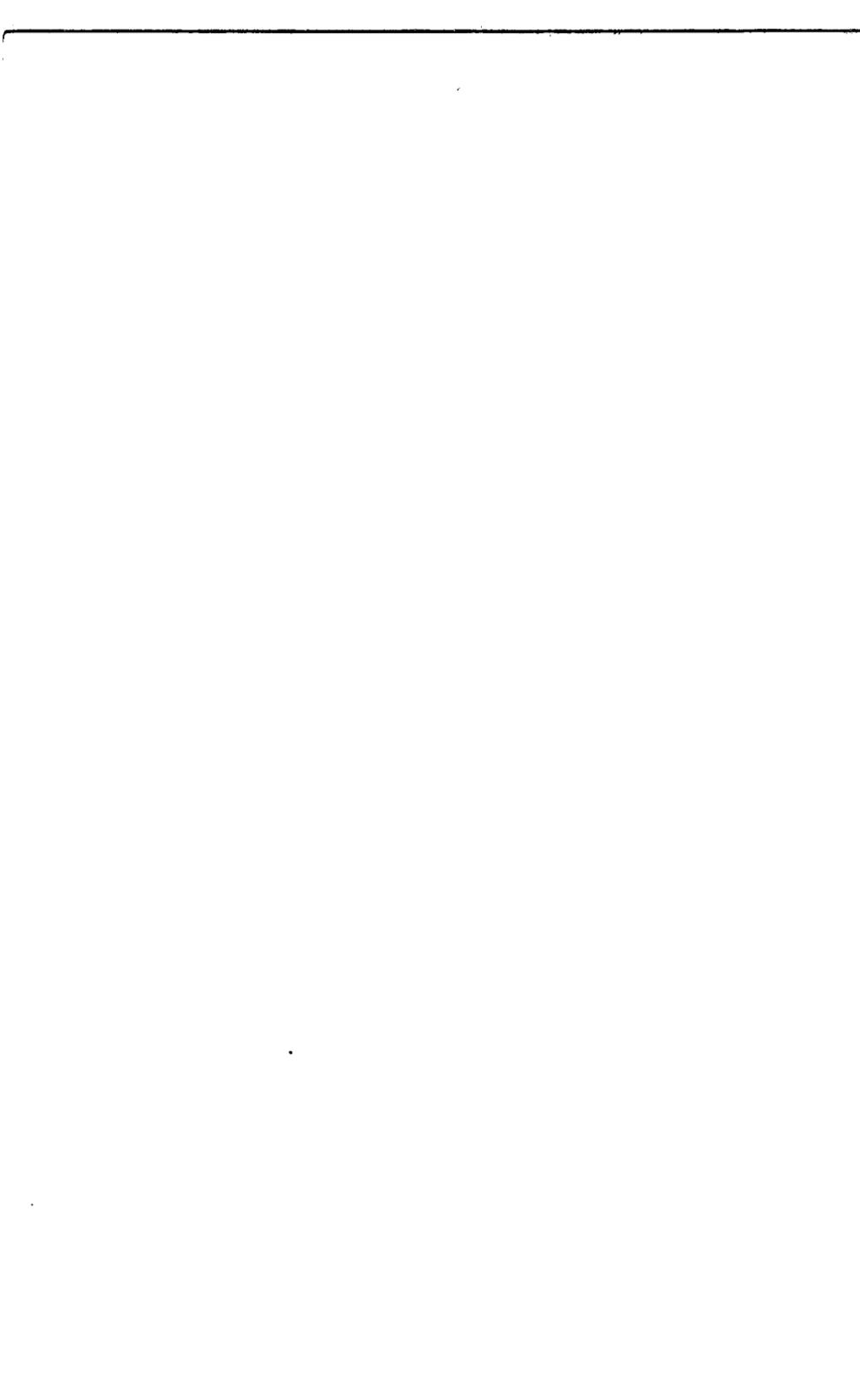


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## Editorial

Last term the whole existence of the prefectorial system was called into question. One house prefect resigned; the School Council discussed the matter at length. The debate was whether the Prefect system inhibited the development of an increasingly responsible attitude towards the community. The Council unanimously proposed a trial period during which prefectorial powers would have been suspended, but the proposal was turned down.

The debate over the prefectorial system is an old one. Its reemergence as an issue has been due to attempts to halt the decline in the importance of the Prefects' role which few would dispute has been taking place over the past few years. The days of Prefect rule are gone, along with their greater powers of punishment. The system has been replaced by a more flexible situation of mutual responsibility. It is necessary that authority should continue to move in this direction. Essentially what is needed is a dialogue. Pupils must be encouraged to respect the authority rather than be driven into a position of antagonism.

It has been said that the question of Prefect reform is now closed. This cannot be so in a school where many people are now eager to join together in working for the good of the community. Ultimately it may be that only through such responsible participation will any community function at its best.

JT

## School Notes

### Salutations and Congratulations

Our congratulations go to Anthony Madin, who won the much coveted Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award last term. He went up to Buckingham Palace with a large number of other award winners to receive his certificate.

Two players from the Badminton Club, Luto and Samsworth, represented Berkshire in a county match against Surrey. This is also a tribute to the Badminton Club which is thriving and having a most successful season.

Congratulations are due, too, to Simon Whipple and Peter Webb, both

of whom follow Mark Neville in winning Pre-University Flying Cadet Awards. They did very well to qualify under stiff competition for one out of the fifty awards available. Simon Whipple was also selected for an Army Pre-University Cadetship.

Congratulations to Mr Bodey on his marriage to Miss Gillian Alden during the Christmas holidays. We congratulate too Mr. and Mrs. Varley on the birth of their second child on the 19th January this year, a daughter, Elizabeth Jane. We wish all of them good fortune in the future.

As always we have had several student masters who help to provide variety in the teaching. Mr Shepard taught French and Mr Dalwood worked in the Geography Department. Mr Dalwood was also in evidence at the Cross-Country races at the end of term. It is pleasant to see student masters involving themselves in the life of the School despite the brevity of their stay.

At the end of Michaelmas Term, we said good-bye to Mr Bernard Hall-Mancey who has now taken up his appointment as Director of Music at Hinchingbrooke School, Huntingdon. We endorse all the nice things said about him in last term's Music Notes and wish him and Mrs Christine Hall-Mancey all good fortune.

Sister Newman had to leave the Lodge last term and we were pleased to welcome Mrs Rimmer in her place for one term. Miss Farr is now resident in the Lodge and Mrs Riviere is the visiting nurse.

Another departure is that of Dick Cadwell, who left us in January and, as reported in the CCF Notes, has taken up a post in Pirbright.

#### Visitors

In the series of Sixth-Form lectures designed to cover a wide range of subjects of general interest, Mr Whalen, no stranger to the School, gave a talk on industrial relations in his job as a personnel manager at BLMC, Cowley. We were also visited by Dr Bradbury of Pembroke College, who gave a most interesting talk on the 'History of the Microscope'.

The boarders' entertainment lectures this term were notable for their extremely high quality. They were given by Mr Keynes on 'The Search for the Twisting Makonde', Mr Houghton on 'Weather Forecasting and the Olympic Games', and by Captain Douglas Woolf, assisted by John Bridges of the BBC, on 'The Battle of the River Plate'.

The non-event of the term was undoubtedly the visit by the Royal Navy to give a presentation on the 'Role of the Modern Navy'. According to the programme the team was to descend from the sky like some mystical figure in a helicopter. This was to be followed by a demonstration of search and rescue techniques and films. The School was assembled expectantly on Waste Court field, having been given time off School, an unprecedented event, and a PA system was rigged up to give a running commentary. An orange rubber boat was placed in the midst of a howling gale on the green sward. The wait, alas, was in vain. The helicopter had broken down and the shipwrecked mariner was left presumably unrescued. Joking apart, we were convinced of the Navy's readiness to protect our trade routes and keep world peace.

The CCF was also visited by some members of the famous parachute team, the Red Devils. Two films were shown and a practical display was arranged to demonstrate their equipment. More presentations such as this would help cure the CCF of its present malaise.

#### Outside Visits

At the beginning of last term the Lower Sixth Geography set went on a

field trip to Lulworth Cove in Dorset to study coastal geography. Despite severe weather conditions the trip was a great success.

A party of 'A' level English students went to see 'Antony and Cleopatra' at Stratford. It was a fine production and all were intrigued by the versatility of the stage which was able to produce flights of steps from nowhere.

Some Fourth-Formers went with the Modern Languages Society to see 'A Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich' which, along with 'Crime and Punishment' is now a set work for English Literature 'O' level!

Members of Sixth-Form Economics sets visited the Bristol factory of WD and HO Wills and then went on to the Avonmouth Docks. In deference to School Policy, free samples were not given out.

A Fifth-Form conference was held in the Abingdon Youth Centre and was attended by representatives of all the local schools. The subject for discussion was 'Authority' and those who participated found the day most rewarding. Some constructive suggestions from those who took part are no doubt being expressed in the School Council.

#### Miscellany

The greatest spectacle of the term was the Cross-Country races. The sight of brightly clad runners charging through a field of grazing cows always attracts spectators if not actual participants. The field was rather thin in the senior races, which did not inhibit the setting up of a new record by Christopher Vernon. The threat of punitive essays helped to urge on the less willing participants.

Another kind of test was also organised at the end of term, this time by the Public Schools Appointments Bureau. The candidates were subjected to a series of Mathematics, Logic and Manipulation Birkbeck Tests designed to estimate suitability for various jobs.

The Second Form presented 'The Crimson Coconut' and 'Ernie's Incredible Illusions' in the Music School. The standard was high and bodes well for future School productions.

A select band of classical scholars competed in a Classical Reading Competition which was held in Magdalen College.

A course in Rapid Reading was held last term and was well subscribed. Naturally any increase of speed is of negligible value if one's comprehension becomes less, and this course did not aim for ultra-high speeds. Most of those who took part increased their reading speeds to 600 words per minute with a high standard of assimilation. Perhaps this is the answer to pre-exam worries. The course will be repeated this term.

We welcome two new members of staff this term. Mr David Crawford, who takes over as Director of Physical Education, comes to us from Bryanston. He was educated at the Perse School, Cambridge, and at Loughborough. He plays county rugby for Dorset and Wilts, and has had considerable success in coaching rugby and athletics as well as in building up the muscles of oarsmen. Mr Jonathan Katz is here for one term only to fill the gap left by Mr Hall-Mancey. He is a Classical Scholar of Pembroke College, now studying Sanskrit. Musically he is a gifted all-rounder. He has transformed Chapel services at Pembroke in the last year, he has given numerous concerts himself, and he has been assistant organist at Munich Cathedral and St Paul's.

Mr VC Buckley, donor of the Buckley Tennis Cup, visited the School in December for the first time for some years. The purpose of his visit was to hand over a handsome clock which he wished to find a home for in Lacies Court.

Finally, Abingdon School's contribution to industry: Phillip Harris Limited are marketing some scientific equipment called 'The Abingdon Sound Wave Kit'. This equipment, as the publicity broadsheet claims, 'provides a means of showing wave phenomena using sound'. Developed under the guidance of Mr Woolnough, the whole kit can be obtained for just £35.

#### Dinner Jackets

The Headmaster inherited from Mr Cobban a small number of Dinner Jackets which can be lent to prefects or other worthy people when they are invited to a full dress occasion. It is possible that some of our readers have Dinner Jackets which they have outgrown. If so, the Headmaster would be glad to add them to his stock.

### Chapel Notes

We started the term with a revised form of week-day Chapel. The system is now as follows:

Forms 1 and 2 in the School Chapel on Mondays and Thursdays.

Forms 3 and 4 in the School Chapel on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Forms 5, 6 and VI in the Trinity Methodist Church on Wednesdays.

The entire School attend Chapel, in the School Chapel, in three successive groups on Saturdays. The attendance of the VI forms on Saturday, however, is voluntary. Once again, we express our thanks for the use of the Methodist Church.

The Confirmation took place in the School Chapel on Advent Sunday, the 3rd December. We are most grateful to the Bishop of Reading, the Right Reverend Eric Wild, for taking the service. Those confirmed were: MD Andrews; PG Bingham; JJW Breckon; JA Brett; IR Burles; AD Clarke; NMG Cloke; N Couchman; TJ Crome; AJ Faunch; MR Green; PD Hallum; JA Heard; SJ Hobbs; IR Holding; M Holding; JC Johnston; NR Lemoine; GA Light; ME Lintoff; CR Lowe; JNB Minshall; SW Morden; GD Morris; SJN Murphy; JV Parsons; MJ Pattison; IM Sealy; RJ Short; CD Robinson; T Walker; JP Wise.

This term also saw the start of regular Christian Fellowship Meetings, held in the School Chapel at 1.30pm on Mondays. Also, of course, there have been the Bible Reading groups held at 23 Park Road every Wednesday evening, for which we thank Mr and Mrs Eden and Mr McGowan.

The Sixth Form Challenge Weekend was held again this term, at the Royal Foundation of St Katherine. This was attended by four members of the School: CP Hey, JNB Minshall, PR Wait and MC Weeding. There were also two weekend experimental conferences on 'Society and its values' at the Abbey, Sutton Courtenay, which were attended by J Turner and A Johnstone. The last of the 'out-of-school' activities (although it took place during school time) was a Fifth Form all-day conference. This was organised by the Christian Education Movement and held in the Abingdon Youth Centre, and was attended by more than thirty fifth-formers.

Visiting Preachers this term have been as follows: the Reverend John Morgan, Chaplain of Oriel College, Oxford; Christopher Everett, Esq., Headmaster of Worksop College; the Reverend Peter Doble; the Reverend John Backus of Oriel College; the Reverend Canon WRF Browning, Canon Residentiary of Christ Church, Oxford. The Headmaster or the Chaplain preached on all other occasions.

Collections this term have been for the following causes: the Spastics Society, £7.87; the New Guinea Mission, £8.50½; the Abingdon Shelter

Group, £5·67; the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, £12·16; the Church Missionary Society, £5·84; the Ugandan Asian Refugees, £7·03½; the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal, £4·87; the John Masefield Cheshire Home, £8·66½; the Bishop's List, £31·14; the Society of St John the Evangelist, £6·13; Carol Service collection, £64·28.

We are, as usual, very grateful to the ladies who arrange the Chapel flowers so beautifully, namely: Mesdames Anderson, Eden, Hasnip, Hillary, Mortimer, Potter, Reenan, Varley and Woolnough; and Misses Farr and Myatt.

As we remember the final event of the term, the Service of Lessons and Carols, we once again most gratefully thank the Vicar for the invaluable use of St Helen's Church. The new boy readers this year were: N Clarke, T Cook, M Dacre, S Pennifer and N Williams.

It is perhaps fitting that we should end by noting the departure of Mr Hall-Mancey. His presence will be sadly missed, not only by the music staff, but by the rest of the School as well. We will not forget, I am sure, his production and the Junior Choral Society's performance of 'Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat'. But we will remember him especially for his weekly hymn practices, carried out with such unruffled perseverance, against all odds! Our loss, of course, is shared by St Helen's Church where so many Abingdon School boys have sung in the choir under him. We wish him and Mrs Hall-Mancey, and their two daughters, every happiness in their new appointment.

CJW

## Serjeant Musgrave's Dance

'Serjeant Musgrave's Dance' is a complex and difficult play, and it has provided a stimulus for much debate ever since its first production on the London stage in 1959. My own feelings are that the themes of anti-war and anti-violence with which the play largely deals are in no way imposed and readily engage our sympathies, but I do find Arden's organisation of his material confusingly handled in many respects, and this has inevitably led to obscurity. The true purpose of Musgrave's mission to the North, ostensibly to preach anti-war propaganda, is never hinted at until the final Act. The truth, we belatedly discover, is that Musgrave has embarked upon a crusade of revenge against a callous authority responsible for sending soldiers out to distant wars to be killed. Again, his motives are never made absolutely clear in the course of the play nor are those of his three comrades who accompany him, apart from occasional snatches of dialogue which tend to confuse, however, rather than clarify. Despite this unsatisfactoriness, however, the play contains considerable dramatic material. This, I thought, was exploited with formidable success by Mr Griffin in his production at Christmas, which turned out to be a thoroughly lively and vigorous theatrical experience.

Set in a northern town at the end of the nineteenth century, the chief interest lies in the efforts of Musgrave and his fellow comrades, all deserters from a Colonial war, to impress their apparent hatred of war on the townsfolk of the community, most of whom are miners out on strike and almost feverish with resentment at the actions of their devious employer. John Griffin, as Serjeant Musgrave, gave a masterly performance of this extraordinarily, difficult fanatic of obscure intentions, but his personality always dominated the stage so that we were never in doubt as to the depth and intensity of his convictions. The powerful authority that he generated with

impressive consistency throughout the play seemed even to bestow upon his negative comrades a conviction of purpose which, apart from Attercliffe to some extent, they signally fail to possess on the page. On only one occasion were his lines at all unclear, I thought, when he was explaining the need to revenge the deaths of individuals killed one night during the war from which he has deserted. He was ably supported, however, by Andrew Carlisle, Nick Francis and Stephen Briggs, all of whom had clearly worked hard to give a distinctive individuality to their parts, without becoming in the least stereotyped or too rigidly defined. Andrew Carlisle, as the veteran soldier thoroughly wearied by war and violence, gave a convincing portrayal throughout and I found his final song which ended the play particularly moving. Nick Francis as the aggressive and surly Hurst caught the desperate anger of the soldier very tellingly, and the nervously, joking Sparky was vividly brought to life by Stephen Briggs, who displayed a considerable talent for jaunty singing which he had successfully concealed from us before. Most engaging, and full of character, was Nigel Tait as the mischievous bargee whose ambiguous clowning and amusement at the activities of the soldiers was delightfully carried off. Christopher Jones certainly gave more character to the Mayor than perhaps he deserves, and his blustering ineffectuality was given considerable credibility by a highly adept performer. Simon Marsden made a good attempt at bringing to life the transparently inane and hypocritical Parson, and particularly effective was his speech of simpering chauvinism in the market-place before Musgrave's ensuing tirade, but I would have liked to have seen more of his face when he was speaking, rather than the suave coiffure to which we were treated during most of his appearances.

In contrast to the corrupt picture of authority represented by the Mayor, the Parson and the Constable, were the oppressed members of the community, all of them convincingly portrayed. As the embittered and cynical collier, Walsh, Paul de Lusignan always spoke with expressive clarity, and I thoroughly enjoyed the performance of Simon Walker whose characterisation of the 'Pugnacious' collier was most successful, as was the slow and robot-like stupidity of the 'Slow Collier' played by Brian Polley. I thought Kate Woodall gave a moving portrayal of the lonely and wistful barmaid, Annie, and Jane Perring as the firm and vigilant Landlady was always quietly assured.

The staging of the play was managed by Mr Griffin with great resourcefulness and imagination, I thought. The production was fast-moving and tightly organised right the way through so that the attention of the audience was never allowed to wander for a moment. The stage of the Abbey Hall is very wide and deep, but the actors were never out of place, and I was particularly impressed by the apparent ease of their positioning in difficult grouping scenes such as the 'Bar' scene, and the 'Market-Place' scene of the final Act. The drilling of the miners by the Bargee was also made the more effective by an imaginative use of the width of the stage. The lighting was used effectively at all times, particularly in the 'stable' scene, I thought, where a striking contrast was achieved between the partitioned stalls and Musgrave lying on his bed by the faintest of candle-light. The scenery was simple but functional as beffitted the bleak setting of a northern town in Winter, and it always looked solid, as indeed did the skeleton of the soldier from the town hoisted in macabre fashion before the bewildered townsfolk! The make-up was always good, most admirably in the case of John Griffin who was transformed to look at least twice his age utterly convincingly. But not to forget the costumes which were delightful,

especially impressive being the scarlet uniforms of the soldiers and their strikingly, effective white helmets with venomous-looking spikes attached.

To all must go our congratulations for a delightful evening's entertainment, and surely particular praise to Mr Griffin for braving such a perplexing play, but eliciting from it qualities which the text almost wilfully obscures. John Arden has much to be grateful for in such a producer!

RGMcK

## Winter School '73

If anyone wondered why term seemed to start four days early at Whitefields after Christmas, here is the explanation: that the English department's latest brain child was being born. This Winter School, an experiment in the study of English Literature, was attended by the majority of the English 'A' level candidates and some several guests from other schools (St Helen's, Didcot Girls Grammar School and John Mason).

The course was in no sense a revision course, for although it dealt with the 'A' level set books, the treatment was as different as possible from usual 'school' sessions. It was intended to enable fresh insights to emerge and served as a time of revaluation of works at a most beneficial time in the syllabus.

The form that most of the sessions took was a lecture delivered by a member of the department followed by unstructured discussions in smaller groups which were usually highly animated. On one occasion we were fortunate enough to hear a real different point of view on 'Antony and Cleopatra' from an outside guest speaker, Mrs C Whalen. Another variation was the 'Open Forum' led by Mr McKinnon on 'Sons and Lovers' whose interpretation of the novel's sexual symbolism led to considerable controversy and a lively debate.

The course ended with a Social Evening in Mr McKinnon's flat, continuing the very relaxed mood that had characterized the course itself. Our thanks go to all the lecturers and especially Mr Blockside, who made it all possible and kept everyone going on cups of coffee. We hope that this valuable experience can become a regular event.

RW/JME

## The School Council

This Michaelmas Term has seen the first fruits of nearly three terms' work on the Council. The process was set in motion when the Sixth Form voted for the creation of a council in Michaelmas 1971. The Headmaster agreed and a committee was appointed under Mr Willis and Mr Owen to decide on a constitution. This was finalised by half-term in the Summer and the way was then open for the election of form representatives. These were chosen at the beginning of the term and business began on October 20th.

The Council met on four occasions in the term and some interesting matters were discussed. Of most importance was the recommendation that a Lower Sixth Common Room should be set up. This at first met complications in terms of accommodation but has been taken up by Mr Harmsworth and seems likely to be successfully launched. Also of importance was the establishment of liaison between Mr Milton and a sub-committee of the Council to review the question of General Studies in the Sixth Form.

All, however, has not been quite right. The Council was over-long in beginning its work and this resulted in some scepticism of its effectiveness,

whilst non-attendance by form representatives has been the Council's worst defect. It is of course most important that all members attend, and we hope this will improve now that those unavoidably absent can send along deputies.

The Council provides an excellent opportunity for the improvement of communication between pupils and Staff; it has many ways of emphasising its recommendations, the best being communication with, and gaining support from, the more influential bodies concerned with the School. The School should realize that in the Council it has a first class means of promoting the smooth running of co-operation throughout the School.

The first elected President was PD Cook and Secretary, AW Davies.

PDC

## Music Notes

### Gnidrolog

It is becoming increasingly difficult to put on large-scale musical performances because members of School seem less and less inclined to join or identify with large groups. This is perhaps understandable in an environment which is becoming so diffuse that you have to bury your head into shifting sands in order to gauge the corporate mood.

(Gnidrolog? yes, I'm coming to that.)

Which leaves one rueful on the subject of recruitment for choral societies, hoisting flags above orchestras and the realization of that Charles Ives Symphony of the Universe idea at the back of the mind—on a smaller scale, of course, but involving the whole school nevertheless. If Bach failed to pull in the crowds, Gnidrolog would, I thought. And after that, there's some Stravinsky up the sleeve—but beware of too soft a sales line, and we must retain our masculine image—"Stravinsky's like Bach, you know—good strong stuff; why not try it?" The replies are usually evasive, the conclusion polite and non-committal with remarks such as 'It's not that I'm against it/him, it's just that I have so much prep. per week that on the one night I can afford off, I prefer to go elsewhere'. Fair enough, off I go, cursing prep. and wondering whether all the time the real truth is that I've got B.O.

In the meantime I have to report that two Bach concerts were in fact given in the Abbey Hall on the first two days of this term. Mad, they said, the chorus will have forgotten all you taught them last term. Luckily the Christmas gestation period proved its making. People, far and wide, who six months ago concurred with the view that the beginning rather than the end of term would in theory be an excellent time for a school concert (if unusual) said sorry, they couldn't come because it was the beginning of term.

The first evening was purely orchestral and represented the outcome of an Abingdon Holiday Orchestra Course, held here between 3rd and 9th January. Francis Kitching pupils were reunited in a way that we've missed during the past few years. Stephen Fairlie, John Hounam, Philip Bosworth and Robert Samsworth joined up with the Jeremys Pike and Bosworth, and John Halliday; Christine Rock and Harriet Evans helped complete the reunion. They unruled, where it was necessary, on seven hours playing a day, spurred on by the excitement of such close communion with JSB and daring to do his Suites and Brandenburg 1 in public. The first three parts of Christmas Oratorio followed the next night, which, like turkey, tastes best in January. I imagine Helen Attfield's 'Slumber Beloved' to be one of the best things musically that has happened to Abingdon recently. We wel-

comed Jonathan Katz as organist—he's taken Bernard Hall Mancey's place until April.

What concerns me most, in retrospect, about the whole venture, is not the scarcity of tenors and basses in the Choral Society, nor the empty seats at the concerts; it is the awful truth that a large number of people are *still* unaware of its existence, and the existence for that matter of Gnidrolog and Stravinsky—all of whom have been dropped on the School from a great height so far as advertising is concerned.

The final week of last term was a musical bonanza calculated to test the nerve of even the most resilient trumpeter (i.e. Adrian Rayson). On paper it looks like this:—

Thursday, December 7th	Lunchtime Concert at Culham Laboratory.
Saturday, December 9th	N.B.Y.O. Radio Oxford Recording Session.
Sunday, December 10th	N.B.Y.O. Concert at the College of Further Education.
Monday, December 11th	End of Term Concert dress rehearsal.
Tuesday, December 12th	End of Term Concert 1.
Wednesday, December 13th	End of Term Concert 2.
Thursday, December 14th	Carol Service in St Helen's Church.

Although certain items were repeated during this week the preparation alone (without the concerts) was enough to raise the general perspiration level, and the positioning of the Carol Service, though convenient to the boarders, is a nightmare to musicians. A squad of singers and instrumentalists (1st–6th form) entertained Culham with a varied Radio 2 menu and they in return gave us chips and plasma-guided tours and really generous hospitality.

During this week Andrew Carlisle captivated many a palpitating heart with 'You're a Lady', Angus McPhail revealed a genuine tenor voice, Correlli's Christmas Concerto was given twice; George Butcher came back to the fold to rock-up God rest you, shocking first nighters, delighting second—Chris Hey presented Bernard and Christine Hall Mancey with a superb set of glasses from the boys (Bernard used to tell me he didn't fancy himself as a speech maker, but on that occasion and many similar, just before Christmas, he rose to the occasion superbly).

Charles Maynes went, too, and the extent of the surreptitiousness of his departure was equal only to that of the blast of his initial impact back in September. It is a fact that whilst we condemn Mozart's and Bach's contemporaries for relegating them to 'the social' order of lower-paid servant, today we continue to treat our peripatetic teachers in a similarly off-hand way—except in Dundee, that is, where Charles has been offered a home, civilized working hours, etc.—some of the things he was so desperately looking for down south. Still, the clarinets were woken up for a term, and we are very fortunate in having secured the services of Geoff Daniels, who is now carrying on that good work.

The Subscription Concerts Society enjoyed excellent concerts of brass and choral music, but needed some soul searching to account for the loss of subscribers recently. An extraordinary meeting of the committee was called, and the need for drastic revision of image and policy was proclaimed. Three hours later the panic measures were denounced as unreal, and in the face of alternative plans, the policy remained snugly as before. Mahler addicts heard Haitink conduct the Sixth Symphony in the RFH in November. Amongst the regular musical society concerts, Adrian Courtenay set a new standard for administration and organisation. Jeremy Pike has won one of the top musical awards in the country—a major scholarship to King's Col-

lege, Cambridge, to complete a truly distinguished school career (and what's more, a year earlier than normal). And Gnidrolog?

Do you still not know what that means? I thought, perhaps, it would prove the answer to the question of mass participation/identification in a world where the one-time mass medium of choral singing has grown or declined (whichever way you look at it) into a positively esoteric state. But proficient as they were, their following was small and ludicrously restrained.

ARleF

## Business Game '73

The team have successfully passed the 1st heat, winning their game and eliminating Radley College and Aldenham School. The profits after taxation were:

1st	ABINGDON	...	...	...	£7,883,150
2nd	RADLEY	...	...	...	£6,175,190
3rd	ALDENHAM	...	...	...	£4,575,120

Heats 2, 3 and 4 take place during the Lent Term, after which the three remaining schools then go up to International Computers Ltd. for the Finals on April 13th.

This year there were rather more schools competing—264 in all—of which 183 were eliminated in Heat 1. Last year Abingdon came second out of 243.

CS

## TASS

During Michaelmas Term, the Society has held three major functions. The Autumn Dance in the Abbey Hall was thoroughly enjoyed by the two hundred who attended. The boys who had won Initiative Awards gave accounts of their travels and endeavours to a gathering of parents and members of the Society after a sherry reception in the Court Room on November 2nd. The Christmas Bazaar raised over £400, which has enabled the Society to discharge its final commitment to the Squash Court project with a gift of over £2,000 in all. This has been made possible by much enthusiasm from parents and willing help from the boys themselves.

The AGM will be held on February 8th and a Careers Convention has been arranged for March 5th in the Court Room at 7.30pm.

MEW

## Grundy Library

During the Christmas holidays a small group of librarians—and one or two non-librarians—redesigned the librarian's room: the result is highly satisfactory and I am sure they are as pleased with the room now as I am. The clearing of the room revealed things which we did not know were there, ranging from theatrical costumes and a box of chemistry apparatus to copies of the Annual Register for the last quarter of the eighteenth century.

The new author catalogue is beginning to take shape, although it will take time to transfer all the old one into it. During this term I hope we shall make a thorough assessment of the old books in our archives—which are part of the history of the School, which are valuable—or worthless—in themselves and which can play a part in the work of the School.

This term we received valuable gifts of books from Mr Crome and from MA Cockerill (OA), and a copy of Mr Hammond's new book 'The White Horse Country'. Our grateful thanks.

KGH

## John Roysse and the Mercers' Company

We have long known that John Roysse, whose benefaction in 1563 marks the refounding of the School, made his fortune in London as a mercer—that is, as a dealer in silks and textiles. It seems to have escaped notice—certainly Preston makes no mention of it in 'St Nicholas and Other Papers'—that he was also a member of the Mercers' Company. The Mercers are the oldest of all the City Guilds or Livery Companies. Their records show that John Roysse was admitted to the freedom in 1526, after serving as apprentice with Robert Packynton, 'a man of good substance, and yet not so riche as honest and wyse'.

Packynton died in strange circumstances one foggy morning ten years later while on his way to the Mercers' Chapel. 'Even as he was crossyng the strete from his house to the churche, he was sodenly murdered with a gonne, whiche of the neighbors was playnly hard.' His murderer was never traced. Packynton had spoken in Parliament against 'the covetousness and crueltee of the clergie' (who were at that time the victims of Henry VIII's Reformation) and a contemporary chronicler guesses that he was 'by one of them thus shamefully murdered'.

John Roysse served as Renterwarden from July 1542 to July 1543, the year in which the Company bought the adjacent Hospital of St Thomas of Acon from the King and converted part of it for their own use. As Renterwarden Roysse bore the brunt of the business. In the years before that, he had been one of those chosen to assess his fellow Mercers for contributions towards the purchase-money, so he was clearly a respected member of the Company.

When Roysse came to draw up his will in 1568, one of his principal cares was to ensure that the Free School he had endowed in Abingdon five years before should be properly supervised. He directed therefore that out of the School's endowment a sum of 'twenty shillings in money' should be paid each year 'by the mayor bailiffs and burgesses of Abingdon' to 'the wardens of the company of the Mercers, within the city of London'. In return, he arranged 'with the assent of the assistants of the said company of the Mercers, that they and their successors, wardens of the said company for ever hereafter, shall once in a year for ever send or appoint, or else in their own persons go and see, the articles and covenants [respecting the School] in all points performed'. This kind of visitation is, of course, common in schools which have a connection with a Livery Company or in some cases with a College. Whether the town of Abingdon ever paid its annual fee of twenty shillings, and whether the Wardens of the Mercers' Company ever did journey up the Thames to Abingdon to visit Roysse's School, I have been unable to discover. I suspect they did not.

The ancient link with the Company has been renewed this year, however, by the appointment to the Governing Body of a former Warden of the Mercers' Company, Mr HV Hodson, whom most people will remember as Editor of the 'Sunday Times' between 1950 and 1961. We are delighted to welcome him and we hope that his visits to the School will be more frequent than Roysse laid down. In case Mr Hodson should include the Abbey House in his next visitation, the Borough Treasurer would be well advised to spend some time working out the compound interest on twenty shillings a year over a period of four hundred and two years!

(Quotations from 'Hale's Chronicle', 1548, and John Roysse's Will, 28 August 1568. I am considerably indebted for information to Miss Jean Imray, Archivist of the Mercers' Company.)

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# Societies

As this is an economy issue of the 'Abingdonian' comment on Society activities will unfortunately have to be restricted to a few words. As usual most societies seem to be still only holding one or two meetings a term. However, as the events described below would seem to indicate, the standard of these appears to be improving. In particular Society secretaries tend to be concentrating upon organising more ambitious outings to events that individuals would find it troublesome to gain access to.

The **Roxs Society**, maintaining its rather establishment image, purred its sedate way through another term. The term was opened by the reading of a paper on 'Satire' by the secretary. This was followed by a reading of 'Much Ado about Nothing' at the Unicorn Theatre which contained some memorable performances by society members. With less than a day's notice Roderic Godfrey managed to step in and save the last meeting of term with a paper entitled 'The Twentieth Century: Progress?' The subject provoked a lively if rather spiral discussion.

The **Literary Society** was lucky to receive talks from two very distinguished outside speakers in one term. Dr John Carey's talk on 'Orwell and Dirl' was perhaps the wittiest and most interesting paper ever read to the society, whilst Richard Rayson's view of DH Lawrence did nothing to lower the standard. The last meeting of term contained ten contributions ranging in subject from the works of Virginia Woolf to those of WB Yeats. This kaleidoscopic review of literature was thought to be a formula well worth repeating.

The **Portfolio Society** continued to try and make its presence felt amongst intellectual circles. The first attempt, made at the New Theatre, was however a dismal failure in achieving this aim. Society members (pseudos as they are affectionately named) seemed shocked that the audience was more interested in the performance of 'Rigoletto' by the Welsh National Opera than by the entry of a number of somewhat eccentrically dressed individuals discussing Proust in loud voices. Similar attempts to storm the Royal Court during a production of 'A Pagan Place' were even less successful. Rather disheartened, the society returned to Abingdon and turned its attention to receiving two papers from members. Julian Spooner's paper 'The Other Half' aroused much interest, whilst Simon Whipple's dissertation on 'Objectivity in Art' was thought admirably to sum up the aims of the society.

The **Debating Society** remained in the doldrums last term. Despite a witty debate on 'The English are Best' (a motion that was predictably carried) plans for other meetings fell through.

Similarly the **Historians** managed to gather only once last term. However, Miss Carolyn Morrison's paper on 'What is foreign Policy?' provoked an interesting discussion amongst an attentive audience.

The **Modern Language Society** widened its outlook this term and held joint meetings with St Helen's. One of these consisted of a reading of a Becket play whilst the other took the form of a trip to the Oxford Playhouse to see 'Le Misanthrope'. Members of the society also made similar expeditions to see the film of 'Le Mariage de Figaro' and 'One day in the Life of Ivan Denisovitch'.

The **Law Group**, despite its comparative youth, has established for itself a reputation of being one of the most active school societies. Last term's activities included a visit to the Old Bailey and the Greater London Law

Courts, a talk by a local solicitor, Trevor Pegram, on the law of contract and a visit to Lincoln's Inn, where members lunched with Lord Denning.

The Bridge Club has once again stood up to be counted as one of the active school societies. Meetings have been held on most Friday afternoons throughout the last term and the club managed to send a number of pairs to the Berkshire Junior Duplicate Bridge Championship, where a fourth place was achieved by two members of the Sixth Form.

The Scientific Society held three meetings this term. At the first of these three entrants for the Ball Science competition read their essays on the subject of the environment, a lively discussion ensued after which it was decided that Brian Water's essay was of the highest standard. The society was addressed by two speakers during the term. Dr George Ganf gave a lecture on his work in East Uganda and the final meeting of the term was held as a joint affair with the Astronomical Society, at which a lecture on the Sun was given by Dr Collins, of Oxford.

The Philatelic Society worked away unnoticed through the term invariably occupied with approval swaps and supplying members with first day covers. A visit was also made to the National Postal Museum and a film obtained entitled 'In touch with the World'.

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**Experimental Weekends:** The two weekends held at the Abbey, Sutton Courtenay, were sponsored by The Alternative Society, an organization not (as commonly supposed) linked to the modern sub-culture but one which aims at producing localised alternatives to the destructive trend of established society. Both weekends were similar in that important issues in both primitive and complex societies were discussed and both were stimulated by Stan Windass, whose brainchild the 'Alternative Society' is, and led by Robin Richardson, Director of the Bloxham Project. There are to be more of these weekends and they are highly recommended.

AGJ/JT

## Sports Reports

**First Fifteen:** There is no doubt that this season was the most disappointing for some years. A poor season is always a disappointment, but an analysis of the way in which the games went gives a clue as to why these results were more than usually frustrating.

It seemed at the beginning of the term that there was the potential for some really good rugby. A combination of injury, loss of form and sheer temperament resulted in a side which could be relied on to win ten per cent possession in the tight, ninety per cent in the loose and end up by only being able to score a handful of tries.

Perhaps the saddest aspect was the fact that Mark Evans, whose back injury prevented him from playing for the first half of the term, was only able to captain his side for ten minutes before he badly tore knee ligaments in a covering tackle. It is quite possible that his lead, particularly in defensive play, would have made the difference in several games. Nevertheless, George Butcher is to be congratulated on the way in which he stepped into the breach without ever having the status of Captain.

The back line, partly through injury and partly through lack of an experienced fly-half, was in a continuous state of flux. Driver, Urban-Smith, Griffiths, Francis, Walker and Abraham never really showed their best because of a collective inability to pass properly and because of lack of confidence and technique in the tackle. Mushens and Manning at wing and scrum-half were both playing for the first season in their respective positions and performed very creditably. They both showed considerable penetration,

and although lacking in experience will both be here for at least another year and should do well.

The pack's deficiencies stemmed mainly from the front-row where a lack of either technique or strength prevented the eight from claiming an equal share of the ball. In the loose, however, they were very quick and demonstrated how much technique can overcome physical deficiencies when it comes to loose play. It was this without doubt which enabled the side to perform so well against Radley and Warwick, games which on paper should have been the worst defeats. In the Warwick game particularly, the backs showed that they had learnt something from their setbacks and gave a most heartening and exhilarating display of tackling.

It is not right, however, that readers, particularly OAs, should be left with the impression that this year's Fifteen were not worthy wearers of the cerise and white, and no coach could have been given more wholehearted and good-natured support. It was only by general decision of the team that extra Tuesday and Friday training sessions took place and I noticed far more individual practice than has been common.

Here I must mention the debt the School owes to those members of staff whose first contact with the game was when they came to the School and who give their time and energies to taking ordinary School games. Their first love is readily apparent to anyone who walks along Park Road after games on any light evening.

Various other factors too—social, domestic and administrative—have combined to make a School match less of an occasion than it used to be, and small though they may be in themselves they do have a cumulative effect.

It is not too surprising really that we find ourselves asking questions about the place of games in schools. It is a debate which is going on at the highest levels. Time was when it was the Schools who gave the lead, never more so than in Rugby Football. Now, it seems school rugby seems only to reflect current fashions in the game. I wonder who sets them? HE

During the season, Full Colours were awarded to Michael Carr. Half Colours went to PM Abraham, PD Cook, SK Fabes, ND Francis, RD Griffiths, DC Hares, IL Manning, AR Mushens, JD Peirson, PA Rogers, HT Tresidder, JA Urban-Smith and S Walker.

The final arrangement of the team was: PM Abraham; S Walker, JA Urban-Smith, ND Francis, AR Mushens; RD Griffiths, IL Manning; N Jefferson, SK Fabes, DC Hares, PAW Rogers, R Woods, GB Butcher (Acting Capt.), MJW Carr, JD Peirson.

Also played: CGD Driver, PD Cook (9 times); HT Tresidder (4 times); JN Oakley (3 times); M Evans (Capt.), A. Murdock (twice); AC Atkinson, PR Forsythe, JD Griffin, RP Klepzig (once).

#### Results:

Oxford School	Sat 30 Sept	(a)	Cancelled
Dean Close School	Wed 4 Oct	(a)	Won 13-12
Solihull School	Sat 14 Oct	(a)	Lost 6-53
Magdalen College School	Sat 21 Oct	(a)	Won 9-3
Radley College	Sat 28 Oct	(a)	Lost 3-22
Newbury Grammar School	Sat 4 Nov	(h)	Lost 6-29
Pangbourne College	Wed 8 Nov	(h)	Won 16-7
RGS, High Wycombe	Sat 11 Nov	(a)	Lost 0-21
Burford Grammar School	Wed 15 Nov	(h)	Won 50-6
Pembroke College	Sat 18 Nov	(h)	Cancelled
Reading School	Wed 22 Nov	(a)	Lost 12-22
Bloxham School	Wed 29 Nov	(a)	Lost 6-28
Warwick School	Wed 6 Dec	(h)	Lost 6-11
Old Abingdonians	Sat 9 Dec	(h)	Lost 16-26

**Second Fifteen:** Apart from a runaway victory in the opening game against Oxford, the team took some time to settle down, suffering badly at the hands of Solihull and John Mason in the process. Later, however, a well-balanced and confident side emerged and the second half of term saw six

very good victories on the trot, marred only by a severe drubbing from an excellent Warwick fifteen. All in all, the season was a successful and enjoyable one.

The demands of the First Fifteen and Oxbridge exams meant that the side was captained on different occasions by either Tresidder or Jones or Forsythe. All of these led the team well, although the last-named was perhaps the most improved player of the season. Luther, competent and experienced at scrum-half, fed plenty of ball to the backs, all of whom ran and handled well, even though tackling was a little suspect. Courtenay was the chief 'try getter'. The forwards must be given a lot of the credit for our successes; they were very good in the loose especially, the back row of Gibaud, Oakley and Taylor being outstanding. Hobson at full-back fully justified his promotion from the Third Fifteen—he had, perhaps, the most potential in the side.

The team was: SMJ Hobson; AD Courtenay, ARM Kelly, CP Hey, PA Barton; PR Forsythe, DJ Luther; BE Jones, JP Jordan, HT Tresidder, RGA Godfrey, RA Woods, HC Gibaud, JN Oakley, KP Taylor.

Also played: GGD Driver (5 times); JD Griffin, S Walker (4 times); RP Klepzig, N Jefferson (3 times); AM Carlisle, SJH Cromie, RD Griffiths, NA Litchfield, AW McPhail (twice); AC Atkinson, PD Boon, PD Cook, MH Longdin, PAW Rogers, NJ Tresidder, PJG Stevens and GF Woods (once).

DOW

#### Results:

Oxford School	Sat 30 Sept	(h)	Won 104—3
Shiplake College 1st XV	Wed 11 Oct	(a)	Lost 25—39
Solihull School	Sat 14 Oct	(a)	Lost 10—42
John Mason School 1st XV	Wed 18 Oct	(h)	Lost 4—32
Magdalen College School	Sat 21 Oct	(h)	Won 11—10
Radley College	Thr 26 Oct	(h)	Lost 6—29
Wallingford Grammar School	Wed 1 Nov	(h)	Won 48—10
Newbury Grammar School	Sat 4 Nov	(a)	Lost 0—14
Pangbourne College	Wed 8 Nov	(a)	Won 32—10
RGS, High Wycombe	Sat 11 Nov	(a)	Won 25—7
Cokethorpe School 1st XV	Wed 15 Nov	(a)	Won 24—9
Reading School	Wed 22 Nov	(h)	Won 44—0
Bloxham School	Wed 29 Nov	(a)	Won 7—4
Warwick School	Wed 6 Dec	(a)	Lost 0—54
Sporting Club of S. London	Sat 9 Dec	(h)	Won 20—11

**Third Fifteen:** 'Surely we should find it both touching and inspiriting that, in a field from which success is banished, our race should not cease to labour.'

These words of Stevenson could have almost been written for the Third Fifteen. Of the eleven games played, eight were lost and three won. Although many of the defeats that were received were heavy, the spirit of the team stayed good and perseverance prevented the scores doubling. Towards the end of the season, things started to run well, and of the last five games three were won.

The main problem throughout was lack of cohesion and the knowledge that playing as a team is vital. There were many players whose individual ability was high, but a lot was wasted due to poor co-ordination with the remainder of the side.

Of the forwards, Black, Freeman and Woods all played well and achieved a very high work rate. In the backs, McPhail and Seaver proved a very useful pair of half-backs. Davies at full-back had a good season both in defence and attack and proved himself as an invaluable last line of defence.

HG

The team was selected from: AW Davies (8 times), AN Plant (once); M Crofton-Briggs (9 times), PH Evans (6 times), PJ Francis (6 times), PA Barton (5 times), NP Allington, JD Griffin, AR Kelly, NJ Shephard, GW Woolley (all once); JP Seaver (8 times), AW McPhail (7 times), SM Hobson

and NQ Searle (once); SG Boatright, MR Freeman and M Ormerod (9 times), DL Adams and GF Woods (7 times), JG Black and NA Litchfield (6 times), AP Arm (5 times), SA Pallett and PM Watson (4 times), GM Stewart (twice), RG Godfrey, JP Jordan, MR Waterfall and IK Weatherall (all once).

**Results :**

Marlborough College	Sat 30 Sept	(a)	Lost	4-64
Bearwood College	Wed 11 Oct	(a)	Lost	4-50
Solihull School	Sat 14 Oct	(h)	Lost	4-16
Magdalen College School	Sat 21 Oct	(a)	Lost	9-11
Radley College	Thr 26 Oct	(a)	Lost	0-53
Newbury Grammar School	Sat 4 Nov	(a)	Lost	4-52
Pangbourne College	Wed 8 Nov	(h)	Won	20-4
RGS, High Wycombe	Sat 11 Nov	(a)	Lost	8-52
Reading School	Wed 22 Nov	(a)	Won	9-0
Bloxham School	Wed 29 Nov	(h)	Won	8-0

**Fourth Fifteen:** We started the season full of promise and hope; it ended prematurely, after winning one game and losing the next, with the cancellation of our two remaining fixtures.

NKH

The following represented the team: AN Plant, D Hurley, NJ Dawson, RJ Frost, PA Barton (Capt.), MW Stimpson, CJ Williams, DL Adams, GR Terry, PF Thompson, BJ Polley, P Williamson, J Black, MH Longdin, GF Woods.

Also played: TG Roberts, CM Clayton, IK Weatherall, DJ Mushens, PM Watson, DP Lynn.

**Results :**

Shiplake College 2nd XV	Wed 11 Oct	(a)	Won	8-19
Radley College	Thr 26 Oct	(a)	Lost	93-0

Matches against Pangbourne College and Magdalen College School were cancelled.

**Colts Fifteen:** It was evident from the first practice that there was a more even spread of talent this year than usual and that it would be possible to field two Colts sides if suitable fixtures could be arranged. This was not as easy as it might have been, and in the end only two games were played by the second team. I hope this number can be built up in future, because outside fixtures make the practices so much more meaningful for those who do not quite reach the standard of the Colts side as such, as well as increasing the number of potential Game I players for next year.

Despite the wealth of talent, and the keenness of the majority of the squad, the results were a little disappointing, though the season was a very happy one. The fixture list seems to be polarising now into a group of fixtures which are very easy and another smaller group which consistently produce good sides. The best rugger played was in the games against Solihull and Radley, when the team showed a determination which was often lacking against lesser opposition. In fact their attitude to the game was one of the weaknesses—several of the pack especially were just too gentle in the early matches. They did not go into the loose with absolute determination to drive over and win the ball whatever happened, but worried about what might happen to the chap underneath. In terms of skill, though, the loose play developed very well, and although the pack was usually outweighed and sometimes out-hooked in the tight, they won very much more than their share of the ball in the loose in all the games except those at Radley and Warwick. In particular, the Solihull pack were really surprised by our early control of the loose and took some time to recover. In the lineout, too, we gained a lot of good quick possession through Cowan and Thresher.

Behind the scrum, Noble was lucky to have a partner who can pick up almost anything, because in some games nothing went right, and he seemed to lack the essential hardness a scrum-half needs. He has a lot of talent

though, and as the initiator of moves and controller of policies he was just what we needed as Captain. Price had an outstanding season and though he sometimes lacks speed of thought, his elusive running, decisive tackling and his goal-kicking all contributed a large proportion of the total points scored. Murdoch, Ashby and Wartke all ran hard and effectively, and linked well—provided with enough good ball they were a formidable line. Boon and Malein shared the other wing and both had good games. Stimpson turned out to be the first choice of the three available full-backs, though Plant was very unlucky not to get more games.

The final side is listed below, though it could be mentioned that no fewer than 23 individuals played at least one game in the senior side. Carlisle was the Captain of the second XV in both their matches.

MW Stimpson; PD Boon, MG Wartke, PS Ashby, A Murdoch; RJ Price, PA Noble (Captain); CM Jones, RA Balkwill, PJG Stevens; AJ Thresher, IB Cowan; NJ Tresidder, JMC Taylor, JRA Allen.

Also played: PJ Malein (6 times); SJH Cromie, AN Plant (4); AGP Cairns (3); MH Longdin (2); AM Carlisle, PA Betts, JGH Peck (once).

PVM

#### Results:

##### First team:

Dean Close School	Sat 30 Sept	(a)	Won	18-17
Bearwood College	Wed 11 Oct	(a)	Won	53-10
Solihull School	Sat 14 Oct	(a)	Lost	18-32
Magdalen College School	Sat 21 Oct	(h)	Won	52- 0
Radley College	Thr 26 Oct	(a)	Lost	6-16
John Mason School	Wed 1 Nov	(a)	Lost	14-15
Newbury Grammar School	Sat 4 Nov	(h)	Won	55- 4
Pangbourne College	Wed 8 Nov	(h)	Won	22- 0
Reading School	Wed 22 Nov	(h)	Won	26-12
Bloxham School	Wed 29 Nov	(h)	Won	22- 6
Warwick School	Wed 6 Dec	(a)	Lost	6-36

##### Second team:

Radley College	Thr 26 Oct	(a)	Lost	8-11
Newbury Grammar School	Sat 4 Nov	(h)	Drawn	18-18

**Junior Colts Fifteen:** Records show that this has not been a successful season. Invariably the team found themselves facing opponents who were several inches taller and broader and, with Hallum injured at an early stage in the term, were unable to produce the necessary 'giant-killing' qualities.

Despite the odds, all games were played with great spirit and the opposition were made to earn their points right to the end of each game. The light but mobile scrum gained their fair share of the ball, helped in the tight by the fast hook of Hazeldine, but it was unfortunate that the three-quarters lacked weight and speed and were unable to finish moves started by the forwards. The desire of the backs to do well was shown by W Homewood's determined play on the wing. Allen captained the team for most of the season and was moved from the scrum to full-back to help with defensive work. His vigorous play as a forward and devastating tackling as a full-back were a fine example to all. SCB

The following represented the team: PD Hallum; AJE Allen; CJ Bartlett; LGP Despres; NJ Hazeldine; CWP Hobson; WJ Homewood; MJ Hurry; NP Kay; CR Lowe; CS Orchard; CD Robinson; R Scibilia; CJ Scott; RW Taylor; DA Thomas.

Also played: AD Byrne; DC Eccles; SPG Hammond; DC Homewood; DJ Lanham; CJ Madin; SW Morden; BAL Peck; SF Wakeford.

#### Results:

Oxford School	Sat 30 Sept	(h)	Lost	3-20
Bearwood College	Wed 11 Oct	(h)	Lost	4-20
Solihull School	Sat 14 Oct	(h)	Lost	0-40
John Mason School	Wed 18 Oct	(h)	Lost	10-34

Magdalen College School	Sat 21 Oct	(h)	Lost	16-19
Radley College	Thr 26 Oct	(h)	Lost	0-28
Wallingford Grammar School	Wed 1 Nov	(a)	Lost	0-31
Newbury Grammar School	Sat 4 Nov	(h)	Lost	0-60
Pangbourne College	Wed 8 Nov	(a)	Drawn	8-8
RGS, High Wycombe	Sat 11 Nov	(h)	Lost	0-30
Thame Grammar School	Wed 22 Nov	(h)	Lost	0-68
Bloxham School	Wed 29 Nov	(h)	Lost	0-20
'B' team				
Solihull School	Sat 14 Oct	(h)	Lost	3-16
Radley College	Thr 26 Oct	(h)	Lost	0-47

A 'C' team was also fielded against Radley College on October 26th but lost 0-48.

**Junior Fifteen:** A surfeit of league rugby led to a slow start to the season and that, together with the high standard of rugby played by Marlborough and in particular Radley, prevented the team from settling down before half-term. From then on, almost all the matches were evenly contested: it was no disgrace to lose by such a small margin to RGS, High Wycombe, as they were boasting an unbeaten season at that stage and to draw with Bloxham, when the captain was down with 'flu, was commendable. All skills and general familiarity with the game improved considerably during the term and at least one spectator at Bloxham was surprised by the knowledge which both sides had of the game.

Rimmer soon discovered how to direct his forces, and it was his determined running which showed the way to more forceful rugby from everyone, particularly the scrum. Cook emerged as the obvious scrum leader, mainly by virtue of his example in covering much ground, leaving a trail of tackled opposition behind him! The scrum, especially in the tight, obtained a good deal of the ball and had the outsides possessed a little more weight and penetration several matches could well have gone the other way.

RCBC

The team was mainly selected from: RJ Perkins, DM Byfield, AM Young, IS Cullen, RJ Harmer, SF Williams, DG Light, GA Light, AH Cook, CP Sowden, JK Dewar, GA McGreery, RM Tourret, RJ Humm, MR Hyman, TC Semmence, RG Gilbert.

Also played: PN John, DM Lewis, PJ Eccles, RD Watson, MA Kelly, AJ Furley.

#### Results:

Marlborough College	Sat 30 Sept	(a)	Lost	0-42
Bearwood College	Wed 11 Oct	(h)	Lost	6-14
Magdalen College School	Sat 21 Oct	(a)	Lost	14-26
Radley College	Thr 26 Oct	(a)	Lost	0-68
Wallingford Grammar School	Wed 1 Nov	(h)	Won	14-0
Newbury Grammar School	Sat 4 Nov	(a)	Lost	4-6
Pangbourne College	Wed 8 Nov	(a)	Lost	4-18
RGS, High Wycombe	Sat 11 Nov	(h)	Lost	0-4
Cokethorpe School U/15 XV	Wed 15 Nov	(a)	Lost	0-54
Bloxham School	Wed 29 Nov	(a)	Drew	12-12

Three extra fifteens were played against Radley College on October 26th. All three lost their games, 0-46, 6-26 and 12-14, though the third game was a very good one.

**Minors Fifteen:** The team, as usually happens at this level, is only just taking shape, and we lack a ready-made pair of halves yet again; we had a fine fly-half and captain in Peter Newby, but he went to South Africa in mid-season, leaving us with a gap yet to be satisfactorily filled. There are many talented players in the Minors' game, but they have not yet achieved enough teamwork to outplay determined opponents whose defence has been superior to ours even when they have been inferior in attack.

Nonetheless, the team's record is a satisfactory one, and they achieved something no previous Minors have done since the inception of the team, in beating Lord William's, Thame; this was their best performance, and it was a pity that the handling deteriorated so much for the Dragon match, which should have been won more easily. M.W.

The following played at least twice: BR Hodkinson, MP Swan, SJ Hobbs, KMR Forsyth, CJ Wort, PJ Newby (Capt.), MS King, JW Slingsby, GM Gnapp, PG Spittles, MD Andrews, RS Harries, SJ Brouard, G Mitchell, RM Taylor, PM Cowlett, NS Edwards, KW Larsen, ARA Johnson.

#### Results:

St Hugh's	Sat 30 Sept	(h)	Lost	8-14
Prior's Court	Wed 18 Oct	(h)	Won	28-0
Audley House	Wed 8 Nov	(a)	Lost	8-18
Lord Williams's, Thame	Wed 22 Nov	(h)	Won	6-0
Dragon School 2nd XV	Sat 9 Dec	(a)	Won	18-0

The Second Team lost to the Dragon School 4th XV 0-8.

#### House Matches:

Further amendments were made to the League competitions this term. These followed the reorganization of the Athletic House system into four instead of eight Houses and the recognition of the fact that, with junior games now integrated into the teaching timetable, the main playing strength of the Houses must come from middle School.

The Senior League (Toplis Cup) was restricted to fifth and sixth formers and was again won by Bennett House—last year's winners. Two Junior Leagues were formed for third and fourth formers, one drawn mainly from the Fourth and the other mainly from the Third. They were won respectively by Bennett House (Robinson Cup) and Tedsdale House (Candy Cup).

The Lin Cup for the Inter-House Knock-out went to Tedsdale House after a very close-fought final (3-0) with Bennett. Tedsdale's one score was a penalty kicked by Ken Taylor.

The Dayboy v. Boarder game proved to be as exciting as ever. This year, however, the Dayboys had their revenge, defeating the Boarders by 19 points to 18. The narrowness of this win reflects the keenness of the struggle; indeed it was level pegging—9 points each—at half-time. In the second half, the Boarders managed a try and a goal to their opponents' penalty goal and so just eased home in the closing minutes.

The Place Kicking competition was won for the second year running by PAW Rogers with CJ Williams in second place.

During the term, two First Fifteen players—George Butcher and Ian Manning—were invited to play in a representative side raised to meet the Reading School XV as part of the celebration of that School's Rugby Club's Centenary. The occasion was marred by bad weather, but both players enjoyed the experience. Also during term, the Junior Colts VII appeared once again in the Berkshire Schools' Seven-a-side Tournament only to be knocked out in the first round.

The usual Boxing Day match took place in the Christmas holiday between a School side and Abingdon RFC. The event was an enjoyable occasion, but the School, represented by a very young side, were easily defeated 0-35. Our consolation—the Town side was very largely composed of OAs.

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## Cross Country

**First team:** This was a very successful term with many outstanding performances, deserved reward for the hard training done by the squad. Chris Vernon dominated all his races, just missing course records at Marlborough and Bradfield, and when eventually beaten by Mansell of Wycombe he gained

revenge in the Chiltern League on 16th December running for Oxford City A.C. The highlight was his memorable silver medal in the Berkshire Championships.

There was the usual crop of injuries with David Binks's back trouble being particularly disappointing. Several younger runners had to fill in, with RC Hingley and DP Lynn showing real potential. Second string throughout the season was John Halliday. He and Brian Waters, a very efficient secretary, trained very hard and fully deserved their team bronze medals (with Vernon) in the Berkshire Championships. Julian Turner, very fit despite his other commitments, and Chris Clayton, who eventually received his well-earned half-colours, and John Evans, before his injury, were the key men who filled the critical middle-order placings.

In the 5 inter-school matches the team had 10 opponents, beating 8 and losing to 2. The wins at Marlborough and Bradfield were exceptional team efforts over tough hilly courses. In a new fixture at Winchester, my old school, a close match just turned our way due to good packing in the middle order.

**Colts team:** There were 4 races for the Colts this term to give the youngsters experience of match conditions. This should pay off when they move up to the first team. They had a good win at Wycombe, where the seniors had their only defeat. Hingley emerged as the most consistent, although still in the Fourth Form. S Wilson did best against RAF Abingdon, and DP Lynn performed well at Bradfield when on first team duty. RG Geere, SR Martin and PC Moore had prominent supporting roles, but showing best form at the end of term was JP Gotelee, who had a brilliant record-breaking win in the Intermediate race.

#### Results :

- 30/9/72 v Marlborough and St Brendan's (at Marlborough)  
1st Ab. 40, 2nd St B. 55, 3rd Ma. 82.  
Colts: 1st Ma. 39, 2nd Ab. 66, 3rd St B. 69.
- 7/10/72 Millfield Road Relay  
7th out of 32 teams; second team were 21st.
- 1/11/72 v RAF Abingdon and Newland Park College and Abingdon  
Colts (h)  
1st Ab. 52, 2nd RAF 76, 3rd NPC 77, 4th Colts 99
- 11/11/72 v Bradfield and Stowe (at Bradfield)  
1st Ab. 45, 2nd St 58, 3rd Br. 70.
- 22/11/72 v RGS, High Wycombe and Maidenhead GS and St Catherine's Coll., Oxford (at Wycombe).  
1st Wy. 30, 2nd Ma. 73, 3rd Ab. 79, 4th St. C. 97.  
Colts: 1st Ab. 28, 2nd Wy. 53.
- 25/11/72 v. Winchester College (a)  
1st Ab. 38, 2nd Wi. 42.
- 9/12/72 Berks (inter-club) Champs. at Emmer Green, Reading.  
Junior Boys: 4th out of 13 teams.  
Boys: A team 6th and B team 9th out of 11 teams.  
Youths: 3rd out of 5 teams (bronze medal).

Captain of Crosscountry was CF Vernon and secretary BC Waters. Full colours were awarded to JD Halliday, and half-colours to CM Clayton. The following ran for the first team: Vernon, Waters (7 times), Halliday (6), Turner, Clayton (4), Evans, RM Bowkett, JMN Hutchings (3), Binks, Hingley, Lynn, Mark (2), ASQ Clift, Wilson, Gotelee, PAW Rogers, JA Urban-Smith, Geere (1). The Colts were: Hingley, Gotelee, Moore, SR Martin (4 times), Wilson, Lynn, Geere (3), GN Green (2), RP Martin, AP Marsden, PM Evans, MW Stimpson, IS Cullen, M Owen, TF Booth, RM Tourret, GA Light, V Thurston (1).

### Inter-House races:

	Bennett	Blacknall	Reeves	Tesdale
Senior	1060 (1)	859 (2)	385 (4)	855 (3)
Intermediate	860 (4)	1158 (3)	1513 (1)	1464 (2)
Junior	1150 (4)	1311 (2)	1296 (3)	1392 (1)
First Form	753 (3)	834 (2)	387 (4)	909 (1)
Totals	3823 (3)	4162 (2)	3581 (4)	4620 (1)

The first ten home in each race were:

Senior: CF Vernon (16:01\*), JD Halliday, BC Waters, PAW Rogers, JDC Turner, CM Clayton, SE Bowkett, AD Courtenay, RM Bowkett, PM Abraham.

Intermediate: JP Gotelee (17:23\*), RC Hingley, DP Lynn, SR Martin, RG Geere, RJ Price, AN Plant, MG Wartke, AP Marsden, PC Moore.

Juniors: IS Cullen (9:14), M' Owen, G Mitchell, AG Morfey, RG Gilbert, MR Green, RP Martin, GM Gnapp, PJ Eccles, PNC Gale.

First Form: SD Cameron (7:37), GR Halsey, PJ Boreham, RS Drew A Robertson, SJ Moore, SR West, DR Blanksby, AR Thomas, DAM Scott.

\* New record.

NAFP

### Squash

Now that the School may use the new Abingdon squash courts at the North Berks College, a squash club was formed this term and over 40 boys joined. Ghorpade proved to be in a class of his own and he was runner-up in the Berks and Bucks Under-19 Championships in the holidays.

NAFP

### Orienteering

There have been only two 'local' events this term, and as they have both clashed with other things we have been unable to introduce as many people as we would have liked to the fascination of the Sport. The enthusiasts have had to travel to all points of the compass in order to test themselves in Badge Events—North to Annersley Forest (Nottingham); East to Burnham Beeches; South to the New Forest; West to the Forest of Dean. In all about 24 boys have competed.

MS Whipple has continued to turn in excellent performances and it was unfortunate that his worst run of the season should be in the most important race, the British Junior Championships, where he had high hopes of improving on his 18th position of last year. In the 'Under 15' age group of these championships, NA Malein returned a very creditable time, and WG Baker capped a series of good performances by taking 4th place in the less congested 'Under 12' section.

Having returned at least 3 performances of the requisite standard, the following have now qualified for badges:—

Gold: MS Whipple (M17); WG Baker (M12).

Silver: HT Tresidder (M17); RS Chapman, NA Malein (M15).

Bronze: GR Fowler, RGA Godfrey (M17); JMG Taylor, GB Woollen (M15).

RHB

## **Badminton**

This term, for the first time, we have been able to run a regular Under 16 team, as well as the First VI. Both teams entered for the Berkshire Schools League, and so far both teams have won all their league matches. At the time of going to press, there are still a few matches to be played, but the situation looks very healthy.

In fact, this year's First VI must be our strongest ever, and I am very glad that it has coincided with the first award of Full Colours for Badminton. Congratulations to Anthony Baumann and Adrian Luto on being the first recipients.

Also for the first time, the School entered the English Schools Badminton Association Award Scheme. There is a Bronze, a Silver and a Gold Award. So far, the following boys have gained the Bronze Award: A Luto, J Samsworth, S Rowley, S Greenwood, K Halsey, P Reimer, C Morris, P Kafka. I hope that this will encourage more people to go in for the award in future years.

Two of our First VI players have been distinguishing themselves outside the school. Adrian Luto has played for the Under 18 and Under 16 Berkshire County teams, and was picked as reserve for the Home Counties' Schools Team. He also won the Berkshire Schools Doubles Tournament. John Samsworth, too, has played for the Under 16 County team, and was runner-up in the Berkshire Schools Doubles. They are two very keen and promising players.

DCT

### **Results:**

#### **1st VI**

18 Oct	v. RGS, High Wycombe	(h)	Drawn	4½—4½
3 Nov	v. Newbury GS	(h)	Won	6—1
9 Nov	v. John Mason HS	(h)	Won	5½—1½
13 Nov	v. Presentation College	(h)	Won	7—0
22 Nov	v. Little Heath	(a)	Won	7—0

#### **Under 16**

11 Oct	v. Reading	(h)	Won	4½—2½
8 Nov	v. Little Heath	(a)	Won	5—2
29 Nov	v. John Mason HS	(h)	Won	5—2

## **Reports**

### **Corps**

#### **Royal Naval Section**

The Michaelmas term was spent mainly in preparing candidates for their proficiency examinations, which were passed by most candidates who applied themselves. The latest batch of recruits were absorbed fairly smoothly into the section and should soon be ready to take their AB test.

Field day was spent at the Navy League boating centre on the Thames at Raven's Ait. Although the river was found to be rather restrictive for serious sailing the experience still proved to be profitable.

The section is also experimenting with the use of new teaching aids and has started to show instructional films on Wednesday afternoons. The enthusiasm displayed by members of the section promises well for the future.

#### **Army Section**

The Army Section also prepared to entertain its influx of new recruits. On

the whole they responded well to their preliminary training and made a particularly good showing on the three-day exercise over Field day. Here they gained their first practical knowledge of the use of map and compass, and although the walking was rather tough, most survived little worse for wear.

The remainder of the section took part in various one-day activities over field day, these including orienteering, shooting and instruction in battle craft.

The other major event of the term was a visit from the 'Red Devils' parachute display team who gave the section a lecture accompanied with a film.

#### **RAF Section**

As with the other two sections the RAF was mainly occupied with basic training. The recruits were taught the rudiments of drill by Sergeant Gibson, whilst members of 'B' flight sat a new type of exam to complete their proficiency training. The results were reasonably pleasing with 15 out of 25 entrants managing to pass.

On field day the Army and RAF sections were temporarily amalgamated. Although the section's members exhibited some skill at shooting their performance on the orienteering course was rather doubtful.

Other news includes David Lewington's qualification as a Private Pilot. Although David left the section last term he managed to gain an extra five hours flying to qualify for the licence.

#### **Police Cadets**

The one term course run by the police cadets once more proved to be varied and interesting. Visits were made by a number of people who gave talks on subjects ranging from 'Crime Prevention' to 'Prison Aftercare'. The talks were given in an informal manner and were often accompanied by illustration on film.

Activities were not restricted to the classroom and the whole section managed to visit the local Magistrates' Court whilst a large number of individual cadets accompanied constables on their routine patrols.

Much thanks is due to Sgt Brown, who organised most of these events. He will be missed in the future, however, as he is being transferred to another locality to take up the position of inspector.

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At the beginning of Lent Term, Mr Cadwell left us after some six and a half years as SSI. His departure has left a very large gap which it is going to be difficult to fill. Mr Griffin writes: 'Dick Cadwell came to Abingdon from Millfield. He very quickly started a Signal Section and reorganised the Stores to his satisfaction. His knowledge of the intricacies of Army Forms was invaluable and he maintained the Stores in a very high state of order and efficiency. He did a very great deal in other ways too for the CCF and was always thinking up improvements—he was, for example, very largely responsible for getting the gear to build the Assault Course, and supervised much of the work. He was always agitating for a .22 range, but, alas, we have still not been able to acquire one.'

'We shall miss him, personally as well as in the CCF. Those of us who know him best know that there is a very kind heart beneath the fierce exterior that those who were slow in handing in stores had to face.'

'We wish him the best of luck in his new job at an Animal Virus Research Establishment near Pirbright.'

## 34th Abingdon Scout Group

**The Troop:** At the beginning of term the troop was split into two sections (which have usually met on alternate Mondays) and the day-to-day running of the troop has been undertaken by Mr Geoffrey Mauder (OA).

A Patrol Leaders' Camp was held at Burcot at the beginning of term; and the whole troop spent the Field Day weekend in camp at Youlbury. An enjoyable barbecue and camp-fire was held outside the hut on the first quarter-term, and most of the troop camped at Burcot for the weekend before half-term.

As in previous years, the hibernation urge set in at about half term, so that activities were less numerous and less well attended in the second half of the term. Rumour has it, however, that one Scout actually went on a gliding course at Lasham, the National Scout Gliding Centre, under his own initiative. The term ended with the usual party.

The Patrol Leaders this term have been David Eccles, Mark Weston, Dennis Lanham, Russell Taylor, Richard Hingley and Stephen Rowley.

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## Chess

A term that went pretty well on the whole had a disappointing conclusion, when both our teams were knocked out of the 'Sunday Times' Tournament in the Third round. The Juniors had in fact done very well to reach that stage, for their achievement in beating Peers School was considerable, but they were outclassed by Magdalen; the Seniors should have easily gained the four points they needed to beat Edmund Campion on handicap.

A very interesting situation has developed in the Western Section of the Berkshire League, in which Abingdon and Carmel College have led with unbeaten records in Senior and Junior sections. The crucial matches between the two both resulted in draws, and unless there is a shock result both will have to be replayed next term. The Juniors, who were two short that day, have a good chance of winning the section; the Seniors' match will again be very close indeed.

The Junior 'B' team has surpassed our hopes, thanks to the steady influence of Robert Harries on Board One, and is well placed in the League, better than the Senior 'B' team, which only won when three Juniors were in the team.

Chess Club has been well supported by a wide range of player (except that as usual the Middle School has been very poorly represented), and Leagues were won by Timothy Niblett, John Stephen and Robert Harries. Robert, Mark Ormerod and Iain Holding have impressed me as the most improved players this term, although this is rather invidious when most players have good records, and David Mushens and Simon Talboys have also come on remarkably well! Gary Rogers won a First-form League in which the standard appeared lower than usual.

MW

The First Team is: TB Niblett, M Ormerod, PD Marley, PH Evans, ARP Mushens, JS Valentine. The Under Fifteen team is: S de Lusignan, ME Spoor, JJ Stephen, SJ Talboys, IR Holding, PV Thomas.

### 'Sunday Times' Matches:

The Senior Team had a bye in the first round.

beat Eton College 6—0

beat Edmund Campion 3½—2½

(Lost on age-count)

The Junior Team	beat Audley House	6—0
	lost to Peer's School	2—4
	(Won on age-count)	
	lost to Magdalen CS	½—5½

### Berkshire League

Senior 'A' Team	Senior 'B' Team	
beat King Alfred's, Wantage	3—2	lost to King Alfred's, Wantage
beat Newbury GS	3½—1½	lost to Newbury G.S.
beat John Mason	5—0	beat Wallingford G.S.
drew with Carmel College	2½—2½	lost to Carmel College

Junior 'A' Team	Junior 'B' Team	
beat King Alfred's, Wantage	4½—½	beat King Alfred's, Wantage
beat Park House	4—1	beat John Mason 'B'
beat Carmel Prep School	4½—½	beat Newbury GS
beat John Mason 'A'	4—1	beat Carmel Prep School
beat Newbury GS	4—1	lost to Carmel College
beat John Mason 'B'	4—1	
drew with Carmel College	2½—2½	

### Other Matches

An all-age team	drew with High Wycombe RGS	9—9
An Under-16 team	beat Bearwood College	4—2
An Under-13 team	drew with Larkmead School	4—4

## Lists

### The Governing Body, January 1973

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### **School Prefects**

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GB Butcher	MJ Rice
MWJ Carr	PAW Rogers
JM Evans	PE Scott
JD Halliday	JR Spooner
DC Hares	BC Waters

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Crescent House: PD Cook, PR Forsythe, DC Gourlay, TJ Gresswell, S Walker, MC Weeding  
Larkhill: ARM Kelly  
School House: AW Baumann, AC Clift, RHD Griffiths, GK Leedham; DMA Binks, NM Newport, TC Parker, IR Greaves  
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Waste Court: CJ Williams, A Carlisle, S Pallett  
Dayboys: JM Bosworth, RM Bowkett, SE Bowkett, AW Davies, GR Fowler, AG Johnstone, CW Lawson, NT Morgan, TB Niblett, FA Rae, AW Smart, CEV Stockwell, ME Thompson, JDC Turner, JG Walker, AW Walters, MS Webster, MG White, SEG Young

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Captain of Boats: PE Scott  
Secretary of Boats: P Forsythe  
Captain of Cross Country: CF Vernon  
Secretary of Cross Country: JM Evans  
Secretary of Rugger: MWJ Carr  
Secretary of GGC: RHD Griffiths

## **Abingdonian**

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## **Oxford and Cambridge Scholarships and Entries December 1973**

Congratulations to:

JH Bosworth, place to read History, Downing College, Cambridge.  
M Evans, place to read Archaeology and Anthropology, Christ's College, Cambridge.  
JR Hills, Exhibition in Maths, St John's College, Cambridge.  
BE Jones, Exhibition in Natural Science, Queen's College, Cambridge.

RP Klepzig, place to read Geography, Jesus College, Cambridge.  
DM Paine, place to read Natural Science, Clare College, Cambridge.  
JD Peirson, place to read Maths/Physics, Fitzwilliam's College, Cambridge.  
FJ Pike, Scholarship in Music, King's College, Cambridge.  
JR Rawlinson, place to read Medicine, Christ Church College, Oxford.  
AA Tammadge, place to read Medicine, Emma College, Cambridge.  
PDB West, Abingdon Scholarship in Medicine, Pembroke College, Oxford.

## Hello Goodbye

### Left Michaelmas Term 1972

**VI H:** M Evans, RK Wardroper, MJ Whipple  
**VI O:** RP Klepzig, M Milanovitch, SN Potter  
**VIM:** RGA Godfrey, JR Hills, BE Jones, DM Paine, HT Tresidder, P Webb  
**VI T:** JR Rawlinson, AA Tammadge, PDB West  
**6W:** C Mark (November)  
**Shell:** PJ Francis, SMJ Hobson  
**2F:** PJ Newby  
**2R:** SJ Berry

### Came Lent Term 1973

**4B:** M Macdonald  
**3T:** P Aston, J Butler  
**3V:** M Bezant  
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# OA Notes

## Deaths

**JP Amies** (1932-1937). We record with regret the death on 26 July 1971 of John Parfett Amies.

**DN John** (1971). David John, who died in May 1972, came into our Sixth Form from Chichester High School. He was a keen and talented writer and was hoping to read English at University when his fatal illness struck him a few months before A levels. During his two years at the School he made many friends and joined in a variety of School activities, captaining the 4th Rugby XV. Our sympathy goes to his parents and to his brother, Philip, himself still at the School.

## Births

**Barrett:** on 11 November 1972 to Alison, wife of Tom Barrett (1964), a daughter.

**Howlett:** on 26 September 1972, to May, wife of Francis Howlett (1966), a son, Alexander.

**Martin:** on 15 December 1971 to Veronica (née Wood), wife of Tony Martin (1962), a daughter, Katharine Louise.

## Marriages

**Hall-Gertie:** in May 1972, John D Hall (1955) to Claudia Gertie. They are now living in Paris.

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David Emmett (1956), now a Major in the Royal Irish Rangers, wrote to say that he was finishing his two years as a Staff Officer with the Ghurkas in Hong Kong and was due to return in January to his battalion in Germany.

Congratulations to Forbes Wastie (1957) on becoming a Housemaster at Eastbourne College. Needless to say in Blackwater House there are 63 boys.

Congratulations also to Graham Crow (1959) who has been appointed Personnel Director and joins the Car Division's Board of Rolls-Royce Motors Ltd at Crewe. The Rolls-Royce Motors plant at Crewe is the largest within the group and employs nearly 5,000 people. All who remember Graham as a modest but hard working and enthusiastic boy at School will be glad of his success. After gaining an honours degree at UCL in psychology he did two years' teaching before joining his present Company. We never did prove that John Roysse was an ancestor of Rolls-Royce but at least we may feel that there is now some link between these two establishments which make the pursuit of excellence their aim.

George Hall (1962) is back from Zaire, or the Belgian Congo as it used to be known. While admitting that the political climate was somewhat uncertain George asserts that geographically the town of Nubumbashi, at 4,000ft. above sea level, was ideally situated.

It was pleasant to hear again of Andrew Lloyd (1962), who is personnel manager for Woolworths at Swindon and who has three small daughters.

Tony Martin (1962) wrote to us last term and brought us up to date with his news. After finishing at Cambridge, he spent six months at the Law Society School in Guildford, then did two years articles with a firm in Lincoln. Marriage in 1967 was followed by a partnership in Manchester, to which city he commutes daily from across the border in Yorkshire. His two younger brothers, Michael (1963) and David (1963) flourish, the one at Chelmsford CAT reading for a London LLB and the other a bio-chemist at Sheffield University.

Christopher Day (1965), who qualified as a Vet in June 1972, at the same time as his wife qualified, is now in practice at Burnley in Lancashire. He plans to move South again in August of this year.

Alan Williams (1965) has characteristically been elected as chairman of the Convocation of Graduates at Bradford University and also as a governor representing the staff of his school in Essex. He always managed to convey the impression at School of an elder statesman and we are sure that he will apply his common sense and energy to both jobs.

Another of the teaching profession, this time loud in his praises of Teesside Comprehensives, is Francis Howlett (1966). Married in June 1970, he is very happy both in this and in his job which is teaching French, Music, German and Russian. His degree is in the latter two subjects. We congratulate him very warmly on the birth of a son, announced elsewhere.

Nicholas Martin (1966) writes from Australia to say that he is in his Honours year in Genetics at Adelaide University, having spent a summer vacation collecting plants in the wilds of New Guinea.

Chris Beckett (1967), who dropped in last term on a visit, is now working for Kenning Car Mart Ltd of London as a management trainee. He seemed very happy with his way of life and didn't appear to have changed at all.

It was pleasant, too, to hear from Peter Blackburn (1967) now back in this country for a while and 'easing into life as a reporter on the Bolton Evening News'. He is hoping to get some cricket up North in the summer but a reporter's irregular hours may make this difficult. He confirmed also that brother Robin (1969) was now fully recovered and enjoying life in Sierra Leone.

Congratulations to Graham Collings (1967), who has recently been admitted as an Associate Member of the Royal Institute of Chartered Accountants.

Peter Annett (1969) is now at Menist Wood Agricultural College near Guildford and is finding the work most interesting. He seems to be doing well, too. He has just been elected secretary of the Students' Union and has also taken up canoe racing seriously.

It was pleasant to see John Dowling and David Howells (1969) on a visit from Oxford, where they are, in the modern undergraduate manner, sharing a house with a third (male) student at Headington. They rather fancied themselves, we gathered, as cooks.

Adrian Clarke (1970) has been doing some more practical farming, gradually taking over more responsibility on the family farm at Twyford. He is going back, for part of this year, to Berkshire College of Agriculture at Hurley.

Stephen Lambert (1970) has recently been taken on as a management

trainee by the Union International Company Ltd, which operates in the meat and textile business.

Congratulations to George Nasmyth (1970) who has been awarded the Ayres-Evans Prize in Medicine at Pembroke College, Oxford.

David Harvey (1971) plans to spend part of next summer working in a children's holiday camp in USA and thereafter to take up Hotel Management and Catering at Bournemouth College of Technology.

The following went up to Universities in October 1972 unless otherwise stated. They amount to 49 of the 78 who left from the Upper Sixth or just about 63%.

<b>Cambridge</b>	PA Bosworth, Downing. Veterinary Science. RS Conibear, St John's. History/Land Economy. PAC Davies, Trinity. Natural Sciences. RK Gyselynck, Downing. Geography RA Landy, Emmanuel. English. CJ Marley, Caius. Natural Sciences. FAA Maude, Corpus. History. JSP Mushens, Jesus. History, October 1973. Wdef Peck, Jesus. Law, October 1973. N Rutishauser, Jesus. Natural Sciences. AW Wood, Corpus. Natural Sciences.
<b>Oxford</b>	KJ Barnard, Keble. Scholar Classics and Theology. LD Bradshaw, Pembroke. Botany. RGD Christmas, BNC. Classics. AJM Crocker, Exeter. Zoology. PJ Hingley, Christ Church. Biochemistry. MA Neville, Keble. Exhibitioner Medicine. GD Pearce, Balliol. Exhibition English. RJ Polley, University. Modern Languages. GP Radley, Pembroke. Abingdon Scholar Botany. JQ Rowley, Keble. Zoology. BA Sharpe, New. Human Sciences.
<b>Aberystwyth</b>	DPC Smith, Agricultural Economics.
<b>Birmingham</b>	CS Crocker, Medicine. JN Jacques, Medicine.
<b>Bristol</b>	DM Howes, Medicine. RG Wood, Veterinary Science.
<b>Cardiff</b>	AD Rowley, Economics.
<b>City</b>	SJ Cantwell, Electrical Engineering.
<b>Durham</b>	PJ Berry, German. NK Darroch, Geology.
<b>East Anglia</b>	BA Clubley, Economics.
<b>Essex</b>	CP Taylor, Electronics.
<b>Exeter</b>	NMR Crosse, Politics. NJ Moth, English
<b>Lampeter</b>	JR Cowlin, English and Philosophy.
<b>Leeds</b>	PM Cowley, Modern Languages. GW Hamlin, Medicine.

<b>London</b>	T Wright, St Mary's Hospital. Medicine. C Corner, University College. Microbiology. MGE Smith, University College. Microbiology.
<b>Loughborough</b>	PD Price, PE, October 1973. RC Rogers, Mechanical Engineering. RA Ward, PE.
<b>Manchester</b>	A Clarke, Modern Languages.
<b>Southampton</b>	DB Spong, Aero Engineering.
<b>Surrey</b>	SG Bailey, Electrical Engineering.
<b>Sussex</b>	MJ Jones, Electrical Engineering.
<b>York</b>	MI Kendall, Biology. DJ Tissier, Biology.

Others who left at this time and about whom we have any information are as follows. Any further information will be welcome.

BP Ashcroft-Jones is at the North Berks College of Further Education.

MA Barrett is a Police Cadet.

CJ Bennett is at the North Berks College.

DP Greenwood is at the Ealing Technical College reading for a Degree in Catering and Hotel Management.

G Habgood is at the Oxford Polytechnic studying Architecture.

DW Hazeldine, DSB Herbert and GM Horwood are at various Technical Colleges.

M Lawless is employed as a Trainee by Shell and BP.

J Lay is with Neilsens at Headington.

CN Leonard is teaching at a Mountaineering School in Wales.

DM Lewis is studying Cartography at the Oxford Polytechnic.

ECJ Lilley is doing the same course as DP Greenwood at Ealing.

RI McDonald is tackling his 'A' Levels again at the East Berks Technical College.

CA Nasmyth is doing a one year foundation course at the Maidenhead Art College.

NRH Pollard is working for the Rank McDougall combine.

PD Price is teaching at a Prep School in North Wales, and thoroughly enjoying the experience, before going on to Loughborough.

PE Rigby is taking Business Studies at the High Wycombe Technical College.

KG Sykes is studying Mechanical Engineering as a RAF Cadet at the Lanchester Polytechnic.

MP Taylor has embarked on a three year course in Business Studies at the Plymouth Polytechnic with the intention of making his career in Merchant Banking.

CB Terry is teaching Maths and games at his own old Prep School while retaking some 'A' Levels.

DM Williams is at the Milton Keynes Teachers Training College.

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