt proved to be a dangerous winger but was too often left as a spectator. Ford was a persistent and constructive centre-forward in midfield but lacked the ability to convert the vital half-chances in the circle. Allen, who led the side ably by example and enthusiasm, got through an enormous amount of useful work in attack and defence — a gifted hockey player who could go far if he could curb his tendency to hold the ball that little bit too long.

A good all-round performance against Pangbourne who only equalised with the last hit of the match launched an unbeaten record against other schools. Fine goals by Ventham highlighted this game and the win over Solihull; last year's defeat by Wallingford was avenged through goals by Janz and Parry, and Janz was on hand to equalise against a useful Wantage side. Two late goals clinched a win against Pembroke College. Westminster College took their chances better in a closely fought game, while the experience and ability of the Old Boys and Sandhurst 2nd XI proved decisive in the final two matches.

I should like to thank Allen and Parry for their efficient and helpful administration, and Mr. Smithson and his staff for providing, as always, a fine playing surface when the weather relented. We look forward with anticipation to next year when seven of the 1st XI should be back, and to a repetition of a successful innovation of a Sunday after-

noon 6-a-side competition between a staff and three boys' teams in which age eventually told!

Congratulations to Caton, Parfitt, Mosdell and Ventham on the award of their Full Colours.

The team was: T. J. Wood; J. P. W. Mosdell, R. G. Coulbeck; E. P. Caton, M. W. Parry, A. Rose; T. A. Parfitt, D. D. Allen (Capt.), B. H. Ford, D. J. Ventham, R. Janz.

Also played: N. V. Moore, J. Sayce and P. B. Harrison.

Results

v. Pangbourne Nautical College (h). Wed., 1st Feb.	Drawn 1—1
v. Solihull (h). Sat., 4th Feb.	Won 2—1
v. Pembroke College (a). Sat., 11th Feb.	Won 3—2
v. K.A.S. Wantage (a). Wed., 15th Feb.	Drawn 1—1
v. Wallingford G.S. (h). Sat., 18th Feb.	Won 2—0
v. Westminster College (a). Sat., 25th Feb.	Lost 2—4
v. Old Abingdonians (h). Sat., 4th March.	Lost 1—3
v. R.M.A. Sandhurst 2nd XI (a). Wed., 15th March.	Lost 3—6

Matches against St. Edward's, the Hockey Association and Bloxham were cancelled. N.H.P.

SECOND ELEVEN

The Second Eleven have had an enjoyable and not unsuccessful season, the record of 4 won, 4 lost, 17 points for and 17 points against showing a nice balance.

The standard of play tended to vary depending upon the state of the pitch and the strength of the opposition; the Westminster game especially degenerated into an aimless scramble. But at times the team played very good hockey, probably playing their best game against St. Bartholomew's, Newbury. The side showed plenty of spirit often pulling back from being a goal or two down in the early stages. The defence were usually quick and determined into the tackle and in covering though the speed and direction of clearance was not always what it should have been. On the whole the defence looked stronger than the attack and yet by the end of the season the forwards had scored as many goals as the defence conceded. The forwards did well to score so many goals largely from chasing and worrying the half chance. All in all the team was well balanced. We were fortunate in having two or three reserves who could fill temporary vacancies in the side fairly adequately. It would be invidious to mention players by name; of all it can be said that at times they played some very good hockey and one cannot expect more from a team with such little experience. Mention must, however, be made of the captaincy of Foulkes who through his example both on and off the field set a high standard for the rest of the team; the cheerful but keen spirit was not a little due to his leadership.

The final arrangement of the team was: P. B. Harrison; S. S. Coe, D. R. Sayce; F. J. Dobbs, P. A. Foulkes (Capt.), T. R. Paxton; M. F. Baumann, N. V. Moore, A. J. Varley, J. Y. McLaughlin, A. R. Cantwell.

Also played: J. L. Sayce, M. F. Wells (3 times); G. A. Macdonald, P. J. Hill (twice); R. G. Coulbeck, A. Rose, A. E. Banes, T. J. Wood, B. H. Ford (once).

Half Colours were awarded to P. A. Foulkes and N. V. Moore.

Results

v. Oxford School 1st XI (a). Sat., 21st Jan.	Lost 0—3
v. K.A.S., Wantage (h). Wed., 1st Feb.	Won 2—1
v. Solihull School (h). Sat., 4th Feb.	Won 3—0
v. St. Bartholomew's, Newbury (h). Wed., 15th Feb.	Won 2—0
v. Westminster College (a). Sat., 18th Feb.	Won 6—2
v. Wallingford Grammar School (h). Sat., 25th Feb.	Lost 2—4
v. Common Room XI (h). Thurs., 2nd March.	Lost 0—3
v. Old College, Sandhurst (a). Wed., 15th March.	Lost 2—4
	B.E.W.

THIRD ELEVEN

It was a pity that the team had only one match, but otherwise there was more play than usual — on a Lower Field that was occasionally like the battlefield of the Somme.

We played Magdalen College School on 11th February and were beaten 0—3 in a very sporting match. Our opponents were much better individually, but our teamwork was good as was our spirit.

The team: A. E. Banes; M. G. Lewis, F. N. Sandall; M. G. Wells (Capt.), P. J. Hill, S. P. B. Allen; T. W. Sagar, D. R. Langmead, M. F. Rothwell, W. K. Minter, R. J. Nancarrow.

C.E.T.M.

COLTS ELEVEN

Although the season cannot be described as successful, the team has plenty of enthusiasm and potential. The first match against Oxford School was played on a rough, muddy pitch and a draw would have been a more just result. In the two other matches, the opposition was far more experienced, faster and had more ideas in attack.

The defence, although flustered at times, was generally sound. With more of the ball, the attack would have been a force to be reckoned with. The side is promising and what it lacks in experience it makes up in determination. It was unfortunate that several games had to be cancelled because of weather conditions.

The final team was: M. J. Harfield (Capt.); C. P. Allen, D. N. Baumann; C. G. Day, J. M. Elliott, H. J. Flint; D. W. Galbraith, N. W. Herdman, D. M. Marshall, T. C. C. May, A. R. N. West.

Also played: S. Hubbard, H. I. Kilgour, A. G. Maclean, J. M. Mawson and C. E. Utley.

Results

v. Oxford School (a). Sat., 21st Jan.	Lost 0—2
v. Pangbourne Nautical School (h). Wed., 1st Feb.	Lost 1—4
v. St. Edward's School (h). Sat., 11th Feb.	Lost 0—10
	M.J.H.

JUNIOR COLTS ELEVEN

For the first time a Junior Colts game was formed. The lateness of its formation and the weather restricted the number of matches played.

There was a considerable improvement in the forward line towards good standards of teamwork, 'though attacking power in the circle was sometimes lacking. The backs played very reliably at all times. It was also pleasing to see support for the team from other members of the game.

The team was: J. R. Comerford; D. A. Hacker, D. I. Smith (Capt.); T. J. G. Healy, N. G. W. Seaver, R. S. Kirby; C. E. Utley, N. J. Beeching, R. O. Plail, J. P. Nicholl, I. S. Bowden.

Results

v. K.A.S., Wantage (h). Wed., 22nd Feb.	Won 1—0
v. K.A.S., Wantage (a). Thurs., 2nd March.	Drawn 2—2
	J.M.T.

ATHLETICS

With Easter being so early this year the athletics season has been even shorter than usual, and activities were further curtailed by the wet weather in early March. So much so in fact that a number of boys hadn't run out of excuses — not all of them reasonable — by the time the Standards Competition was nearly at an end. Consequently nearly 500 fewer points than last year were scored and it was probably the House which showed the most corporate enthusiasm that won. The result was:- 1—Bennett 334; 2—Blacknall 329; 3—Tesdale 203; 4—Reeves 201.

As the support for the O.A. match has dwindled in recent years it was decided, regretfully, to discontinue the fixture. I hope that this will result in such a storm of protest from active O.A.s that the fixture will soon spring to life again — possibly at a more suitable time of year.

We hope that the success of the team in the two triangular fixtures this term will be a good omen for the summer when for the first time we hope to stage several home fixtures — on Waste Court Field.

During the holidays several boys competed in the Schools' Invitation Meeting at Eton College. In the U/19 Section, Hunt was 4th in the Shot (40:1½), Akinbiyi 3rd in the Triple Jump (41:1) and Wilde 4th in the 220 (24.0), while Ellis won the U/17 High Jump (5:3). The last three all gained AAA Standard badges (Grade III).

Full Colours were awarded to P. K. Booker.

RESULTS OF MATCHES

v. Berkhamsted School v. Chigwell School (at Watford).

Sat., 4th March.

Senior Match

100 yards:	1—Gibbs (B) 10.6; 2—Wilde; 3—Hassett.
220 yards:	1—Wilde 24.0; 2—Rand (C); 5—Hunt.
440 yards:	1—Hassett 53.9; 2—Gibbs (B); 3—Denny.
880 yards:	1—Collins (C) 2:5.0; 2—Denny; 5—Booker.
Mile:	1—Prihill (C) 4:27.5; 4—Halling; 5—Doganoglu.
High Jump:	1—Ellis 5:4; 2—Faires; 3—Dennys (B).
Long Jump:	1—Collecott (C) 18:9½; 3—Hassett; 4—Akinbiyi.
Triple Jump:	1—Akinbiyi 40:6½; 2—Johnson (C); 5—Wilde.
Shot:	1—Hunt 44:6; 2—Blackburn P; 3—Gray (B).
Discus:	1—Lees (B) 122.4; 2—Blackburn P; 4—Hunt.
Javelin:	1—Johnson (C) 140:11; 4—Hill; 5—Matthews.
4 x 110:	1—Abingdon 47.7; 2—Berkhamsted; 3—Chigwell.
Result:	1—Abingdon 105; 2—Berkhamsted 86; 3—Chigwell 73.

Junior Match

The following won their events: Blackburn R (Shot 45:0 and Discus 101:6); Ellis (High Jump 5:5½); Smart (Mile 5:03.3); while Crawford and Smart tied for first place in the Half-mile (2:13.4).

Result: 1—Berkhamsted 107; 2—Abingdon 78; 3—Chigwell 77.

v. Leighton Park School v. Reading School (at Reading).

Wed., 15th March.

Senior Match

100 yards:	1—Wilde 10.9; 2—Cottle (LP); 6—Hassett.
880 yards:	1—Tompsett (LP) 2:7.4; 2—Denny; 4—Booker.
Mile:	1—Smith (R) 4:46.8; 4—Halling; 6—Doganoglu.
High Jump:	1—Faires 5:3; 2—Funnell (LP); 6—Ahuwan.
Long Jump:	1—B. Enchilli (LP) 19:9; 2—Akinbiyi; 3—Snodgrass.
Shot:	1—Lockley (LP) 43:11; 2—Blackburn; 3—Hunt.
Javelin:	1—Adams (R) 140:11; 5—Hill; 6—Matthews.
3 x 440:	1—Denny, Snodgrass, Hassett 2:48.
3 x 220:	1—Wilde, Hunt, Hassett.
4 x 110:	1—Abingdon 47.5; 2—Reading; 3—Leighton Park.
Result:	1—Abingdon 80; 2—Reading 72; 3—Leighton Park 58.

Junior Match

The following won their events: Ellis (High Jump 5:5); Smart (Mile 5:07); Crawford (880 2:13.6); Allington, Crawford, Smart (3 x 440).

Result: 1—Leighton Park 76; =2—Abingdon and Reading 67.

Trophy: 1—Abingdon 147; 2—Reading 139; 3—Leighton Park 134.

THE SCHOOL SPORTS

18th and 22nd March

Both Sports Days were cold and windy and the number of spectators was fewer than in recent years. Nine records were broken but most of these were in events which were held for the first time last year. The introduction of the Triple Jump proved very popular with spectators as well as competitors and the standard was most encouraging.

The most exciting races were the U/16 880 where Crawford just failed to catch Smart with a late run; the Open 880 where Denny judged his finish superbly after Booker had set a fast pace; the U/15 440 where Cox JL snatched victory from his twin brother on the tape; and the U/15 440, U/15 100 and U/16 100 in all of which the time-keepers were also unable to separate the first two.

After Blacknall had held a 40 point lead at one stage in the House Competition, Bennett gradually closed the gap and the result depended on the last relay. This proved to be very exciting with the lead changing several times and provided a fitting climax to the afternoon's sport. We are very grateful to Mrs. P. G. Davies for presenting the Challenge Cups.

*Results**100 yards:*

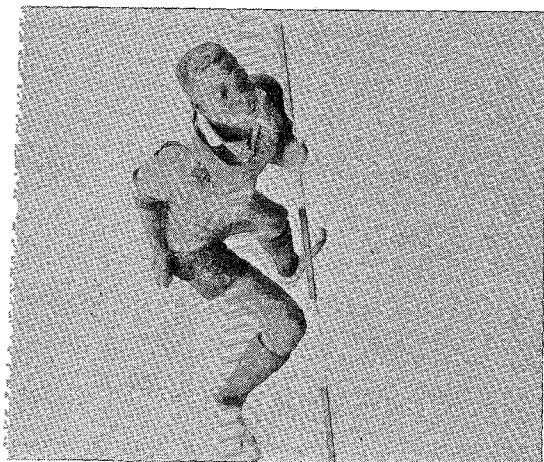
- U/12 1—Macdonald RI 13.8; 2—Hey CP; 3—Parker TC.
 U/13 1—Balbernie AMcL 12.9; 2—Klepzig RP; 3—Sykes KG.
 U/14 1—Mackenzie MR 12.1; 2—Joseph RA; 3—Osborn MG.
 U/15 1—Cox JL 11.6; 2—Jordan CJ; 3—Smith GR.
 U/16 1—Smart NKA 11.4; 2—Varley M; 3—Hubbard S.
 Open 1—Wilde RC 10.7; 2—Hassett JW; 3—Hunt DN.

220 yards:

- U/12 1—Macdonald RI 32.1; 2—Waters BC; 3—Baumann AW.
 U/13 1—Balbernie AMcL 30.3; 2—Sykes KG; 3—Tresidder HT.
 U/14 1—Mackenzie MR 28.3; 2—Osborn MG; 3—Price PD.
 U/15 1—Cox JL 26.3; 2—Jordan CJ; 3—Cox JP.
 U/16 1—Smart NKA 25.6†; 2—Varley MC†; 3—Allington TJ.
 Open 1—Wilde RC 23.8; 2—Hassett JW; 3—Hunt DN.

440 yards:

- U/13 1—Balbernie AMcL 67.9; 2—Plail DN; 3—Vernon CF.
 U/14 1—Osborn MG 62.4; 2—Mackenzie MR; 3—Price PD.
 U/15 1—Cox JL 60.7; 2—Cox JP; 3—Wallace CA.
 U/16 1—Smart NKA 57.4†; 2—Crawford MG; 3—Allington CJ.
 Open 1—Hassett JW 54.4; 2—Wilde RC; 3—Snodgrass NR.



INDIAN ROPE-TRICK?
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(4th March, 1967)

ROAD RELAY
(23rd January, 1967)



880 yards:

U/14 1—Osborn MG 2:34.5; 2—Price PD; 3—Pollard NRH.

U/15 1—Cox JP 2:23.4; Coulbeck NS; 3—Green CJ.

U/16 1—Smart NKA 2:13.2†; 2—Crawford MG†; 3—Marshall DH†.

Open 1—Denny CW 2:04.5; 2—Booker PK; 3—Halling LP.

Mile:

U/15 1—Cox JP 5:11.2; 2—Coulbeck NS; 3—Wallace CA.

U/16 1—Smart NKA 5:07.2†; 2—Crawford MG†; 3—Marshall DH.

Open 1—Booker PK 4:57.6; 2—Halling LP; 3—Doganoglu Y.

High Jump:

U/13 1—Lawless M 3:11; 2—Whipple MS; 3—Smart AW.

U/14 1—Todd PJ 4:2; 2—Milanovich M; 3—Macdonald RN.

U/15 1—Jordan CJ 4:9; 2—Campbell RC; 3—Smith GR.

U/16 1—Ellis AC 5:4†; 2—Allington TJ.

Open 1—Ellis AC 5:6; 2—Faires DJ; 3—Ahuwan A.

Long Jump:

U/13 1—Klepzig RP 13:9; 2—Sykes KG; 3—Whipple MS.

U/14 1—Macdonald RN 14:2; 2—Price PD; 3—Milanovich M.

U/15 1—Cox JL 17:10†; 2—Jordan CJ; 3—Cox JP.

U/16 1—Ellis AC 18:0½†; 2—Cox JL†; 3—Varley M.

Open 1—Akinbiyi AO 19:11; 2—Hassett JW; 3—Snodgrass NR.

Triple Jump:

U/16 1—Ellis AC 37:2½; 2—Jordan CJ; 3—Allen C.

Open 1—Wilde RC 41:2; 2—Akinbiyi AO; 3—Snodgrass NR.

Shot:

U/14 1—Osborn M 23:3½; 2—Holloway SRB; 3—Price PD.

U/15 1—Cox JP 33:11; 2—Jordan CJ; 3—Cox JL.

U/16 1—Day CG 34:10; 2—Allington TJ; 3—Smart NKA.

Open 1—Blackburn PH 41:8; 2—Hunt DN; 3—Blackburn RK.

Discus:

U/14 1—Baker TR 78:10†; 2—Osborn M; 3—Holloway SRB.

U/15 1—Cox JP 88:0; 2—Shellard JJ; 3—Snodgrass AR.

U/16 1—Marshall DH 99:0; 2—Allington TJ; 3—Plajl RO.

Open 1—Hunt DN 114:3; 2—Blackburn PH; 3—Blackburn RK.

Javelin:

U/14 1—Joseph R 96:7; 2—Pollard NRH; 3—Holloway SRB.

U/15 1—Cox JP 132:6†; 2—Shellard JJ; 3—Rice DK.

U/16 1—Allington TJ; 124:3½; 2—Longmead BK; Marshall DH.

Open 1—Hassett JW 148: 7; 2—Hill PJ; 3—Matthews RL.

8 x 220 yards (Junior House):

1—Reeves 3:55.2; 2—Bennett; 3—Tesdale; 4—Blacknall.

8 x 220 yards (Senior House):

1—Bennett 3:24.8; 2—Blacknall; 3—Reeves; 4—Tesdale.

Senior Medley Relay (880, 440, 220, 220):

1—Blacknall 4:04.6; 2—Bennett; 3—Reeves; 4—Tesdale.

Inter-House Cup:

1—Bennett 217; 2—Blacknall 209; 3—Reeves 85; 4—Tesdale 65.

The Senior Victor Ludorum went to Hassett JW (20 points) and the Junior (U/15) to Cox JP (32 points).

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R.H.B.

CROSS COUNTRY

After a not too successful Michaelmas Term we approached this term's long fixture list with some misgivings especially as Roper, who had won the Inter-House Race in December, contracted diabetes in the holidays and was forbidden to take strenuous exercise. However Lent Term 1967 turned out to be our most successful season for some time.

We made a most encouraging start by scoring our first ever victory over Westminster College and by beating Culham College for the first time for many years. Both these teams became demoralised by the muddy lane near the start of our course which was practically under water. The conditions remained very wet all the term so few really good times were recorded — but after all it is beating the opposition that counts and we proved quite successful at this in away matches as well as over our own mud.

A new event in the School Calendar — an Inter-House Road Relay Race — was held on Monday, 23rd January, and proved most successful. Teams of 4 (Senior, Junior, Intermediate, Senior) each of whom ran a lap of 2 circuits of Albert Park and Upper Field — a distance of just under 1½ miles — competed for a handsome challenge cup which a Governor of the School has kindly presented for the race.

To add to the interest a team from the Masters' Common Room also took part while our student master, Mr. A. F. Murray, who is an international athlete, formed a one-man team — running all 8 circuits himself.

The results of the leading teams were: 1—Mr. Murray 33:02; 2—Bennett "A" 36:22 (Halling, Green, Smart, Denny); 3—Tesdale "A" 38:00; 4—Common Room 38:30; 5—Bennett "B" 38:57; 6—Blacknall "A" 39:04; 7—Reeves "A" 39:40; 8—Blacknall "B" 40:00; 9—Tesdale "B" 40:15; 10—Reeves "B" 40:15. (16 teams competed).

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Throughout the term Denny has run consistently well and it was a just reward for his effort and enthusiasm that he should be selected to run for Berkshire in the All England Championships at Sheffield on the last Saturday of term. In finishing 122nd out of a field of over 300 he helped Berkshire to 3rd place in the minor counties championship — the best the County has done for a number of years.

We were fortunate in being able to call upon Smart for most of our fixtures. He must surely have been the fittest boy in the School as he has successfully combined Colts rugby with cross country and athletics. The success of the team also owed much to the consistency of Booker and to the great improvement of Halling who had been unable to find a regular place in the team last term. Ramsey and Osborne both ran with great determination, but although Spencer had several very good runs, he was rather inconsistent and lost form towards the end of the season. Earl and Doganoglu never quite came up to expectations but they both did well at times. Crawford is undoubtedly a young runner of great potential. It is an unenviable task to be Secretary of a Sport when you yourself are completely off form and Berry is to be congratulated on keeping so cheerful and enthusiastic.

Half Colours were awarded to: L. P. Halling, P. M. Osborne, V. A. Ramsey, N. K. A. Smart and T. G. Spencer.

The following represented the School on more than two occasions: C. W. Denny (10 times); L. P. Halling, V. A. Ramsey, P. M. Osborne (9 times); P. K. Booker, M. G. Crawford, T. G. Spencer (8 times); N. K. A. Smart (7 times); Y. Doganoglu, J. H. Earl, J. R. Gough (6 times); L. J. Berry, R. L. Deuchar (4 times).

We are very grateful to Mr. Fergus Murray who has restricted his own training on Mondays so that he could take the Club out on what proved to be — for us — long and tough road runs. We wish him every success in his bid to re-establish himself in top-class athletics after his injury, and will follow his progress very keenly.

R.H.B.

RESULTS OF MATCHES

v. Westminster Training College (h). 18th January.

Won 34—44.

v. Culham Training College (h). 28th January.

Won 25—57.

The North Berks Schools' Championships (Wantage). 1st February.

Under 13: Abingdon finished 3rd out of 9 teams.

(Scorers: Vernon 1, Rogers 4, Lawson 19, Binks 34).

Under 15: Abingdon finished 6th out of 10 teams.

(Scorers: Woods 11, Penny 26, McLaughlan 29, Jordan 31).

Under 17: Abingdon finished 2nd out of 10 teams.

(Scorers: Smart 2, Crawford 6, Cox JP 8, Gough 26).

Under 20: 1st Abingdon 18 pts.; 2nd—Wallingford G.S. 34 pts.

(Scorers: Denny 3, Spencer 4, Halling 5, Ramsey 6).

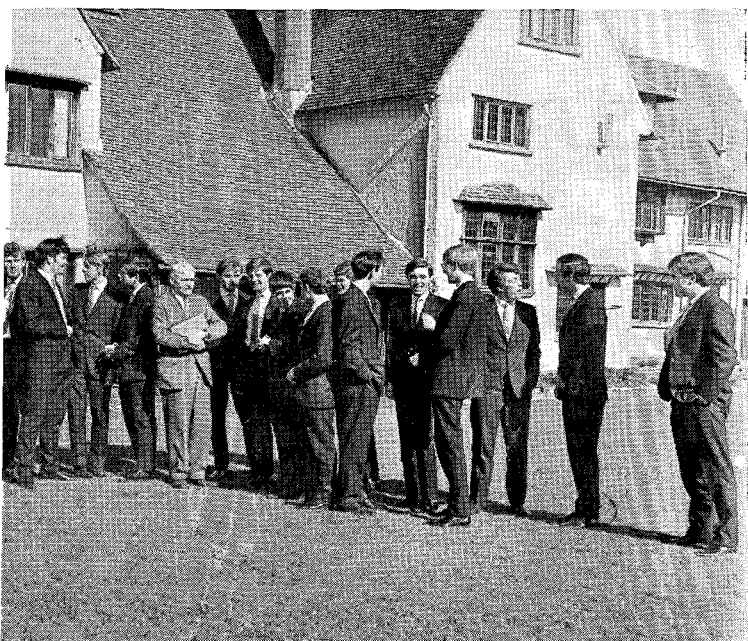
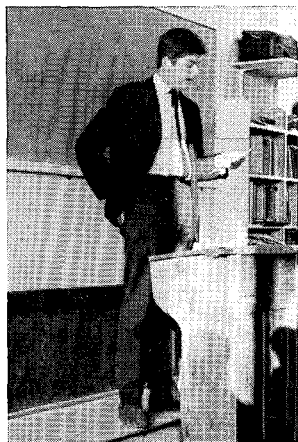
v. Oxford School (a). 4th February.

Won 33—45.

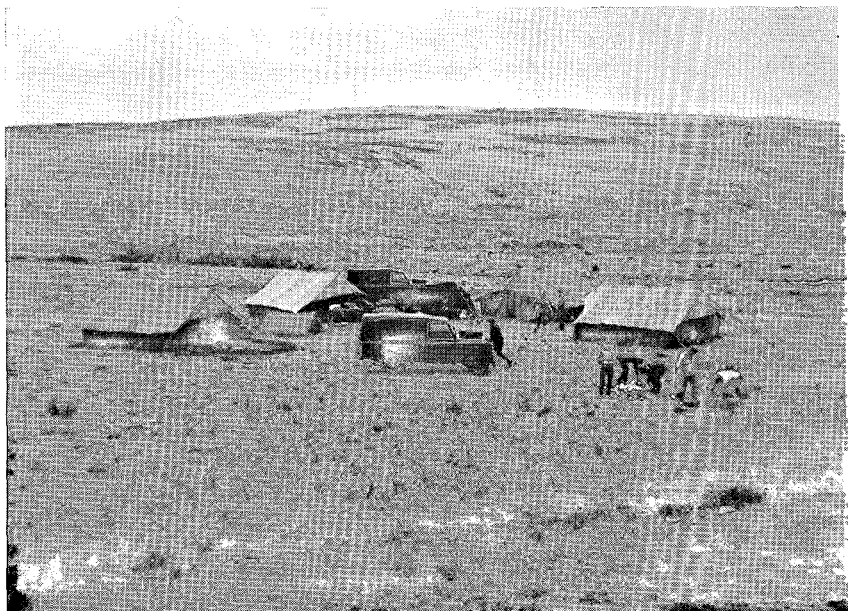


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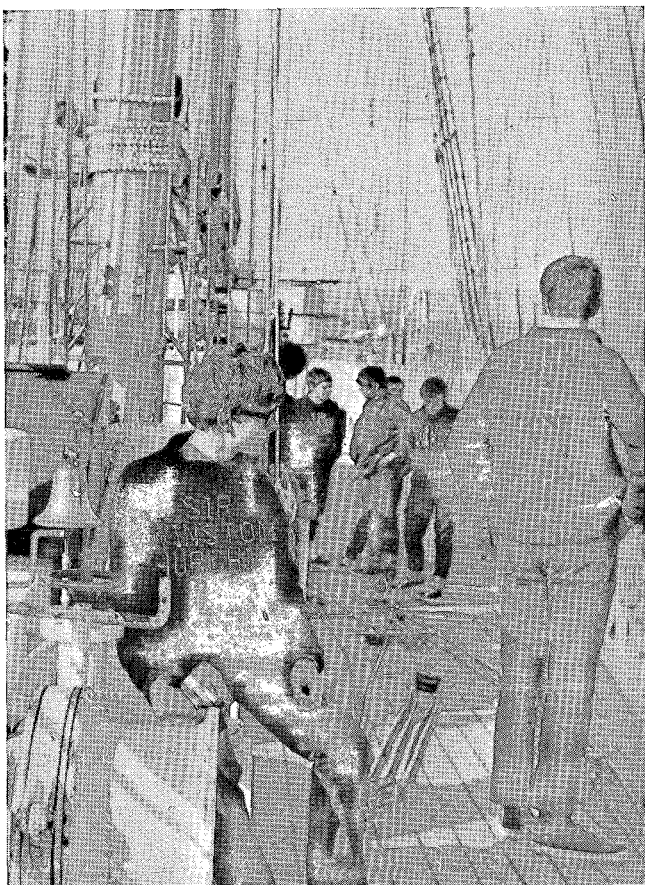
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**TRAINING
1967**



**SIR WINSTON
CHURCHILL
(with R.A.B.)**

Shiplake Court Road Relay. 7th February.

Under 16: 1st—Abingdon (Cox JP, Gough, Crawford, Smart); 2nd—Shiplake I; 3rd—St. Edward's. (8 teams).

Senior: 1st—Abingdon (Halling, Booker, Spencer, Denny); 2nd—St. Edward's I; 3rd—St. Edwards II. (5 teams).

v. Old Abingdonians (h). 11th February.

1st—Abingdon I 29 pts. (Denny 1, Spencer 2, Halling 4, Booker 5, Ramsey 8, Crawford 9).

2nd—O.A.s 67 pts. (Liversidge 3, Owen 6, Diffey 7, Earl 16, Marshall 17, King MJF 18).

3rd—Abingdon II 84 pts.

v. Radley College and St. Edward's School (h). 18th February.

1st—Radley 46 pts.; 2nd—Abingdon 60 pts.; 3rd—St. Edward's 69 pts.

The Berks Schools' Championships (Maidenhead). 25th February.

Under 15: Abingdon finished 23rd out of 26 teams.

(Scorers: Woods 74, McLaughlan 90, Perry 104, Jordan 105).

Under 17: Abingdon finished 14th out of 20 teams.

(Scorers: Crawford 39, Gough 45, Marshall 89, Green 96).

Under 20: Abingdon finished 2nd out of 7 teams.

(Scorers: Denny 4, Booker 13, Osborne 16, Earl 21).

v. Reading School and Newbury G.S. (h). 1st March.

1st—Reading 35 pts.; 2nd—Abingdon 59 pts.; 3rd—Newbury 94 pts.

Culham Road Relay. 11th March.

Abingdon A finished 17th (Denny, Smart, Halling, Booker).

Abingdon B finished 26th (Crawford, Earle, Ramsey, Osborne).

33 teams (of which only 3 were schools) competed.

R.H.B.

ROWING

The chief problem facing the Boat Club this term has been our shortage of coaches. This has meant that we have not been able to cope with all of those wishing to row, and that we can accept only a limited number of new oarsmen in the summer. Despite this the Club thrives: we have had three eights in serious training as well as a Junior Colts squad. Weather conditions have been variable and the stream very fast for much of the term owing to the manipulation of the river level by the Thames Conservancy, who have prevented flooding because of their dredging operations in Wilsham Reach. Abingdon Lock has been 'automated', if that is the correct term.

The main event of the term was as usual the Reading University Head of the River Race on March 18th. We entered the 1st, 2nd and Colts' Eights, the latter in a clinker boat. Once again the wrath of the gods struck us. The 1st VIII was involved in an 'incident' with another crew which resulted in damage to the boat, a swim for Stroke and the dashing of our hopes. The authorities have kindly decided to allow us to start next year in the same starting position as for this year, 53rd. The 2nd VIII rowed with their customary determination, though with insufficient 'run' on the boat, finishing 108th, and the Colts showed that they promise to be very useful when they gain more experience, moving up from 148th to 132nd position.

The 2nd VIII will be rowing in the Tideway Head on March 25th and various 'Gryphon' IV's will row in the Abingdon Head of the River Race on April 15th.

Finally our thanks for outstanding 'services rendered' to D. N. Roblin, who has stroked the 1st VIII outstandingly well this term, and to J. D. Evans, who has helped so much in coaching. Also, to all those gallant parents and O.A.s who supported us at Reading.

CREWS

	1st VIII	2nd VIII	Colts VIII
Bow	J. B. Lister	M. C. G. Stevens	D. G. Nasmyth
2	M. C. C. Hunter	P. J. Munnoch	N. J. Pilling
3	A. McL. King	J. R. Burton	C. F. Rock
4	J. P. H. Bosley	R. G. Whittington	A. E. Lewis
5	R. J. M. Conibear	P. K. Ablewhite	M. A. Fletcher
6	I. L. M. Carr	P. R. M. Sherwood	J. A. F. Ridge
7	R. E. Parkes	C. E. J. Lilley	J. E. North
Stroke	D. N. Roblin	P. J. A. Hopkins	C. McL. King
Cox	C. M. Dobson	P. E. Scott.	J. L. Hounam
M. J. Stilwell also rowed in the 1st VIII.			

R.G.M.

RUGBY FOOTBALL

This term's rugger suffered severely from the vicissitudes of weather and from the fact that competition from Hockey — expanded into five elevens for the first time — was considerably greater than in the past. In addition, in the Oxford Schools' Sevens Tournament, an administrative nonsense meant that only one of two senior teams played and then in a lower section than originally intended. Junior representative rugger suffered most. Our two Colts Sevens had their games in the Oxford tournament cancelled because of unfit grounds, the Junior Fifteen had to be content with only one match and an Under 13 team, specially selected by Mr. Morelle as next season's probable Junior side, played no

representative football at all. Despite this, however, junior football was played keenly and with profit throughout the term.

The Junior House matches maintained a high standard, the Under 13 game revealed great promise for next year and the Junior Fifteen showed tremendous form in their one match against St. Birinus' School, Didcot, whom they beat decisively 47—0. The team for this game comprised: D. C. Murphy; M. T. Bennett, A. R. Snodgrass, N. J. Minns (Capt.), J. A. Clargo; R. E. Deane, S. P. Loosemore; M. T. Evans, J. Q. Rowley, J. J. Shellard, C. J. Jordan, W. H. Cuthbert, M. S. Paddison, S. A. Woods, M. R. Mackenzie.

Ordinary junior games, too, were very satisfactorily run and special thanks are due to those seniors who gave up their time to help coach them. In particular, I would thank B. E. Goldsworthy, J. C. Paddison, P. H. Blackburn, L. Morgan, J. W. Semmence and G. C. Ruck who showed great keenness in this respect. The two Colts' Sevens who trained for the Oxford competition, in which they did not eventually play, travelled to Reading on Sunday, 19th March to take part in the Reading R.F.C. Schools' Sevens and to defend the 'Reading Standard Challenge Cup' which our Colts won there last year. Unfortunately, in the event, both were eliminated early in the contest, the 'A' Seven going down to Leighton Park School in the second round and the 'B' Seven to Douai School in the first round.

Senior rugger was more fortunate. Although the two senior Sevens had few reserves both were good and achievements at Oxford and Dauntseys proved this beyond any doubt. To vary the monotony of Sevens training, two 'A' Fifteen matches were arranged and these proved most enjoyable. In both the School was successful. Against Westminster College 2nd XV on Wednesday, 8th February, a well earned victory was gained over a tough but not very well balanced side (11—0). A better game and an equally well deserved success was enjoyed on Saturday, 11th February, when we played Abingdon R.F.C. and won 6—3. It was good to renew relations with the local Club for whom a number of O.A.s were playing. The team against Westminster was: Mr. P. Cummings; L. Morgan, N. J. Booker, P. E. Gibbs (Capt.), J. L. Cox; M. J. Heading, N. S. Coulbeck; M. G. Baker, A. W. Semmence, T. J. Rawlins, P. H. Blackburn, J. F. Goldsworthy, B. E. Goldsworthy, J. C. Paddison, J. P. Cox. In the game against Abingdon, Mr. Cummings and Coulbeck stood down and N. K. Cook and R. K. Blackburn played. It is hoped to repeat the pattern of these 'A' Fifteen fixtures next Lent Term and certainly to retain the game against Abingdon R.F.C.

In the Oxford Schools' Sevens Competition on Saturday, 11th March, our 1st VII (M. J. Heading; N. J. Booker, P. E. Gibbs [Capt.]; J. C. Paddison; P. H. Blackburn, T. J. Rawlins, N. K. Cook) did remarkably well. Owing to a misunderstood telephone message, we were told that Section 'B' of the tournament in which this Seven was scheduled to

play had been cancelled because of poor ground conditions. As this left us with only one team in Section 'D', we switched teams and the 1st VII turned out to give a most efficient performance in this Section. Gibbs, the captain, had an outstanding day as did Cook whose jumping in the lineouts and possession in the mauls were excellent. We won the Section 'D' Shield with victories over Belmont Abbey (6—3), Churchers (11—0), Westcliffe (15—0) and, in the final, Bablake (6—0).

Later, on Tuesday, 21st March, both senior Sevens took part in the Sevens Tournament run by Dauntseys' School. This was an excellent outing thoroughly enjoyed by the staff and boys who went. We also had a very successful day, winning eight out of the nine matches played.

The 1st VII on this occasion (P. E. Gibbs; L. Morgan, M. J. Heading; N. J. Booker; J. C. Paddison, A. W. Semmence, N. K. Cook) were perhaps a little unfortunate to sustain one defeat at the hands of our hosts but the 2nd VII (M. J. Varley; J. L. Cox, B. H. Ford; B. E. Goldsworthy; M. A. E. Ballinger, R. K. Blackburn, M. G. Baker) played most effective rugby to maintain a one hundred per cent record. Results were:

The 1st VII beat City of Bath (5—3), Leighton Park (11—5), Marlborough I (20—0), Marlborough II (31—0) and Dauntsey's II (30—5) but lost to Dauntsey's I (8—10).

The 2nd VII beat Dauntsey's II (8—3), Leighton Park (15—8), Marlborough II (16—3) and City of Bath (8—5).

The senior rugby this term has been run by Mr. Eden with very considerable assistance from one of our student masters, Mr. Peter Cummings, who was largely responsible for the Sevens training. We would like also to thank another student, Mr. Roger Rees, for his help with junior games.

JUNIOR HOUSE MATCHES

As already mentioned, House matches were played off this term very satisfactorily. Organization ran smoothly and play was of a high standard. The Knock-out competition for the Bayley Cup was won yet again — for the fifth successive season — by Blacknall House although this time the scores were more modest and each game was hard fought. Results in the opening round were a victory for Blacknall over Reeves (13—3) and for Bennett over Tesdale (26—3). In the final, Blacknall beat Bennett in a good game by 16 points to 8.

In the Under 13 League — to some extent misnamed since it is restricted to 1st and 2nd Formers — Blacknall were also the champions winning the Candy Cup by 5 points against Bennett's 4 points and Reeves' 3. Blacknall beat Bennett (5—3) and Tesdale (27—0) and drew with Reeves (10—10). Bennett's victories were over Reeves (12—3) and Tesdale (24—3). Reeves gained a win over Tesdale

(8—0) and drew with the champions. For the second time running Tesdale failed to score a point — we hope for better things next season.

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On occasion during the term several members of the Fifteen have played in senior rugger outside School. Special congratulations go to Michael Heading on being invited to play for Harlequins 'A' and for the Wanderers 2nd XV. Both he and Philip Gibbs have been selected to play for Harlequins Colts against Blackheath Colts and Surrey Colts respectively in the Easter holidays. During term Gibbs played a number of games for A.E.R.E. 1st XV and Morgan for Abingdon.

In January last, during the Christmas holidays, N. K. Smart and W. H. Cuthbert played for the Berkshire County Colts XV against Oxfordshire and Hampshire. R. J. Grant was reserve on both occasions.

D.O.W.

CHESS

Results in the second half of this season have been pleasing on the whole; our only serious defeat, against Oxford School, was at least partly due to the absence of two members of the Senior Team. No season can be accounted a failure in which teams from Eton, Radley and Bradfield were all beaten; and we managed to hold our own in the Oxfordshire Schools' League.

The best records over the whole season were those of Burton and Marley. Burton did extremely well, playing on the first board, to win or draw all but two of his games, thus setting the rest of his team very high standards. Marley was defeated only once — a remarkable record for a Third-Former. But every member of the team has played well.

Our Juniors have had mixed fortunes, but we hope that they have learned from their experiences, and will be a source of strength in future years. It is encouraging that attendances at Chess Club have remained high, and that over twenty boys have represented the School in matches during the season; their enthusiasm has been much appreciated.

Only one of our team is leaving this year; P. H. Blackburn has served the Club nobly for a number of years, and in recognition of this he is to be awarded a Chess Tie, as is our Secretary, J. J. A. King.

Results:

League Fixtures:

- v. Wallingford G.S., won $4\frac{1}{2}$ — $1\frac{1}{2}$.
- v. Oxford School, lost 1—5.

Friendly Matches:

The Senior Team beat Bradfield College $3\frac{1}{2}$ — $1\frac{1}{2}$, Hereford Cathedral School 3—2, and Radley College 5—1.

An 'A' Team beat King Alfred's School, Wantage, 5—1.

A Junior Team beat Cothill School 6—0, drew with Fitzharry's School 6—6, lost to Dragon School, Oxford, 2½—5½, and John Mason School 2—4.

Senior Team: J. R. Burton (Captain), P. H. Blackburn, J. J. A. King, B. K. Langmead, C. J. Marley, H. J. Manning.

D. H. Parry, D. K. Rice, and A. A. Tammadge also played.

M.W.

COMBINED CADET FORCE

Examinations seem to have taken up the majority of the term and the results so far to hand show some success — all but one of the Naval Section's candidates passed Advanced Proficiency, all of the Signallers passed their classification. It is not so pleasant to record nine failures in map-reading in the army proficiency, but we can remedy this.

The Easter holidays have witnessed a number of activities of which accounts follow, but one activity not mentioned elsewhere in the training which is, I hope, going on among those sixteen or so volunteers for the Ten Tors Expedition which takes place next term. It was very gratifying to have such a good response — and I hope that the six eventually chosen to participate will do well.

It is good to be able to record that we have been joined by Lieut. N. K. Hammond, who has taken over the shooting, and is going to run the N.C.O.'s Cadre next term.

A word of thanks, too, to Mr. C. R. Cadwell, who besides running the office and stores most efficiently has organised and trained a highly efficient Signals Section.

L.C.J.G.

ARMY SECTION

Field Day was held in the Ridgeway area for 'B' and 'C' companies. 'B' Coy. were tested in Section Leading as part of the Proficiency Certificate exam. and 'C' Coy. did a map exercise which included the drawing of a panorama. The wind blew bitterly! The R.A. section spent the night bivouacing, and the Rescue section visited Pressed Steel.

The Proficiency Certificate exam produced 9 fails, mostly in map reading alone. 'B' Coy. is now re-organised into an N.C.O.'s Cadre under Lieut. Hammond and an advanced training platoon. The Rescue section has taken the St. John first aid exam, 10 passing out of 12, and has completed a short course in the nuclear aspect of rescue work.

K.M.D.H.

ARDUOUS TRAINING

By popular request this year's Arduous Training was again at Carsphairn with its adequate facilities for living rough while still remaining within walking distance of civilization. The party consisted

of Lt. Cmdr. L. C. J. Griffin, Capt. D. O. Willis, Lt. T. G. Fairhead, W.O. R. Cadwell, M. A. Cockerill, J. J. A. King, L. Morgan, T. A. Parfitt, M. S. A. Davis, N. D. Keen, A. O. Akinbiyi, M. G. Baker, M. M. Clift, J. M. Elliott, S. Fairlie, M. A. Fletcher, P. D. Holmes, A. E. Lewis, C. E. J. Lilley, G. C. Ruck and R. W. Speight. Mr. Fairhead was invaluable as cook with his priceless ability to make army compo. rations taste like food. The road party left Abingdon at 6.20 a.m. on Tuesday, 28th March, transport by courtesy of R.E.M.E., who lent us two brand new landrovers, and Mr. Cadwell with his car. The train party enjoyed the incomparable luxury of British Rail.

The two parties rendezvoused at the site about 24 hours later and pitched camp; full of energy, a frontal assault was then immediately made on the nearest "mountain". This light-hearted attack was in marked contrast to our slower, but more purposeful progress at the end of an 18 mile march two days later, during which we had hacked our way through snow to the top of Cairnsmore (2,614ft.).

It is customary to make a round trip of 20 miles and bivouac overnight in small tents, but our first attempt at this was thwarted by a raging blizzard, and soaked to the skin, we had to take a convenient escape route. The second attempt was more fortunate and picking our way through bogs and thick mist we pitched camp and brewed up a cup of boiled water and evaporated milk. We had forgotten the tea!

A cultural highlight of the trip was a visit to Ayr, which, though no doubt delightful in the summer, was more reminiscent of a Wild West ghost town, on a winter Sunday afternoon.

The return journey consisted of an all-night trek down the M.6, its monotony relieved by stops at each of the service stations, enabling the economists among us to compare the effects of the same Selective Employment Tax on the coffee prices at the different stops.

It was a memorable eight days, enjoyed by all.

M.A.C.

ROYAL NAVAL SECTION

The most striking feature of the Section this term has been the prevailing atmosphere of efficiency linked with a very healthy spirit which bodes well for the future.

The new entrants of last term took their A/B examination with a high percentage of success, and the senior members also took their Advanced Proficiency and Proficiency exams (the results are yet to be heard).

Field Day was spent on the Downs with the Section divided into groups for a map-reading exercise; this proved extremely enjoyable with one member even deciding to have a swim whilst fully clothed!

Referring again to the healthy attitude of the Section, this must be due to the good organisation emanating from Sub/Lt. C. M. Reynolds, under whom the Section has had a successful and worthwhile term.

T.J.W.

R.A.F. SECTION

The main events of this term have been academic; nearly half the section taking C.C.F. exams. Next term we are experimenting with examinations in that this term's recruits will have an opportunity of being examined much earlier than before, sitting Proficiency next term, at the end of their first year in the section. Similarly their seniors will take Advanced Proficiency next December, a term earlier. This should give the section a nucleus of keen, well-qualified seniors and with their help we hope to devise an interesting final year in the section for them.

Congratulations to P. G. Tooze on his promotion to Cadet Warrant Officer and a well-deserved Flying Scholarship. He now joins M. A. Cockerill in this qualification and will soon, we hope, be joined by several others. The section has been extremely active in the holidays; Tooze has been flying at Cranfield, Lt. Hammond has taken 10 cadets on annual camp to R.A.F. Watton, 10 more are spending a week at Geilenkirchen with R.A.F. Germany, R. T. T. Morgan is spending a week directing Lightnings from the control tower of R.A.F. Coldishall on his Star Camp and 5 others have been Training Arduously!

There is a lot to be gained from being a member of the section. Hard work put in during the term can be repaid with interest if a cadet is keen enough, but it does have to be worked for. I hope that every member realises this, as the above list of activities shows.

M.R.M.

SCOUTS

34th North Berks.

JUNIOR TROOP

January to March is always the most difficult time for a Scout Troop. A combination of weather and short trousers often conspires to keep a troop hut-bound. When, however, a hut is not really capable of holding all the members, the Court of Honour must of necessity look further afield; and we have thus managed this term to keep the emphasis on outdoor activity.

Amongst such activity a novel wide-game at Wittenham Clumps stands out. The night hike in the Appleton area was enjoyed by all, if not for the intended reasons. On this occasion some patrols had clearly failed to organize themselves adequately, and this perhaps was one of the most important lessons learnt. The need for accurate map reading was another.

On Field Day patrols were given instructions to build within the Cothill area a shelter suitable for sleeping all the patrol, to cook lunch and at all times to conceal themselves from the hostile natives who inhabited the area and from the prowling Basilisks (spec. Daviesiana, Trurana and Walkeriana), monsters whose glances were sufficient to kill. Some of these tasks were performed well, but the standard of stalking was exceedingly low.

Preparation for the camping season has already begun. The Patrol Leaders held a successful camp at Oakley House on the weekend of 11th March and a troop cooking competition was organized to encourage more attractive menus. The results were promising.

Perhaps the least successful element of the term has been in test-passing. The new recruits have done well, but there has been a notable lack of drive towards the First and Second Class badges. There is no reason why every Scout should not reach Second Class standard by the end of the Summer Term. I should like to set this as a target.

P.G.D.

SENIOR TROOP

Three evening meetings were held this term: a venturer-incident journey; a most enjoyable wide-game smuggling eggs through Abingdon (with surprisingly few breakages); and a lecture with many superb slides on mountaineering techniques given by Mr. David Ogden of the Oxford Mountaineering Club.

We are grateful to the Pavlova Leather Company for a very interesting and informative tour of their factory. The working party at Youlbury did useful jobs tidying up parts of the grounds and clearing tree trunks and roots from several camping fields.

Field Day began on the Monday evening when the patrols followed clues to Horspath Common where they concealed their equipment, contacted "agents" and attempted to "blow-up rocket sites". After bivouacking for the night the wide game continued with much inter-patrol spying and ambushing — captives being left tied up until they managed to release themselves or were found by other members of their patrol. Later we walked to Sandford Lock where transport arrived to take us back to Abingdon. We are grateful to Mr. A. F. Murray for joining us on this exercise.

Various activities have been arranged with other Scout and Guide Groups including a discussion evening, a hike and a social.

A dozen seniors are going with Mr. Baker and Mr. Varley to Glen Coe this holiday and we hope that this will be as successful as previous Easter expeditions.

D.R.L./I.L.M.C.

MUSIC NOTES

The most important event of the term was, of course, the opening of the new Ingham Music School, to which we have looked forward for some considerable time. A report of this appears earlier in this magazine.

This has certainly been a most eventful and memorable term with a number of highlights which has kept the School musicians at full stretch throughout the term.

The first round of the House Music Competition (piano and organ) was held the following day and adjudicated by Mr. Donald Paine, to

whom we were grateful for his most helpful and encouraging remarks and assessments. It was a great pleasure, too, for contestants to perform on the fine Bechstein Grand piano so generously given by Mr. and Mrs. Roblin.

Individual winners were: Junior Piano—R. Klepzig (B1); Intermediate Piano—R. Moore (T); Senior Piano—D. Murphy (B); Junior Organ—D. Galbraith (T); Senior Organ—C. Rowson (B1). Overall winners were Blacknall, with Bennett quite a close second. The overall standard was high and many competitors gave a very good sense of performance.

The three School Orchestras gave an enjoyable orchestral concert on Sunday, 11th March, to which we welcomed a large number of parents and friends. One of the highlights of this concert was the performance by the third orchestra conducted by Graham Webb. The numbers and high quality of the boys playing violins in particular shows much promise for future orchestral playing in the School.

The two Subscription Concerts this term proved highly popular with our members. Opera for All, the Arts Council-sponsored opera group, 'entertained us to a very accomplished performance of Donizetti's "L'Elisir d'Amore". Our last programme was a lecture-recital by Denis Matthews entitled 'From Bach to Bartok' in which he gave us a well-illustrated survey of keyboard music of the last two centuries.

This season of Subscription Concerts has been our most successful so far, as a result of which we have been able to arrange a really outstanding programme for next season, including the Hungarian Quartet and The Denis Brain Wind Ensemble.

One of the most memorable and ambitious musical projects attempted by the School has been the rehearsals and performances of Handel's "Messiah" this term. A critique of the actual performances in the Abbey Hall on Tuesday, 21st March, appears below. Just over half the School took part in this, and I shall for a long time remember with particular pleasure the unfailing enthusiasm with which a very large number entered into the spirit of this undertaking, and the superb sense of occasion which they gave to the two performances in the Abbey Hall on the last week of term. I hope that the experience of learning and performing this important and famous masterpiece will be as long remembered by those who took part.

Although not performing during the Lent Term, the Band and members of the Chamber Music Society have been rehearsing throughout. We are most grateful to Mrs. Kitching and Miss Barnwell for the work and encouragement which they are giving to Chamber music in the School. The Chapel Choir has produced some particularly fine singing this term, and the Third Orchestra played most commendably in the North Berks Festival at Wantage.

It is with much regret that we bid farewell to David Allen, Christopher Denny and Anthony Gibbs who have all given an enormous amount

of their time and talent to the music of the School. We are most grateful for their work and enthusiasm, and to each we send our sincere good wishes for the future.

J.G.C.

The Associated Board of the Royal School of Music Examinations this term resulted in the following passes:

Grade 2—P. Webb (violin); Grade 3—B. Ashcroft Jones (piano); A. M. E. Brown (clarinet); D. Tetenbaum (viola); B. E. Jones (piano); Grade 4—A. T. Braunton (clarinet); J. M. Dyke (clarinet); P. J. Shaw ('cello).

Grade 5—D. W. Galbraith (organ); J. E. North (double bass); D. Tetenbaum (piano); Grade 6—S. Fairlie (violin); C. F. Rock (clarinet); N. F. Soffe (violin); R. Samsworth ('cello).

Grade 8—G. B. Edwards (piano).

G. B. Edwards (piano) and R. Samsworth ('cello) passed with Merit (over 120 marks out of 150).

J.G.C.

THE MESSIAH

It is a bold venture to undertake a work as well known as this, and even bolder to choose to train a Choir of such a size. Many conductors today prefer to use a small Chorus, but Mr. Cullen decided against this, so that he could give as many boys as possible the experience of singing in this great work. This made the success of the performance all the more impressive.

There were the inevitable weaknesses of a large Choir; entries were sometimes uncertain, there was a lack of expression, an occasional harshness of tone. But the overall impression was very pleasing, and some aspects of the singing were quite remarkable. Two examples perhaps will suffice. It is all too easy for the fugues to degenerate into a confusing shambles; in fact, the impetus of the music, and the clarity of the texture, were maintained throughout. And in those extremely difficult runs in 'For unto us a Child is born' every individual note was clearly and accurately sung, a real achievement this, for inexperienced singers.

The acoustics of the Abbey Hall are somewhat capricious, but it did appear that the Chorus was too strong for the Orchestra. When audible, however, they played very creditably; especially noteworthy was the accompaniment for the soloists — for which much of the credit must go to the leader, Tony Gibbs, whose sensitive playing was a delight in itself. One remembers with pleasure also the fine singing of the four soloists, the trumpet-playing of Mr. Bramwell Wiggins, and the Choir's moving account of 'Since by Man came Death'.

It was Mr. Cullen's achievement not only to have trained nearly half the school for this performance, but also to knit the parts together into a satisfying and coherent whole; how sad that this is his last major

Concert before he leaves. I hope that his hard work was rewarded by the quality of the performance and the evident enjoyment of all who took part — not least that of the audience.

The principal artistes were: Marion Milford (Soprano), Annette Thompson (Contralto), Harry Eden (Tenor) and Christopher Bayson (Bass), while Solo Trumpet was provided by Bramwell Wiggins and Continuo by C. I. Rowson (Harpsichord), Peter Billington (Organ) and Jeanne Fry (Cello).
M.W.

GRUNDY LIBRARY

This term we are grateful to Mr. Perry, Mr. Parsons and Dr. Owen for presenting books to the Library, and to P. G. Evans, P. Snowley and R. Jackson for Leaving Books. Perhaps this is an opportunity to ask all Old Boys to check their shelves for School library books: from time to time anonymous parcels of such finds are sent to the Librarian and help to lessen the bills for replacements.
K.G.H.

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

SKYE GROUP

Glenbrittle, Isle of Skye; March 30th — April 8th

The 1967 Skye Group was based at Glenbrittle, a tiny village on the northern shore of Loch Brittle, and at the foot of the Cuillin hills. The party stayed in a prefabricated bungalow, hired from Mr. W. Sutherland, to whom we are most grateful. The bungalow was so comfortable that no advance party was needed to prepare for the main expedition. Certainly, the bungalow was extremely well-equipped, containing bunks, gas, electric lighting, some hot water and even a bath!

Numerically, the party was much smaller than last year's, but this only served to increase the success of the expedition. The small numbers created an informal atmosphere, and a most harmonious relationship between masters and boys. Furthermore, those that completed the 500-mile trek to Skye were obviously keen to do some strenuous work!

The suitability of the accommodation in Glenbrittle was another factor which determined the success of the venture. Perhaps the expedition lacked the adventure of a camp, but certainly, a warm fire and drying facilities were welcome after blizzards which often lasted for several days. The bungalow also facilitated additional research in the evening as a complement to the day's field work.

Each day, groups went out to pursue their particular projects. These had been chosen months beforehand, and some preliminary research had generally been done. (A complete, duplicated report of these projects will be published in the future). Among the more successful

projects were A. Rose's zonation of plant and animal life on Loch Brittle; D. J. Ventham's survey of the coastline from Loch Eynort to Loch Sawaig; J. L. Sayce's study of crofting around Loch Harport, to complement a previous survey done by Aberdeen University, and A. S. Loudon's discovery of some rare ferns in a botanical survey of Glenbrittle.

However, the ornithologists and geologists found the site less suitable. Parry and Flint undertook bird identification, but found all too few birds. McPhail had hoped to find a nesting colony to study bird behaviour. However, he was not successful.

Egelstaff had intended to undertake a radio survey with Baker, but the latter was, unfortunately, unable to come. The costly ratemeters, generously loaned by the Geological Museum in London, and insured at great expense, were therefore useless, for Egelstaff had no means of transport for them. He had to be content with the monotonous basalt and gabbro around Glenbrittle, and was able to go farther with Mr. Eden and Mr. Potter only occasionally. However, on one of these trips he did carry out some interesting work in Staffin Bay, and on the limestone ridge near Broadford.

There were also several amusing incidents, which made the expedition that much more enjoyable, not the least of which were the Secretary's incredible ability to ruin Ordnance Survey maps, and the enjoyable ascent of Sgurr Alisdair, the highest peak of the Cuillin Hills, by three adventurous members of the group. This, in conclusion, was one of the more successful Skye Group Expedition.

The party consisted of: Mr. Eden; Mr. Potter; D. J. Ventham (Hon. Sec.); R. A. Egelstaff; J. L. Sayce; H. Flint; A. S. Loudon; P. C. McPhail; M. W. Parry; A. Rose.

D.J.V.

A CRUISE ON THE "SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL"

"A corps-camp afloat", I lamented on reading the various do's and don'ts set out in the instructions. In actuality I could not have been more wrong.

The 39 trainees joined the "Sir Winston Churchill" on March the 19th at Portsmouth. On arrival we were split into three watches, Fore, Main and Mizzen. At all times the Naval system of four-hour watches with two two-hour dog-watches was employed, thus ensuring rotation of the night-watches.

After provisioning at Portsmouth we set sail. Rounding the Isle of Wight we had to tack down the Channel for three days, to arrive at Brest on Thursday evening. We spent a day there to give everyone plenty of time ashore; setting sail again on Saturday morning. We left Brest short of three trainees for whom the travails of sea-sickness had proven too much.

From Brest we sailed straight to Falmouth, arriving there at three o'clock on Sunday morning. In the afternoon we first cleaned every-

thing, including the masts which involved being hoisted up in a bosun's chair. Then we held races in the ship's boats. The evening was free for us to go ashore and frequent the taverns of Cornwall.

Because of the oil-threat from the wrecked tanker we had to leave Falmouth on Monday morning and beat our way around the Scilly Isles. The smoke from the burning oil was visible for miles.

Then, having sailed up the Bristol Channel, we anchored off the monarchy of Lundy Island on Wednesday night. The next day we had time to go ashore, before weighing anchor in the afternoon.

We finally arrived at Swansea on Friday morning where we were overrun with Welsh reporters and TV camera-men. The rest of the day was spent in cleaning, polishing and tidying up; leaving us the evening to go out on the town.

On Saturday morning the cruise came to its official end and we dispersed, all promising to meet again at the reunion.

For the technical, the "Sir Winston Churchill" is 135ft. long, has a draught of 5ft. 6ins., and a beam of 25ft. She is rigged as a three-masted schooner with a Bermudan mizzen and gaff sails and topsails on the fore and main masts, and in addition there is a square sail, square topsail and raffee on the fore mast. The top of the main mast is 98ft. above the deck and her total sail area is 7,110 square feet. Also there are two 135 h.p. auxillary diesel engines.

We all took our turn at steering and sail-handling, and as day-workers with the Bosun, Chief Engineer and Cook. We were also given instruction in navigation from the Captain and Chief-Officer.

Robin Balbernie.

SLIGO

W. B. Yeats, whose poetry has fascinated Advanced Level sets for the last three years, had burst into colour supplement prominence during his centenary year of 1965. Obviously one can enjoy and understand Yeats without setting foot in Ireland, but few other poets have been so closely associated with a particular region and local atmosphere. Consequently some first hand knowledge of his favourite localities will wonderfully enhance one's appreciation and affection.

Here, then was the ideal opportunity for a field exploration and reading party. Sligo town itself, at first sight is disappointing with its dull, muddy harbour some way from the open sea and the buildings of "The North West Ireland Chip Basket Factory" straddling the town quay.

Sligo, not unexpectedly, shows many of the symptoms of Stratford on Avon. What was once plain "Murphy's Bar" is now "The Yeats" Tavern". However it was Sligo County rather than Sligo Town that fascinated the poet. We visited Rosses, "of the level sands"; Hencar, "where the wandering water gushes"; Dromahair, Lugnagall and Lissadel. We climbed to the top of bare Ben Bulbin, and the summit

cairn of the historic mountain, Knochnearea, and were rewarded with the most breathtaking of views, that offered mountains, lakes, sea, shore, wood and pasture in the one vista.

And all the while we were growing more attached to Sligo town. 'Quiet but friendly', repeated a respected inhabitant and each day endorsed his verdict. One day we were overheard in heretical conference, planning to leave town to spend two days in Donegal. Next morning a new friend appeared at the door. "It just so happened" that he had to visit Donegal on business that day. He would guarantee to show us in a few hours more of the country than we could discover for ourselves in a fortnight.

It was essential that we should have enjoyed our visit. Confirmation was sought incessantly. We had been warned after a visit to a rain-soaked Drumcliffe churchyard that Yeats' tomb was not really fashioned in "Limestone quarried near the spot". Was this consistent with the waterfalls on the mountains? "Sure", they murmured sympathetically, "even the water round here doesn't know how to behave."

Yeats first drew us to Sligo and he will help us to remember the holiday. But this was no esoteric pilgrimage for a few devotees. Sligo is obviously bigger than Yeats though it is also bigger for him. A visit there offers the most satisfying blend of pleasures.

C.J.W.O.

THE SCHOOL EXCHANGE WITH BEZIERS

This year, we have started a new venture, an exchange with the Lycee Henri IV, in Beziers in the South of France. An exchange is always a risky affair. However much preparation has been done, there is still the uncertainty what sort of families the boys are going into, and how they will get on with their opposite numbers.

So it was with mixed feelings that our party (15 boys and 2 staff) set out from Victoria on March 29th, to arrive in Beziers some 27 hours later. We were met by the French organiser, M. Rigaud, and representatives of each of the host families, all looking as apprehensive as we felt, and our boys were quickly whisked off to their respective homes, where they were to spend a fortnight improving their French and getting to know something of French customs.

It is difficult to write a report on an exchange, because the experiences and impressions of everyone will be different. Some boys were housed in the town, some in the surrounding countryside. Some were taken about a lot, and some hardly at all. But I was struck, as no doubt everyone else was, by the attractiveness of the town, the contrast between the spaciousness of the centre, and the narrow alleyways of the old town. One felt, too, very strongly the long and tragic history of the region, where every town and almost every church had to be fortified against the English, the Spaniards, the Moors or the French themselves. But the history of the region goes back much further than that. Just outside Beziers itself was a Roman town.

But we were in Beziers primarily to speak French and to meet the people. Some of their habits seemed rather strange. Most of us were surprised at the amount the French ate, and in some cases there was a certain, all too English, reluctance to try something strange (sometimes, perhaps, this reluctance was justified!). But generally the French families were kindness itself, and very tolerant of the curious ways of the English.

There were two highlights in our stay in Beziers. The first was a coach trip to the remarkable Roman remains at Nîmes and the Pont du Gard, and the other a reception given to us by the Mayor of Beziers in a hall draped with French, English (and European!) flags, where we were all presented with an admirably produced guide to Beziers.

I cannot finish without saying how much I appreciate all that was done for us by the French organiser, M. Rigaud, and his colleague, M. Ferrandi. Nothing was too much trouble for them, and I sincerely hope that their stay in England will be as interesting, and as useful, as ours in France.

D.C.T.

SCHOOL SOCIETIES

ROYSSÉ SOCIETY

At our first meeting this term, held on February 1st, we were offered a paper by C. W. Denny entitled "Pressures on the Press". This prepared the way for a profitable discussion on current problems in Fleet Street.

On February 22nd, D. J. Saunders read us a paper on cancer, which provoked an unusually lively discussion, concerned mainly with the causes of lung cancer.

For the last meeting of the term, we welcomed a distinguished guest, and former member of the Society, to our number — Keith Haarhoff, O.A. He was able to give us the benefit of his first-hand knowledge of computers, in order to amplify T. J. Rawlins' paper on the future of the aircraft industry. The evening proved a worthy culmination to a term in which we had heard three papers, all of above-average merit.

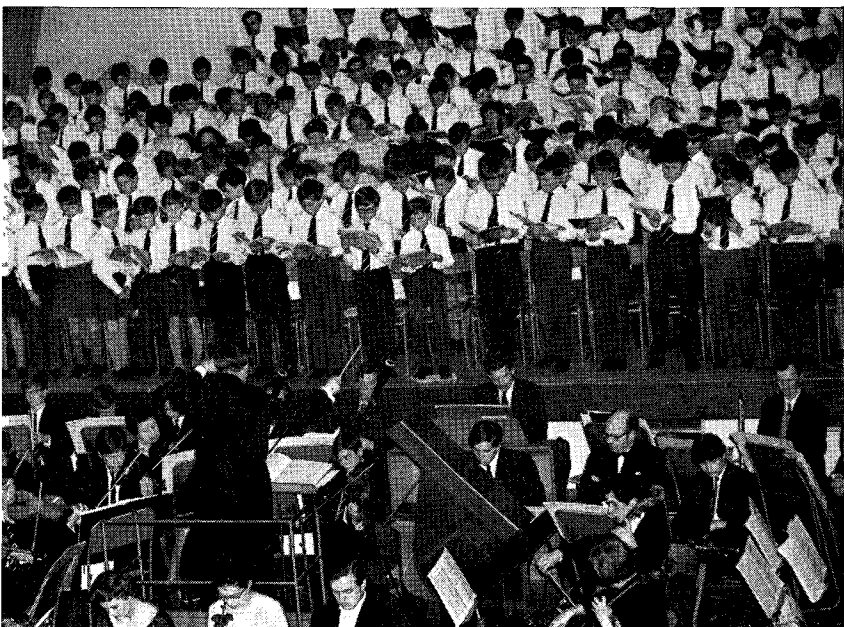
We should like to thank the Headmaster and Miss Cobban for their kind hospitality throughout the term.

N.J.

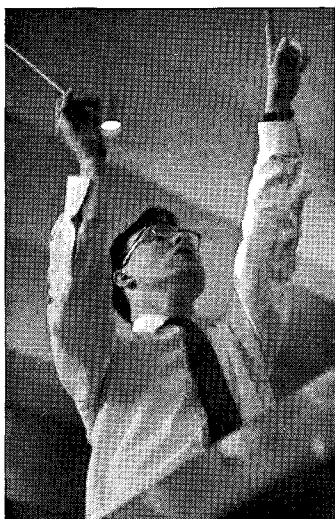
THE LITERARY SOCIETY

At the first meeting, the Secretary read a paper on "The Theatre of Cruelty" which, besides discussing Peter Brook's theatre as demonstrated in 'US', 'Marat/Sade', and 'King Lear', tried to show what the function of cruelty is in life.

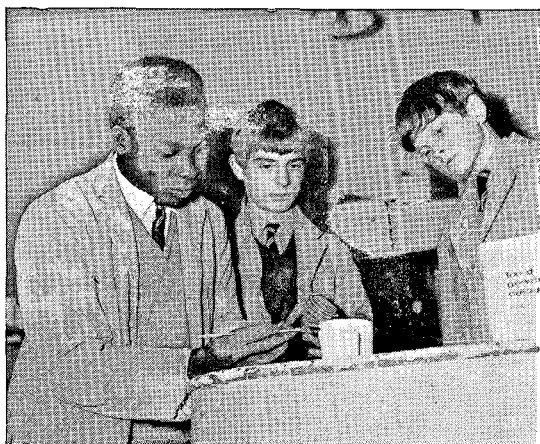
The second meeting saw three members reading short papers. Ian Campbell told us all how amusing he had found Evelyn Waugh, and those of us who, through sheer ignorance, knew nothing about the books, were able to laugh loudly at Ian's jokes. Peter Booker tackled Brecht, making us all define 'Communism' in order to muddle ourselves over Brecht's philosophies. Kit Denny, in a microscopic survey on the 'Faust' legend, told us that, however admirable their attempts, Marlowe



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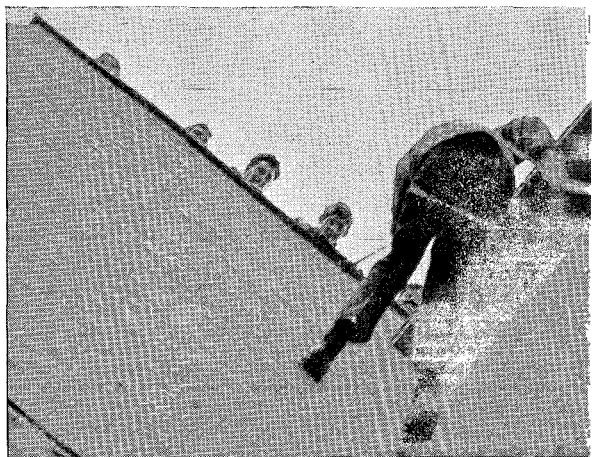


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and Goethe had not really thrown light on the man Faust by writing different plays from hazy sources.

Finally, Peter Blackburn read a superb paper on 'Psychedelic Poetry', to the accompaniment of Ravi Shankar and readings of Allen Ginsberg's "Howl".

A.L.V.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

Joint Secretaries: J. B. Lister and P. C. McPhail

There have only been two meetings this term featuring outside speakers, and this, together with the high quality of the lecturers has resulted in large audiences.

At the first meeting of the term Prof. D. C. Freshwater gave an illustrated lecture on "Chemical Engineering" to an audience including members of John Mason High School, and discussed the research he is engaged upon at Loughborough.

Professor N. Tinbergen gave a fascinating lecture on "Egg-shell removal in the Black-headed gull". This proved extremely interesting and hardly as limited as the title suggests, as Prof. Tinbergen dealt with all aspects of the subject and explained how research experiments can be carried out in the field.

In addition two meetings were held at which attempts at the Ball science essays were read and discussed prior to the declaration of the winners in the senior and junior sections of the competition.

P.C.McP.

THE ATHENAEUM

Secretary: A. L. Vernède

At the beginning of term, the Secretary's knees were knocking in the wind of worry, for the Society had a large deficit to pay off. However, rather than resign, he chose a new treasurer, and reassured the thirty-six members of the Society that their £1 subscriptions were being safely and suitably supervised.

Our one outing was to the Oxford Playhouse on February 8th, to see Frank Hauser's O.U.D.S. production of "Love's Labour's Lost". It was surprising to see the result of Hauser coupling with a drama group he has so often taken to task for its lack of integrity — that is to say, the result was surprisingly good. Though much of the production was typical of the O.U.D.S.' worst acting, they gave the play in musical balance what it lacked in subtlety of action. This is hardly their fault: rather, it is a wanting of experience on the part of Shakespeare, the contriver of this early play.

A.L.V.

THE DEBATING SOCIETY

This term the Society has been virtually dormant. One 'domestic' debate was held, on Friday, February 17th. The motion before the house was "this house believes that the human body should remain naturally uncovered". Proposing this were R. A. Egelstaff and R. A. Balbernie. Their opponents were A. E. Banes and A. Medley, two former sixth formers. It is refreshing to receive such co-operation from younger members of the School. It is hoped that this will continue.

J.D.E.

PLAY-READING SOCIETY

As usual, there were four meetings this term — "The Master Builder" (Ibsen) on January 22nd, "The Visit" (Durrenmatt) on February 5th, "L'Avare" (Molière) on February 19th, "The Caucasian Chalk Circle" (Brecht) on March 12th.

There was generally good attendance from 'juniors', who gave encouraging support, but more senior boys should come to meetings; if only to aid A Level Culture. The Society is not a 'closed shop', and there is always room for more people. A.L.V.

MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY

Secretary: M. A. Cockerill.

Dr. W. M. Lomer of the Solid State Physics Division, A.E.R.E., gave a talk to the Society entitled "Unfamiliar Mathematics in Current Research". His talk, which was illustrated by several fascinating models was largely concerned with the properties of crystalline materials.

The second meeting of the Society was addressed by Dr. J. D. Pryce who gave an extremely interesting talk on Mathematical Models. This talk was illustrated by a large selection of polyhedra and other mathematical curiosities constructed by the speaker. M.A.C.

HISTORIANS

Secretary: A. W. Hills

The Society held two meetings during the term. The first, on January 26th, was an informal discussion led by Mr. Willis on "History in Schools", which proved very profitable for all who attended. The second, on March 13th, was a lecture given by Mr. George Bennett of Oxford University, on "Chamberlain the Imperialist". This was both interesting and informative. It is hoped that the upward trend of attendance will be maintained next term. A.W.H.

ONSLOW (LOWER SIXTH HISTORY) SOCIETY

Secretary: T. C. C. May

The three meetings held this term were designed to cover a wide range of history. The first meeting took the form of a symposium of papers on "The Norman Invasion, 1066" while at the second, papers were read on "The Russian Revolution, 1917". Finally, Dr. Alex Campbell from Keble College, Oxford, delivered a lecture on "The American Revolution", dealing with the causes and results of the revolution in a manner which contradicted many of the textbook theories. T.C.C.M.

FILM SOCIETY

This term we have shown three films.

The first, "Phantom of the Opera", was in its own way impressive, but was, like "King Kong" last term, regarded as a freak-show.

"Lolita", an unmistakably powerful film, moved everybody by its surrealist type reality and the omni-present Peter Sellers delighted all.

Finally the beautiful and tragic "Pathar Panchali", although only well received by a few, served to remind everybody of the awful poverty in India. It was subsequently given an open showing to enable more people to see it. J.G.M.

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

Secretary: L. P. Halling

The term has been quiet for the Society with bad weather stopping observational meetings. Much profitable use of the telescope has been made, however, by the members on all the clear nights.

We wish to thank M. A. Cockerill for his work as secretary of the Society in the previous terms.

R.G.W.

THE CRITICS

Secretary: R. T. T. Morgan

The Society held two meetings this term, the attendance at the second being somewhat disappointing (partly caused, perhaps, by an especially wet evening).

At the first meeting, held on January 24th, we had a rather unusual evening discussing and comparing the various daily papers issued on that day. This led to an interesting and wide-ranging discussion encompassing television, the press, radio, and advertising.

Our second meeting this term was introduced by A. E. Banes, and was concerned with "Science Fiction as a form of Literature"; a subject which provided lively discussion in spite of (or perhaps because of?) our small attendance.

Finally, I would like to thank our sponsor, Mr. Holloway, for suffering our meetings so stoically throughout the year.

R.T.T.M.

JAZZ CLUB

The term started with a popular Roland Kirk record session. Then W. D. Chislett gave a colourful lecture on "Chicago — The Blues Today".

As an experiment we played a recording of the "Jazz goes to College" programme featuring Wild Bill Davidson.

Four new records were bought for the library and we are now subscribing to "Jazz Journal".

Lastly, there was a visit to the Royal Festival Hall for "The Two Faces of Fame" concert featuring Georgie Fame, which everyone enjoyed.

F.J.D.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

The first meeting of the term was an experiment on print-criticism. It was not as well supported as expected but we hope to repeat it more successfully in the Summer term.

For the society's first evening meeting we had a slide-show entitled "Life and Action" presented by Ian Ball, Esq., A.R.P.S. This catered for all tastes, from rugby and white-water canoeing to portraiture.

The following meeting consisted of a film called "Photography at Work", which showed how photography is employed in industry and management.

For the final meeting of the term "Colour Magic", a Kodak film-strip was screened. This demonstrated unusual techniques in table-top photography.

R.A.B.

CHAMBER MUSIC CLUB

The inauguration of the Ingham Music School this term gave new and ideal surroundings for the Chamber Music Club's practising. There is now no reason why many more players should not spring from the orchestras into intimate groups like the present quintet [Geoffrey Edwards (clarinet), Tony Gibbs, Graham Webb (violins), Kit Denny (viola), Andrew Vernède ('cello)] which met regularly to practice, and finally play in public, the first movement of Mozart's Clarinet Quintet in A.

A.L.V.

ANGLING CLUB

Secretary: J. Wilson

The main event this term was a very successful competition against St. Birinus School. C. Alford weighed in two Pike totalling 4 lb. 9 ozs., P. Butcher and E. Caton weighing in Pike of 3½ lb. and 3 lb. respectively and G. Broughton increased the total weight to 11½ lb. with some Bleak. St. Birinus weighed 17½ lbs. Two other competitions were held.

There have been several good fish entered for the Specimen Fish Competition; Barbel of 4 lb. 2½ oz., Bream of 3 lb. 14 oz. and Pike up to 14½ lbs. being weighed in. Some of the rare species have also been entered with a Thames Trout of almost 2 lb. as well as large Eels and a Dace.

We wish to thank the Chaplain for his valuable assistance as sponsor.

J.H.W.

THE ROSTRUM

The Turnor Society for a long time did valuable service in promoting discussion on current affairs topics in the School. Now the birth of this new Society seems able to do the same sort of job on a much larger scale. It has been formed in co-operation with St. Helen's and John Mason School and the one meeting which we had last term was a great success.

At this meeting Mr. Airev Neave, M.P., spoke with great authority on resistance groups in World War II and the part which these groups play in European politics today. This talk was followed up by searching questions which showed just how attentive the audience had been.

This meeting has given us all great hope for the future of the Society and we are looking forward to another meeting next term.

B.E.G.

TAPE RECORDING SOCIETY

The term began with the election of A. F. Martin to the post of Secretary, to replace M. F. Kirby, and the enlargement of the committee to represent the Society more fairly.

Recording of school functions this term have included such events as the opening of the new Ingham Music School, the house music competition and the School's rendering of the "Messiah". The last three weeks were spent modernising the studio and preparing it for use with the new tape recorder, which is expected early next term. A transistorised mixer is under construction, and should be in operation by next term.

R.C.S.

SOCIETY OF CHANGE-RINGERS

Secretary: C. I. Rowson

Although we were again unable to ring for the service at St. Helen's Church at the beginning of this term, because of work being done on the tower, we have continued to hold weekly practices at which several Plain Minor methods were learnt. Two quarter peals of Plain Bob Minor have been rung: one on handbells with Michael Hodge, and one at St. Nicolas', conducted by A. K. P. Poole, in addition to which some members of the Society have taken part in peals for the Oxford Guild.
C.I.R.

FIFTH FORM SOCIETY

Secretary: M. G. Baker

This term the society had four meetings and an outing:

January 27th: Hat Debate: Chairman W. Chislett; Panel: I. Blair, D. G. Nasmyth, J. M. Bowles, M. G. Baker, A. O. Akinbiyi and J. G. Dowling.

February 10th: Mr. R. Bianchi on the making of the films "Those Magnificent Men in their Flying Machines" and "The Blue Max".

February 24th: Mr. W. A. Chislett on "From Paraffin to Plastics" — the story of the record player.

March 1st: Thirty-nine members went to the Birmingham Small Arms factory where we were admirably hosted and shown around the assembling, manufacturing and apprenticeship divisions.

March 10th: Superintendent K. Brown on "The Work, History and Future of the Police Force".

Next term's meetings will comprise of two debates and three visiting speakers.

M.G.B.

GARDENING CLUB

Secretary: R. H. Roper

Contrary to popular opinion this society does exist, and has been intensely active this term, particularly during the recent fine weather. The start of the second year of the society's existence has been marked by the planting of many potatoes, which we hope will be even more profitable than last year's crop. Spring greens were a great success this term until discovered by pigeons. Broad beans too are looking very healthy.

R.H.R.

MOTOR MECHANICS CLUB

Secretary: N. A. R. Wood Treasurer: C. A. Alford

The Society has become active only recently, and there have been two general meetings and two film meetings this term.

At the former, plans were discussed for forthcoming activities, and it was decided that no practical work could be attempted until special evening-classes have been attended. As these classes do not begin until September, it is hoped that some more films can be obtained, and excursions to motor-racing meetings arranged for the Summer term.

N.A.R.W.

RAILWAY CLUB

Three meetings were held this term, the first on Friday, January 20th, the second on Friday February 24th, and the third on Friday, March 10th.

The first meeting was a discussion on future trips; various places were decided.

At the second meeting, P. D. Holmes (Sec.) gave a talk on the Helston Railway 1887-1964.

The third and final meeting was where Mr. J. E. Hesketh gave an interesting talk on two famous railway accidents, namely Quintershill and Harrow.

P.D.H.

AERONAUTICAL SOCIETY

Senior Section

Secretary: A. J. Ireland

As this society was only re-formed this last term, there is little to report except the election of the committee. However we have managed to arrange a visit to the British Aircraft Corporation factory at Weybridge for the beginning of next term and hope for several lectures and possibly, a second outing.

A.J.I.

Junior Section

Secretary: R. Gyselynck

This term the Society entertained Mr. D. Bianchi, who gave a most informative talk on how his firm made several aircraft for the films 'Those Magnificent Men in their Flying Machines' and 'The Blue Max', and some of the problems involved in building them. His talk and two films had an audience of over 100, and was greatly enjoyed by all.

R.G.

JUNIOR DRAMATIC SOCIETY

Secretary: S. Whipple

We did not have a production this term although we considered the possibility. Instead we read various plays, namely, "Elegant Edward" by Jennings and Boulton, "Shivering Shocks" by Clemence Dane and a member's play called "Monsieur Morier". At the last three meetings of term we read "The Thwarting of Baron Bolligrew" by Robert Bolt which we decided to produce next Christmas on Monday, 11th December. With such an intriguing title it promises to be an interesting play.

M.S.W.

RECORDER CLUB

This term has been very successful. We have had five meetings in all, gradually building up our Library of Recorder Music. As well as our Musical Repertoire, the actual membership of the Society has increased so that we now have five descant players, five trebles and one bass. Next term we aim to give a lunchtime concert. We would like to thank Mrs. Tammadge for providing a full tea at every meeting and for the use of her drawing-room for our meetings.

N.J.B.

JUNIOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY

This term the Society stayed moderately inactive, but on February 22nd, a party went to the Ashmolean Museum. Mr. Case, who lectured to us last term kindly agreed to show us round and the venture proved to be successful. In the summer we hope to have at least one lecture and possibly a film. The Society is very grateful to Mr. Payne, who as sponsor, has given us much encouragement and guidance.

S.P.L.

JUNIOR KNOWLEDGE SOCIETY

Secretary: P. J. Hingley

Committee: B. Jones, T. Wright, M. Whipple.

Four society meetings were held this term. These were first, a quiz; second, a talk on birdwatching by Mr. Reynolds; third, a talk on railway modelling by a member of the Society, and fourth, a talk illustrated with slides about Lake Nyasa by Mr. B. Jones-Walters. These meetings proved very interesting but they could have been better attended.

P.J.H.

O.A. NOTES

BIRTHS

BAMPTON. On 1st February, 1967, to Angela (née Worth), wife of Richard W. J. Bampton (1961), a daughter, Sarah Judith.

GRESSWELL. On 16th July, 1966, to Janet, wife of Antony P. Gresswell (1959), a son, Mark Andrew.

PRIDHAM. On 22nd December, 1966, to Valerie, wife of John F. Pridham (1955), a daughter, Caroline Mary.

WHEATON. On 19th February, 1967, to Joy, wife of Rev. David H. Wheaton (1948), a daughter, Joanna, sister to Mary and Mark.

WRIGHT. On 12th February, 1967, to Judith, wife of Christopher R. Wright (1960) a second child, Patrick Robert.

MARRIAGES

GARDNER-CHASNEY. On 30th March, 1967, at St. Helen's Church, Abingdon, Alan David Gardner (1962) to Janet Chasney.

BEADLE-BRITTAIN. On 30th March, 1967, at St. Michael's Church, Abingdon, Lewis M. Beadle (1959) to Paula Margaret Brittain.

BURDGE-PIERCE. On 29th March, 1967, at Osborne Park Methodist Church, Belfast, Northern Ireland, Michael C. Burdge (1954) to Tanya Pierce.

HAMILTON-ARIES. On 18th March, 1967, at Ducklington Parish Church, W. Clark Hamilton (1960) to Linda Daisy Aries.

MIDWINTER—GRANT. On 20th August, 1966, at St. Mary and St. Edmund Church, Abingdon H. Errol Midwinter, A.C.A. (1954) to Susan Rosemary Grant.

WOODHAM—PEETT. On 10th February, 1967, at Paddington Registrar's Office, Colin M. Woodham (1961) to Jean Peett.

DEATHS

HOOKE. In February, 1967, William Norman Hooke (1913), in Kingston Hospital, Canada.

Born in 1896, W. N. Hooke served with the Berkshire Yeomanry in the 1914-18 war but spent most of his life in Canada. His brothers, Harry Hooke (1914) of Toronto and John Hooke (1924) of Abingdon, Vice-Chairman of the Governors, were at his funeral at Cardinal in Canada.

JOHNSTON. On 9th November, 1966, David Munty Johnston (1903-1907), known in later years at Father David, at Mount Melleray Abbey, Co. Waterford, Eire.

Of Presbyterian birth, David Johnston was born in 1887. He was a School Prefect (1905-07) and a member of the Abingdonian Committee. He entered the Roman Catholic Church and after becoming an expert in the Irish language went in 1936 to Mount Melleray, a Cistercian Abbey, where he died as the result of a fall. His younger brother, Thomas Johnston (1905-8) died a few years ago after an eventful career with the British India Line and as Port Officer at Cochin, China, in the thirties.

Apologies for the following omissions from the last issue:

Philip Gilbert (1966) is at Aberdeen University.

John Mellor (1965) is at Ealing Technical College reading for a B.A. in Business Studies, on a sandwich course sponsored by his employers, Shell Mex and BP.

Roger Spencer (1965) is also at Ealing Technical College reading law.

Tony Wedgewood (1964) is at the London Polytechnic studying Photography and film production;
and for the following errors:

Geoff. Keeys (1963) has left Manchester University and is working for an oil company in London.

Adrian Redgrave (1964) is no longer at Exeter: he has embarked upon a legal career.

David Hayward (1964) deserves to have his name correctly spelt.

Simon King (1966) is assistant librarian in the Oxford City Library.

Stephen Sewry (1966) is with the National Provincial Bank at Maidenhead.

W/O II Brian Jakeman (1945) is maintaining his reputation as a referee in some high level Army Soccer matches.

Major Tony Clay (1948) has been commanding a howitzer battery for the past year, most of which has been spent in a series of exercises. He expects to move to Germany later in the year.

Congratulations to Alan Garner (1948) on his appointment to the headship of a Secondary Modern School in Plymouth, where he moves next September.

Major Derek Aldworth (1949) is at the moment in Aden in the R.A.P.C.

Robin Peedell (1953) is now in charge of the Library at Brasenose College, Oxford.

Errol Midwinter (1954) is Company Secretary and chief accountant to the Longworth Scientific Instrument Company of Abingdon.

John Packer (1955) is married and working for the Milk Marketing Board.

S/Ldr. John Howard (1956) is back in England after two years in the Far East as an Air Force dentist. He has two children.

Dr. Michael Rallings (1956) has just emigrated to Australia and we hope to hear from him soon.

Cyril Woodruff (1956) has left the W.E.A. in Leicester and is now with the East Midland Gas Board.

Lt. Christopher Cobley, R.N. (1957) is serving in H.M.S. Leopard and hopes to visit the School this summer.

Peter Horrey (1958) is to be congratulated on his work as Film Editor of the recent Blandings Castle series on BBC1.

Tony Gresswell (1959) is accountant to Grahams' Medical Products Ltd., part of the Sanitas Group at Faringdon.

Roger Havelock (1961) is working as a manufacturing engineer for AEI in Manchester. He finds the work congenial but a 7.45 a.m. start wearing!

We wish good luck and every happiness to Stuart Long (1961), who is getting married in Scotland on May 24th and emigrating in July to New Zealand.

Robin Meakins (1962) is taking his finals in June and then hopes to take his wife, Robin Moorshead and Paul Cable on a tour of Europe.

Bill Overton (1962) represented Cambridge in the British Universities' Canoe Slalom Championships this March.

Robin Ogg (1962) having graduated at Cambridge is completing his articles in a solicitor's office at Leamington.

David Weir (1962) has made his contribution to V.S.O. with eighteen months' teaching in Hyderabad. He is at the moment teaching

English at the Latin School, Buckingham. In September he begins a year's teacher's training in Liverpool.

Roger Burrige (1963) takes his finals this summer and then intends to spend a couple of years in industry — or with the B.B.C. if they will have him — before reading for the bar.

Christopher Bailey (1963) is busy interviewing various engineering firms with a view to joining one of them in September.

David Jessett (1964) has been accepted for training at an Army Officer Cadet School.

Ian Lamberton (1964) is due to finish his course in Hotel Management at the Oxford College of Technology this summer and hopes to join one of the big Hotel groups.

Peter Liversidge (1964) has accepted an appointment with Howard Humphreys, consulting Engineers, starting in September.

Midshipman Michael Livingston (1964) was among the officers of H.M.S. Tiger to be entertained by the Prime Minister at 10 Downing Street. He is now beginning a submariner's training course at Gosport and finds that W. M. Jamieson (1962) is one of his fellow trainees.

Cadet David Clubley (1966) is to be congratulated on getting into the Sandhurst 1st VIII and rowing in the Reading Head.

Bob Risher (1965) is busy in the U.S.A. applying to five universities, with Virginia as his first choice. There appears to be no U.C.C.A. there to 'simplify' entrance procedure.

Michael Adam (1966) is gaining experience — and earning some cash — in a variety of jobs before going up to Edinburgh next October.

Cadet Martin Holloway (1966) is enjoying being at Dartmouth: he hopes to spend most of next term at sea and to include visits to U.S.A., Canada and the West Indies.

Julian Kenney (1965) is working in the Vancouver Office of a large mining and smelting company.

Michael Spencer (1966) is to be congratulated on getting into the Britannia Royal Naval College 1st VIII which rowed in the Reading Head.

Nigel Sprent (1966) has entered the wine trade.

NEW MEMBERS

Adam, M. J., 1959-66, 95 Papist Way, Cholsey, Wallingford.

Brice, N. D., 1958-66, King's Elms, Kingscourt Court, Maidenhead.

Clargo, P. J., 1959-66, 32 Rookery Close, Shippon, Abingdon.

Downes, C. S., 1959-66, 13 Mostyn Road, Bushey, Herts.

Leaver, A. L., 1965-66, Lypiatt House, Chelworth Road, Cricklade, Wilts.

Sprent, N., 1960-66, Blenheim Cottage, Old Boars Hill, Oxford.
 Sykes, I. S., 1961-66, Flat 25, Cranfield House, 97/107 Southampton Row, London W.C.1.
 Tanner, D. W., 1961-66, 23 Tudor Close, Wokingham.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

Austwick, D. B., 33 Portway, Didcot.
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 Brimble, J., 9 Cambria Close, Majors Green, Shirley, Solihull, Warwicks.
 Darroch, D. G., c/o Flat 32, Langham Mansions, Earls Court Square, S.W.5.
 Darroch, N. A. C., Farm View, Filgrave, Newport Pagnell, Bucks.
 Duly, K. R., 20 Willow Road, Yeovil, Somerset.
 Gresswell, A. P., 7 Folly View Crescent, Faringdon.
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 Hall, N. D. O., Ben Gower, Ickford, nr. Thame, Oxon.
 Howard, S/Ldr. J. A., O.M.Q. (Air Ministry Staff), R.A.F. Henlow, Beds.
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 Kenney, J., 870, Farmleigh Road, West Vancouver, B.C., Canada.
 Midwinter, H. E., 3 Orchard Way, Marcham, Berks.
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We are always eager to publish news from and about O.A.s Any information, particularly changes of address, should be sent to A. A. Hillary. Questions relating to *The Abingdonian* and subscriptions hereto should be sent to D. O. Willis. George Duxbury is still in command of the O.A. Trust Fund. Please address letters to any of these three to Abingdon School, Berkshire.

O.A. CLUB NOTES

The 23rd London Dinner was held on Friday, 10th March, at the City Livery Club. Old Boys from between 1900 and the present day were represented, and an encouraging number of recent school-leavers were among the 75 members present. The success of the evening was due in great measure to the efforts of Stanley Paige.

Past President, S. A. Fabes was in the Chair, supported by the Chairman of the Governors, Mr. C. G. Stow, and the Headmaster. He

regretted the absence of the President, Pat Mosdell, who had taken up an overseas appointment, and in proposing the health of the School, he expressed his admiration for the Headmaster, and his pride in the School. In his reply, the Headmaster gave a heartening picture of the School, and expressed his confidence in the future, although certain adjustments would be inescapable. It was of prime importance that intellectual standards should not suffer, and the Headmaster appealed for moral support from O.A.'s.

Nigel Hammond, the first O.A. to be appointed to the Staff, completed the formal part of the evening by proposing the health of the Club.

The Committee has decided with great regret to suspend the Athletics fixture in future years, due to the difficulties in raising a team.

During the early part of October, it is hoped to organise an informal gathering of O.A.'s in a London Pub. Further details will be issued as soon as possible.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS, 1967

Please make a note of the following dates:

Old Boys' Day, 1st XI Cricket Match, A.G.M. and Annual Dinner:
Friday, 21st July.

Founder's Day, Cricket and Tennis Matches: Saturday, 22nd July.

Alligators' Cricket Week: Monday, 24th to Friday, 28th July.

Rugger Match and Dance: Saturday, 25th November.

The Secretaries' addresses are:

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

Games Secretaries:

Cricket and Hockey: P. J. Millard, 52 Baronsmead Road, High Wycombe, Bucks. (High Wycombe 21993).

Rugger and Tennis: J. T. Cullen, Frilford End, Frilford, Abingdon. (Frilford Heath 205).

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

MEMOIRS OF A BURSAR

(We are very grateful to Commander Hoyle for this evocative article. His many friends will like to know that his address is now Swandown, Axford, Marlborough, Wilts).

On 3rd September, 1947, the Governors met to appoint the School's first Bursar. Like many others my first enquiries for 'Abingdon School' were met with blank stares but my third attempt brought the suggestion that I 'try Roysses'. Outside the gate I found Mr. Wiblin, who told me I had come to the right place and who was to be my staunch assistant for 15 years.

What was the state of the school then? There were 250 boys, including a dozen who were under Grammar School age. The new

Headmaster, JMC, who had taken over at Easter had invited the Governors to agree to two major administrative changes: one was to increase the fees and the other was to appoint a Bursar. Mr. Grundy who had served the School so well and for so long probably expected 'things to return to normal' as they had after the first World War and had felt it his duty to retain the level of fees at £10 a term for Tuition and £24 6s. 8d. for Boarding: this meant that by 1947 we were losing money and could not begin to tackle the war-time arrears of maintenance, much less expansion. My first job was to apply to the Ministry for an increase.

I was to begin my job in December but in October the Headmaster was straining at the leash and asked me to come early; he and Mrs. Cobban kindly put me up for the rest of the term while I was looking for a house for my wife and infant daughter. Living inside the power house I could see how the dynamo worked. The Headmaster's Study was in what had been Mr. Grundy's bathroom, divided by a thin partition (not 'beating' proof) from the room where Miss Gibbons and I worked — now Mr. Tammadge's study. There I found out the hours that J.M.C. worked. I had never been able to produce any useful ideas in the early hours and soon began to retire to bed long before my host.

The front of the School looked as it does today as far as the Chapel. As you came up the drive a seven foot stone wall on the right, which continued up to Roysse's Lane, shut off the grounds of the guest house beyond. The drive, a six foot gravel way, was flanked on the left by half a dozen venerable elms; a larger elm stood beside the corrugated iron pavilion and three more stood to the south of Big School. The drive turned at the yews where a path continued serving the Day Boys bicycle sheds built against the stone wall. The remainder of the space between here and the Chapel was a kitchen garden, surrounded by a tall privet hedge, into which protruded the Tuck Shop (later moved behind the Chapel). From the gravel, which was then truly dusty gravel, a 3 foot path ran along the Headmaster's garden to Park Crescent.

Another early problem was the War Memorial Field. When we came we understood that it had been agreed that we should have the present field but we found that some of the County Representatives were not at all happy that they should have the 'back land'; it took many meetings before it was finally settled. Then the run-down agricultural land had to be levelled, cultivated, fertilised and seeded.

A second first form was introduced in 1946 and as this worked its way up the school an additional form room was needed each year. Science was taught in two very old-fashioned laboratories on the top floor and a tiered lecture room on the ground floor: if we were able to build a Science Block these rooms could be used as form rooms. I had been brought up with the old fashioned idea that you did not spend money until you had it. Even the Headmaster had not yet got into the principle of building a school on the Never-Never but he instigated grants from both a County and a Nationalised Undertaking so that in 1949 the first of our postwar buildings, the Science Block, began to rise in the old cabbage patch.

Major needs for money continued to appear and in 1950 there were two big opportunities. The owner of No. 21 Park Crescent died. Because of the house's run down condition, it was occupied by war time evacuees and because we were given 'favoured nation' treatment the price was not too high, so we managed to carry the load: we could not get possession for another three years. That started expansion to the west but at the same time we were negotiating on our eastern boundary. Lacies Court and part of its present garden had been brought in 1895 by Dr. Summers and Mr. Young and presented to the School,

it was then let for £40 a year to finance the Young and Summers Scholarships. The lessee bought the land to the south and removed the house which stood on the site of the 'Nun's Garden' to the Faringdon Road (Larkhill), the two old cottages were reconstructed, before and after a fire. Sir Percy Radcliffe, who had recreated this comfortable home, died during the war. Lady Radcliffe, who had let it as a guest house during the war, now wished to dispose of it. The house and part of the garden would anyhow revert to the School on Lady Radcliffe's death but we wished to buy out her life interest as well as the freehold of the rest of the garden. This was a financial burden we could not shoulder so the Old Boys, ably lead by Mr. S. Cullen and the Headmaster, negotiated for and finally bought it. Mr. Rudd bought the garage and chauffeur's house, Heylyns, thus reducing the amount to be raised by loan, loans which the School later repaid.

With a School growing and developing as fast as we were and without the backing of a large endowment we were always having to take one step at a time. Hindsight now shows that when the suspect old elms were felled we would have done better to have planted the chestnuts in 1949 a little further from the drive which was widened and tarred in 1955. We doubled the size and quadrupled the number of showers for Day Boys changing in 1952, with the help of a second-hand Nissen Hut, but by last year this again was not only dilapidated but quite inadequate and it was replaced by the present spacious building.

Big School was the only teaching room in 1870 and up to the nineteen fifties could hold the whole School for Assemblies. We had always been conscious of the need for a School Hall though the cost and the greater need for other buildings had always postponed it. The eastern wall of the Science Block had been left blank to allow the Hall to project from there towards the drive. The siting of the Teaching Block was a major problem; we did not want it too far from the rest of the School but we wanted to leave space for the Hall near the centre. After many plans had been considered it was decided to build the Block in its present position, with the colonnade designed to form the approach to the future Hall, now planned to extend to the east into the garden of Lacies Court. That is why the Teaching Block has a blank north wall. I had hoped to help plan the Assembly Hall, now I can only hope that my successor will see it rise — in Lacies Court garden?

The Teaching Block was started in 1955 and from then onwards we had a succession of building projects; there was never a moment when at least one was not in hand and others being planned. Although the School expenditure reached £160,000 a year we could not have done nearly as much without the generous help of the Quatercentenary Appeal; while the Boat Club, true to tradition, 'went it alone'.

This is all about buildings and money but that is how my time has been spent: a Bursar's job is the three F's — Finance, Fabric and Food. If I dilated on the many improvements in the feeding no present day boy would believe it — they never have, ever since the days when I was at school. If I gave credit to all those who had helped to build the School up over the last nineteen years this memory would extend over many more pages: the whole account would not make sense however if I have failed to make clear that this progress would not have been achieved without the driving force of JMC.

Boys are the most important part of a school but they only make their appearance in the last paragraph. In my first term I told Mr. Willis that I had trained Rugger teams in the Navy and would like to give a hand here as soon as my initial rush of work died down — it never did.

Good luck to the School and to all of you.

R.I.H.

SUMMARY OF GAMES FIXTURES

CRICKET 1st XI

May

Wed. 6	v.	Newbury Grammar School (h).
Wed. 17	v.	Royal Masonic School, Bushey (a). 11.30 a.m.
Sat. 20	v.	Brentwood School (a). 11.30 a.m.
Wed. 24	v.	Berkshire Gentlemen (h). 11.30 a.m.
Sat. 27	v.	Abingdon C.C. (h).
Wed. 31	v.	Pembroke College (a).

June

Sat. 3	v.	Oratory School (a).
Sat. 10	v.	Pangbourne Nautical College (h).
Wed. 14	v.	Magdalen College School (h).
Sat. 24	v.	Incogniti C.C. (h). 11.30 a.m.
Wed. 28	v.	Common Room (h).

July

Sat. 1	v.	M.C.C. (h). 11.30 a.m.
Sat. 8	v.	R.G.S., High Wycombe (h).
Sat. 15	v.	Bloxham School (h).
Tues. 18	v.	King Edward VI School, Southampton (h). 11.30 a.m.
Fri. 21	v.	Old Abingdonians (h). 11.30 p.m.
Sat. 22	v.	Old Abingdonians (h). 1.30 p.m.

ROWING

May

Sat. 13	Thames Ditton Regatta.
Sat. 20	Wallingford Regatta.
Sat. 27	Reading Junior Regatta.
Mon. 29	Windsor and Eton Regatta; Hereford Regatta.

June

Sat. 10	Reading Regatta.
Sat. 17	Marlow Regatta.
Wed. 21	National Schools Regatta (Pangbourne).
Sat. 24	Pangbourne and Whitchurch Regatta.
Wed. 28	Henley Royal Regatta (first day).

July

Sat. 1	Henley Royal Regatta (finals).
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ATHLETICS

May

Thur. 11	v.	Culham College (h) — evening.
Tues. 16	v.	Westminster College (a) — evening.
Sat. 20		North Berks Schools' Championships (Didcot).
Wed. 24	v.	Newbury Grammar School (h).
Wed. 31	v.	K.A.S., Wantage (h).

June

- Fri. 2 v. Wallingford Grammar School (a) — evening.
 Sat. 17 Berks Schools' Championships (Blacknall).
 Wed. 21 Paarlauf Meeting (Stamford).

TENNIS 1st VI

May

- Wed. 3 v. Common Room (h).
 Sat. 13 v. Radley College (h).
 Sat. 20 v. Culham College (h).
 Wed. 24 v. Leighton Park School (a).
 Wed. 31 v. Magdalen College School (h).

June

- Sat. 3 v. Reading School (h).
 Wed. 7 v. Oratory School (a).
 Sat. 10 v. Pembroke College (a).
 Sat. 24 v. Berkhamsted School (a).

July

- Sat. 1 v. Pangbourne Nautical College (a).
 Sat. 8 v. R.G.S., High Wycombe (h).
 Wed. 12 v. Bohemians (h) — evening.
 Sat. 15 v. Bloxham School (h).
 Mon. 17 v. Abingdon L.T.C. (a) — evening.
 Sat. 22 v. Old Abingdonians (h).

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STOP PRESS! — *The following account of the School Expedition to Glencoe arrived too late to be included with the other "Holiday Activities". Printed here it completes the activities of the Easter vacation.*

Ed.

GLENCOE

A party of eleven Senior Scouts led by Mr. Baker and Mr. Varley spent nearly a fortnight under canvas at the foot of Glencoe near the site of the treacherous massacre of the Macdonalds by the Campbells.

The weather was unbelievably good with practically no rain, little wind and a fair amount of sunshine. Only on one occasion did the clouds remain down for the whole day. The precaution of taking crampons proved unnecessary but there was plenty of opportunity for using ice-axes.

The Bidean massif provided many interesting and varied climbs and on at least two occasions the panorama from the summit couldn't have been bettered — snow capped peaks stretching away as far as the eye could see. Good conditions made the Anoch Eagach ridge less formidable than we had been led to expect and neither of the two parties which tackled it had to rope up. Other summits visited included Buachaill Etive Mor whose snow covered crags have been used for training by Himalayan expeditions, the impressive horseshoe of Sgon Dhearg and Ben Nevis — highest and therefore snowiest of them all but rather an uninteresting grind for most of the way when tackled by the path from Fort William.

The 25ft. boulder at the entrance to the Lost Valley proved a popular place for rock climbing providing as it does a great variety of short climbs suitable for novices as well as pitches which taxed the best of us. All of these can be safely top-roped. Many also did some climbing in the Clachaig Gulley fairly near our camp site.

Those with skiing experience enjoyed several days at White Corries at the top of the Glen where the chairlift and tow were still in operation.

On one day some of us motored down to Appin to see Castle Stalker, stronghold of the Stewarts, tall and square on its rocky islet. Afterwards we took the ferry to the island of Lismore and visited the remains of ancient Tirefour Castle — but we have our doubts about the claims of a local inhabitant that it dates from "before B.C."!

We are extremely grateful to the Bishop of Durham and all the Ramsey family for allowing us to break our journeys at Bishop Auckland and giving us such splendid hospitality and guided tours of the Castle and grounds as well. We are also indebted to Mr. Butt who helped with transport back to Abingdon.

R.H.B.

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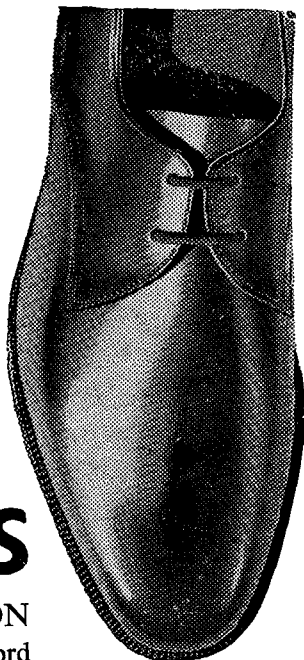
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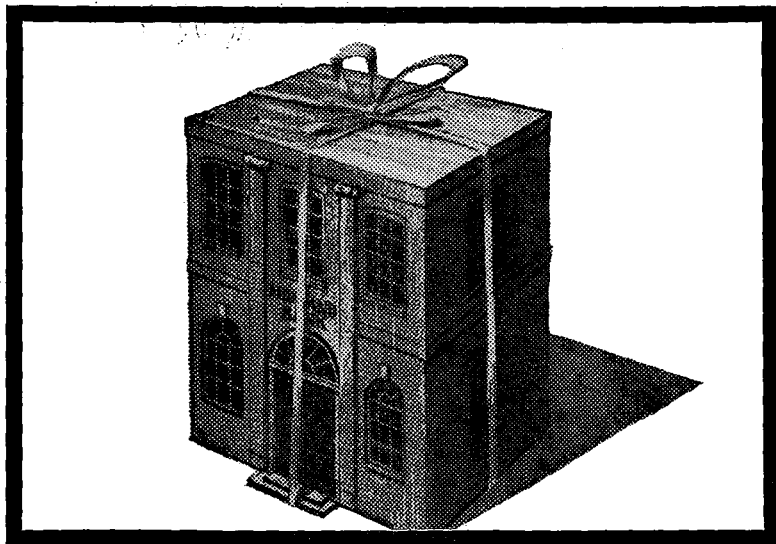
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