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Editorial

The character and attitude of a school such as this tends to be a distinctive mark, a sort of style which becomes representative of a school and makes it unique. Abingdon is no exception, and the intangible nature of its character is one of the elements which impresses any visitor. This extension of the school is something which external circumstances do not change, not even a new government or the political reshaping of the whole national world.

The character of the school, like every thing else, is subject to the changes brought about by social evolution. The school should not change fast as society, but nor should it lag too far behind; and since the rate of change has so rapidly increased over the past ten years, without some changes in the school and its attitudes we might easily have become out-of-date. James Cobban however, for all his classical learning, was not the type of man to preside over an antiquated institution.

Because the outward structure of school life is based on tradition it is usually the internal atmosphere which is more quickly affected by new developments. In recent years perhaps the most significant of these is that there is essentially more 'freedom of speech' to the extent that a boy's views are noticeably more essential to the running, design and decisions of the school, which then becomes a tighter unit with broader horizons.

After twenty-three years under one man a great deal of his worth rubs off onto the school. And how will James Cobban want to be remembered? Not by his immense popularity. Nor by any exam results. I think not even in the way in which the reputation of the school has risen since his advent; the fact that he has given something to the character of the school that its general attitude has been a reflection of its headmaster.

When a Headmaster leaves and a new one takes over he too adds to the school, for it is by using the particular gifts of its headmasters (as well as those of the staff and its pupils) that a school betters itself. However progress does not come instantaneously in a community such as this, and I am sure that for some time to come there will be aspects of the school that are distinctly 'Cobbanesque'. The 'Voice of the Ancient Bard' may have faded, but we shall long feel its vibrations.

Obituaries

The death of Mr. Gerald Smithson came as a great shock to all of us, and we print here an obituary written on request by Mr Hillary.

Gerald Smithson was an inspiration to us all in every aspect of the game he loved and served so well. It is not easy for a man who has played for Yorkshire and England to adjust himself to Common Room cricket, yet Gerald did this with such grace and good humour that any trace of embarrassment was removed. Incomparable as a player—we are unlikely to see again on our school ground those effortless off drives or that merciless treatment of the long hop which only the great left-handers can produce—he was at least as great in his second major rôle of coach. All those who have benefited from his shrewd appraisal of their play, delivered with a Yorkshireman's gift of pithy, kindly wit, will testify to this. There is no doubt that the high standard of cricket played here over the last ten or a dozen years is almost entirely due to his dedication and insistence on doing things the right way. He derived much pleasure from the progress of his disciples and from the fact that so many of them went on playing the game with evident enjoyment after leaving school. He would chide them as affectionately—but pointedly—when they came back as mature cricketers as he had in the ten years before. That insistence on 'playing properly' was as much a part of him as his desire to see all who showed promise and enthusiasm given every encouragement. Gerald could walk onto any school field and see at once a good shot or a likely action, however distant, and he would not rest until he had tracked down the player. He was himself a canny tactician and a master of field placing. Many a practice game has been held up while short leg was moved up or back or round a yard; and he was usually proved right, too. A perfectionist in all things to which he set his hand—his standards in keeping up the remotest corners of the ground were as high as those he set with his immaculate wickets on War Memorial Field—he could not bear to see anything slovenly or carelessly executed. Yet overriding all things we shall remember the warmth of his personality and his friendly interest in any kind of athletic activity. Many of us will feel a deep sense of personal loss in the years which might have been of reminiscence, anecdote and sage counsel to budding Huttons and Trumans. But stronger still will be a sense of gratitude and happy memories. Those who have stood at the other end while the great man despatched the ball effortlessly in all directions and who have waited for the laconic 'right', which meant there was a run, will treasure the experience. From the depth of sorrow there must rise in many minds a sense of pride at having been allowed to sit at his feet and to imbibe some part of his cricketing wisdom and philosophy.

It is our very unpleasant duty to record also the death of Mrs Cons Brogden, the wife of a former Governor of the School, Mr Stanley Brogden. The School extends its sincere sympathy to Mr Brogden, son Norman's daughter Anne at a time of such sorrow and hardship.

Past Term

retirement of a Headmaster of such stature, character, influence and innumerable energy as Mr JM Cobban will always be a sad and sentimental affair, but the depth of that feeling and the emotional temperature of the last assembly of term was a sure and moving indication of his devotion and unflagging service to a school which knows only too well the magnitude of its loss. Full tribute will be paid to Mr Cobban's career later in the magazine; here *Abingdonian* can but wish him the happy and peaceful retirement he deserves so much. We also take the opportunity of according a formal welcome to Mr K Anderson whom we know will continue the tradition of great Abingdon School Headmasters.

Headmaster's Notes—Valete

Am still standing far too near to the events of the last week of term to look back on them properly but I do know that no headmaster could ever have a more wonderful send off. It has left me feeling very grateful, very nostalgic. I shall never be able to thank adequately all of those who have contributed to one or other of the generous presentations that were made (I suspect some, bless them, were caught for more than one!). But I shall still have many reminders of Abingdon in our retirement, among them a flood of letters which will mean an enormous amount to us.

And memories come crowding in too. That dinner at St Catherine's, when more than seventy-five members of Common Room, past and present, sat down with their ladies, gathered from two kingdoms and two continents to do undeserved honour to my sister and myself: that other dinner in the marquee on the eve of Founder's Day with two hundred boys eagerly timing my speech for the last time: the memorable service at Helen's: the lunch, where our own Member so nobly stood in at the notice for Sir George: the radiant afternoon of Founder's Day when we were able to have a word with so many parents and friends: the evening Entertainment—all very 'trad' and pleasant and relaxed (and the Mayor so imaginatively waived his right of precedence and asked Mr Cobban family to go out before him, can he have thought that a row of half a mile would rise to its collective feet?): two sermons on the Sunday morning of the happiest of Prefects' Parties: the Boarders' Supper—united in the marquee—with the housemasters generously inviting me to the table: the final assembly, held, because of the return of the rain, in the school hall, with Neil Coulbeck for the second time rising so marvellously on the occasion and saying all the right things, with enough sly humour to bring a tear of emotion (just!) at bay. I never expected that after saying good-bye to Abingdon School, I should have to walk away across the Waste Court Field, arm in arm with my sister under one umbrella. But there was something so poignantly symbolical about it. I dared not look round but I was uncannily aware of those that not a boy, not a master, moved until we were out into the rain on the Lane.

And then the epilogue—a hard slog in the rain with the Prefects to the school well. And the anti-climax of the middle-aged cyclist lying full length on the road. Reassurance came from the owner of the nearest bungalow, 'that's Charlie! He often has a fit when he is cycling along this road!'

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Now, with removal and sale behind us, we are settling in to our new life in Steventon. It's a nice equation. I hope I shall be far enough from Abingdon to avoid embarrassing my successor, near enough for me to poke an occasional finger into the (non-school) pies in which I am interested. I formally hand over at noon on August 28th. Two days before term starts I gad off on a jaunt right round the North Cape of Norfolk. For obvious reasons I shall not be attending any school functions, at least for the foreseeable future. But from October onwards my sister and I look forward to welcoming many Old Boys and friends at the Old Vicarage. Indeed as we (or rather, the house) are covenanted to the National Trust I don't think we could refuse you admission. ('That floor made of original bricks!' said the local builder contemptuously. 'Those bricks are original. They're only three hundred years old').

Obviously this is a very big break for me, after forty years as slave-driver (or bugle). Honestly, I don't know what volume II of my life-history holds in store. It depends whether I find that I have any batteries left to discharge. But I hand over to Eric Anderson and his wife, glad in knowledge that they are people with enough heart and head and back to guide the School to even greater heights.

I end as I began with thanks—to all of those who have helped me during the last twenty-four years. It hasn't always been easy. But you have all given me such loyal support, such real friendship, that it has made my job worth-while.

I suppose that is what life is about, really.

JAMES COBURN

Au Revoir

The School suffers considerable loss in the departure of two members of staff who in two stays at the School have never failed to make a very favourable impression.

Mr PG Davies leaves to attend a course of Advanced Education at Oxford and Mr MR Morelle to take up a position as Head of Science at Highgate School.

Salutations and Congratulations

We have the pleasant task of congratulating proud parents: Mr and Mrs Reynolds on the birth of a daughter, Hilary Margaret, on May 30; Mr and Mrs Le Fleming on the birth of a daughter, Amanda Claire, on August 14; and Mr Sawbridge, a former Director of Music, and his wife on the birth of a daughter, Caroline Elizabeth, on May 14.

Our warmest wishes also to Patricia Talbot on the occasion of her marriage to Mr Kenneth Wright on May 2.

The School joined in greeting Mr and Mrs HG Mullard on their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Mr Mullard has shown himself a real friend of the School, as a past Governor, as the current Master of Christ Church Hospital and just by being Mr Mullard.

Three further changes in the Governing Body call for record. Mr Kitto—an Old Boy of the School—has been appointed by the Oxford County Council to succeed Mr CS Peers as their representative. The Chairman of the Abingdon Rural District Council, Councillor WT Pargeter, takes, by virtue of his office, the place of Mr EJS Parsons. And the Corporation of Abingdon has appointed Alderman RA Rogers to succeed Mr GW Phillips, whom recent legislation has disenfranchised.

In welcoming Mr Kitto and Mr Palmer, in saying how glad we are

3 Alderman Rogers back with us, we must not forget to express our
7 deep debt of gratitude to the three Governors to whom we are saying
dbye each of whom has served the School well.
his term we welcome two new members of staff.

1r RCB Coleman, who was educated at Gresham's School, Holt, and
ame an Abbot's Scholar of Keble College, Oxford. He read chemistry
since taking a DipEd has been Assistant Master at Watford School.

1r DA Harmsworth was educated at Christ's Hospital and University
lege, Oxford, where he read classics. After taking a DipEd he has
n Assistant Master at the Royal Masonic School. He will go to School
ise as Second Tutor.

1oving to national affairs, we congratulate Mr Airey Neave on his
eation by such a decisive majority as the MP for the division and there-
3 (though this may not have been in the minds of all the electors) also
1 Governor of this School.

Ve should like to think that some part of his vote of confidence was due
Mr Neave's selfless advocacy of such causes as the release of Rudolf
ss, when it was justice at stake rather than the capture of votes.

imilar congratulations to Sir George Sinclair (OA) and to Mr Angus
ude, parent past and present, who consolidated their hold respectively
the Dorking and Stratford Divisions.

1earer home, we congratulate Alderman JEJ Francis, Governor and
ent, on his election as Chairman of the Berkshire Education Committee.

This year Michael Varley had the honour of ringing the School bell 92
s instead of 63 to celebrate Mr Rudd's birthday. Congratulations and
d wishes to Mr Rudd as he makes increasing demands on our originality!
Our best wishes go to Mr Derrick Hurd, the first Headmaster of John
son High School, as he leaves to take up appointment as head of a
ge comprehensive school in Dorset. The friendly relations that exist
ween the two schools owes much to his generosity and vision.

1he Duxbury Tie, now becoming a well established school prize, and
especially good one since it rewards less flamboyant service to the
ool, was awarded to AME Brown and RO Plail. We congratulate these
3 very worthy winners.

3ongratulations to Sgt Leary who won the RAF Sword this year.

t is with great pleasure we report that JT Stafford (OA), studying at
us College, Cambridge, gained a first class honours in part IA of the
thematics Tripos and has been made an Open Scholar of his College.

3J Jordan completed a very successful Athletics season by being chosen
represent Berkshire in the All England Championships at Solihull, where
performed very creditably.

We congratulate too, MJ Hill, who was selected for the second year
ning to play for the Southern Counties cricket team in the holidays.
3 are very glad to see him around the School still in his capacity as
oundsman and that he has now signed on for Hampshire County Cricket
1b.

Perhaps the sports news most worthy of double mention is the
1ts VIII whose record indicates one big success story. The measure of
1r success was the invitation of the Headmaster's to the crew to take
erry with him at the end of the term!

The chess team under their captain Gareth Pearce (County Junior
ampion) achieved another success in winning the Bucks and Berks Shield.
DJ Longman deserves our congratulations on his row of 165 miles from
1ton Hampden to Richmond Lock in his boat LEM. He was sponsored

on the trip and collected £400 for the RNLI. He now challenges anyt to row the same distance, in the same type of boat in his time of 46 h 1 minute. I am sure the RNLI will be grateful.

Summer Miscellany

Once again we were very pleased to act as hosts to our friends (rivals) from King's School, Worcester, who came to this rural part of world in order to compete in the National Schools' Regatta at Pangbourne on June 12.

It was also our great pleasure to lend some of our countryside in form of a few square yards of Waste Court Field to eight French boys who camped there for several days.

We have recently received a cheque for £103, representing a fifth part of the proceeds of the Stephen Freeman Memorial Fund. This will be invested to provide for the award of a handsome prize each year which will commemorate the late Alderman Freeman's outstanding services to education in general and to the School in particular.

'Abingdon has at last come alive' said many people of the Festival which was staged in the town from Friday 15 to Sunday 31. The School probably took a very large part in the celebrations. Our first contribution in the Historical Pageant and Mime 70 AD - 2070 AD when members of the School depicted 'An Abingdon Family at Home in Roman Times', 'The refounding of Abingdon School: John Roysse 1563', and 'Abingdon School 1970'. The pop-group 'Heavy Duty' comprising members of the School also took part.

On Sunday May 17 the Graham Collier Jazz Sextet performed in Abbey Hall. This was a novelty for the Abingdon School Subscription Concert Society and although some of the more 'classical members' were frightened off it proved to be a most successful novelty.

The School took a leading part in the North Berkshire School's Concert held on May 18 and conducted by Mr Le Fleming. It included 'Agamemnon' by Philip Crocker, a work specially commissioned for the Festival. Mr Fairhead was a very successful narrator in 'Tom Sawyer's Saturday' written by John Dankworth.

Then on May 19 the Freedom of Abingdon was presented to the Duke of Edinburgh's Royal Regiment on Lower Field, allowing the Headmaster in his position as a Deputy Lieutenant of Berkshire to operate on his own ground.

May 29 saw the unveiling of a figure of St Nicolas attached to the Biology Block to mark the construction of the new buildings and the consequent delineation of St Nicolas' Court, and among the visitors was the Burgermeister of Saint Niklaas (thanks also to him for the bi-lingual rhyming possibilities not in fact exploited by the editor!).

School instrumentalists contributed music written by Mr Le Fleming. Euripide's 'Helen of Troy' performed by Abingdon Drama Club.

But on a more formal note three Lower Sixth Formers attended the ceremony for the installation of the Mayor, Councillor Joe Paxton, a parent, on Saturday May 30.

The Festival then died with a bang not a whimper—a Firework Display at the riverside which concluded a chapter of very fruitful School/visitor relations.

But more seriously . . . 1970 is also Christian Encounter Year. Abingdon and the School was fully represented by the Headmaster and fifteen boys (all volunteers) at the Ecumenical Service on Sunday 19 April

an Roman Catholics, Methodists, Congregationalists, Baptists and
glicans came to St Helen's to worship together.

ome of the thirteen crosses which appeared in the town over Easter
e made by Mr Coleman and several boys while Mr Fairhead took a
ding part in painting the colour symbols which were attached to them.
Ve were very sorry to hear about the experiences of David Dean and
ee friends on March 27. Attending a course of lectures at the Sorbonne
Paris, he was on that date beaten up by French Police after an
xplicable arrest. (This event unfortunately missed our last issue). Justice
ld not be done in Paris but the occurrence was subsequently reported
the **Guardian** on April 13. I fear David suffered from the residue of the
ench Revolution 1968' but yet again we can feel pleased to live in
gland.

This term saw two publications of interest to the School. '1870-1970', a
torial record of the School, edited by Mr Hammond and AT Winnington,
de its proud appearance and reached national significance by being
orted in the **Daily Telegraph**.

We offer special congratulations to William Chislett's (OA) first volume
poetry—'Where the Air is Free', published by Outposts Publications.
was sold on Founder's Day alongside the School Literary Magazine 'Etc'
ich included the first (and favourable) review of the poems.

On June 9 the Headmaster made his annual pilgrimage to Buckingham
lace for a Royal Garden Party, with the Chairman of the Governors and
two younger daughters. Meanwhile, on June 27 the Chaplain, with
vid Spong, Adrian Rayson, Christopher Williams, John Evans and Paul
ans, went on their pilgrimage to Glastonbury.

Ten Tors has become a traditional event in the School Calendar and
ginning on Friday May 15 and extending over the weekend, six teams
rformed very bravely with all but the Prefects' team finishing the course.
xpectedly, sunburn was the chief hazard.

Members of the School helped at the Cheshire Homes Fête on 27 June
d the Friends of Abingdon Fête on 3 July, where Tim Hughes suffered
e ignominy of being periodically drenched with water for a very good
use.

Founder's Day

ear by year it seems that the Oxford and Cambridge board encroaches
ore and more on our projects week (do they not know when Abingdon
hool holds its Founder's Day?) so that this year even as parents and
hool strode through the town to St Helen's Church for the morning
rvice a few despairing scholars were fighting through their last 'A' level.
is wrong to say that the difficulties of preparing exhibitions in the midst
exams are obvious to parents on Founder's Day, for many realise, as
ey must do if the exams continue to close in on us, that visitors must
dge the exhibitions on the standard dictated by the drawbacks, and under
ese conditions it should be appreciated that there will inevitably be a
eat deal of work put in by a few and there will be many who, through
o fault of their own, have been able to contribute only a little. So look out
ext year for an exhibition of exam taking!

Founder's Day 1970 was a rather special day for one man, and parents
ld Old Boys certainly rose to the occasion by turning out in large
umbers to say goodbye to James Cobban and his sister and to make the

day a success for them. Success it was, from a packed church in morning to a packed entertainment hall in the evening. A hot sun-drenched afternoon (which incidentally withers carnations very quickly) saw parents either inspecting the exhibitions or the more tired of crowd watching the various matches being played—perhaps for once pleased James Cobban, soon to be an OA himself, to see the OAs beat 1 School first cricket team!

The Founder's Day Lunch, which was completely booked out, was held on a rather more formal basis this year, and it was nice to sit back and eat traditional Founder's Day strawberries and cream and listen to the speeches delivered by various people, including Mr Airey Neave MP, who generously stood in for Sir George Sinclair, unable to attend due to the serious illness of Lady Sinclair.

The school exhibitions were lively and well above average this year. The most outstanding exhibitions included the excellent 'Century of Science' show by the physicists and the comprehensive Dolgoed exhibition in the new Biology Block, on the outside wall of which visitors were intrigued to see the new plaque of St Nicolas. Parents who could draw themselves away from the commanding portrait of James Cobban recently erected in the Entrance Hall saw an exhibition of new books in the Grundy Library and had a chance to inspect there the generous gifts of the OAs and others to James Cobban and his sister.

Deafening sounds of rock music attracted visitors to the Physical Welfare Exhibition in the Gym where, we were told, the music is used during training sessions. Many parents undoubtedly went away thinking that the school could now boast a fine body of deaf athletes!

By early evening Upper Field had ceased to resemble Brighton Beach and weary parents clutching copies of 'Etc' were slowly making their way to the evening entertainment. They should have been glad to know that they had contributed to an excellent Founder's Day which, we are sure, has become one more happy memory for James Cobban.

As far as the school was concerned, everything ran smoothly but . . . we still have five copies of 'Etc' to sell!

Prize Giving 1970

It was so that an old craftsman should be able to acknowledge the fruit of his own work that prizegiving was held early this year, and took place on Friday 22 May in the Abbey Hall. For James Cobban this occasion marked the beginning of a long series of farewells and it was probably for this reason that the function was so well attended and the ushers had difficulty in seating everyone.

The proceedings were opened by Mr Bredin, the Chairman, who then called upon the Headmaster to make his twenty-third and final report. The Headmaster spoke of the outstanding achievements of the school in both academic and sporting successes, increased experiments in education within the school, new developments in the school surroundings including the new Biology Block and the insulation of heating in the swimming pool, the success of Dolgoed and the school's large part played in Abingdon 'Festival '70'. He finished by touching on his twenty-three years as Headmaster and thanked all the parents, boys and staff, with special thanks to Mr Willis and Mr Gray who have made his years of office so enjoyable. A speech which was sincere but contained an element of sadness—ful however, with scores of the type of joke and quip which we shall all miss.

The chairman then thanked the Headmaster and reviewed his years of vice in a short but excellent speech. He then called upon Mr TEB Howarth to address the company and distribute the prizes.

Mr Howarth's excellent speech must have surprised those few who still pe to settle down, turn off and listen with one ear to 'The Prize Giving speech', and even those who were genuinely interested in what the speaker d to say. Mr Howarth's tribute to the Headmaster and what he has ne for the school, coupled with an encouraging view of the future was teresting, humorous and lively, although delivered with the quiet assurce of a man who is sincere in his praise of another and who is fully vare of what he is saying.

To hear the voice of an 'outsider' speak on the Headmaster was enjoy- le and Mr Howarth, in his own capacity as a Headmaster himself on the eadmaster's Conference, has been able to watch the Headmaster's work rough the years. He summed up James Cobban in one all-embracing irase (which should perhaps be placed below his portrait!): 'James Cobban as the literary fluency of Macaulay, the tactical finesse of Macchiavelli, e prophetic passion of Gladstone and the lung-power of Boanerges'. Mr owarth then went on to speak in support of the Direct Grant System, pressing his abhorrence of the new (what he called) 'mammoth schools'. school such as this, he said, gives the individual the attention he needs id that is necessary in order to make his virtues and vices manifest.

Mr Howarth's powerful speech, incorporating such a tribute appropriate ust surely have left the audience feeling Prize Giving to be still a ecessary and worthwhile function, especially one in which a man had ertainly 'come not to bury James Cobban but to praise him'.

Outside Visits

here were a number of visits this term—L6 formers seizing the opportunity or sunny freedom and examination candidates for the valuable extra- yllabus fact.

Mr Owen and Mr Clayton took a party of 5th formers to the Mermaid heatre, Blackfriars, to see Henry IV on April 28.

On 24 April form VIT went to the Natural History Museum in London. Mr. Hammond took a party of L6 geographers to Southampton to see the rduction of the famous Ordnance Survey Maps.

On 11 June Mr Woodgett took a party to Bradfield to see Philoctetes y Sophocles, while more sixth form drama enthusiasts went to the Aldwych with Mr Taylor to see The Seagull by Checkov (in Russian!).

Due to Mr Brodie's foresight a party representing the Physical Education Department had the marvellous experience of seeing the Haarlem Globe- rters in action at the Wembley Pool on 13 May.

On 24 June Messrs Morelle, Varley and Dunn took a party to Wimble- on—now I am assured truly the Mecca of Tennis—when outside-court lay proved wonderful entertainment.

Visitors

On June 2 we were not visited but invaded by thirty-five Headmasters of he Midlands Division of the Headmasters' Conference who held their ummer meeting at the School.

During the term first Mr Styler and then a group of Oxford students ame to look at the Nuffield Classics Project, the proud work of Messrs Woodgett and Randolph.

On July 6 a party of very interested Norwegian teachers were shown round the School by a number of School Prefects.

The School Roll stood this term at 614, including 194 boarders and sixth-formers.

Chapel Notes

A glorious summer term! Have we sufficiently given thanks for all blessings, I wonder? Weekday Chapel services have continued their normal pattern. We completed reading St Matthew's gospel just before the end term and embarked on some of the great stories of the Old Testament in the New English Bible translation. The Book of Jonah was an admirable introduction to the splendid performance of Michael Hurd's 'Jonah-M Jazz' by the Junior Choral Society at the Founder's Day concert. Chapel taken by boys has continued to develop. Form 3V again did well with a week devoted to the theme of Choice. This occurred just after the general election and the Chapel was plastered with unwanted electioneering posters. Each of the fourth forms did a day of Senior Chapel down at the Methodist Church with refreshing attack. This is an appropriate moment to pay tribute to the work of Alan Brown, the former senior sacristan, for his sterling work as Chapel Secretary and as the organiser of senior chapel when taken by boys.

A fourth form project by Anthony Baumann and Richard Griffith searched through the Chapel Registers from 1947 to 1970 and produced the 'Cobban Count'. The Headmaster preached in the School Chapel 226 times. As he himself remarked in his final sermon this represents more than the three days of solid jaw! It was good on Founder's Day to hear the Bishop of Reading pay tribute to how much the Diocese of Oxford owes to Mr Cobban for his stimulating articles month by month in the Oxford Diocesan Magazine, the Country Churchman and the Abingdon Deanery News. But this is only ruffling the surface of a deep well-spring of whole-hearted Christian endeavour. It is indeed sad that the number of communicants has so far declined. The total number throughout the summer term recently has been as follows: 1963, 787; '64, 608; '65, 631; '66, 524; '67 535; '68, 395; '69, 308; '70, 300. The Chapel urgently needs more servers and it is hoped that all boys who have been confirmed will seriously ask themselves whether they cannot lend a hand in this way.

One very happy family occasion towards the beginning of term, on Sunday 19 April, was the baptism in the School Chapel of Christopher Mark Barton Milton.

It is with great pleasure and gratitude that the School Library has received a presentation copy of the New Bible Commentary Revised published by the Inter-University Press. This is the gift of one of the contributors, the Reverend David Wheaton (OA), MA, BD, who is the Vicar of St Paul's Church, Onslow Square, SW7. He has also extended a generous invitation to senior boys who would like to see a 'swinging' London parish. We look forward to participating in the Challenge Weekends for Sixth Formers at the Royal Foundation of St Katherine, Butcher Row E14. This promises to be very exciting, with addresses by Bishop Trevor Huddleston on the Third World; Judith Piepe on the Drug Scene, and visit to a unit for Drop-Outs and Meths Drinkers.

John Rowley and Kevin Barnard attended the Lee Abbey Sixth Formers Conference during the Easter holidays. A party of six went on the Glastonbury Pilgrimage this year and very nearly had to spend the day at thepton Mallet Pop Festival! Solemn Evensong in the Abbey ruins has a full dignity and peaceful atmosphere. We were fortunate to have a visit from Canon Norman Cruttwell from the Agaun Mission Station in Papua, New Guinea where we continue to help to support the education of Peter and Gabemara. He spoke to all first, second and third formers and to the Edmund Society. Canon Cruttwell also talked informally to all Waste Court boarders, as did Fr Dunstan McKee, SSM, Provincial and Prior of the Society of the Sacred Mission in Australia. We continue to play our part in the Abingdon District Council of Churches; Kevin Barnard and I as Chaplain represent the School on the Council. The Bible readers have continued to meet at Mr and Mrs Eden's home and we are most grateful to them for their kindness and generosity. The post-Confirmation group has continued to meet at 25 Park Road on Monday and Tuesday evenings. Confirmation candidates are now involved in their classes and the Confirmation, which will take place on Sunday 29 November at 1500 hours, will be one of the last to be taken by the present Bishop of Oxford.

Visiting preachers this term have been: the Rev. Leslie Smith, MA, who opened the bowling at the beginning of term service, which, thanks to the kindness of the Vicar of Abingdon and the PCC, we are still privileged to hold in St Helen's Church: Mr Donald Lindsay, MA, Headmaster of Marlborough College; Mr DA Raeburn, Headmaster-elect of Whitgift School; Mr David Hemery; Mr GRF Bredin, CBE, MA, Chairman of the School Governors; and our visiting American preacher, The Reverend David Jenks of the Reformed Church of America, from Tuxedo, NY. The preacher at the Founder's Day Service was the Bishop of Reading, while in the evening of the last Sunday of term the Headmaster was the preacher for the last time of the William Cheney bequest sermon at St Nicolas.

Collections have been as follows: opening of term service, St Helen's Church, £5-5-6; Christian Aid, £21-1-2; RNLI £8-8-11; Chapel Funds, £4-9-7 and £4-12-8; Breakthrough Trust, £3-19-1; Chapel Funds, £2-16-4; Institute for Christian Education, £5-0-2; New Guinea Mission, £5-9-3; Alliance School, Kenya, £3-0-10; St Helen's Church and North Berks Berkshire Home, £78-4-9; Chapel Funds, £6-14-10; St Nicolas, £16-6-4. The Founder's Day service collection exceeded recent years by at least £20.

A very exhaustive analysis of Chapel collections by Scott Gray as his Founder's Day project has produced an interesting series of graphs which demonstrate very clearly the decline in our giving over the past ten years. Bearing in mind that the average boy's pocket money has undoubtedly increased while the value of money has slumped these figures would indicate that we are not as generous in our thinking of others as were our predecessors. A detailed count by coinage of the three Saturday Chapels over the past year reveals these interesting facts. Assuming that each individual contributes a coin (the value is immaterial for this particular study and if a boy were to put in more than one coin then the scale of giving is even further diminished), then fifty per cent of Junior School (1st, 2nd and 3rd forms) make some contribution, while less than forty per cent of Middle School (4th and 5th forms) and less than twenty-five per cent of the Sixth forms can find a single coin—even one penny. The percentage of staff giving is even less generous, but here it is likely they are 'sledged' givers in their own parishes.

Chapel flowers throughout the term have been provided and arranged by

Mesdames Potter, Willey, Leigh-Bennett, Mortimer, Eden, Hillary, Se Miss Cobban, Miss Farr and Miss Wells, two former parents and Chaplain. One further gift must not pass unnoticed; a complete set of library edition of the New English Bible, given by Mr Cobban to mark occasion of Diana's wedding, and also a very large number of us theological and devotional books.

Music Notes

The Summer term's musical events were definitely influenced by presence of John Hounam and Richard Joseph in the forefront, whose inventiveness lent variety to our more conventional music-making. The latter, whose jazz compositions enlivened the general atmosphere, show how inadequate are the criteria by which music students are labelled this country's traditional academic (O & A) levels and practical (AB) boards. It is high time that such requirements and syllabuses were thoroughly revised. Take General Musicianship, for example, RJ failed to meet the Associated Board's standard at quite a junior level. Ridiculous, when you realise that he was one of the most original and practical musicians of his age-group. Good luck to him at the Cambridge College of Technology and also to John Hounam, who has been given a place at St. Andrew University. Robert Samsworth will be greatly missed both for his 'cel playing and also for leading the Music Society Committee conscientiously and unselfishly.

The music society concert on May 10 included original works by Alastair Cuninghame and Jeremy Pike, a piece given by the Senior Orchestra Gabrieli brass ensemble music and a Mozart wind divertimento. Varie was also the quality which distinguished the annual TASS concert, given in Lacies Court Garden. It was good to hear Christopher Rock's guitar playing during it.

For the second year running, a concerto orchestra met weekly during the Summer Term. The end-product, a performance in St Helen's Church was an ambitious undertaking which came off well. Bernard Hall-Mance played a Handel organ concerto, and other works included the Handel oboe concerto in G minor (Stephen Loosemoore), Handel movement played by Richard Pike (viola) and Brian Jones (clarinet) as well as the Fugal Concerto of Holst.

The Cullen Society enjoyed a Bach debate proposed by Richard Pike and Richard Joseph. Nigel Seaver opened the term's proceedings with an illustrated talk on the much neglected composer, Rachmaninov.

One of the highlights of Abingdon Festival '70 was the joint school concert in the Abbey Hall on 18 May. A choir of some 300 voices was joined by the North Berkshire Youth orchestra to give the first public performance of a large-scale work called Agamemnon, commissioned from Philip Crocker specially for the Festival. Also, Tom Fairhead was the narrator in a new and entertaining orchestral piece called Tom Sawyer Saturday, by John Dankworth.

The climax to the term's musical activities was the Founder's Day Concert, once again a perilously last minute affair as regards preparation. An account of the concert can be found elsewhere in this magazine.

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under's Day Concert 1970 — Corn Exchange style

seemed apt that the last work of this concert should conclude with a ring of an anonymous verse "Pleasure it is", for so the evening proved to

The programme, returning to the format which was common years ago, must have reminded many of the wide-ranging repertoire that found acceptance (sometimes enthusiastic, sometimes bemused) in the ghostly precincts of the old Corn Exchange. Warlock's Capriol Suite, an understandable special request, came as an echo from the past as did the Elton march, whose massive weight seemed at times to threaten the youthful vigour of those who strove to bear it.

But this is not to suggest that the programme was lacking in adventure and novelty: not for nothing had the audience come to the College of Further Education. Surprise gave way to concentration upon the faces of the listeners as Hindemith's cautious and disembodied sounds settled, paradoxically enough, over the darkened hall. But this morsel was sufficient to give the advance that the school's brass section has made in the last year and to prompt the hopeful thought that the work might one day be given its entirety.

It is to the credit of all concerned that in the face of exceptional difficulties during the rehearsal weeks there emerged so much that was both satisfying and stimulating. Individual brilliance of execution was nicely balanced by technical achievement in ensemble; but the overall impression was one of enjoyment; pleasure derived from total involvement in the making of sound with voice and instrument.

Nowhere was this more apparent than in the Junior Choral Society's performance of *Jonah-man*. They teased their audience with admirable clarity and rhythmical sense. "If so moved, let hands clap, fingers click and voices add yelps of encouragement"—so wrote the composer ahead of the score. One suspects that the audience might well have responded to such an invitation had they been aware of it. The same quality of dedication to the task in hand was apparent in the Holst. Although at first there were moments of unsteadiness in the ensemble playing these were more than offset by the positive playing of the soloists who seemed to infect their accompanists with assurance so that the final pages were played with notable feeling and unity of purpose.

If consumer research is to be believed, and contrary to what one might believe of the 'silent majority' opinion, the one item of Choral Verse would well have been expanded to reappear later in the programme. It is in an act, rare and seemingly practiced less and less in public. The group of poems, given were admirable in demonstrating the infinite flexibility of the speaking voice and, notably in *Memorabilia*, well-deserved their warm reception.

The major work of the evening owed much to the virtuoso keyboard playing that sustained players and singers alike, steering them through moments which often prove daunting to more experienced music-makers. Perhaps it was the needful concentration upon technical demands which robbed the opening of its spontaneous joy, for the vocal line seemed stiff and calculated. As the work progressed there was an easing of tension which reached a nice point of balance with concentration in Blake's *Dirge*. This was well done by the singers though the instrumental accompaniment was at times a little heavy. Having achieved relaxation singers and players seemed to revel in the sound of the concluding section and the whole performance took on the lightness and verve of high summer to bring to an end a notable achievement.

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'Down in the Valley . . . ' Dolgoed

The main project at Dolgoed this term was the second series of T1 Form visits when we were again able to take every member to Wales five nights. These were arranged on a similar basis to last year's experience enabled us to make one or two amendments.

In order to minimise the disruption to teaching the change over from one party to the next was spread over two days. This meant that catering and replenishing was made somewhat easier and in most cases it enabled parties to clear up and leave in a more leisureed way. Domestic arrangements at Dolgoed are much more sophisticated now and with more standardised menus we probably wasted less time and money than we last year, in spite of patronising local shops for almost all our requirements instead of the Didcot cash-and-carry.

On the projects side we were far better prepared than before. T1 however is purely relative for we are still not making the most opportunities there. Among new projects tried this year was a climatological one which involved taking maximum and minimum temperature readings at different points in the valley. We eventually got some results on the but too much time was spent repositioning posts and correcting errors. Biology projects had been revised and added to, and two of the more successful were a study of stream life and an ecological study across a transect of the valley.

This year we were able to link up with the Forestry Commission and each party was taken on a half day tour of parts of the Dovey Forest, led usually by the Forest Warden, Mr R Wheeler. Forestry is an aspect of land use which people know very little about and this was an interesting innovation for most of us.

Perhaps the vividest memories this year are of the violent thunderstorm which occurred during the third party's visit. An extract from the log book reads:-

"Day 4: Cader Idris! Depart 9.15. Reach Llyn Can [cwm lake half-way up] 11.15; making hot progress; 'dip' + lunch till 12 noon raised expectations of rapid conquest—accomplished 1½ hrs later by sweating, straggling ragged column—which was later washed down the mountain in 3 sodden groups by 'tropical' downpour! At Dolgoed vast soil-wash on E and W facing slopes; bathing pool and drinking water pipe had less resistance to the strange ways of nature than we, and had vanished. Stone bridge slightly damaged by river 1' above bridge [bridge is normally 8' above river carrying trees, etc—worst deluge for 25 years according to some reports.]

It is a pity that we can't repeat this sort of experience for all the parties. It was a topic of conversation for some time afterwards and the visual effects even four weeks later were startling.

Generally speaking much more was achieved this year and almost every one produced a competent write-up. On the other hand we saw nothing like the initiative and imagination displayed last year. Perhaps this was the price we paid for being more organised.

One thing that does not seem to be realised is just how much these visits owe to members of staff who volunteer to lead them and who cheerfully double their load of work and complicate their domestic arrangements to make them possible. To all these we are very grateful and while none of them would say so I am quite sure that they would appreciate a little more than the very casually murmured thanks, if any, that they get from most

ys—just one of those small facets of good manners that make life so rich more pleasant.

Next term will see at least two parties going down in the first half of term and it is to be hoped that there may be more who can take advantage of the normally finer early autumn weather. There are, I think, at least three new masters who must be introduced to Dolgoed! HE



As usual during the Summer Term, society activity declined somewhat, with long evenings and exams being used as excuses for inaction. For some of the more precarious societies, this period of inactivity provides a point of no return, causing them to pass into non-existence. Here one of the school's more intellectual clubs of past years, the Symposium, is a case in point, being officially pronounced dead at the end of the term. Nevertheless, such losses are rare and most societies survive this period of low ebb to regain their former strength in the winter months, due mainly to the influx of new members at the beginning of the new school year.

Despite the low ebb, reports of activities to *Abingdonian* were received from well over half the registered number of societies in the School. The *Royse Society* had its usual successful term, holding three meetings. At the first of these, Peter Bradley conducted an amusing and satirical historical analysis of the British character entitled 'Who is John Bull?' and the ensuing vigorous discussion was one to which, for once, every member could contribute something. As a second meeting, the society went to see Wagner's 'Die Fliegende Holländer' (The Flying Dutchman) at Oxford at the invitation of the Headmaster and enjoyed it immensely. Fittingly, as it was the Headmaster who read the first *Royse Society* paper in 1947, for the final meeting of the term, he read a paper entitled 'The Education of an Elite in an Equalitarian Society', which turned out to be more of an informative talk than a society discussion, due to lack of knowledge on the subject on the members' behalf. Finally, to close this meeting, the last one under the present Headmaster's sponsorship, the past and future of the Society were toasted with champagne, strawberries and cream and votes of thanks were expressed to Miss and Mr Cobban for all they had done for the society over its twenty-three years of existence.

Unfortunately, examinations took their toll on another of the School's major societies, the *Economists*, who were able to plan only one meeting; a talk on 'Current Political Issues' by Earl Jellicoe and this had to be

cancelled at the last minute due to illness of the speaker. Nevertheless, it is a society that is far from dead and to whom such set-backs are discouragement.

Highlight of the term as far as the **St Edmund Society** was concerned was an outing to the Berkshire Downs on Ascension Day. A coach-load of members of both sexes was spilled out on to White Horse Hill and left to wander aimlessly and pensively over the surrounding countryside all evening. Although this was not intrinsically religious, it was felt to be spiritual in the sense that everybody was completely free to do what they liked, without the result that Religion was interpreted in a very wide, but not altogether false, sense. Later in the term, the society heard an interesting lecture 'The New Guinea Mission' by Canon Norman Crutwell. The other inter-school society, the **Joint Club** suffered more than most from exam trouble due to the fact that the different schools had their exams at different times in the terms, thus making arrangements almost impossible.

The **Literary Society** planned its two meetings during the term, we having one at the beginning of the term, at which Michael Johnstone read a paper on 'Tolkien', giving rise to a long and interesting discussion afterwards. The second meeting was held after the examinations, and here Mr Owen played host to the members of the society, who had a general discussion about various subjects. Meanwhile the **Play Reading Society** continued to meet regularly and read a variety of plays, including Shakespeare's 'Measure for Measure', 'Hadrian VII' and 'Sweeney Todd'. Unfortunately this club does not get the support it deserves and new blood is needed, especially from middle school, if it is to continue. As for the **Critics**, nothing has been heard of them and, in the light of the comment made in our last issue, one can just optimistically hope that their silence is only temporary.

After a long period of inactivity, the **Photographic Society** is at last beginning to get back on to its feet again, due entirely to the efforts of Michael Allen, who has made the darkroom operational. Although still lacking equipment, it has the basic essentials and, indeed, it was used towards the end of the term to prepare contributions for a Founder's Day exhibition. However response was poor and unless a dedicated band of keen photographers can be found to continue the upward trend, the society is threatened with another inactive period. The **Philatelic Society**, meanwhile has been far from inactive, meeting regularly during the term and conducting a flourishing First Day cover service. The society also paid a visit to the Philatelic Museum in London and spent a very profitable day there.

The **Modern Languages Society** held a successful outing to a film 'Un Drole de Paroissien', shown by the Oxford University French Club, which proved typically 'French' but highly amusing. As a specialised outing, Mr Taylor took a party of 'Russians' to the Aldwych to see the Moscow Art Theatre's production of 'The Seagull' by Chekhov. The society's middle school counterpart, the **Linguist Club**, was unfortunately unable to do much during the term, being another victim of the exams, especially since the majority of its members are fifth-formers.

One of our less publicised clubs, the **Change Ringing Society**, as usual this term did not hold any meetings as such, but continued its excellent work of providing the campanology before the Founder's Day and other official school services at both St Helen's and St Nicolas' Churches. The **Tape Recording Society** has continued its rather erratic existence, continuing to record, for posterity, some of the school's major musical functions.

As far as musical activity goes, the **Music Society** continued its series of excellent, if poorly patronised, Sunday evening concerts, whilst the **Cullens Society** had a good term, hearing a paper on Rachmaninov and debating the works of Bach. The **Jazz Club** took time out for a rest, preparing for a new burst of activity in the Michaelmas Term.

Engaging in more physical pursuits, the **Building Club** continued its good work during the term! Having put the finishing touches to the Fives Courts Spectators' shelter (started the previous term), the club then erected a wire ground at the Glyndwr tennis court. This being completed soon after half-term, the remainder of the term was spent in doing some demolition and site clearance for Mr Eden in preparation for building work in the Michaelmas Term. The **Physical Education Society's** one meeting in the term took the form of an outing to Wembley Stadium to see the Harlem Globetrotters in action against the Chicago Demons, and pick up a few tips from the society's own basketball team, the 'Abingdon All-Stars' which practices regularly in the gym. The gym was also the scene of the society's very successful exhibition on Founder's Day.

Other Societies which were known to be active last term, but from whom no reports were received were **Film, Sailing, Angling, Junior Knowledge, Astronomical,** and **Historians**, so, for this term, their achievements must go unrecorded.

SPORTS SECTION



cricket

First Eleven:

The sudden and tragic death after the end of term of Gerald Smithson overshadows the cricket scene. As a personal friend and a gifted coach Gerald will be very greatly missed by all who knew him. A tribute to him appears elsewhere.

The 1970 season will be remembered for Michael Hill's selection as wicket-keeper for the Southern Schools, a thoroughly well-deserved honour following sound performances with gloves and bat for both school and club. There was, too, a record of a different kind: not a moment's play was lost to rain. Seven victories was the most achieved in a season since the 1962 side, whose record of eight wins would have been equalled had not Mr Woodgett stopped the last ball of Julian Shellard's final over of the Staff match (and, incidentally, stopped a hat-trick!). And Michael Varley became the first bowler since the war to take fifty wickets in a season. It was fitting that Michael Hill and Michael Varley were at the wicket when the

MCC were decisively defeated (for the first time since the fixture w started) by an eight wickets margin.

One should say at once that the First Eleven were not invincible. In fact they lost six games, those to Radley, Abingdon CC and Bloxham due most disappointing batting. But they were not a side to seek excuses, a it is to Michael Hill's credit that he sought results, and usually got the b out of a team which achieved a happy balance of enjoyment and endeavor. His century in the final match was a splendid way to end his school career. His batting, after a shaky start, was the backbone of a sometimes suspec batting order. Michael Varley, a much improved player this year, al played a number of fine innings. Julian Shellard, a handsome stroke-play who threatened more than he achieved, and Stephen Boyers were moderately successful opening pair, but the middle batting was uncertain. John Cox, after an encouraging beginning, seemed to lose concentratio and Graham Pike, if he had batted with the freedom and confidence of h match-winning 88* against the Berkshire Gentlemen, would have come c more often than he did. James Cox played some useful innings at the er of the term, and Andrew Snodgrass showed a most promising techniq against the Old Boys which boded well for next year. Richard Savory ar young Paul Abraham displayed similar qualities of application and promis and their last-wicket stand of 66, needing 91 to win, against the Old Bo surprised them, I suspect, least. What a win that would have been! We loo to both to make runs in 1971.

With three of the attack in at least their third year in the side, Micha Hill was able to call on experience and variety. Michael Varley bowle consistently well; he will leave a big gap next year. John Cox demolishe Pangbourne with eight for twenty-one, but otherwise did not enjoy th success one had expected. Julian Shellard, bowling a fuller length, impr ve greatly, while Stephen Boyers was always steady and economical. Richar Savory provided still further variety, as did James Dunkerley until h unfortunate injury put him out of action. The bowling was supported at a times by keen and competent ground fielding, Andrew Snodgrass an Jonathan Nicholl being outstanding, but like last year too many catche were dropped.

Michael Hill was a fine wicket-keeper and a first-class captain both on and off the field. Personal thanks in particular to him and to secretar Julian Shellard. I am grateful, too, to Miss Bellamy-Law and her staff fo providing excellent lunches, and to Mrs Deane and her TASS team o mothers for organizing equally excellent teas. John Hills again produce facts and figures of a truly remarkable complexity. And finally, gratefu thanks to those too numerous to mention individually who helped organiz and coach cricket throughout the school.

During the holidays Michael Hill performed with credit for Hampshire Second Eleven, with the result that he has been offered a three-year contract. He also captained the Berkshire Bantams, and Michael Varley John Cox, Julian Shellard, Graham Pike, Stephen Boyers and Andrew Snodgrass also had games for the Bantams.

The Senior Knock-out was won by Blacknall, the Junior Knock-out by Tesdale and the Junior league by Bennett. Hill won the Fletcher Cup fo batting and Varley retained the Morris Cup as the best all-rounder. The Henderson Cricket Prizes went to Hill and Abraham. NHF

During the term, full colours were awarded to JJ Shellard and SEW Boyers. Half colours went to JL Cox, AR Snodgrass, JP Nicholl and PM Abraham.

The final eleven were: MJ Hill (captain), MC Varley (vice-captain), J Shellard, JP Cox, SEW Boyers, GF Pike, JL Cox, RHL Savory, AR Odgrass, JP Nicholl and PM Abraham. NE Matthews, JC Dunkerley and AA Maude also played. ,

ayed 16; Won 7; Lost 6; Drawn 3.

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| ewbury Grammar School | Sat 2 May (a) | Drawn |
| A 161/3 dec (Hill 55 no) | N 85/5 | |
| adley | Sat 9 May (a) | Lost/142 runs |
| R 227/9 dec (Varley 4.55) | A 85 (Shellard 41) | |
| ratory School | Wed 13 May (h) | Won/79 runs |
| A 146/3 dec (Varley 54 no, JP Cox 41) | O 77 (Boyers 5.7) | |
| rentwood | Sat 16 May (h) | Lost/3 wkts |
| A 99 B 103/7 | | |
| erkshire Gentlemen | Wed 20 May (h) | Won/4 wkts |
| BG 226/7 dec A 229/6 (Pike 88 no, JP Cox 43) | | |
| Abingdon Cricket Club | Sat 23 May (a) | Lost/5 wkts |
| A 65 ACC 66/5 | | |
| he Common Room | Wed 3 June (h) | Drawn |
| A 216/4 dec (Hill 74, Shellard 69, Boyers 42) | CR 148/9 (AA Hillary 92) | |
| Shellard 6.19) | | |
| Abingbourne Nautical College | Sat 6 June (a) | Won/10 wkts |
| P 48 (JP Cox 8.21) A 50/0 | | |
| Abingbroke College | Wed 10 June (a) | Drawn |
| P 162/8 dec A 158/8 (Varley 61, Pike 37) | | |
| Abingdoniiti Cricket Club | Sat 13 June (h) | Lost/84 runs |
| I 224/9 dec (Varley 6.91) A 140 | | |
| Reading School | Sat 20 June (h) | Won/7 wkts |
| R 57 (Varley 4.19) A 59/3 | | |
| MCC | Sat 27 June (h) | Won/8 wkts |
| MCC 92 (Varley 5.25) A 93/2 (Hill 51 no) | | |
| RGGS High Wycombe | Sat 4 July (a) | Won/2 wkts |
| HW 98 A 100/8 (Hill 37) | | |
| Magdalen College School | Mon 6 July (a) | Won/73 runs |
| A 178 (Hill 60, Varley 36) M 105 (Varley 5.29) | | |
| Bloxham School | Wed 8 July | Lost/9 wkts |
| A 64 B 66/1 | | |
| Old Abingdonians | Fri 10 and Sat 11 July (h) | Lost/24 runs |
| OA 209/8 dec (AJ Varley 59, PN Shellard 41) and 182/5 dec (PN Shellard 52, JM Bunce 43) | | |
| A 184/4 dec (Hill 100 no) and 183 (Pike 47, Abraham 35 no) | | |

1st XI Averages

Bowling Averages (Qualification 6 wickets)

| | Overs | Maidens | Runs | Wickets | Average |
|------------|-------|---------|------|---------|---------|
| MC Varley | 220 | 70 | 629 | 50 | 12.6 |
| J Shellard | 106 | 26 | 293 | 23 | 12.7 |
| SEW Boyers | 181 | 46 | 381 | 21 | 18.1 |
| JP Cox | 136 | 35 | 388 | 19 | 20.4 |
| RHL Savory | 78 | 14 | 320 | 9 | 35.5 |

Batting Averages (Qualification 6 innings)

| | Innings | Not Out | Runs | Highest Score | Average |
|--------------|---------|---------|------|---------------|---------|
| MJ Hill | 16 | 3 | 474 | 100* | 36.5 |
| MC Varley | 16 | 3 | 331 | 61 | 25.5 |
| RHL Savory | 7 | 5 | 50 | 29 | 25.0 |
| GF Pike | 12 | 2 | 214 | 88* | 21.4 |
| JJ Shellard | 17 | 1 | 319 | 67 | 19.9 |
| JP Cox | 14 | 3 | 191 | 43 | 17.4 |
| SEW Boyers | 17 | 1 | 229 | 42 | 14.3 |
| PM Abraham | 6 | 2 | 53 | 35* | 13.2 |
| JL Cox | 9 | 2 | 78 | 20 | 11.1 |
| AR Snodgrass | 10 | 1 | 70 | 20 | 7.8 |
| JP Nicholl | 8 | 1 | 20 | 9 | 2.9 |

* not out

The Alligators' Week:

We caught Moreton Cricket Club on the hop this year with a very early fixture, and were able to dismiss them twice, mainly because they were sadly lacking match practice. However, it was a beautiful sunny afternoon, and we all enjoyed ourselves as much as ever. The week, too, was mainly blessed with good weather, only one morning's play, against Abingdon Cricket Club, being lost, and the high standard of batting side was maintained. We were, however, a little thin in the attack, and we can think of one or two bowlers of recent years whose attendance would be very welcome. Nonetheless there was a good cross-section of the last ten seasons or so, and the pleasure of reunion during and after the game was as great as ever. In this connection we owe especial thanks to the Abingdon Cricket Club for welcoming us at their club house each evening; to the ladies of TASS, who catered for us on Monday; and to Miss Bellamy-Law and her stalwarts of the kitchen, who dealt so admirably with the gastronomic needs of the rest of the week. AAF

The following played during the week

OA's: GJ Bailey, DAM Bent, JM Bunce, J Dickinson, GR Evans, CC Ford, DM Goodwin, RA Jackson, GF Keeys, MD Nurton, RS Ogg, NM Parker, A Rose, PN Shellard, AJ Varley.

First XI: SEW Boyers, JP Cox, JJ Shellard, AJ Varley.

Staff and Hon. Alligators: AA Hillary, NH Payne, MW Vallance, TG Evans, P Hobson.

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| Moreton Cricket Club | Sun 3 May (h) | Won/Innings |
| A 166 (JM Bunce 74) | M 34 (JC Dunkerley 6.16) and 73 | and 59 runs |
| South Oxfordshire Amateurs | Mon 13 July (h) | Won/3 wkts |
| SOA 231 (J Harkley 58, M Greaves 82; GF Keeys 4.84, JP Cox 4.51) | | |
| A 232/7 (JJ Shellard 55, PN Shellard 51, JM Bunce 71) | | |
| Abingdon Cricket Club | Tues 14 July (h) | Lost/9 wkts |
| A 140 (JM Bunce 43; F Longshaw 6.57) | ACC. 142/1 (TG Evans 58 no) | AA Hillary 62 no) |
| Berkshire Gentlemen | Wed 15 July (h) | Won/111 runs |
| A 258/9 dec (PN Shellard 92, NH Payne 55) | BG 147 (SEW Boyers 4.28) | |
| Berkshire Bantams | Thurs 16 July (h) | Won/103 runs |
| A 195 (A Rose 46; JT Prince 7.53) | BB 92 (MC Varley 4.23) | |
| Old Albanians | Fri 17 July (h) | Lost/7 wkts |
| A 99 (MD Nurton 5.44, G Giffen 4.47) | OA 100/3 (Duxbury 51 no) | |

and Eleven:

For the second year running all fourteen matches were played, this time without a single stop for rain. Largely because of this, only three games were drawn (two of them in exciting circumstances). The good humour and unselfish co-operation of the members of the team did them much credit, and in every respect the season was as satisfactory as last year's.

Raymond Deane, who had an aggregate of 252 runs, was the most successful batsman. David Marshall too scored more than 200 runs. Stephen Kirby played several good innings, and Francis Maude conveniently chose the OA match in which to make the big score of which he had always looked capable. Richard Deane and Gareth Pearce lacked consistency, but did some good games. Jeremy Godfrey's robust hitting was effective until he deserted him, and Michael Bennett's late emergence as a batsman proved well for next year.

The pitches usually favoured the batsmen. This was disheartening for the opening bowlers. Bennett, Robert Cole, and Christopher Wallace, who, in spite of unflagging efforts, had little success except against the weaker sides. Kirby, who turned the ball both ways, was by far the best and most successful bowler, his thirty-six wickets being only six fewer than Michael Marshall's total last year. Marshall always looked full of guile, and Richard Deane, usually called upon at awkward moments, bowled well for little reward.

The fielding was quite good. Some fine catches were held, Raymond Deane improved steadily as wicket-keeper, Godfrey did good work in the slips, and the ground fielding and throwing were much better than last year's, Richard Deane, Allan Long, Ian Smith and Pearce being particularly good.

Stephen Kirby did a fine job as captain, fully maintaining the high standards set last year by Richard Evans. His field-placing was sensible, his sample with bat and ball impressive, his quiet organization of the field effortless. He fully deserved his half colours.

Finally, mention must be made of the scorer, Martin Rice, whose cheerful competence and enthusiasm were a great help. HTR

The following twelve players appeared in at least half the matches: RS Kirby (captain), RA Deane, MT Bennett, RA Cole, RE Deane, JBA Godfrey, AP Long, DH Marshall, FAA Maude, GD Pearce, DI Smith and A Wallace. S Chislett played twice and AC Atkinson, DGW Murphy, CJ Murray and DPC Smith once.

Played 14: won 5, lost 6, drawn 3.

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| Westminster College 3rd XI | Wed 29 April (h) | Won/70 runs |
| A 127/4 dec (RE Deane 53) | W 57 (Kirby 4.11) | |
| Newbury Grammar School | Sat 2 May (h) | Lost/3 wkts |
| A 55 N 59/7 | | |
| Oratory School | Wed 13 May (a) | Won/4 wkts |
| O 68 (Cole 6.29) A 70/6 | | |
| Trentwood School | Sat 16 May (h) | Won/23 runs |
| A 131 B 108 | | |
| Woblington Cricket Club | Sat 23 May (h) | Lost/77 runs |
| ACC 159/9 dec A 77 | | |
| Reading School | Sat 30 May (a) | Drawn |
| R 131 (Kirby 6.41) A 125/8 | | |
| Radley College | Sat 6 June (h) | Lost/3 wkts |
| A 149/9 dec R 152/7 (Kirby 5.37) | | |

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| Magdalen College School A 63 M 64/6 | Wed 10 June (a) | Lost/4 wkts |
| Salesian College 1st XI S 121/8 dec A 78/7 (Marshall 42) | Sat 13 June (a) | Drawn |
| KAS, Wantage 1st XI A 129/9 dec W 89 (Bennett 4.15, Wallace 4.20) | Wed 17 June (a) | Won/40 runs |
| Shiplake College 1st XI S 182/6 dec A 120 | Sat 20 June (h) | Lost/62 runs |
| RGS High Wycombe HW 98 (Kirby 4.21) A 99/3 | Sat 4 July (h) | Won/7 wkts |
| Bloxham School B 110/7 dec A 91/9 | Wed 8 July (h) | Drawn |
| Old Abingdonians A 200/7 dec (Maude 83) OA 203/7 (Dunthorne 57, Mellor 50) | Sat 11 July (h) | Lost/3 wkts |

Colts Eleven:

At the beginning of the season, the morale of the side was low; we had few players of experience. Matthew Harding gave up the captaincy, and immediately came into good form with the bat. He finished the season well and truly on top of the averages, with more runs, and a higher score than anyone else.

The batting relied on him, Paul Abraham, Chris Terry and Russell Ward and they responded well to the challenge. When Abraham went up to the First Eleven, we lost a capable captain and a good wicket-keeper. Chris Terry stepped into both jobs well. During the season, three batsmen scored half-centuries. Against Carmel, we recorded an opening stand of 122, an unbeaten second wicket partnership of 50.

The bowling was our strong point, with good fast bowlers in David Longman and Peter Harris, balanced by spinners David Gould, Douglas Smith and Russell Ward. The fielding was inadequate, only Matthew Harding and Ward being up to standard. We lost to Radley, Pangbourne and St. Edward's mainly as a result of this.

Towards the end of the season, a fighting spirit was gained. Through this we managed to draw against a Douai side containing several First Eleven players. A better than average season was ended by a competent win at Wantage.

Our thanks go to Mr Griffin and Mr de Fleming for their valuable help and assistance during the season. CB

The following played: CB Terry, MC Harding, PM Abraham, W de Peck, CL Corner, RA Ward, DJ Longman, DAG Gould, PJ Harris, DP Smith, JN Oakley, ARP Mushens, NE Matthews, NJ Moth, CD Chafe, AA Tammadge, JSP Mushens, J Wojciechowski, AC Clift.

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| Shiplake College S 174/8 dec (Smith 3.16) A 98/3 (Ward 36, Abraham 30 no) | Wed 6 May (a) | Drawn |
| St Edward's StE 113/8 dec (Longman 3.31, Harris 3.41) A 60 | Sat 9 May (a) | Lost/53 runs |
| Oratory School A 116 (Ward 37) O 63 (Smith 6.30) | Wed 13 May (h) | Won/53 runs |
| Pangbourne Nautical College A 99 P 100/9 (Smith 3.17, Harris 3.25) | Sat 30 May (a) | Lost/1 wkt |
| Carmel College A 172/1 dec (Harding 69 no, Terry 54) C 81 (Longman 5.13) | Wed 3 June (h) | Won/91 runs |

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| dley College | Sat 6 June (a) | Lost/4 wkts |
| A 134 (Longman 52) | R 140/6 (Harris 3.42) | |
| kethorpe School | Sat 13 June (h) | Won/8 wkts |
| C 74 (Longman 4.18, Harris 3.9) | A 75/2 (Harding 43 no) | |
| uui | Wed 17 June (h) | Drawn |
| D 137/8 dec (Longman 5.49) | A 95/9 (Matthews 31) | |
| ading School | Sat 20 June (a) | Drawn |
| R 127/8 dec (Harris 3.23, Gould 4.20) | A 113/9 | |
| AS, Wantage | Wed 1 July (a) | Won/66 runs |
| A 119/9 dec (Terry 32) | W 53 (Longman 6.10, Gould 3.29) | |

Junior Colts Eleven:

his year's review of the season will be particularly impressionistic, the score-book having been lost at the end of June and an odd arrangement of fixtures having put the majority of matches in May! The prominent recollections are of a season unspoilt by rain, good firm wickets, a shortage of runs when batting first, rather generous fielding and of a good-looking side which could not quite assert itself against weaker opposition.

The team beat Shiplake easily, Carmel College on the last ball and Oxham in another exciting finish against the clock. It had the better of runs against Newbury, Bearwood and Magdalen, and scraped an unimpressive one against St Edward's. It was well beaten by Radley and High Wycombe, and lost when it should have won in the Oratory and Angbourne matches.

The batting was vulnerable, middle-order players being much influenced by the fate of their olympian predecessors even when these fell to bad balls and bad shots. It came off in four matches when the score topped the hundred mark, but a glance at the records confirms that in the days of Michael Hill and company this happened more often than not. There were, however, several attacking batsmen who looked very good when they were playing their shots, and Nigel Matthews, Richard Griffiths, Anthony Baumann and Jeremy Carrington all played excellent innings during the season. Only a timely but soul-searching declaration at Magdalen robbed Matthews, a stylish and powerful player, of an individual century.

Followers of Sunday league cricket will know that it is not only Junior Colts captains who week by week pin their faith in 'seam-up' bowlers. The early breakthrough with pace and subsequent inability to remove middle-order batsmen in the same way tells its own story, and a slow left-arm spinner is a possible match-winner whose role is not merely to bowl the last over before tea. Nevertheless there were three good wicket-taking bowlers: Baumann with well-flighted leg spin, Carl Atkinson, very fast, and Griffiths with his lively pace.

The fielding was only average. Catching was generally safe, but throwing and anticipation were poor. Lack of opportunity to practise on the square was a problem here, but people can always improve their throwing in their own time.

Richard Griffiths was a very good captain. He played competitively, always looked for runs when he was at the wicket and thoughtfully varied his tactics and field placings. Always alert himself, he encouraged his players, kept a good spirit in the side, and even bought lunch for the scorer.

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RHD Griffiths, NE Matthews, AW Baumann, AC Atkinson, JE Carrington, AC Clift, AJ Walters, PF Stimpson, J Wojciechowski and ASQ Clift were regular members of the side. DJ Luther, AG Johnstone, AN Rayson

and JD Peirson contested any free places, and COG Driver and A McPhail (both on loan from the Juniors) also appeared.

Junior Eleven:

The season began rather shakily, with a win by 15 runs, only made possible by a last wicket stand of 16. Then, steadily and with mounting confidence we improved our performance match by match right up to the last week term. During this extremely successful period, we won seven matches, three of them by over 100 runs, and drew one. In three matches out of eight we scored over 140 runs, and opponents topped 100 only twice. Everyone played his part. By the end of the season, eight batsmen had had at least one score of over 30, and five had scored half-centuries. If, during the last week term, the general performance tailed off a little, this was perhaps to be expected. The side has every right to be proud of its results, and of the manner in which it achieved them.

Because it was so much a team effort, I am not going to mention individual performances. The best ones are noted below, and speak for themselves. But here are some general comments on a few players, single out for a variety of reasons. Chris Driver, potentially an extremely exciting player, who had to fight his temperament for most of the season, but still managed to score 264 runs; Ken Taylor, a steady, hard-working opening bowler, who put up very patiently with being put into bat last, when he was worthy of a much higher position; Simon Hobson, who at last learned to concentrate; Rupert Frost, very small but highly pugnacious, who surprised some very large fielders on more than one occasion; Angus McPhail, who for him, had a rather disappointing season with the bat, but developed into a first-class wicket-keeper. Unusually, too, I would like to mention some of those players who might normally have expected to play regularly, but who in fact rarely played—in particular Giles Woolley, Trevor Roberts and Nicholas Jefferson.

Naturally, there were weaknesses. The fielding, which could be brilliant was too often erratic and slapdash, and too many fielders tended to trundle like middle-aged gentlemen after the ball. The running between the wickets was sometimes dreadful. In most games we lost at least 30 runs through poor running.

But I have not yet mentioned the player who did more than anyone else to make it such a memorable season; the captain, Jonathan Seaver. He topped the batting and the bowling averages, with 349 runs and 31 wickets, including eight wickets for one run against Magdalen College School. As captain, he handled the bowlers well and placed the field intelligently, but more particularly he set an example to the rest of the team which, to their credit, they were very ready to follow. I am extremely grateful for all that he did.

I should also like to thank AAH, RJL, and the Reverend Hugh Pickles for all the time and effort they devoted to the under-14s, and to the under-13s.

DCT

The team was: JP Seaver (captain), PH Evans, AW McPhail, SMJ Hobson, KP Taylor, ARP Mushens, CDG Driver, DS Mason, JN Oakley, PD Cook, RJ Frost, JM Taylor (4), GW Woolley (4), TG Roberts (3), IB Cowan (2), NJ Shephard, N Jefferson, AW Baumann (1 each).

Newbury Grammar School Sat 2 May (a) Won/15 runs

A 82 N 67 (Driver 3.13, K Taylor 3.11)

Oratory School Wed 13 May (a) Won/69 runs

A 126/4 dec (McPhail 42, Seaver 32) O 57 (Driver 5.10)

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| Sturford Grammar School | Wed 20 May (a) | Won/54 runs |
| A 129/5 dec (McPhail 39) B 75 (Seaver 6.11) | | |
| Rev H Pickles' XI | Wed 27 May (h) | Won/4wks |
| Rev HP 143/7 dec A 148/6 (Oakley 39, Driver 33, | | |
| Reading School | Sat 30 May (h) | Won/105 runs |
| A 159/7 dec (Driver 66, McPhail 32) R 54 (Driver 4.18, K Taylor 3.11) | | |
| Bearwood College | Wed 10 June (h) | Won/52 runs |
| A 125/5 dec (Seaver 42) B 73 (Driver 4.10, Seaver 4.22) | | |
| Cokethorpe School | Sat 13 June (a) | Drawn |
| A 182/4 dec (Evans 86, Seaver 39) C 125/5 | | |
| Oxford School | Wed 17 June (h) | Won/145 runs |
| A 191/6 dec (Hobson 68, Baumann 37) O 46 (Baumann 5.11) | | |
| Magdalen College School | Sat 20 June (a) | Won/133 runs |
| A 159/6 dec (Driver 53, McPhail 40) M 26 (Seaver 8.1) | | |
| RGS High Wycombe | Sat 4 July (h) | Won/96 runs |
| A 136/8 dec (Mushens 51, Seaver 33) HW 40 (Seaver 5.6) | | |
| Radley College | Tues 7 July (a) | Lost/7 wks |
| A 68 R 73/3 | | |
| Bloxham School | Wed 8 July (a) | Won/69 runs |
| A 127/8 dec (Seaver 60) B 58 (Seaver 3.7) | | |
| DCT's XI | Thurs 9 July (h) | Won/54 runs |
| A 170/9 dec (Seaver 66) DCT 116 (Driver 5.33) | | |
| Junior Colts | Fri 10 July (h) | Drawn |
| Jr Colts 163/4 dec Jrs 148/9 (Driver 45) | | |

Under Thirteen Eleven:

Our fair success this season has been due to the fact that we have had several potential run-getters and wicket-takers, one of whom has always managed to succeed at the required moment.

The captain, Michael Stimpson, however, with the bat, and Ian Cowan with the ball (and to a lesser extent Michael Howat with both) have provided a reliable backbone, and they were supported by good fielding.

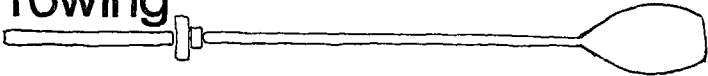
The main weaknesses, which must be ironed out next year, are that bowlers have yet to learn to bowl at the wicket; that batsmen must accept the necessity of playing themselves in before trying anything more adventurous, and they must get right to the pitch of the ball—very basic matters, but how important!

RJL

The team was: MW Stimpson (captain), IB Cowan, MG Howat, RJ Price, J Taylor, GC Walters, CJ Baumann, PA Betts, AN Davies, NJ Shephard, SB Johnson, PA Noble.

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| Magdalen College School | Sat 16 May (a) | Won/10 runs |
| A 49 (Stimpson 20) M 39 (Cowan 5.3, Baumann 2.2) | | |
| New College School | Wed 27 May (a) | Drawn |
| N 132 (Cowan 3.14, Shephard 3.15) A 63/6 | | |
| Bearwood College | Wed 10 June (a) | Won/45 runs |
| A 142/5 (Davies 41, Stimpson 40 no) B 97 (Taylor 5.30) | | |
| Millbrook House | Tues 30 June (h) | Drawn |
| M 62 (Cowan 5.5) A 36/2 | | |

rowing



This has been a season of mixed fortunes for the Boat Club. As a matter of policy it was decided this year that no Colts would be included in the First Eight, and that we should aim to produce the best Colts Eight possible. This policy was an undoubted success as far as the Colts were concerned, as a glance at the results will show. Also, the First Eight, as so often in the past, was deprived of the services of some oarsmen who put forward the inevitable though seldom justified argument that their work would suffer if they devoted too much energy to rowing. This fact alone reduced the average weight of the First Eight to such an extent that they were lighter than the Colts. These factors proved too much of a handicap and success eluded the First Eight. It was therefore doubly disappointing that the National Schools' Regatta, where their chances seemed good disaster struck yet again, and 'bow' was catapulted into the river when the blades struck a buoy: Fortunately he was none the worse for his ducking, but the crew was out of the race.

The Colts Eight of course stole the limelight this season. They became a fine crew and fully deserved their successes because they realised the value of their land-training and threw themselves into it heart and soul. In the boat they listened to the advice given them, and rowed not only wholeheartedly but intelligently. In Peter Scott they were fortunate in having a remarkable stroke; the heavy-weights behind him backed him up magnificently, and the lighter boys in the bows pulled their weight and more. All of this added up to a tremendous season in which they proved themselves to be the third or fourth fastest Colts Eight in the country. This should point to another good season next year, provided that the antiquity of our now out-moded boats does not count too heavily against them.

The Junior Colts surprised themselves by modest success at the National Schools Regatta. If they put as much into their efforts next year as this year's Colts have done they should develop well. Our 'Mini-Colts' showed that the will to win is not a prerogative of their more senior brethren, by winning the only event open to them in the season at Chalmore.

Now for boats. We desperately need a new short boat for the First Eight. Our present ship is ten years old, and beginning to show her age badly. We also need just as much a 'restricted' four this season. Our retiring President, the Headmaster, graciously permitted us to name her the 'James Cobban'. May she have as much success in the future as we wish him! She will indeed enjoy a distinguished career in that case. We have also acquired second-hand another clinker four, which will, we hope, match the 'Tom'. Unfortunately sculling-boats continue to increase in price and we have not been able to procure any more at present.

Finally, our thanks are due to all our supporters—what a blessing that the weather was kind to them this summer!—and to our boatman, Mr Essex, for his hard work and enthusiasm. And our very best wishes to the two young members of Abingdon Rowing Club who are representing the country this summer. May they have all the success their determination and enthusiasm so well deserve.

RGM

1st VIII: B: CR Gibaud; NP Winton; MI Johnstone; V Lacey-Johnson; JPD Mitchell; TR Baker; NJ Minns; Str: JAF Ridge; Cox: CA Nasmyth. Also rowed: R. Crane.

- ames Ditton Regatta—Junior Eights 9 May
 round 1: B St Peter's College 1½ 1
 semi-final: L Winchester College 2½ 1
- llingford Regatta—Junior Eights 16 May
 round 1: L Merton College ¾ 1
- ading Junior Regatta—Junior Eights 30 May
 round 1: L Reading RC 2ft
- ford City Regatta—Junior Eights 6 June
 round 1: B Canford School 1 1
 round 2: L Balliol College 2 1
- tional Schools' Regatta—Elsenham Cup 13 June
 round 1: L Eton College II 1 1
 L Norwich School ½ 1
 repechage: B Monkton Combe II ¼ 1
 semi-final: hit a buoy and lost 'bow' overboard
 IV: B: JC Griffith; MS Paddison; NP Winton; Str: TJ Hughes; Cox:
 TW Hallum.
- ading Junior Regatta—Novice Lightweight Fours 30 May
 round 1: B King's School Rochester A
 semi-final: L Pangbourne College
- nior Colts VIII: B: M Milanovich; CM Clayton; NJ Luker; ECJ Lilley;
 NRH Pollard; DB King; AM Higgs; Str: PE Scott; Cox: JR Spooner.
 GW Hamlin coxed at National Schools' Regatta.
- ames Ditton Regatta—Novice Eights 10 May
 round 1 B Kings Canterbury Colts 2½ 1
 semi-final: B University & College Hospital 1 1
 final: L Ealing GS I 1 1
- iswick Regatta—Novice Eights 24 May
 semi-final: B Canford School II 1½ 1
 B Molesey BC E
 final: L Eton Colts 'A' cvs
- School Eights at the same regatta:
 B Eton III 1½ 1
 L Westminster School I 1½ 1
- ading Junior Regatta—Colts Eights 29 May
 semi-final: B Monkton Combe School 1½ 1
 B Bedford Modern School E
 final: B Eton 'A' 1 1
 L Shiplake College 'A' ¼ 1
- ational Schools' Regatta—Colts Eights 12/13 June
 round 1: B Radley College 'A' 1 1
 B Kings School Worcester
 B Bedford Modern School
 semi-final: B Pangbourne College
 B St George's, Weybridge
 L Bryanston 'A' ¼ 1
 final: B Bryanston 'A' ¼ 1
 B Eton 'B' 1 1
 B Bedford School 1¼ 1
- Thus winning Division B of the event.

A Decider was then rowed between the two fastest crews in the 'A' 'B' divisions.

Decider: B Bryanston 'A' $\frac{1}{2}$ l
L Eton 'A' 2 l
L St Paul's 'A' $3\frac{1}{2}$ l

Hence, we were the third fastest Colts Eights at the Regatta out of crews entered.

Pangbourne & Whitchurch Regatta—Novice Eights 20 J1

round 1: B Kingston RC 1 l
B Windsor GS $1\frac{1}{2}$ l
semi-final: B Reading University $\frac{1}{2}$ l
B Bedford Modern School $\frac{3}{4}$ l
B Wycliffe College E
final: B St Edward's School $\frac{1}{2}$ l
B Reading University 1 l
B Hampton GS E

Thus at last winning Novices.

Senior Colts IV 'A' crew: B: AM Higgs; DB King; NRH Pollard; Str: J Scott; Cox: JR Spooner.

Abingdon Head of the River Race 25 Ap

As Gryphon BC this crew won the Schools' Pennant and Cup.

Chalmore Regatta—Colts Fours 14 M

round 1: B Carmel College E
round 2: B Windsor GS E
semi-final: B Maidenhead GS $1\frac{1}{2}$ l
final: B St Edward's School 'B' E in fastest time of the regatta

Wallingford Regatta—Colts Fours—Glyn Cup 16 M

round 1: B Star/Silver Jubilee School E
semi-final: B Clifton College E
final: B Maidenhead GS E

Senior Colts IV 'B' crew: B: M Milanovich; CM Clayton; NJ Luker; St ECJ Lilley; Cox: ADS Chalker.

Chalmore Regatta—Colts Fours 14 M

round 1: B Wallingford GS E
semi-final: L Maidenhead GS 2 l

Wallingford Regatta—Colts Fours 16 M

round 1: B Sir William Borlase's School
round 2: B Bedford Modern School 'B'
semi-final: L Maidenhead GS cvs

Senior Colts IV 'C' crew: B: RG Godfrey; G Habgood; AJ Mattersor Str: GW Hamlin; Cox: AM Calvert.

Chalmore Regatta—Colts Fours 16 Ma

round 1: B Cokethorpe School
round 2: L St Edward's School 'B' $\frac{1}{2}$ l

Reading Junior Regatta—Colts Fours: Division B 29 Ma

semi-final: B King's School, Rochester
B Pangbourne College 'C'
final: L Clifton College 3 l
L Eastbourne College $1\frac{1}{2}$ l

Senior Colts IV 'D' crew: B: D Parker; JCM Binks; MI Kendall; Str: DN Longdon; Cox: ADS Chalker.

Competed at Reading Junior Regatta, but lost in the first round.



The First Eleven



A memorable Colts Eight



James Cobban—Headmaster 1947—1970

J M C

HEADMASTER 1947-1970

The summer term of 1947 saw the start of a new era in the history of Abingdon School with the accession of a new headmaster who was to raise the school to new heights. William Grundy, having successfully aided the school through two world wars, felt that he was fortunate . . .

. . . in being succeeded by Mr. J. M. Cobban, not only was he one of the most brilliant Classics of his year at Cambridge, with three University awards to his credit, but also as Liéut-Colonel in the last war he was so acceptable to those with whom he served that one of them called him the best staff officer he had ever had. And from my personal experience of him I feel supremely happy in passing on a charge which I have loved so well, to one who will carry it on with greater ability and with the same devotion to the school and boys that are in it.

Abingdonian, Easter 1947.

James Cobban immediately began to fulfil the predictions of this eulogy by formulating an expanding and far-seeing policy which was so successfully carried out to the extent that he never had to look back.

When he arrived, the new Headmaster realised that the school was far too small for its potential (the school roll stood at 230 then, it is now consistently above 600). Since the increases in number that he instigated of course started at the bottom of the school this necessitated a larger sixth form, and adjustment which was admirably coped with and in twenty-three years the sixth form has increased tenfold.

The present numbers of the Sixth Form are absurdly small for a school of our size, and this shortage of leaders—a deficiency of quantity, not of quality—is reflected in every branch of school activity'.

J.M.C., Abingdonian, January 1949.

Together with the rapid expansion of the school, near revolutionary changes in time-table were carried out in order to thrust the school into the forefront of new ideas in the world of education. For example, after a General Inspection of 1957 the whole layout of the middle school time-table was altered and the present option system introduced. This meant that there was far more emphasis on choice of subjects by a boy than ever before.

During his reign, the area of the School was almost doubled (Crescent House, Glyndwr, Whitefield, War Memorial Field), the school roll trebled, and he saw built the New Teaching and Science Blocks, the Dayboys Changing Room, the Tuckshop, Swimming Pool, two pavilions and the Music School, and throughout the rapid metamorphoses that all these entailed managed to keep what has been said to be one of the happiest Common Rooms in the country. He was always aware of the importance of the existence of tradition in the school and encouraged the recognition of our benefactors without sacrificing the progress of the school.

Any boy who had any insight into school affairs knew that wherever James Cobban went he was always behind the school and the work he has done on the Headmaster's Conference in support of the Direct Grant System has been recognised not only by his colleagues but by the BBC. An example of his organisation of the school was that he could afford to spend time away from the school, always confident of the support and abilities of the Common Room and the boys.

Just the bare facts of his achievements cannot pay his work the tribute it deserves and do not show the warmth and enthusiasm that he showed towards the school, always honoured to be in the position of headmaster. He would show as much interest in the problems of a first-former as to sixth-former.

But we have not said enough. A full tribute to the work of James Cobban would fill this magazine and more, but perhaps we can give some indication of the range of his work by the following short contributions:

Sir Hubert Ashton, K.B.E., M.C., D.L. (Headmasters' Conference)

James Cobban and I have been closely associated with each other during the past few years when Direct Grant Schools have been under fire—so to speak. He has proved himself to be a wholly admirable colleague in such circumstances. He possesses perhaps a unique knowledge of the Direct Grants System and this, combined with a first class brain and inexhaustible energy, kept us all going in the face of many anxieties. Despite his enthusiasm and advocacy for what we rightly stand for, he has always been fair and broadminded in the arguments he deployed, both verbally and in writing. This was very properly appreciated by those who hold different views from his own.

There are two other of his many qualities to which I would like to pay tribute. The first is his unselfishness: he was at all times concerned only with the object of the exercise—and in advancing this he had no thought at all for his own position in the hierarchy.

The second is his courtesy. As one who is a relic of the First World War and, therefore, a good bit older than James, may I say that what has particularly struck me in our relationship has been his unflinching courtesy; whether it has been a letter written late at night or a kindly post card from abroad, he has always been thoughtful for this old relic. All of us much hope that he will live for many years in happy and active retirement but, like myself, I suppose he is not immortal! And so when the time comes perhaps these words of Hilaire Belloc may be appropriate:

Of Courtesy—it is much less
Than courage of heart or holiness;
Yet in my walks it seems to me
That the Grace of God is in Courtesy.

Mr. G. F. Duxbury, M.A.

Looking back on nearly twenty years of Abingdon under James Cobban from the backwater of retirement is rather like recalling holidays of long ago—the sunny ones stand out clearly; the bad spells—and there must have been some—are either forgotten or dimmed in perspective: and this is not such a bad thing after all.

In their wisdom the Governors selected James Cobban for the task of headmaster after Mr. Grundy and it is hard—or rather impossible to think of any other man who could have brought about such far reaching changes in the years that followed by comparatively painless means.

Each year saw an increase of numbers of boys and staff, most years saw new buildings acquired or built, rarely did a school year start without some innovation in curriculum or timetable. Of course not all the changes were successful, but it was interesting to read in the magazines of other schools of 'novel experiments' which were established practice at Abingdon. This steady forward drive made heavy demands on the staff, but when one's pigeon-hole was fuller than usual with 'Please speaks',

Action-pls' and 'Dringends' frustration was tempered by the thought that IM could probably have dealt with the lot between breakfast and Chapel. The Masters' Common Room at Abingdon was always noted for its happy atmosphere which many schools might envy, and even when the number of masters was quintupled there were no cliques and the minimum of animosity. James Cobban with the reluctant and unstinted co-operation of Roger Hoyle, did his best to improve material conditions but even more to maintain friendly relations between Headmaster and Staff. If rockets had to be delivered they were if possible rubber-nosed so as not to cause permanent injury.

And what of the boys? In the smaller school under Grundy's benevolent paternalism, we knew a good deal about each of the boys: when numbers grew to 600 the new form- and house-master system did at least enable us to know much more about some of them, and the essence of the old relationship was preserved. There was certainly little in any boy's present or past history that escaped J.M.C.'s knowledge. In the classroom he was an inspired and inspiring teacher. No boy who was in his Third Form Greek set is likely to forget that combination of musike (*Μουσική*) and gymnastike (*Γυμναστική*) that would have delighted Plato, and in his Sixth Form seminars every encouragement was given to reasoned and independent thinking.

If the trend throughout the Cobban era was towards Responsibility without undue restrictions—liberty without licence—the end product on the whole was a sufficient justification of faith. Old stagers may cavil at luxuriant hair and unorthodox dress but these are only outward symbols of the age and Abingdon is certainly a 'School of the 20th century'.

These random personal recollections do scant justice to James Cobban the man and his achievements but if I had to sum up both in a sentence it would be Lucan's verdict on Julius Caesar—"he believed nothing achieved while anything remained to be done."

The Bishop of Reading

Nothing in which James Cobban took part could ever be dull, nor even a catalogue be dull of the various Church committees of which he was and, for the most part, still is a member. So, without hesitation, I list them all, for in no other way can I give anything like a proper indication of the work he is doing for us in the Diocese of Oxford and in the Church of England at large nor of the extent of the debt we owe him. Here goes:—

A member of his local Parochial Church Council, the Ruri-Decanal Conference and the Diocesan Conference, now superceded by the introduction of Synodical Government, a member of the Diocesan Board of Finance, Diocesan Board of Patronage, Diocesan Council for Mission and Unity, Diocesan Information Committee and the first Chairman of what was the Laity Challenge Fund. Outside diocesan circles, he has served many times as a member of the Selection Committees at which men appear who have thoughts of being ordained. He has enlivened and continues to enliven the pages of the Oxford Diocesan Magazine, the Country Churchman and his Deanery Magazine with articles which blow as fresh air into the parishes and do us all a lot of good and, although I have never been privileged to sit at his feet in church, he is in great demand as a Lay Reader of the Diocese. No doubt the spoken word contains as much weight as that which proceeds from his pen, and all kinds of cobwebs are blown away from the minds of those sitting in the pews.

To show a little of what we think of him, he came Top of the Poll in the recent (and first) election to the House of Laity of the newly formed General Synod of the Church of England and that will give him, I hope as much gratification as it gives us. I could go on to enlarge upon the Church's debt to James Cobban but perhaps what I have written will give readers some idea of what we owe him. How he finds time for it all beats me.

The Town Clerk of Abingdon, E. W. J. Nicholson, LL.B.

I suppose a man cannot be a good Headmaster or a good Bishop unless he is also a competent man of business. Nonetheless, as autocrats within their respective demesnes such men sometimes acquire a cloistered outlook which takes them not so much into conflict with wider authority as out of touch with it.

Fortunately in pursuing high academic ideals James Cobban never lost sight of realism. The key to his character is his middle name of Macdonald—in Scottish circles he is known as J. Macdonald Cobban. His brisk Scunthorpe inheritance has been softened and enriched by the romantic blood of this Highland clan. Any flights of fancy it may have produced were always brought to successful landings by the beneficent influence of Lorna, and his innate administrative talent was sharpened by experience in the military government of Berlin.

As one who has worked closely with James Cobban for more than 21 years, during which time both school and town have roughly doubled their population and much increased their estates, I know he has always been alert to the need to integrate the school with the affairs of the town and district, and to effect a friendly compromise with authority on the rare occasions when he has not actually walked hand in hand with it.

New school buildings, both academic and domestic, playing fields, boathouses, swimming facilities, the C.C.F., royal visits, housing accommodation, water supply, rating, tree preservation, Remembrance Sunday, school plays and even bun-throwings by no means exhaust the points of contact between School and Town during these two decades.

In all these things James Cobban's drive has kept pace with the vigour and enterprise of Abingdon's youthful Borough Council. When two engines are spinning at the same rate they get into gear smoothly, and it is small wonder that School and Town have accelerated in unison. His generous share in maintaining this happy relationship, as well as his contributions to social and judicial work in the district, made it right and proper that he should be honoured by appointment as a Deputy Lieutenant of Berkshire, enabling him to add a touch of colour and royal authority to the ceremonies which Abingdon conducts so well.

Looking back on the work of James Cobban one is tempted to ask, like the Bishop of Reading, how did he find time to do it all? (Perhaps those rumours of him getting three hours sleep a night are true!). Not only was it due to his own unwavering devotion to the school but the devotion that he inspired in others—surely the mark of a great headmaster is his bequest to the school, for which we can only thank him by the upkeep and improvement of the standards of reputation and academic work of the school that he has set for us.

We owe that to James Cobban.

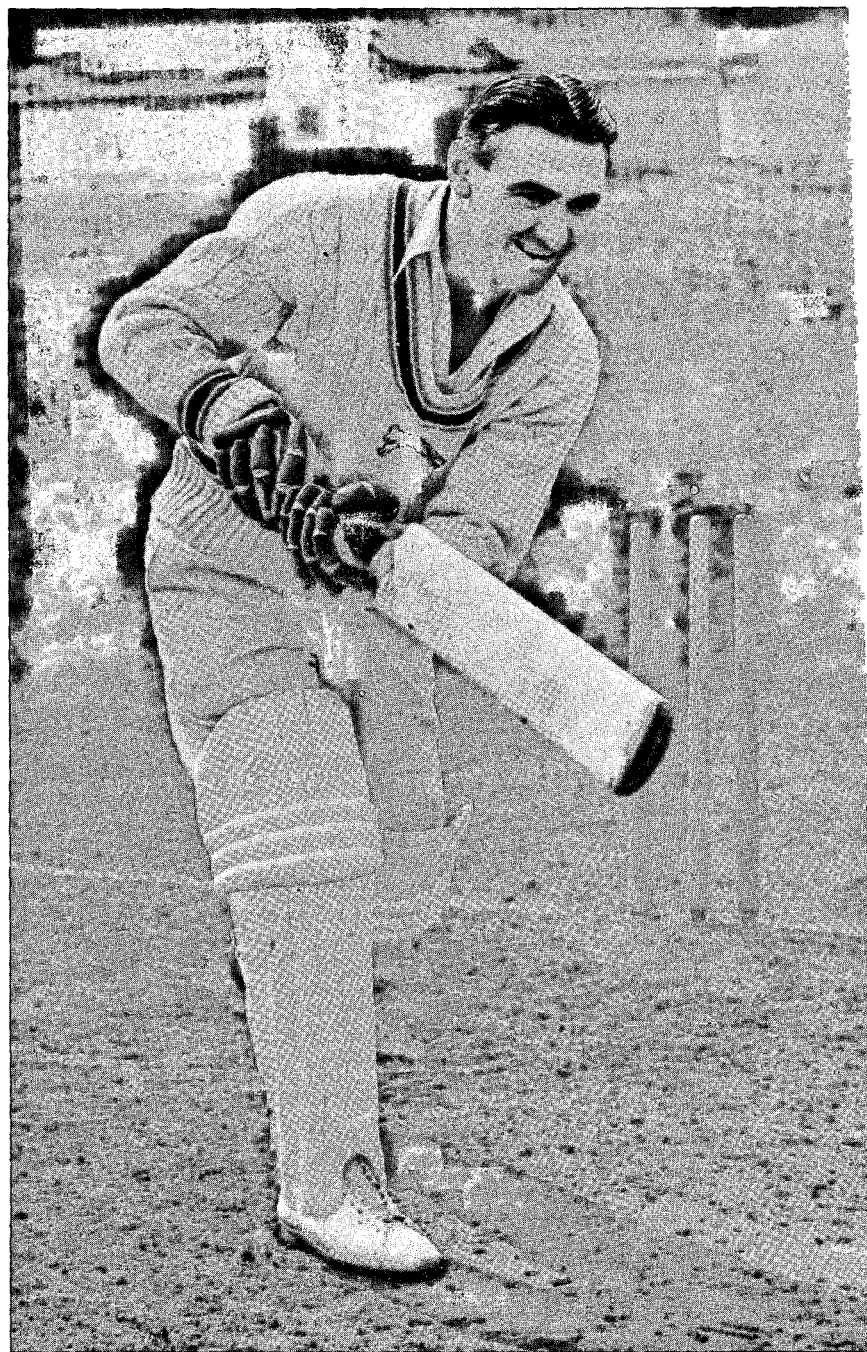
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Gerald Smithson

Junior Colts VIII: B: AB Wise; AM Jones; DMA Binks; RM Bowkett; JB Marriott; PAW Rogers; IR Greaves; Str: CF Vernon; Cox: GF Hamlin.

National Schools' Regatta—Junior Colts Cup: Division B 12/13 June

round 1: B Bedford Modern School

L Canford School

L St George's College 'A'

repechage: B Emanuel School

semi-final: B Radley College 'B'

L Pangbourne College

L St George's College 'A'

Junior Colts IVs 'A' and 'B'

These two crews from the Junior Colts VIII competed at Chalmore Regatta, where both lost in the first round, and at Reading Junior Regatta, where the 'A' crew beat Eastbourne College in the semi-final of the Junior Colts Fours event.

'Mini-Colts' IV: B: M Ormerod; MJ Matfield; PRJ Lilley; Str: PR Forsythe; Cox: GF Hamlin.

Chalmore Regatta—Under Age Event 14 May

semi-final: B Windsor GS 2ft

final: B Wallingford GS $\frac{1}{2}$ 1

Boat Club Regatta— 6 July

Bennett Cup—Senior House Fours:

Reeves

Pixell Bowl—Intermediate House Fours:

Tesdale

Morrell Cup—Junior House Fours:

Blacknall

Pierpoint Cup—Boarders v Dayboys Eights:

Dayboys

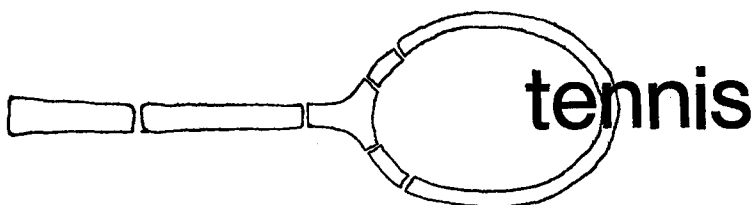
Haarhoff Cup and Mayor's Waterman Trophy:

JC Griffith

Eason Cup for the House gaining most points:

Tesdale

We are very grateful to Miss K Cobban for presenting the trophies.



The outstanding feature of the season has been the success enjoyed by the First Six. Their losses were keenly fought matches, with exciting tennis from both sides. The composition of the team has remained consistent, with Paul Clarke waiting in the wings to take any place offered by injury or examinations.

The first pair of Ian Gardner and David Baumann was consistently successful, Gardner playing positive, attacking tennis; he has a flowing style, a penetrating service, and excellent use of the court, backed up by numerous well-executed shots. He plays well if his first service is 'in', but if he has to use his second service for any length of time, there can be patches of quite poor tennis. He was well supported by David Baumann, a good player, who is let down by an ungainly service action.

Of the second pair, the captain, Neil Coulbeck, has style and all the shots, with an effective service, but somehow lacks the drive to come from

behind when in trouble—nevertheless, he is a fine player. Jeffrey Clargo, his partner, has an unorthodox style, but his service, despite a pleasant action is erratic, and is a hindrance at the moment to further improvement.

The third pair, who will both be with us again next year was Howard Manning and Robin Oswald. Manning is aggressive and persistent, chasing everything. His play has improved immensely during the term, but his service and ground shots require attention. Robin Oswald a newcomer to the club who slipped straight into the team, is not so aggressive, but has had some very good days. His service has improved considerably, though still needing practice and his play is 'softer' than that of other members of the team—he employs the ball placed into a space with a gentle shot.

Finally a word about Paul Clarke. He is potentially a very good player and has shown style for several years, but this year he has disappointed in that he seemed to go back, rather than progress to better things. He has the shots, and when on form a first-class service, which is deep and fast. Possibly the lack of real concentration has held him back this year.

The Second Six ended the season with equal wins and losses. Roger Plail and John Whittington were dependably strong, and set a high standard for the rest of the side, who supported them admirably.

The junior teams have had a season of varied results whilst all team members have given their best, Roland Klepzig, Jeremy Bosworth, Timothy Gresswell, and Ian Manning have shown that they can play good tennis—an encouraging asset for next season.

During the holidays, Ian Gardner and Jamie Sutton won the boys' doubles event in the Berkshire junior finals. Playing with Marion Cole, he later also won the mixed doubles event, and qualified for the award of the Howard Robbins Trophy for the most successful player in the tournament. The local paper said of Ian, "he must be a senior player in the near future."

Wimbledon

In the Youll Cup, our first pair, Gardner and Baumann, played an exceptionally long match against RGS Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Every game went to deuce, and points were won on opponents' errors rather than by good play. We eventually won by 6—4, 10—8. Our second pair, Coulbeck and Clargo, were beaten by the sheer determination of their opponents, by 6—2, 6—1. Gardner then won the deciding singles game after a splendid duel involving long rallies and many deuce games, by 6—3, 4—6, 6—2, to put us through to the second round. We lost this 0—2 by default: all credit to Ian Gardner, who, against tremendous odds, put in a great deal of hard work throughout the two days, and produced some superb tennis.

Roland Klepzig and Roderick Macdonald went out in the first round of the Thomas Bowl, to Wellington College I, by 6—1, 6—2. The pairs were more evenly matched than the score would suggest, our opponents exploiting nervous play to score vital points.

We then entered a Plate Event, and beat Lancing College I by 4—6, 9—7, 6—0, only to be defeated by Seaford I in the next round, by 1—6, 6—4, 3—6. Patches of play looked good, but again, nerves, and the inability to settle quickly, cost us further progress in the event.

We lose this year three of the First VI, and two of the Second VI; we wish them the very best for the future. It is to be hoped that they will keep up their game, and perhaps re-visit us in OA teams.

On behalf of those members who have benefited directly, and the remainder of the club, I would like to thank Mr Ruck and Mr Lay for their interest and guidance throughout the season, and I hope they will be

ck with us next year. Finally, my thanks and appreciation of all the help
ven by Messrs Harcourt, Moore, Morelle and Robbins. JEV

Full Colours were awarded to DN Baumann.

Half Colours were awarded to JRD Oswald, HJ Manning, RO Plail, JM
hittington and PR Clarke.

The teams were:

rst VI: IF Gardner, DN Baumann, NS Coulbeck (captain), JA Clargo,
JRD Oswald and HJ Manning. PR Clarke (4), PJ Todd and MD Bricknell
(1 each) also played.

cond VI: (from) RO Plail (captain), JM Whittington, PR Clarke, PJ
Todd, MD Bricknell, RS Wilson, AT Winnington, RA Joseph, DK Rice
and JM Howes.

nder 16 VI: (from) RP Klepzig, MP Taylor, SCM Parkes, DM Lewis,
PJ Berry, SE Stone, CN Leonard, RI Macdonald.

nder 15 VI: (from) JH Bosworth, MA Barrett, CW Lawson, ARH Lang,
CP Hey, TJ Gresswell, AW Davies, IC Manning, CDN Morris.

nder 14 VI: IL Manning, CDN Morris, RA Woods, CJ Todd, AM Carlisle,
JR West.

Athletics

s we had insufficient regulars to make a proper team this summer, few
ll scale matches were arranged. However, in addition to the fixtures listed
the end, we have had a 'friendly' against Culham, have competed as
ests in a match at Fitzharry's and have benefited from practice sessions
1 Radley's cinder track.

It was a pity that we didn't manage to interest more boys in the North
erks Championships, for the eleven who went returned with eight firsts,
id nine of them were later selected to represent the district at the county
eeting.

The Oxford City Athletics Club 1600m medley relay—a new event—
oved very exciting. Sprinters Chris Jordan and Andrew Barrett gave
a good start, but although fourth former Anthony Madin ran his 400m
g faster than ever before (55 sec), Marlborough had a lead of some 30m
the final change. With 300m to go, Nick Smart had made up the deficit
it the Bradfield half-miler was ominously closing on them both. However,
the final straight, it was the Marlborough runner who produced the
stest sprint. (Smart's 800m time was under 1.57).

After the interest and ability shown in last term's inter-house paarlauf,
was disappointing to find so few seniors able and willing to compete at
amford. Our eventual team of Smart, Mark Crocker, Jeffery Mushens
id David Hares (of the VI, 6, 5 and 4 forms respectively) did far better
an we had dared to hope, gradually working their way through the field
finish second.

Athletics captain Chris Jordan has had a most successful season in the
rints. Perhaps, though, he has relied too much on his fine surge over the
st 50m, for it was his inconsistency off the blocks that caused him to miss
place in the semi-finals at the All England Championships.

During the term full colours were awarded to CJ Jordan; half colours
AJ Barret, AJM Crocker and JSP Mushens. RHB

The following have been successful in the AAA 5 star award scheme this
rm: 5 star: AH Courtenay; 4 star: PS Ashby, AC Atkinson, ND Francis,

DC Hares, CJ Jordan, PRJ Lilley, AJ Madin; 3 star: SK Fabes, SM Hobson, JSP Mushens, JDC Turner, S Wilson, GW Woolley; 2 star: C Woods.

Oxford City AC Schools 1600m Medley Relay Thurs 7 M
 1: Marlborough 3.35.9; 2: Abingdon 3.37.8; 3: Bradfield; 4: Presentati
 College; 5: Radley; 6: St Edward's.

Radley/Cheltenham Thurs 21 May (
 1: Radley 95; 2: Abingdon 94; 3: Cheltenham 27.
 Jordan and Atkinson each won two events; Barrett, Mushens and Sma
 each won one.

Berks AAA Championships Sat 6 June (Brackne
 U/20 CJ Jordan: 1st 100m 12.1, 1st 200m 23.9
 NKA Smart: 2nd 800m 1.58.9
 U/17 AJ Madin: 2nd 400m 56.0
 JSP Mushens: 2nd 1500m 4.28.8
 DC Hares: 3rd long jump 5.53m

Stamford Paarlauf (6 miles) Wed 10 Jun
 1: The Leys 23.15.1; 2: Abingdon 23.25.8; 3: Stamford; (6 teams)

Berks Schools' AA Championships Sat 13 June (Brackne
 U/20 CJ Jordan: 2nd 100m 11.6
 NKA Smart: 2nd 800m 1.58.4
 U/17 AC Atkinson: 4th high jump 1.58m
 U/15 AH Courtenay: 3rd 100m 12.4

In addition to those listed above, the following have represented th
 school: AJ Barrett, S Chislett, JC Cox, AJM Crocker, RE Deane, M
 Evans, ND Francis, RHL Griffiths, M Lawless, PRJ Lilley, MG Osbor
 CP Taylor.

The School Sports

The weather having prevented these from being held in March, it w
 decided to try to hold a modified Sports Day in the summer term at a tin
 mutually convenient for all concerned. In theory, such a day was a fou
 but in practice there were many notable absentees, and few except full tin
 athletes had managed to do more than a minimum of training. Many even
 were decidedly thin, despite a number of last-minute entries, and the san
 competitors met so often in the senior events that times and distances we
 forgotten in canny attempts to win, and yet conserve as much energy
 possible.

However, all this need not detract from some interesting athletics, ar
 several excellent performances, notably from Peter Lilley and Adria
 Courtenay, who each broke two records in the under 14 events, and fro
 the other four record-breakers. RH

100 yards

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| U/12 | 1: CWP Hobson | 13.3 | 2: MG Howat | 3: LGP Després |
| U/13 | 1: PS Ashby | 12.2† | 2: GN Green | 3: RJ Price |
| U/14 | 1: AH Courtenay | 11.4† | 2: S Walker | 3: CDG Driver |
| U/15 | 1: CP Hey | 11.6 | 2: JD Griffin | 3: DWJ Harvey |
| U/16 | 1: AJ Madin | 11.2† | 2: DC Hares | |
| Open | 1: CJ Jordan | 10.4 | 2: AJ Barrett | 3: AJ Madin |

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|) yards | | | |
| 12 | 1: CWP Hobson | 31.4 | 2: MG Howat |
| 13 | 1: PS Ashby | 29.1 | 2: GN Green |
| 14 | 1: AH Courtenay | 26.6 | 2: CDG Driver |
| 15 | 1: CP Hey | 27.4 | 2: ND Francis |
| 16 | 1: AJ Madin | 20.0 | 2: DC Hares |
| en | 1: CJ Jordan | 23.6 | 2: AJ Barrett |
|) yards | | | |
| 13 | 1: GN Green | 66.4 | 2: CJ Madin |
| 14 | 1: AH Courtenay | 59.9† | 2: PRJ Lilley |
| 15 | 1: CP Hey | 65.1 | 2: ND Francis |
| 16 | 1: AJ Madin | 62.5 | 2: AC Atkinson |
| en | 1: CJ Jordan | 54.4 | 2: KP Brown |
|) yards | | | |
| 14 | 1: PRJ Lilley | 2.25.6† | 2: S Wilson |
| 15 | 1: ND Francis | 2.27.0 | 2: JD Griffin |
| 16 | 1: RHD Griffiths | 2.28.3 | 2: JSP Mushens |
| en | 1: RHD Griffiths | 2.22.1 | 2: MG Osborn |
| le | | | |
| 15 | 1: PAW Rogers | 5.40.8 | 2: GW Woolley |
| 16 | 1: JSP Mushens | 5.12.6 | 2: AJ Madin |
| en | 1: MG Osborn | 5.57.0 | 2: PF Egelstaff |
| gh Jump | | | |
| 13 | 1: AN Davies | 4.2 | 2: RJ Price |
| 14 | 1: PRJ Lilley | 4.7 | 2: CDG Driver |
| 15 | 1: PRJ Lilley | 4.7 | 2: CDG Driver |
| 16 | 1: AC Atkinson | 4.8 | 2: RHL Griffiths |
| en | 1: CJ Jordan | 4.11½ | 2: AC Atkinson |
| ng Jump | | | |
| 13 | 1: MG Wartke | 14.4½† | 2: PS Ashby |
| 14 | 1: AH Courtenay | 15.3 | 2: CDG Driver |
| 15 | 1: AC Glass | 14.11 | 2: ND Francis |
| 16 | 1: DC Hares | 17.2 | 2: AJ Madin |
| en | 1: AJ Barrett | 18.4½ | 2: CJ Jordan |
| ple Jump | | | |
| 16 | 1: AC Atkinson | 35.10 | 2: AJ Madin |
| en | 1: S Chislett | 37.10 | 2: CJ Jordan |
| ot | | | |
| 14 | 1: PRJ Lilley | 30.5† | 2: GF Woods |
| 15 | 1: PRJ Lilley | 29.8½ | 2: ARP Mushens |
| 16 | 1: AC Atkinson | 33.5† | 2: M Lawless |
| en | 1: CJ Jordan | 38.7 | 2: AC Atkinson |
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| 14 | 1: GF Woods | 73.2 | 2: AH Courtenay |
| 15 | 1: TC Parker | 94.6½ | 2: PAW Rogers |
| 16 | 1: AC Atkinson | 95.3 | 2: M Lawless |
| en | 1: RE Deane | 77.0 | 2: MG Osborn |
| velin | | | |
| /14 | 1: GF Woods | 65.1 | 2: TJ Wallis |
| /15 | 1: PAW Rogers | 108.0 | 2: AC Glass |
| /16 | 1: NE Matthews | 116.6 | 2: M Lawless |
| en | 1: S Chislett | 89.6 | 2: CJ Jordan |

Inter-House Cup (U/12, U/13, U/14, U/15 events only):

1: Tesdale 81; 2: Reeves 66; =3 Bennett and Blacknall 64.

Victor Ludorum:

U/15 1: PAW Rogers 17; 2: CP Hey 16; 3: ND Francis 14.

Open 1: CJ Jordan 35; 2: MG Osborn 13; 3: S Chislett 12.

† beats previous record

Orienteering

It has been a disappointing term with the school being represented at only six events, in addition to this fewer people have entered each event. This has been largely due to two factors, the absence of the 'Dolly-bus' (away at Dolgoed for much of the term), and exams looming up at the end of the term. The Landrover was available for only one event, others were supported by private cars and hired coaches.

Sunday 12 April the day of the Southern Championships, dawned with a cold wind thereby reducing the already small school contingent. Michael Allen had a good run to come fourteenth in his age group and well within the 'silver' time. On the whole, however, the school put up a disappointing performance.

Results were again poor at the West Midlands Schools' Championships and Badge Event, with only three of our runners in the Championships event. A second place in the Intermediate Men's class of the badge event by Michael Elliott was the one redeeming point.

Six runners competed in the next event, organised by Guilford Orienteers. Progress was never easy, with temperatures soaring to the high seventies, and so all credit to David Steele who finished first on course two minutes ahead of his nearest rival and also to Simon Whipple who finished less than half way down the field of some eighty odd on course.

There were some thirty-five participants from the school at the New Forest Event the following weekend. This was not the result of increased popularity of the sport, but by way of training for the Ten Tors expedition. In spite of the adverse conditions Mark Crocker had a good run to come fifth on course B and Ray Deane and David Rice did well to come second on course C.

The highlight of the term's orienteering was eight of our runners being in the first eleven places on course two at the New Forest Event on 15 June. Mark Crocker was first with Michael Elliot and Alan Brown coming third and fourth.

This term's orienteering has emphasised the fact that although orienteering calls for an essentially individual effort, a team spirit is nevertheless necessary, but unfortunately lacking—only four people have supported more than two events. In addition to this some of the more regular orienteers have now left school. It is therefore imperative that more orienteers are recruited from the lower school—ideally those with a certain amount of athletic ability. Orienteering at the school is already in a weak position for the future—only the enthusiasm of Mr Baker is keeping the sport alive.

Southern Championships

Sun 12 April

Intermediate Men: 5th out of 6

Junior Men: 6th out of 7

West Midlands School Championships Sun 26 April 6th out of 9

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| Guilford Orienteers | Sun 3 May | No teams entered |
| New Forest Event | Sun 10 May | No team Event |
| OOA Training Event | Sun 7 June | No team Event |
| Reading OC Score Event | Sun 28 June | No team Event |
| New Forest Event | Sun 5 July | 1st and 2nd out of 5 |

The following competed: JM Elliott, J Wheatcroft (5), DB Howat, DM Steele (4); MKC Allen, PA Bosworth, AME Brown, AJM Crocker, DN London, DK Rice, HT Tresidder (2).

Swimming

The term started with a long spell of excellent weather, and there was plenty of opportunity for all to swim. We were fortunate in the number of promising swimmers who contributed much towards the three swimming matches.

The school lost rather heavily to Radley, had a close match against Leighton Park, but did well with a victory against KAS, Wantage. This match was neck-and-neck throughout, and the close competition made it extremely enjoyable.

Although there was much enthusiasm at the beginning of term for the life-saving classes and for the swimming sports, this was dampened somewhat by bad weather later. The number of candidates for the RLSS exams was halved, and the sports, though still enjoyable, produced only one new record, in the plunge.

Our thanks go to Mrs Morelle, who presented the cups and certificates, and to Mr Willis, Mr Baker, Mr Brodie, Mr Harcourt and Mr Gray for their help in organization.

I should also like to thank Mr Coleman for his invaluable help this term; his devotion to the sport has provided much incentive to the school and to the team.

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| Radley College | Thurs 4 June (a) | Lost 78—42 | HTT |
| Leighton Park | Fri 19 June (h) | Lost 59—35 | |
| KAS Wantage | Fri 26 June (h) | Won 68½—65½ | |

Swimming Sports:

Open Freestyle—50 yds: 1—EC Lilley, 30.4 secs; 2—H Tresidder; 3—A Jones.

U/16 Breaststroke—50 yds (new event): 1—M Crofton-Briggs, 39.3 secs; 2—M Lawless; 3—RM Bowkett.

U/14 Backstroke—50 yds: 1—C Jones, 41.4 secs; 2—N Tresidder.

Open Butterfly—50 yds: C Houston—swam over, no opposition.

U/16 Butterfly—50 yds: 1—M Freeman, 44.5 secs; 2—M Crofton-Briggs.

Junior Diving: 1—J Johnston; 2—Halsey; 3—P Hallum and S Lawson

Open Plunge: 1—N Luker, 57ft (new record); 2—C Jones; 3—P Hallum

U/16 Backstroke—50 yds: 1—EC Lilley, 36.3 secs (equals record); 2—M Webster; 3—RM Bowkett.

Open Backstroke—100 yds: 1—C Houston, 1 min 30.8 secs; 2—RM Bowkett; 3—M Webster.

U/16 Freestyle—50 yds: 1—EC Lilley, 30.3 secs; 2—A Jones; 3—M Freeman.

U/14 Breaststroke—50 yds: 1—J Johnston, 44.7 secs; 2—N Tresidder; 3—C Jones.

Open Freestyle—100 yds: 1—H Tresidder, 69.9 secs; 2—A Jones; 3—D Clayton.

U/14 Freestyle—50 yds: 1—C Jones, 34.1 secs; 2—N Tresidder; 3—J Johnston.

U/16 Freestyle—100 yds: 1—EC Lilley, 1 min 12.1 secs; 2—A Jones.

Open Breaststroke—100 yds: 1—M. Crofton-Briggs, 1 min 29.3 secs; 2—H Tresidder; 3—M Osborn.

Senior Diving: 1—C Houston; 2—P Egelstaff.

Open Freestyle—250 yds: 1—RM Bowkett, 4 min 0.8 secs; 2—H Tresidder; 3—C Houston.

Open Breaststroke—250 yds: 1—G Hamlin; 2—Parker; 3—M Osborn.

Medley Relay: 1—Tesdale, 49.9 secs; 2—Bennett; 3—Reeves.

Junior Relay: 1—Bennett, 61.1 secs; 2—Tesdale; 3—Blacknall.

Senior Relay: 1—Tesdale, 58.5 secs; 2—Bennett; 3—Reeves.

The Blackburn Cup for 250 yards Breaststroke went to G Hamlin, the Elliott Cup for the most individual points to EC Lilley and the Becker Cup for Freestyle Swimming to HT Tresidder. Tesdale House retained the Green Cup for house swimming.

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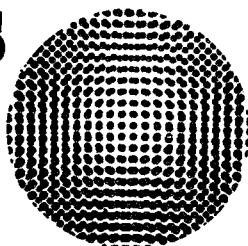
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REPORTS



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Some few Abingdonians ago I mentioned that more cadets were making use of the opportunities which the Corps affords, and the most pleasing thing about this year is that this trend has continued. The naval section has sent its biggest contingent ever to Loch Ewe, numbers at the Army camp were up to fifty-two—the largest for some years, while more than half of the AF attended camps or gliding courses. Several other cadets went on various courses and altogether about sixty per cent of the contingent did something of this kind, many attended more than one activity.

Once again we entered for the Ten Tors Expedition, and of our four teams, three were successful, and in quite good time too.

This term, for the first time, we extended Field Day, which was on a Monday, to include the Saturday and Sunday preceding, and we hope this will be the pattern for future Summer and Autumn Field Days. Another innovation was the introduction of puttees for the Army Section, to take the place of gaiters with working dress.

We are losing a large number of senior NCO's this term, and I should like to express my gratitude to them for the splendid way they have carried the bulk of the instruction and discipline of the Corps. Now it is up to others to take over—and they have a high standard to live up to.

We have also had much help from Mr John Paton, now 2nd Lieutenant, and from Mr (now sub-lieutenant) KA Bell, who has been and will be helping the Naval Section—particularly with the sailing. We are most grateful to them both, and also to the regulars (in more senses than one) who come over to us—CPO Kettle and the Training Team—in particular, Sgt Gibson.

NAVY Section

The main events of the term were Field Day and the Annual Inspection. Instead of the usual visit to Portsmouth, we went to Salisbury Plain, and joined in an exercise with the Army Section. A strenuous and I hope enjoyable time, was had by all. It was good practice for those going to Loch Ewe at the end of term.

The Annual Inspection went well with the section providing the Guard of Honour. A favourable report was received, commenting especially on the enthusiasm and keenness. For the first time for many years the boat party were inspected not only by our liaison officer from HMS Sultan (Lt Brown), but also by the Inspecting Officer; both of whom were taken for short sails on the river.

During the term we welcomed Mr K Bell, from Westminster College who is joining the section, and will fill the gap left by S/Lt Dean (now RN). He will be looking after the sailing. He also took four cadets sailing on the weekend in his own yacht at the end of term.

Loch Ewe 1970

This year's party to the annual camp at Loch Ewe, was our largest yet, a consisted of 2 officers and 20 cadets, including three each from the Arr and RAF Sections.

Apart from the usual training, the activities included a visit round HM Lincoln (Salisbury class frigate), sea trips in HMS Otter (Oberon class submarine) including diving, and HMS Dee (Minesweeper) and flights in Wasp helicopter. The two-day expedition was in the Beinn Dearg area (near Ullapool) in mainly poor weather conditions especially on the first day when there was sleet. In fact several large patches of snow were found about 3,000ft. Camp was made for the night on a small rather exposed hummock, which was fairly well drained except for some springs near base, as discovered by several cadets after they had settled for the night. After a sudden gust had blown a polybag and its contents into the adjacent loch, two cadets had to be taken back to the road and hence camp, escorted by two senior cadets and an officer. Otherwise everyone had a relatively dry and warm night. On the second day the weather improved and walking was more enjoyable.

The rest of the week was filled with sailing, canoeing, pulling and various inter-hut athletic competitions; none of which did we actually win, but usually came second or third (out of 8). This is a highly recommended camp, and already several people have expressed a wish to go again in 1971.

RN Courses, Summer 1970

Apart from the large numbers who went to Loch Ewe, a further 16 places were taken on other camps and courses as follows: Gunnery, HMS Excellent (3), PT, RNB Portsmouth (4), Electrical, HMS Collingwood (1), Submarine Acquaintance, HMS Dolphin (1), Naval Aviation, RNALossiemouth (2) and the Dartmouth Camp (5). Nine of these places were taken by RAF cadets and it must be emphasised that almost all the courses are open to all three sections, and even the ones nominally restricted can be filled by non-RN cadets.

From the comments received they were all well run and enjoyed. Everyone had their own highlights which varied from a simulated 50kt nosedive in a Polaris submarine mock-up to flying in a Vampire. Some surprised themselves in cross-country running. All, I think, found themselves fitter and with a better insight into today's Royal Navy.

CM

Army

During our first weekend Field Day, 'B' Company carried out a two-day exercise on Salisbury Plain, including an exciting, though rather demanding night scheme which began in the misty dark and ended in the bright moonlight. They were then joined by the rest of the section for training on the Monday. Despite the rain morale was high and the experiment seemed very successful.

The Annual General Inspection went well. The section was commended for their excellent turnout, steadiness on parade and march-past, and the inspecting officer found the training to be interesting and varied. I would like to congratulate all concerned, and to add my thanks to Mr Coleman and Mr Davies, and to all the NCO's who attended camp and made what might have been a very difficult time a most enjoyable and pleasant experience. I may add that the camp commandant thought very well of the unit, and the credit must go to all of you.

Our best wishes for the future go to U/O Elliot, who has given a great deal to the CCF, CSM Sparrow and Sgt Jarvis.

TGK

RAF Section

Field Day took the form of a 36 hour exercise in preparation for the Ten Tors Expedition for part of the section and a day's map reading coupled with an escape and evasion exercise for the remainder—all completed in almost continuous rainfall. The following week-end the Ten Tors team successfully completed the Dartmoor course. In addition we held three further week-end camps at Lyford and Stanford-in-the-Vale attended by some 40 cadets, linked on each occasion with a small night infiltration scheme. The acquisition of several parachutes enabled our more hardy members to use them for their proper purpose as emergency tents.

Our flying activities included a couple of visits to RAF White Waltham or Chipmunk flying for 40 cadets and three visits to RAF Halton (613 GS) for Gliding experience. In addition ten cadets have followed continuous proficiency gliding courses at RAF Halton and RAF West Malling during the holiday. Again this holiday our course and camp record is quite impressive. Three cadets attended a Naval Gunnery Course at Portsmouth, and one each a PT and communication course in the Portsmouth area. Other cadets attended camps in Devon, Cornwall and Scotland, while at the end of term two of our cadets in the middle flight had a day's flight from RAF Abingdon over Belfast to Machrihanish on the Kintyre Peninsula in western Scotland. Our warm thanks must go to Squadron Leader Carr at RAF Abingdon for enabling so many of our cadets to fly on Wednesday afternoons.

Unusually, we had a summer camp offered us this holiday making a score of three camps in the year. One officer and eight junior cadets shared a most pleasant week with Magdalen College School at RAF Swanton Morley. Apart from the usual schemes and exercises we had full visits to the T-bomber station at RAF Marham and the Lightning station at RAF Coltishall.

We welcomed Flt Lt GM Pearce of HQ Air Cadets and P/O A Paxton (O/A) on Inspection Day and were able to show them a much greater range of activities than in previous years. On Founder's Day several cadets put on a magnificent exhibition of model aircraft and a display of some RAF Section activities, which we ought to repeat next Inspection Day. At the end of the day Rear Admiral Raikes presented the RAF Sword to Sgt RW Leary and the Air Officer Commanding Cadets Certificate for Outstanding Service to RAF Sections to U/O RO Plail. At the end of term we heard of a similar award to WO MI Johnstone.

For my part I must thank the Senior NCOs for their continued support and enthusiasm without which the section could not continue at its present high pitch of activity. For those who may follow them, one point is quite clear, promotion to senior ranks will be made by merit and continued contribution to the section as a whole. In this section we are not interested in those who seek the personal glory of gliding proficiency and flying scholarship alone. It is necessary to contribute to the section's tradition of martness, leadership and participation in all activities for the benefit of the more junior members of the section. NKH

An Evening in Gibraltar

For the first time in some seven years the School RAF Section was asked by Headquarters Air Cadets to select one of its members for an Overseas Flight during the Summer Holiday. The lucky cadet was J/Cpl AJ Madin.

Andover flight 4699 left RAF Abingdon for Gibraltar at 1600 hours on 29 July. The first leg was to St Mawgan, Cornwall, where we spent the

night. Next morning came the longest leg of the flight, 3½ hours to Oporto in Portugal where we refuelled, stretched our legs and had coffee. The aircraft arrived at Gibraltar at 1600 hours in glorious sunshine.

I changed out of uniform, had a quick meal, then armed with my camera set off to explore. Firstly I climbed the Rock—which in the heat was somewhat shattering, but was well worth it. After a rest I set off to find the famous Apes, which I duly photographed. I then went down into Gibraltar to shop and explore the place, and enjoy the night-life until almost midnight. The following morning we took off again for Oporto, where we met several Hawker Siddeley Dominies from the School of Air Warfare, then ourselves going on to Gibraltar. Leaving Oporto we came straight back to RAF Abingdon, which in total gave me another 12½ hours flying time to add to my log book. AJM

Scouts (34th Abingdon)

Group

The Group Council (i.e. parents' committee) has met regularly, and at the beginning of term organised a very successful jumble sale. The proceeds from this, together with a good effort in Scout Job Week and a generous donation from TASS, have enabled us to buy a dining shelter for camp and materials to make two fibre-glass canoes.

Junior Troop

The pattern of last summer has been continued—relatively few Troop meetings, but a considerable number of activities for small groups. There was a good attendance at the annual St George's Day Service in St Helen Church; and this group later had an enjoyable Field Day at Longridge—some sailing being possible this year. Eight members completed the first aid course and have received their Junior First Aid Certificate. Wait, Rogers, Bowkett and Courtenay formed the nucleus of the Junior patrol for the Ten Tors Expedition, which they completed successfully after several weeks' ends of hard training. We competed "honourably" in the District Campin and Swimming competitions, but failed to bring back either trophy. A few week-end camps were held—but not nearly as many as should be—and a small group went to Dolgoed for a weekend before half-term to prepare the house for the third-form visits. The Patrol Leaders for the year have been DC Hares, PR Wait, PAW Rogers, RM Bowkett, MJ Loach, S Maunders and CW Lawson.

Summer Camp

We abandoned plans for a camp in the Peak District because of difficulties with transport, and returned to the excellent site at Spring Hill. This site has a natural setting for a magnificent aerial runway, and this was soon up and in use. The usual hikes, orienteering activities and wide games were enjoyed by all, and the invigorating swimming in the private (unheated) swimming pool by some. Once again it was possible to run a camp only through the assistance of Mr Baker and the Rev Peter Doble and we are greatly indebted to them, as we are also to the Venture Service team under DB Howat and to GH Maunders, a newcomer to camp, who between themselves organised the food, stores, and HQ cooking most efficiently. DRS

Venture Unit

Due to the pressure of exams on the more senior members, the unit has this term been run by Lower Sixth formers. At the beginning of term a campfire was held at Youldbury at which the juniors and the 3rd Abingdon Guides also attended. Other activities have included climbing, canoeing (2

re-glass canoes are under construction), sailing, pioneering projects, a
imaging meeting and a slide show of previous expeditions and activities.
network has continued rather haltingly, the hut still being by no means in
fect condition. Hooligans have broken over thirty panes of glass during
e year and we are considering boarding up some windows permanently.

As last year, the troop entered two teams in the Ten Tors Expedition

Dartmoor and both successfully completed their routes well within the
ne limit. Ample training had been carried out with overnight hikes and
strenuous exercise in the New Forest over the Field Day weekend which
volved orienteering as well.

Finally, on behalf of the whole Unit. I would like to thank leavers
coffrey Lyons, John Hounam and Paul Egelstaff for what they have done
r scouting over the years and wish them well for the future. RJP

oluntary Service

ast year I wrote of the speed with which appeals for new voluntary
sitors had been answered. That this has not been the case lately has been
ie, I suspect, to the nature of the work—gardening. For some reason
is does not seem to appeal to people nowadays. I am therefore all the
ore grateful to PR Wait and his helpers, who have undertaken to do
ring the summer holidays those gardening jobs that no one would do
ring term.

During the year the following visitors have left: AME Brown, NP
eading, V Lacey-Johnson, SCM Parks, DI Smith, RAC Turner and NP
inton. I thank them all very much for what they did for the old people
Abingdon. HTR

he Grundy Library

he Governors this term increased the Library Grant to meet the rising
ost of books and magazines and also to cope with the large numbers of
oys who now use the Library. Since 1963 the number of books borrowed
as multiplied with each year, marking the change from what was largely
sixth-form library to a 'whole-school' library. Our junior readers are
elped by the 300 books on loan from Berkshire County Library, for
hich we are most grateful. On Founder's Day we held a display of books
om the Dene Bookshop which we should like to purchase—and as a
esult parents, Old Boys and friends donated some twenty pounds. Our
hanks to everyone who helped to organise this, and to those who donated.

Gifts to the Library were also received from the Headmaster, Hugh
arry OA, David Wheaton OA, Capt H Leach OA, Mr Airey Neave and
rofessor Holt.

I must thank David Smith for all his hard work and enthusiasm in his
ole of Library prefect. Despite his many commitments he always had time
o give to the Library, and we shall miss him greatly. KGH

ridge Club

he summer term was quiet, due to good weather and examination com-
mitments. However, an enjoyable, if not very successful, outing was made
o Hanwell Bridge Club to take part in a competition. A team finished
ighth out of nine, in the face of strong and experienced opposition.

Our exchanges with St. Helen's assumed a friendly, rather than com-
petitive atmosphere. Abingdon won the first match convincingly, and the
eturn took the form of a mixed friendly! MDB

Lists

Staff, September 1970

Headmaster: WEK Anderson, MA (St Andrew's University), BLitt (Ball College, Oxford)

Assistant Masters

- DO Willis, MA, late Scholar of Pembroke College, Oxford (History; **Seco Master**)
- HM Gray, MA, late Scholar of Jesus College, Oxford (Chemistry)
- CET Moore, TD, MA, Hertford College, Oxford (Geography)
- SC Parker, TD, MA, Edinburgh University, Lanfine Bursar (Languages)
- FJ Sewry, BSc, Southampton University (Chemistry; **Careers**)
- LCJ Griffin, MA, Jesus College, Oxford (Classics)
- RG Mortimer, MA, Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge (Languages)
- J Talbot, BSc, Birmingham University (Biology)
- AA Hillary, MA, late Exhibitioner of Jesus College, Cambridge (History)
- KG Hasnip, MA, Caius College, Cambridge (Languages)
- WG Potter, MA, Pembroke College, Oxford (Biology)
- CDB Milton, BSc (Econ), ARCM, LRAM, London University (Economic)
- RH Baker, MA, Queen's College, Oxford (Physics)
- TGK Fairhead, BA, Downing College, Cambridge; Chelsea College of A (Art)
- CJW Owen, MA, late Exhibitioner of New College, Oxford (English)
- HT Randolph, MA, Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge (Classics)
- BE Woolnough, BSc, Reading University (Physics)
- CM Reynolds, MA, BSc, late Scholar of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge (Mathematics)
- H Eden, MA, late Exhibitioner of Caius College, Cambridge (Geograph)
- NH Payne, MA, Jesus College, Cambridge (History)
- PV Moody, MA, St John's College, Cambridge (Mathematics)
- DC Taylor, MA, Clare College, Cambridge (Languages)
- JEG Varley, Nottingham College of Education (Physics)
- M Woodgett, MA, late Exhibitioner of Exeter College, Oxford (Classics)
- NK Hammond, BSc, London School of Economics (Economics)
- DR Skinner, MA, late Exhibitioner of St John's College, Cambridge (Mathematics)
- AR le Fleming, BA, late Organ Scholar of Queens' College, Cambridge (Director of Music)
- BD Hall-Mancey, GRSM, ARCM, ARCO, Royal College of Music (Music)
- KR Clayton, BA, Adelaide University (English)
- SC Bodey, BSc, Reading University (Physics)
- JC Harcourt, BSc, Edinburgh University (Mathematics)
- Rev PG Osborn, BA, Sydney University and Cuddesdon College (**Chaplain**)
- DA Brodie, BEd, Nottingham University (Physical Welfare)
- PA Dunn, MA, Durham University (Languages)
- RJ Lewis, BA, Natal University (English)
- NAF Pritchard, BA, late Scholar of Balliol College, Oxford (Mathematics)
- Miss C Hubbard, ARCM (Music)
- Mr DM Robbins, GRSM (Music)
- RCB Coleman, BA, late Abbot's Scholar of Keble College, Oxford (Physics Science)

A Harmsworth, BA, University College, Oxford
H Coleman, late APTC, (Physical Training and Woodwork)

Visiting Music Staff

Piano: Mr Kelly

Drumming: Mrs. Ingram; Mr G Davies

Woodwind: Mr F Butterworth; Miss Barnwell; Miss J Fisher; Miss J Gregson

Surgeon: Captain IG Mason, RN

Medical Officer: Dr JH Fisher, MA, MB, BCh (Cantab), MRCS, LRCP, JP

Officers of the School

School Prefects

IJ Minns (Head of School)

P Nicholl (Head of Boarders)

L Cox

ME Brown

J Searle

I Shellard

B Gray

C Griffith

DC Henderson (Head of Dayboys)

JSB Frere

AR Snodgrass

RHL Savory

SP Loosemore

CJ Murray

CJ Jordan

JQ Rowley

House Prefects

Resident House: GF Pike, AJM Crocker, AM Higgs, RC Cash

Markhill: RK Gyselynk, PJ Harden

School House: MR Mackenzie, JC Dunkerley, JRD Oswald, MS Paddison,

TJ Hughes, MT Bennett, AW Wood, RS Conibear, DGW Murphy.

Waste Court: P Todd, TR Baker, JSP Mushens

Dayboys: AT Winnington, IC Browne, PGK Staniland, CA Wallace, PC

Bradley, GD Pearce, KJ Barnard, DB Howat, MT Evans, PA Bosworth,

DN Longdon, AC McMillan, RG Willis, PM Cowley, RJ Polley, PT

Alder, DM Howes, HJ Manning, JM Dyke, AR Cunninghame, RJ Pike.

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Prizes 1970

The Endowed Prizes

The Morland Prize (presented by Messrs Morland in memory of WT
Morland OA, and awarded for all round merit): DG Nasmyth

The Thomas Layng Reading Prize: RC Cash, prox acc DC Henderson

The Ellis Prize for Character: AME Brown

The Van Wagenen Prize (presented by the family of Richard Day Van
 Wagenen, OA, of Washington, DC): DI Smith
 The Quatercentenary Prize: JG Dowling, DI Smith
 The St Catherine's Prize, for Intellectual Initiative: DH Parry
 The Shephen Freeman Memorial Prize, for example and service: JL Cox
 and JP Cox
 The Abingdon School Society's Prize: NS Coulbeck
 The Smith Chemistry Prizes: JR Weir, JK Ridge, PA Bosworth
 The Ball Science Prize: MKC Allen, RD Hodkin, DN Longdon
 The Biology Prize (presented by Dr and Mrs Charles Ford): RAC Turner
 The West Biology Prize: DG Nasmyth, JR Weir
 The Bevan Essay Prize: RJ Collins
 The Bevan Scripture Prizes: PF Thompson, RA Balkwill, SP Thompson
 The Ingham Physics Prize: JR Weir, AT Braunton
 The Ingham Music Prize: R Samsworth
 The Initiative Cup, and Prize: JPD Mitchell
 The Fourth Science Times Cup: JDC Turner
 The Larkhill Trophy: RA Landy
The School Prizes
 The Mayor's Prize for Service to the School (presented by HJ Paxton, Esq
 CEng): RO Plail
 The Headmaster's Prizes: CJ Nicholl, DLR Howells, MI Johnstone
The Old Boys' Prizes
 Classics Essay: JBA Godfrey
 English Essay: NS Coulbeck
 History Essay: SP Loosemore
 Modern Languages Essay: RJ Polley
 Mathematics Essay: GH Maunder
 Divinity Essay: RO Plail
 Geography Essay: IC Browne
 Economics Essay: CJ Bovey
 Music Essay: RC Cash
 CCF Prize: RO Plail, RJ Searle
 The Junior Reading Prize (presented by CC Woodley, Esq, MA, OA): JM
 Evans
 The Local History Prize (presented by Mrs JE Duffield): PR Clark, RM
 Thomas
The Music Prizes
 Choral (presented by EHF Sawbridge, Esq): RA Joseph
 Pianoforte
 Senior (presented by Miss Sheldon-Peach): RJ Pike
 Junior: ARM Kelly
 Composition: FJ Pike
 Brass: M Evans
 Woodwind: AR Cunninghame
 Strings: JL Hounam
 The Art Prize: MJ Andrews, JL Hounam
 Classical Reading Prize: KJ Barnard
 Modern Languages Reading Prize: CD Chafer
The Form Prizes
 Sixth Form Upper
 Latin: DC Henderson
 History: JA Clargo
 English: NS Coulbeck

Modern Languages: NS Coulbeck

Mathematics: CJ Nicholl

xth Form Lower: SP Loosemore, RJ Polley, BA Sharpe

fth Form: RGA Godfrey, JR Hills, BE Jones

ourth Forms

Form 4L: JM Evans

Form 2B: RS Chapman

Form 4M: PR Wait

Form 2C: RA Balkwill

Form 4P: ARM Kelly

Form 2F: GN Green

Mathematics: TB Niblett

Form 1H: DF Little

orm 3B: BJ Polly

Form 1M: SJ Clift

orm 3D: JN Oakley

Form 1Q: NP Kay

orm 3V: RL McGreevy

Exam Results

The advanced level results are given below in alphabetical order. The abbreviations are normal: the only ones that are not self-explanatory are † (German), K (Chemistry) and T (Ancient History).

J Allington (B); MJ Andrews (T E); HP Ayerst (F); KJ Barnard (T); B Barrett (M K); DN Baumann (L H† Ec); NJ Beeching (P Zoo* Bot); A Bodimeade (E H Ec); CJ Bovey (E Geog Ec); JW Bosley (M K); IS Bowden (E); SEW Boyers (E); PCS Bradley (N E† H); LD Bradshaw (Art); J T Braunton (Mus M P); IM Bricknell (M† M P); AME Brown (P K B†); I C Browne (H† Geog† Ec); KP Brown (P K B†); RC Cash (E K Bot B); JWS Chalker (Art); JA Clargo (T L H†); JR Comerford (K); NS Coulbeck (N R E*); JL Cox (E); JP Cox (P B†); RJ Crane (E Art); DP Dean (E H); RA Dean (H); JM Dyke (H Geog Ec); AC Eagle (K); JSB Frere (F† R H†); CR Gibaud (E H† Ec); RJ Grant (P K* B*); SP Gray (M† P); JC Griffith (P K B*); RK Gyselynck (Geog Ec); DA Hacker (M P K); RW Hamilton (P); GG Hartnell (K† B†); JP Heading (E); TJG Healy (P B*); DJ Heard (M P K*); DC Henderson (L E H); PG Henry (M P K); ATB Herbert (M P K†); RD Hodgkin (P K B†); JL Hounam (L E H†); MI Johnstone (K); RS Kirby (E H); J Lacey-Johnson (E Geog); RG Leonard (H Geog Ec); AD Long (E H Ec); J B Luff (M P K); GM Lyons (P K B); DH Marshall (H); DRB Martin (E M); GH Maunder (M); GBM Milton (P K B); NJ Minns (F† E H); PD Mitchell (M P K); RS Moore (Ec M); AG Muff (E H Ec); JP Nicholl (M P K); DW Percival (E Art); RO Plail (P K† B); JK Ridge (M P K*); CF Rock (F R); IG Routledge (Ec); R Samsworth (T E Mus); JHC Savory (F G H); RJ Searle (P K); NG Seaver (E B); MS Simpson (T E Ec); NKA Smart (E H Ec); DI Smith (E H Geog); NAG Smith (P K B*); SRF Soffe (M K B); CR Sparrow (M P K); PGK Staniland (E); JM Steele (F N); MP Stevens (P K); R Teall (P K B*); MC Varley (H Ec); MR Ward (E H Ec); JR Weir (M P* Zoo* B); J Wheatcroft (Geog P); M Whittington (Geog K B†); NP Winton (M P K*); AJ Wise (M P K); SA Woods (E H† Ec†).

*distinction † merit in special paper

Hello Goodbye

Left Summer Term 1970

IM Cobban, TD, DL, MA, JP

VIII: PH Ayerst, DN Baumann, IS Bowden, SEW Boyers, JA Clargo, RJ Crane, CR Gibaud, MJ Hill, RS Kirby, RG Leonard, IG Routledge, DI Smith, MR Ward, SA Woods.

VIR: MJ Andrews, SA Bodimeade, CJ Bovey, JWS Chalker, NS Coulbeck, DP Dean, RA Deane, DBA Godfrey, NP Heading, V Lacey-Johnson, AP Long, DH Marshall, AG Muff, DW Percival, C Rock, R Samsworth, MG Simpson, NKA Smart, MC Varley.

VIS: MCK Allen, SB Barrett, JW Bosley, AT Braunton, IM Bricknell, JR Comerford, JM Elliot, DA Hacker, DJ Heard, PG Henry, A J Herbert, RB Luff, GH Maunder, DRB Martin, JPD Mitchell, RS Moon, CR Sparrow, MP Stevens, J. Wheatcroft, NP Winton, AJ Wise.

VIT: TJ Allington, KP Brown, JP Cox, RJ Grant, GG Hartnell, TJ Healy, RD Hodkin, MI Johnstone, GM Lyons, GBM Milton, RO Pla JAF Ridge, NRG Smith, CR Teall, JR Weir, JM Whittington.

6O: C Butt, RA Joseph.

6G: PF Egelstaff.

6M: CS Boyd, CG Perry.

Shell: RW Leary, RN Macdonald, AM Jarvis, RS Wilson.

5R: CJG Houston, DR Jollyman, GJH Legoux, SCM Parks.

5H: S Lambert.

5M: AJ Matterson.

1M: RK Henrikson.

1H: DF Little.

Came Michaelmas 1970

WEK Anderson, MA, BLitt

VIR: RGD Christmas, NKB Robertson.

VIS: RC Newall.

6W: JH Taylor.

5H: HDS Rennie.

4L: JM Tauwhare.

4M: SJH Cromie.

4P: RE Taylor.

3B: JP Barton, RW Holder, JCH Peck, HA Rance, JN Sackett, D Williams.

3D: N Couchman, NA Hughes, MSJ Phillips, RP Simmons, RD Woolley.

3V: JC Barnes, DC Eccles, CS Orchard, GAN Pott, AW Smith.

2B: CJ Scott.

2C: SW Morden.

2F: DR Bownawell, JM Steele.

1H: MJC Barnes, DA Blackburn, NW Boyce, PG Bradford, ME Brownwell, AH Cook, TJ Crome, JH Doble, JL Friedman, MR Green, CM Hardy, M Herring, MP Hills, RA Hobbs, DF Home, MR Hyman, JF Lang, GB Lewis, ME Lintot, GA McCreery, TDW Oliffe, JS Poxon, RJ Short, JJ Stephen, GM Uttley, RD Watson.

1M: CH Allen, CC Barnham, PJ Boon, JJW Breckon, DM Byfield, AI Crooks, PA Evans, KMR Forsythe, AJW Furley, RS Gibbons, CLJ Goetchins, JM Hamberger, TS Hemmings, M Hitchcock, IR Holding, RJ Humin, MA Kelly, DM Lewis, DG Light, GA Light, NJ Mitchell, JJ Phillipson, DC Rimmer, TC Semmence, CP Sowden, PV Thomas, DA White.

1Q: TJ Baker, NC Bezzant, TF Booth, MS Brown, IS Cullen, AMF Frederiksen, P Gibbons, DA Halliday, RJ Harmer, MK Hasnip, J Hester, AG Hillary, JM Hingley, NJ Holder, R Howell, PN John, PJ Lee, GI Nayler, MJ Pattisson, RJ Perkins, DC Poole, CR Sheldon, ME Spoor, GFB Tissier, SF Williams, JP Wise.

Notes

overshadowing the start of this school year is the awful fact of Gerald Smithson's sudden death, which will mean so much to all those who came under his influence. I have already written to many parents and Old Boys asking for their help in performing one last service to an old friend by helping with his four young daughters' education. The response has been generous but if there is anyone whom I have missed, who would like to send me a cheque made out to "The Gerald Smithson Memorial Fund", their contributions would be much appreciated. AAH

Deaths

Free: on 26 June 1970 to Linda, wife of David Free (1952), a son, Andrew.
Goodwin: some time towards the end of July, to the wife of David Goodwin, a second son, Keith Christopher.
Long: on 25 February 1970 to Sylvia, wife of Stuart Long (1961), a second son, Philip Stuart.
Midwinter: on 23 December 1969 to Susan, wife of Errol Midwinter (1954), sister for Rachel.
Perry: on 27 June 1970 to the wife of Bryan Perry (1950), another son, Craig Stewart.
Pickup: on 3 April 1970 to the wife of Christopher Pickup (1960), a son, Charles.
Sewry: on 6 September 1970 to Freda, wife of Trevor Sewry (1961), a son, Anthony Trevor.

Marriages

Bailey-Pyne: on 12 September 1970, in Pembroke College Chapel, Oxford, Christopher Bailey (1963) to Katharin Mary Pyne.
Brown-Burton: on 12 July 1969, David Brown (1960) to Sarah Burton.
Caswell-Legh: on 11 July 1970, at Waltham St Lawrence, Alan Caswell (1956) to Susan Legh.
Clare-Smith: on 19 September 1970, at Reigate, Surrey, David Clare (1966) to Corinna Smith.
Cooper-Martin: on 18 July 1970, in St Peter's College Chapel, Oxford, John Adrian Cooper (1966) to Jennifer Hilary Martin.
Edelsten-Gooch: on 2 May 1970, at Latimer, David Edelsten (1963) to Elizabeth Gooch.
Grundy-Layton: on 22 April 1970, at St Mark's, Layton, Blackpool, Richard Layton (1961) to Jane Grundy.
Rudkin-Saffin: on 15 August 1970, at St Michael's, Clifton Hampden, David Saffin (1960) to Andrea Denise Rudkin.
Stiff-Beauchamp: on 5 September 1970, at St Michael's, Abingdon, Francis John (Frank) Stiff (1964) to Susan Margaret Beauchamp.
Venn-Oldridge: on 11 July 1970, at St Nicolas' Church, Chiswick, London, Anthony Venn (1962) to Jane Oldridge.
Whitton-Bowerman: at St Mary's, Kidlington, Peter Whitton (1961) to Kay Maureen Bowerman.

Deaths

Dove: Alec Dove (1911–1914) died on 23 May 1970 aged 71. While at school he was a boarder at Tesdale House in the Marcham Road. He represented the school at gymnastics.

Field: Captain Francis Peter Field (1947–1951) died on 1st September 1951 as a result of a car accident in Nairobi. Peter Field served with the Royal Lincolnshire Regiment throughout the Malayan campaign, following a period in Germany. He was Mentioned in Despatches in 1958. On leaving the regular army he became a paratrooper in the Territorial Army and then joined the Outward Bound Trust Mountain School at Loitokitok in Nairobi. On one occasion he led a party of blind Africans up Mount Kilimanjaro to help them gain confidence and he was particularly respected for his sympathetic approach towards the problem of those serving with him at home and overseas. Our sincere sympathy goes to his widow and his parents.

Jones: One of the saddest deaths was that of John Jones who died on 1 June, two days before his nineteenth birthday. John was at Swansea University where he was reading history in which subject he had done exceptionally well in the A Level examinations of the previous summer. A member of Larkhill House, John had been a house-prefect and was popular with both masters and boys. He will be remembered for his courteous and pleasing personality, for his scholarship and for the quiet courage with which he bore his fatal illness.

Memory: William Memory (1918–1922) died earlier this year aged 66. Bill Memory was a boarder and became Head of School in 1921. He played soccer for the 2nd XI and went on to Worcester College, Oxford. He then joined the sales department of the 'Daily Express' and then served in the RASC, reaching the rank of Captain, from 1942–1946. After the war he came back to Fleet Street, this time as Advertising Manager for the 'New Chronicle'. He retired in 1964 and lived at Buckingham where he enjoyed "doing a bit of farming". He was a much loved and respected Master of the John Roysse Masonic Lodge and his unfailing cheerfulness and helpfulness are sadly missed.

Watson: Colonel Anthony James Arnaud Watson (1923–1925) died at the end of 1969 aged 61. He played for the Soccer XI and for the Cricket 2nd XI and then joined the Grenadier Guards as a ranker. He went to Sandhurst in 1930 where he distinguished himself as a weight putter, and was commissioned into the Queen's Royal Regiment in 1931. He was Army weight champion in 1932, and set new records in 1934 and 1936. In the latter year he also represented the Army at rugby. After war service in the Middle East he served for three years as a Major with the Arab Legion. Having retired about 1956, with the rank of Colonel, he ran a prep school at Salisbury for as long as his health allowed.

Boys who have recently left the School are reminded that the Public Schools' Club in Piccadilly—where we have in recent years held our London Dinners—offers full club facilities at a very modest cost. If you join within six months of leaving school you can cover seven years' membership for a consolidated subscription of seven guineas. Further particulars can be obtained from JAT Saywell at 12 Fitzgerald Road, Mortlake London SW14.

ne Old Abingdonian who has recently revived his connection with the school is F Lionel Baber, who won a prize in 1909 for solo singing. He took a pleasant evening spent with Roy Harvey recently—another OAA in his vintage—and was hoping to get down to the Founder's Day Service at Helen's, where he sang his solo sixty years ago. I am not sure whether he made it.

Another correspondent from the good old days was Mrs Maybell Perks, who, before her marriage to a young master at the school in 1918, taught music under the Rev Thomas Layng and Mr Grundy. Both her brothers were educated at Abingdon—alas, I do not know their names—and her husband, a classic from Wadham, went on to be headmaster of Gillingham Grammar School in Dorset.

Norman Jordan Dodge (1944) is in the Caribbean on a technical aid project sponsored by the British Government. His job is to help the Land Survey Departments in Dominica, Montserrat and Antigua and he is due back in October.

John Hugh Leach (1953) is back in Muscat, where he witnessed the arrival of a new Sultan. Apparently an era of repression and reaction has ended: a young, lively ruler has replaced a fierce recluse. With the great potential of the country of oil, minerals and agriculture the future looks very bright, though oddly enough Hugh confesses to some doubts about all the changes. Perhaps some have been too rapid.

Kenneth Smith (1954) is to be congratulated on his family of three. I do not know their dates of birth I do not know.

Roger Packer (1955) has been appointed Rector of Sandhurst and will be installed by the Bishop of Oxford on 10 November.

Michael Grigsby (1955) is still producing successful films. He has just made one for Granada Television about the effects of combat on three young soldiers home from Vietnam and is off back to Canada and America.

Roger Scott-Taggart (1959) has been in Montreal since 1966, where he works for the Aluminium Company of Canada, having got a second at Cambridge and then worked in various parts of the world for Unilever. He has two daughters.

Graham Crow (1959) broke a long silence to fill in the details of his life since leaving. He took an Honours Degree in Psychology at University College, London, after which he taught for two years, married and settled in Cheshire, where he still is. He has two daughters, Judith and Elizabeth, born in 1962 and 1964. In 1965 he joined Rolls Royce and has been Personnel Manager of the motor car division at Crewe since 1968. He also writes news of brother Charles Crow (1957), married and just returned from Australia, working in Birmingham.

Robin Dickenson (1959) left for America in June to run a theatre group at a teenage camp near New York for two months and then to enjoy a holiday before beginning a teaching job in Adelaide in January, 1971.

WARREN Chapman (1960), now married, is senior personnel officer with Sandervell Products Ltd, Maidenhead.

Michael Fraser (1960) is at McMaster University, Ontario, where he has just gained a Master's Degree in Metallurgy. He is now beginning his PhD course at the University of British Columbia, having been married in August this year.

Ian Graham (1960) has left Gallacher Ltd and is now Assistant Group Telecommunications Manager with Joseph Lucas Ltd.

Trevor Davis (1959) has moved up again, this time to the job of Registrar of the newly created North East London Polytechnic, formed by the

amalgamation of three large Colleges of Technology. This new establishment will have over 4,000 full-time students and 3,000 part-timers. It makes is one of the largest educational establishments in the UK, including the Universities.

Richard Hook (1961) has bought a newsagent's shop in Blackpool intends to build up a chain of such shops in Lancashire. He probably will . . . Meanwhile, he is too busy to come south but would be delighted to see any of his contemporaries who find themselves in his area. His marriage and new address are recorded elsewhere.

Congratulations to Stuart Long (1961) not only on the birth of a second son, recorded elsewhere, but also on his promotion to his first management position. He will take over the Tourist Hotel Corporation Hotel at Wana South Island, NZ, early in October. He was assistant manager there for a year before he took over his present job in North Island and says it is the most beautiful place.

Christopher Gosling (1961) has filled us in on his progress since leaving school. Agricultural College, followed by the retail sales end of agriculture in Canada have led him to his own car business in Ontario. He was married in 1965 in New York and has a two-year-old son, Bryan, with another offspring expected soon.

David Bobin (1962) has just started with the new local radio station Oxford, due to open in mid-October. He and his wife Susan, now married for over a year, will welcome news of and visits from old school friends to their home in Faringdon Road, Shippon.

George Hall (1962) is due to be married in October to Miss Jane Crisp and expects soon to be posted overseas. He has finished his first year at the Foreign Office and has found his work, mainly dealing with political and consular matters, very interesting.

Congratulations to Michael Nelson (1962) who has just ended five years slog with an external London BSc in Economics and Geography, Class Upper Second. This is a great achievement, as those who have tried studying against the background of three sons aged seven, five and a half and four will know!

Roger Platt (1962) has now entered into partnership and has opened his practice as Chartered Surveyor, Auctioneer and Estate Agent in Maidstone.

Congratulations, too, to Geoffrey Stone (1962) on finally qualifying as a Chartered Accountant. He has been working in Lancaster since 1968 and has been married for two years. He has just moved to Plesseys at Addlestone with his wife and six-month-old daughter.

Another success of the same vintage is Dale Venn (1962), now a Chartered Associate of the RIBA, who is working at the office of Sir Frederick Gibbert in London.

David Edelsten (1963) is now Assistant Fuels Supply Manager with Burmah Oil Trading Ltd.

It was very pleasant to hear from Hamble that ARL Hewison (1964) has qualified as a pilot and will now be joining BEA.

Equally pleasant was the news from the City of Leicester Polytechnic that Christopher (CJ) Evans (1965) had been awarded a first class honours Diploma in Art and Design Industrial Design (Engineering): but does anyone know his address?

Terry Lester (1965) has recently got a job as a computer programmer.

Lt David Joyce (1965) wrote from the RMP Training Centre to say that he will be off to a bit of action in Germany next December as a Captain.

th his own unit to command. He's had enough theory, he says! Congratulations on the promotion.

Congratulations to the three musketeers of the College of Estate Management, now part of Reading University, Graham Candy, Richard Luttmann and Grenville Collings (1966) on achieving their BSc degrees. At the time writing Graham and Richard were working their way around America and Canada and appeared to be enjoying it hugely. They will be taking up their appointed careers in October.

Congratulations also to Michael Liversidge (1966) on his appointment for 15 October to an Assistant Lectureship in Art History at Bristol University. David Penney (1966) did very well at St Luke's, Exeter, getting two extra levels, one of them, English, at B grade. He is enjoying teaching, which finds stimulating and demanding and is also engaged to be married to 1 Eyre from Axminster.

Peter Blackburn (1967) had to drop out of Alligators' Week because of a SO training course in Manchester. He went off to Nigeria at the end of August for a year's teaching. He really has enjoyed both work and games

University and is giving something very valuable back to society in turn.

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Michael Cockerill (1967) has joined Unilever Ltd under their Management training scheme and is now training for technical and/or personnel management in Liverpool. He is also working hard for a Mountain Leadership Certificate hoping to qualify in November.

David Hardwick (1967), with a degree in physiology at Bristol behind him, was hoping when heard from in August to take up a place at Cardiff Medical School.

Richard Roper (1967) was working on a fascinating project—coincidentally still in Bath—with Blackmore and Langdon's developing a red alphinium. We wish him every success in this and the rest of his chosen career in horticulture.

Michael Baumann and Jason King (both 1968) are enjoying reading history at Cambridge and appear to be making excellent progress. Michael wrote in July and was just off to Italy with Frank Dobbs, Brian Ford and Paul Medley. Jason wrote at the end of August from Iceland where he aimed to be enjoying something between outward bound and Arctic survival training which he called a holiday. The resilience of youth!

Chris Lilley (1969) has got himself a job in Norwich with Mann, gerton and Co.

PC Penfold (1969) has passed his O level maths quite well and done a year's practical work. Now he is waiting to go on to the Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester, in October.

Finally, a list of first class achievements in University Examinations of which we have heard.

At Cambridge: EAC Crouch in Natural Sciences Part I (b), with Prize scholarship renewed; AW Hills in History Part I; JT Stafford in Mathematics Part I (a) with the award of an Open Scholarship.

At Loughborough: DM Dickson in Aeronautical Engineering.

At Aberystwyth: RTT Morgan in Education,

Congratulations to them all.

A note from Mr JM Cobban, dated 26 August 1970, addressed to all DAs.

"I am writing this in the chair and at the desk which form the outward and visible part of your present to me. And I have the comforting know-

ledge that a considerable sum of money stands to my credit in a spec account. What I treasure most of all is the beautifully printed and bou volume containing the names of the hundreds of contributors—a bo which brings back so many memories as I browse through it. Thank y one and all—and I really mean it when I say that I shall look forward seeing many of you at the Old Vicarage.”

Addresses

Barrett G: Pooley Bridge, Picklers Hill, Abingdon.
Bride EJ: 24 Colombo Crescent, Weston-super-Mare, Somerset.
Candy JY: 13 Meadowside, Abingdon.
Cork BPA: c/o Moonrakers, High Street, Meppershall, Shefford, Beds.
Crow GC: Flat 2, 28 Mayfield Drive, Moseley, Birmingham.
Crow GM: Tilstone Bank Cottage, Bunbury, Cheshire.
Davies T: 33 Portway, Didcot.
Deal NF: Grey Tiles, Ninfield, Battle, Sussex.
Dodge GW: c/o Crown Surveyors, Min of Trade & Industry, Rosea
Dominica, WI.
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Kemp P: 27 Fulshaw Park South, Wilmslow, Cheshire.
Lewington TGM: Cranbourne, Wootton Road, Abingdon.
Long SR: THC Hotel, Wanaka, South Island, NZ.
Midwinter HE: 3 Orchard Way, Marcham, Abingdon.
Penfold PC: Orchard House, Wendlebury, Bicester, Oxon.
Sansom AJ: RR#3, Salmon Arm, British Columbia, Canada.
Scott-Taggart RB: 344 Curzon Avenue, St Lambert, PQ, Canada.
Stone GG: Endora, Sheerwater Avenue, Woodham, Weybridge, Surrey.
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OA Club Notes

Old Boys' Day was held last term on Friday 10 July. Thirty-seven members were present, and the President, AJ Foden, took the chair at the Annual General Meeting, which was held in the Music School at 7pm. The Secretary reported a successful year for the Club, with 97 new members bringing the total membership to near 1,700. There had been a wonderful response to the James Cobban presentation fund, and the Club looked forward to welcoming the new Headmaster, Mr WEK Anderson. Mr Anderson had accepted a nomination from the Committee to become a Vice-President. The Sports Secretary, JT Cullen, briefly reported upon the

ures held against the school during the year. The Treasurer's report gave statement of accounts as at 31 March 1970. The excess of income over expenditure was £52.18.3, less than in previous years, largely due to an increase in General Information Services, which included heavy postage bills. The report was unanimously adopted.

The following Officers were elected for 1970/71:

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| President: | JT Cullen | |
| Vice-Presidents: | JM Cobban | S Cullen |
| | RE Eason | JH Hooke |
| | GF Duxbury | WEK Anderson |
| President-Elect: | JN Paige | |

Of the three Committee members due to retire, SD Plummer did not wish to stand for re-election. The Secretary thanked him for his services to the Club, and DG Nasmyth was duly elected as a new Committee member.

A proposal that the Life Subscription to the Club should be increased from three guineas to £4 was carried unanimously. The Secretary also informed the meeting that the magazine subscription was to be increased from five guineas to £6, and that in future there might be only two issues of the 'Abingdonian' per year—in September, and in February.

The Treasurer, Duncan West expressed his wish to resign. The President thanked Duncan for his efforts on behalf of the Club, and it was agreed at the Committee should look around for a successor to take over as Treasurer at the end of the next financial year.

The Annual Dinner was held in a marquee on Waste Court Field, immediately following the AGM. A record number of OAs were present which proved to be a most memorable and emotional occasion. The President, AJ Foden, proposed a toast to the School. In his reply the Headmaster welcomed the guests, and gave a very encouraging picture of the school, just 100 years since the move from the Roysse Room. The Headmaster said how much he had enjoyed his 24 years at the school, and reminded Old Boys how they had shared his joys and his sorrows during that time. A large debt was owed both to his predecessors, and to the members of staff who had worked with him. At the conclusion of his speech, James Cobban received a standing ovation.

The President then announced that an amount in excess of £900 had been collected by OAs towards a presentation to James Cobban. A desk and chair had been purchased, which were on display in the Library, and a cheque for the difference was presented to Mr Cobban, together with a specially bound and inscribed book listing those OAs who had contributed to the fund. James Cobban expressed his deep feelings and gratitude to the Club for the presentation, and what lay behind it. The President then proposed a toast to James Cobban, which was responded to by the Club with a chorus of 'For he's a jolly good Fellow'.

The Head of School, NS Coulbeck, replied to the toast of the Guests with some well chosen words, and Jeremy Cullen was formally installed as President for the forthcoming year.

George Duxbury then presented James Cobban with a Duxbury Tie, which is awarded for unusual but outstanding service to the School.

We give advance notice that the Rugged Match will be held on Saturday 21 November, which will be followed by the Annual Dance, which will be held at the Northcourt Centre, Abingdon. Tickets for the Dance will shortly be available from the Secretary.

Secretaries Addresses

Club Secretary: RR Bailey, 10 Whites Lane, Radley, Abingdon (Abingdon 1097); or 12 Bath Street, Abingdon (Abingdon 266).

Sports Secretary (Rugger, Tennis): JT Cullen, Frilford End, Frilford Abingdon (Frilford Heath 205).

Sports Secretary (Cricket, Hockey): JW Dickinson, The Lodge, Sunniewell, Abingdon (Oxford 33501).

Masonic Lodge Secretary: DO Willis, Kenton House, 1a Abingdon Road, Cumnor.

Old Abingdonian Trust Fund

The latest, and almost the last contribution to be made by the Trust towards the amenities of the School is a grant of £500 for the heating the Swimming Pool.

Many more Covenants will be expiring this year and I hope that a good number of our faithful subscribers will be good enough to transfer the support to TASS. The OATF will see to it that they continue to receive the Magazine.

Accounts for the last Financial Year are appended, and once again we thank Rowland Snell for arranging the audit.

Cash Account for year ended 31st March, 1970

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| Balances in Hand 1.4.69 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 560 | 6 | |
| Donations and Subscriptions | ... | ... | ... | ... | 199 | 9 | |
| Income Tax recovered on Covenants | ... | ... | ... | ... | 147 | 6 | |
| Trustee Savings Bank Interest | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4 | 6 | |
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| School Magazine Expenses | ... | ... | ... | ... | 35 | 12 | |
| Contribution to Land Rover and Trailer | ... | ... | ... | ... | 345 | 0 | |
| Postages | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 3 | |
| Balances in Hand 31.3.70 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 529 | 13 | |
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