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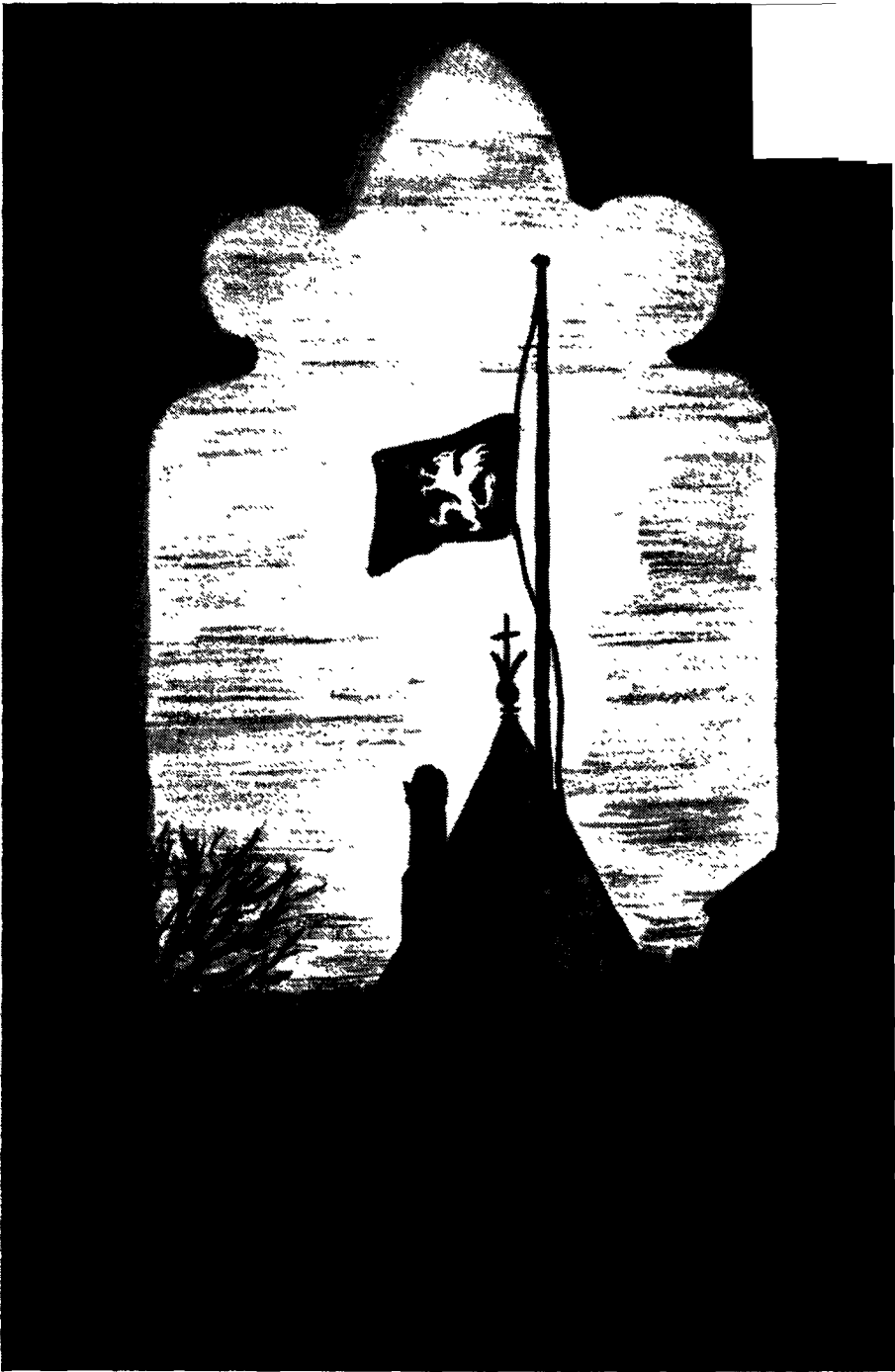


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*For happy warrior comes the final call,
Great heart in tired body now is still.
Let Freedom, Truth and Justice bear his pall,
Who wrested history to serve his will.
He fought for freedom and enjoyed the strife,
Now finds a greater freedom in a finer life.*



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January 1965

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EDITORIAL

The difference between right and wrong is all too rarely visible. Outside the moral law — 'written on the tablets of eternity' — there is very little that is universally recognized as the one or the other. Man, however, does his best to construct a partition to separate the good from the bad in every issue of importance that faces him. The two-party political system in this country is only the most obvious example of this tendency. Any change of direction in policy inevitably provokes someone, while to continue in the accustomed way encounters opposition of a different kind. The English 'via media' is no true compromise; it is rather the produce of successive changes from one side to the other. The struggle is between two rights and the occasional direct collision can prove fatal.

The recent general election has brought this difference very much into focus, and nowhere has it been more clear than in the world of education. There is a seemingly irreconcilable conflict between those who wish to replace what they believe to be wrong and those who are equally determined to preserve at all costs what they believe to be a proven success. It is a tug-of-war between the doctrinaire and the die-hard traditionalist. To be fair, however, it must be said that these are two extremes, but it is the extremists who make the most of their points of view. Publicity is given to the more controversial of actions — whether by public school prefects in an election campaign or by teachers from a comprehensive school — and this leads to the taking of sides rather than a more concerted effort to find an adequate solution. There are very serious weaknesses in both old and new systems, but they are surely not so grave as to warrant a complete abandonment of the established or the projected. Advantage should be taken of the good that is offered by each; they should not be destroyed because of the possible harm. While equality of opportunity is a perfectly justifiable and nearly universal aim, equality in the sense of complete uniformity in the type of school and of the education it offers is indefensible.

In the long run, success depends entirely upon the very personal element of co-operation between teacher and pupil — upon the dedication of the one and the determination of the other. Any form of educational machinery breaks down unless it is possible to maintain this relationship. What is needed is somewhere for both these to flourish and develop to the advantage of the whole community. Neither theories nor traditions can do this.

SCHOOL NOTES

We were delighted to read in the recent Honours List of the award of the O.B.E. to Alderman Dr. Mary Watson, J.P., who among much other public service has been a Governor of the School for many years.

Our affectionate sympathy goes to Mrs. Liddiard on the death of her husband, Canon T. H. Liddiard, formerly Vicar of Abingdon, who retained his keen interest in the School throughout his retirement. The Headmaster represented the School at the Memorial Service in Newbury on 5th October.

The School took an intelligent, personal and impartial interest in the recent General Election. It is pleasant to think that if ever (which Heaven forbid!) the name of Abingdon School were bandied about within the House, there are three members who could speak with authority about us — a Governor (Mr. Airey Neave), the Immediate Past President of the Old Boys' Club (Sir George Sinclair) and a parent (Mr. Angus Maude). We congratulate them all on election or re-election.

Of course, Sir George is not the first member we have produced, as indeed our telegram of congratulation reminded him. It was worded as follows:

ABINGDON SCHOOL CONGRATULATES ITS TWELFTH OLD BOY TO BE ELECTED TO PARLIAMENT STOP BUT YOU ARE THE FIRST FOR 157 YEARS.

The first, according to our records, was Sir Thomas Smith, who sat in the House in the reign of the first Elizabeth. The last, before Sir George, was George Knapp, who was elected for Abingdon in 1807. With the help of Sir George himself, we are preparing some notes on all twelve of them, a summary of which we hope to publish in a later issue.

We said farewell at the end of the term, with regret, affection, and gratitude, to two members of the staff — Mr. John Horrex, who is taking over the Physics Department at Glasgow Academy, and Mr. Geoffrey Leake, who is transferring to Watford Grammar School so as to be within reach of his invalid parents.

Mr. Horrex came to Abingdon in 1951 as second physicist, and he succeeded as head of the department on the retirement of Mr. Ingham in 1957. His examination record is proof of his ability as a teacher. But it is no disrespect to his scholarship or his professional competence to say that he will be best remembered by the unusual breadth of his extra-mural activities, which ranged from coaching on the river to playing the leading role in the productions of the Abingdon Drama Club or of the Abingdon Handel Festival. His remarkable counter-tenor voice was heard to advantage both in the School Choir and in the

successive Staff Quartets of which he was the continuing factor (indeed there are some who will regard 'The Highway Code' as his true memorial). The Quatercentenary Entertainment gave full scope to his imaginative genius, while as sponsor of Evening Entertainments, the Film Society, the Photographic Society and the Tape Recording Society he did much to weld together art and technology. In short — we shall miss him enormously. We are grateful, and we wish him good fortune.

The same goes too for Mr. Leake, whose quiet kindness has made the School a better place in the last three years. As mathematician, form-master and assistant house-tutor he has served the School well.

As Mr. Horrex' successor, Mr. Bryan Woolnough, will not be able to take over until September, Mr. Blagden will act as Head of Physics for a couple of terms. We welcome as a temporary member of the Common Room Mrs. H. M. Sackett, M.A. (Oxon), who will be coping with much of Mr. Horrex' teaching time-table.

And we welcome in the place of Mr. Leake Mr. Ben Foley, a former Scholar of B.N.C., who secured a First in Mathematics at Oxford, and who comes to us after several years of teaching at Watford. This is indeed by way of being a straight swop, and we are very grateful to the Headmaster of Watford for his co-operation over it.

It is good news too that the School Mathematics Project has agreed to sponsor Mr. Lewis at this School for a further twelve months. We hoped (smugly) that we should provide him with some useful experience to take back to South Africa. We did not realise how much he was going to give to the School in return.

The Staff and their ladies were on parade in force at Bath on 2nd January on the occasion of Mr. Hugh Sawbridge's marriage to Miss Elizabeth Hayes. Let the *Abingdonian* add its voice to the chorus of good wishes.

Congratulations too to the parents of three more staff babies — Mr. and Mrs. Morelle (a daughter, Carol, born on 15th October): Mr. and Mrs. Hasnip (a daughter, Elizabeth Jill, born on 23rd October): and Mr. and Mrs. Blagden (a son, Edward, born on 13th November).

The Headmaster will shortly be losing yet another secretary — for the usual reason (though this time it is rather more exogamous than usual). Warm good wishes to Miss Jenny Savage as she leaves in February to prepare for her forthcoming marriage to Major Walker. And a welcome to her successor, Miss Fairlie Winship.

This term we shall look forward to taking under our wing three student masters — Mr. R. J. V. Butt, B.Sc. (Edin.), a physicist and (we hear) an oarsman, who comes to us as a resident from the Cambridge Department of Education: and two Oxford representatives, Mr. D. H. Fielding, B.A., of Blundell's School and St. Edmund Hall

(Geography) and Mr. R. B. Smith, B.A., of St. Edward's School and St. Peter's College (Economics).

We welcomed many visitors from overseas during the past term, but none more warmly than Dr. Van Wagenen, Dean of the Graduate School of the American University, Washington, friend of the School and past parent, whose fleeting visit happily enabled him to attend the Old Boys' Dinner. We hear that his impromptu speech on this occasion was the high light of the evening.

Other visitors included the Rev. H. O. Fowler, Principal of Stanes High School, Coibatore, India, who came down for a day at the School — and spent some part of it in watching the last few overs of the General Election Test Match on television (16th October): Dr. Kees Oudshoorn, Headmaster of the International School at Eerde (3rd November): the Rt. Rev. G. D. Hand, Bishop of New Guinea, who gave a most memorable talk to all members of the Lower Sixth Form (17th November): Mr. G. K. McLaren, one of Her Australian Majesty's Inspectors of Schools (24th November): and Mr. G. A. Espitalier-Noel, of Curepipe, Mauritius, who spent four successive Fridays observing our lessons.

The number of the boys on the School Roll in September was precisely 600, another record figure, of whom 194 were boarders. This increase was due to two factors — a further increase in the size of our sixth forms, which now amount in all to 191 boys, and an influx of no less than ten boys from overseas (mainly the U.S.A.) who are spending from a term to a year with us while their fathers are working in this country. A special welcome to Johan Roest, who has joined as a boarder after already securing a couple of *English 'A'* levels at his school in Holland; and to a young Fleming, M. Proost. There can't be many schools in England where he could find two members of the staff able to converse with him in his own language.

Congratulations to Mr. Tammadge on his election as a Fellow of the Institute of Mathematics and its Application (F.I.M.A.) and to G. H. Hallett who as an Associate of the Royal College of Music has qualified for his first 'letters' (A.R.C.M.).

So far we have secured nine vacancies at Oxford and Cambridge for October 1965, including three awards. Congratulations to M. A. Bisby (Open Exhibition in Animal Physiology at St. Peter's College): S. M. Nicholl (the Abingdon Scholarship, in Engineering, at Pembroke College, Oxford): and J. L. Walton (Open Scholarship in Medicine at Keble College).

We congratulate also M. Spencer, who has been upgraded to a full Naval Scholarship: A. R. Gibbs, who has been selected from the violinists of the National Youth Orchestra for special grooming: and P. K. Booker, who has been awarded the Sixth Form Scholarship, known, *pro hac vice*, as the Lady Wantage Scholarship.

Congratulations also to D. H. Willis, a member of the 2nd North Berks Troop, who has been awarded his Queen's Scout Badge.

The Parents' Evening for the parents of all new boys was held this term on Thursday, 22nd October. The programme concluded with an advance showing of the new school film 'Letters for America', starring Peter Mann.

The Court Room served also as the venue for a meeting of the Association for Science Education, addressed by Dr. Vick, on 2nd October and (more hilariously) for a Beer and Sausage Party in aid of the British Sailors' Society on the first evening of half-term (29th October).

Saturday Evening Entertainments this term have been as follows:

3rd October — Mr. Tony Smythe: 'Climbing Mont Blanc'.

7th November — Mr. Ian Brinkworth: 'Bhutan, Land of the Thunder Dragon'.

21st November — Mr. Robert Fabian: 'Behind the Scenes at Scotland Yard'.

— with the following feature films: 'Vertigo', 'The Wrong Arm of the Law', 'Julius Caesar'.

In addition to these entertainments, on the evening of Sunday, 27th September we enjoyed a return visit by 'Theatre Roundabout'. The apse of the Chapel provided a surprisingly appropriate setting for the Group's programme of the spoken word "For Crying Out Loud": and the finest compliment we can pay the Group is to say that despite the length of the programme we just did not notice how hard the pews were.

Then on 17th October we again welcomed a large party of boys from Oakmead School, Bournemouth, who fielded a team against the Third Fifteen in the afternoon, and in the evening showed us just what a brass band could do.

We have welcomed the following official visitors this term: Mr. W. A. Chant, the Careers Advisory Officer of the Central Youth Employment Executive (13th October): S/Ldr. J. E. Maitland, the R.A.F. Liaison Officer (19th November): and Captain C. P. Viner, R.A.S.C., of the Army Lecturing Team (24th November).

Thank you, Mr. Eason, for the care you took over the practice interviews of our university candidates (16th—17th November). We know this is useful. We don't *think* it is immoral.

Entertainments outside the School at which we have 'assisted' or which we have attended included: a Conference of the Commonwealth Youth Movement at Oxford on 2nd October; an inter-school sixth form conference organised at Wantage by the S.C.M. on 8th October:

a lecture by Mr. Alan Bullock to the Oxford Historical Association on 'Hitler', on 10th October: performances of the 'Mikado' at Abingdon on 21st October and of 'H.M.S. Pinafore' at Eynsham on 10th—12th December: and the Abingdon and District Musical Society's Concert on 26th October.

On the evening of Sunday, 11th October, a contingent of seniors visited Radley Parish Church, by invitation, to hear the Headmaster preach and subsequently to meet their opposite numbers from Radley College over a cup or a glass. The following Thursday, 15th October, several boys attended the special celebration of Holy Communion held in S. Nicolas' Church by ancient custom to mark the birthday of John Blacknall. And on 17th October S. Fairlie and D. L. R. Howells represented the School at the R.S.C.M. Festival at S. Paul's Cathedral.

On Remembrance Sunday, 8th November, we once again played a prominent part in the Parade. Both C.C.F. and Scouts provided strong and well-turned-out contingents. The Guard of Honour and the Buglers were well up to standard (and that is saying a lot): and for the first time our Military Band was responsible for playing for the whole of the March Past.

On the evening of Sunday, 29th November, the Chaplain attended the Confirmation Service in St. Helen's Church to support several candidates from the School, while the Headmaster represented us at the dedication of a memorial tablet to the late Alderman Cornish in the Trinity Methodist Church.

The Sixth Form have had plenty of social engagements this term too. In particular, we gladly accepted invitations to send representatives to four dances, given respectively by Faringdon Girls' School (27th November), by S. Helen's School (4th December), by the Abbey School, Reading (16th December), and by John Mason School (17th December). Sincere thanks to our various hostesses — and we hasten to assure parents that the same boys did not go to all four dances.

We are most grateful to Mr. C. Moore, who has so kindly given a series of demonstrations of Judo to many of our members.

On 30th October the Library Clock returned to its home after a short period of absence. Warm thanks to a parent, Mr. Foulkes, who has succeeded in giving a new lease of useful life to this eighteenth-century veteran.

It was with some regret that we said good-bye to the lectern — a bird of even riper vintage. But it is clearly better that it should serve its proper purpose in Dry Sandford Church than remain here as an encumbrance; and we reserve the right to reclaim it if ever we can offer it a seemly home. Possibly in the new Dining Hall?

It may be remembered that this lectern was originally made for Brasenose College Chapel in 1694. The College presented it to the

School in 1743, and early nineteenth-century prints show it in position dominating the whole of the Royse Room. In 1904 it was renovated at the cost of a group of Old Boys and placed in the Chapel, then recently opened. A new brass plate was affixed to it bearing a Latin inscription which contains an unexpected trap for the glib translator. It is of course with the full approval of the College that the present loan has been arranged.

The annual Christmas treat for the Chemists of the Lower Sixth took place on 10th and 14th December when they visited Messrs. Morland's Brewery in two parties. Inspired of course by a disinterested thirst for knowledge.

Much good work was done for Oxfam this term, quietly and without any shock tactics or blowing of trumpets. No less than £67.12.3½ was raised by collections, library fines and the odd job of work such as car-washing. In addition we this year sponsored Oxfam Christmas cards — with an appropriate slip inside — instead of having our own printed.

The significance of the special film show that was given late in the evening of Sunday, 29th November, deserves mention. In a three-feature programme, A.S.P.S. presented first the two vintage school films, 'Ut Proficias' (1952) and 'No Tumbled House' (1955). This was planned to be the last occasion on which these two films would be shown publicly before they were handed over to the School archives where they could be preserved as a unique record of what the School was like in the middle of the twentieth century. Then came their successor, 'Letters to America' (1964), of which more on a later page. Among the guests on this occasion we were especially glad to welcome Mr. P. L. Howard (O.A.), father of the two brothers who shared the leading part in 'No Tumbled House'.

On Sunday, 13th December, Mr. J. B. Howson very kindly came down to play chess against many members of the Chess Club — simultaneously. Later in the evening came an informal concert given in the Court Room by the Concert Band and the Male Voice Choir, and concluding with mass singing of carols. A packed audience clearly considered the whole thing to be an unqualified success.

Then on the Monday, what time the First Form Dramatic Society presented an engaging one-act play ('Under the Skull and Bones') in the Court Room, the Band and two sections of the Choir toured the town making sweet music in aid of the C. of E. Children's Society. It was a cold night but they were warmly welcomed at their various ports of call.

The next day a Christmas Fair was held in the Court Room (how did we ever manage without it?) prior to the Service of Lessons and Carols. It took much the same form as last year's Quatercentenary

Fair — but with the difference that this year it was organised entirely by a small group of 'Ladies of the Boat Club' and the substantial proceeds — some £235 — were earmarked for the new Boat House. Warm thanks to all concerned.

On the last night of term the Boarders sat down to their Christmas dinner of turkey, plum pudding and fresh fruit. Afterwards Crescent House joined School House in the Gymnasium for the customary Quiet Games: they were not quiet enough for Mr. Murray, however, our only casualty, who had his leg in plaster over Christmas as a result.

Once again many of our musicians played in the Abingdon Holiday Orchestra, that admirable institution which goes from strength to strength.

Nowadays the papers are so full of senseless outrages that they seldom have much impact for us. It is different when our own people are involved. We were all shocked to hear that Christopher Wharton, who, with his twin brother, had so recently left us to spend Christmas with his parents in Aden, had been seriously injured in the 'incident' which occurred at a teen-age party. We print below extracts from a letter written by Group-Captain Wharton to the Headmaster. As we go to press we hear that he has just been flown back to an R.A.F. hospital in England for further treatment — bringing with him thirty-six stitches and three pieces of shrapnel which have not yet been extracted. Our main feeling is one of relief that he is now out of danger. To him and to his family, our very warm sympathy.

The Officers' Married Quarters at Khormaksar are contained within a small estate, which is ringed with barbed wire and its three entrances are permanently guarded by Arab watchmen. In addition to this, there is a continuous patrol of Military Police round its roads. On this particular night about forty teenagers were attending a party, given by Col. Holmes, which took place in his large sitting room and open verandah. The party had just finished, about 11.15, and the children were just leaving when what we now know to be a Russian type grenade was thrown into the sitting room through a back fan-light window. At this moment the sitting room was empty except for a servant, who was clearing up, and Col. Holmes was standing on the verandah, saying good-bye to Gillian Sidey, with Christopher and Roger on one side of him and Guy Harrington, the son of the C-in-C, on the other. Christopher saw this object on the floor and started to walk into the empty room to investigate when the grenade exploded. A fragment fatally injured Gillian Sidey and Christopher was hit in the instep, the knee, the groin and the chest. Guy Harrington was hit by a fragment in the foot and back. Col. Holmes was hit in the arm and his back. Roger was unscathed.

I spent most of the night at the hospital with Christopher, while he was examined and X-rayed and most of the fragments were removed during an operation about 8 a.m. He is recovering quite well, but is left with a small fragment in his chest, which may be removed subject to consultancy when he comes back to U.K. He also has another small fragment in his leg and in the knuckle of his right hand, which will also need to be removed. He is quite comfortable in hospital and,

needless to say, he is having every attention from the very experienced and skilled hospital staff, but it will be about another fortnight before he is sufficiently recovered to be flown home for further examination.

Terry Rawlins was more fortunate in emerging unharmed when his plane was struck by lightning at Rome en route for Singapore.

If we can trespass for once on the province of the Old Boys' section of the magazine, we acknowledge gratefully a copy of Blackwood's Magazine for December, 1964, containing a long article by a former editor of the 'Abingdonian', Roger Green, entitled 'Enter Northumberland, with Green a prisoner'. And if we may be so patronising, it is one of the most entertaining — and percipient — things of its kind that we have come across.

The photographs in this issue are printed by courtesy of Mr. Milligan, photographer.

The report that Mr. Horrex has already written an Anglo-Scottish revue entitled 'Beyond the Border' has not yet been confirmed.

FROM THE HEADMASTER

I suppose the outstanding feature of the past term has been the success of our rugby fifteens, at every level. Mathematicians, of the old or new dispensations, can tot up the phenomenal number of points scored. What I shall remember is the quality of the play. The First Fifteen at its best — and it *would* happen to be far below its best in the Magdalen match! — was a delight to watch, and every member of it thoroughly deserved the various celebrations which were laid on in its honour at the end of the term.

It was not only on the Waste Court Field that standards were raised. I thought that the Saturday's performance of 'The Merchant of Venice' provided an uncommonly good production of one of Shakespeare's untidier plays; and I should not disagree with others, more competent to judge than I, who thought the Choir reached new heights in the Service of Lessons and Carols.

As far as bricks and mortar are concerned, the builders are making very good progress with the new Dayboys' Changing Room and we can reasonably hope to have it in full use before next ruggar season. The two 'quick-construction' class-rooms behind the Court Room did not belie their name, and indeed were ready for occupation at the half-term. Even this small addition provides a noticeable easement. The architect has now produced detailed plans both for the Ingham Music School and for the Central Dining Block. At this stage these are a basis for discussion rather than a prelude to action; but we hope that

before Easter we shall be able to submit agreed plans for the approval of the Governors.

As far as the Boat House is concerned, the building (one of the 'Banbury' type) has been ordered; the necessary approval has been obtained from the planning authorities and from our ground landlords, the Corporation; and any day now a good friend of the School will arrive on the spot with his fearsome machines to prepare the site as his contribution to the Appeal.

The reason why we have been able to push on so quickly with this project is of course because of the prompt and generous response to our 'sectional' appeal for funds. The Christmas Fair gave us a further fillip (and I find it difficult to express adequately how grateful I am to the 'wives and mothers' who planned it and carried it through). As a result, the Treasurer holds something like £3,450 in cash, which enables us to make some provision for the needs of boys as well as of boats. By our next issue we should be in a position to publish the full list of subscribers. Meanwhile there is still time for those last minute contributions which would enable us to add amenity to necessity.

Of minor projects, the Governors have now accepted a quotation for the provision of hand-rails on all the unprotected staircases of School and School House (actually, a much bigger project than one would think). And during the current holidays, apart from routine maintenance and decoration, a new light has been installed which transforms the main staircase of the School, and all the corridor windows and window sills of the main building have been painted. I am very grateful to the Governors too for making a substantial block grant towards the cost of some comfortable furniture for the Prefects' Common Room and for the Sixth Form Common Rooms which we are planning to provide in Lacies Court.

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The absence from this issue of a special article on the Abingdon School Appeal does not indicate that the enthusiasm of the Committee is waning. But at this stage there is nothing to report except that we are creeping nearer and nearer to our revised target of £63,000; and that we are particularly grateful to those subscribers who came in at the very beginning some six years ago and who have now made their final payments under covenant. Some of them have already renewed their covenants for a further term — an expression of continued confidence and support we appreciate very deeply and commend as an example.

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At the beginning of the term I had the pleasure of welcoming for the first time among our ninety new boys one whose father (Tony Jordan) was a boy at the School when I arrived in 1947. This is one of the more pleasant indications of the passage of time. Then at the end of

the term came cards of greeting from Old Boys all over the world — first a steady trickle, then a growing flood. I wish I could acknowledge them all individually. As this is quite impossible, I can only assure the senders in these pages how much I appreciated every one of them. And each of them has in effect three lives, for at the beginning of term they will all be exhibited in Lower Corridor for the School to share my own pleasure and later still they will be sent out to a mission school in Africa.

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We shall all of us miss Mr. Horrex and Mr. Leake as they leave us for fresh woods and pastures new. Each of them has made his own individual — and lasting — contribution to the life and work of the School. But as between friends, one does not bandy compliments in public, and it is as friends as well as colleagues that I bid them God-speed.

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The new State Calendar, produced in close association with the Committee of the Old Abingdonian Club, and approved in detail by the Governors, deserves a heading of its own. Nor do I propose to lengthen these notes still further by pontificating about the Future Development of English Education. For the moment the best policy for schools is to follow the advice given some years ago to a young man by a wise old priest — to plan his life as if he were going to live for ever, to live it as if he were going to die on the morrow. In other words, we must cultivate our own garden in such a way that if and when we are called into question we can at any rate show that we are making a reasonably good job of the work that we set out to do.

J.M.C.

CHAPEL NOTES

The highlight of the term was undoubtedly the Service of Confirmation administered by the Bishop of Oxford on 6th December. Forty-three boys were presented to him and, though this was less than the number who attended the Preparation Classes, this is as it should be. There are obvious dangers attendant on the practice of school confirmations, and perhaps the chief is the all too easy assumption that to be confirmed is the expected thing. Those who were presented this term were those who had made their own decisions, and this, together with a chapel full to overflowing, made the occasion a very happy one. A great many parents managed to be present in chapel on the following Sunday to join with their sons in their first Communion.

For the Confirmation Service a plain wooden cross was seen on the altar in place of the usual silver. This fact led at least one parent to imagine that the worst had happened. In fact the chapel silver has been

missing all this month, as it is on display in London at the Guild Church of All Hallows in an exhibition of silverware organised by the Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths. It is pleasing to know how highly our altar set is regarded. We shall be without it again for part of next term, when it will be on exhibition in the City of Manchester. Mr. Coleman's simple wooden cross and candle-holders have filled the breach admirably.

At last the Eagle Lectern has found a home. It is now in use at the nearby Parish Church of Dry Sandford. It is serving its apprenticeship there and, provided the parishioners like it, it will remain on protracted loan.

In the week preceding Bible Sunday, and coinciding with the launching of the Archbishop of York's 'Feed the Minds' campaign, we had some of the New Testament Epistles read to us, complete, in Chapel during the lunch hour. By the end of the week these sessions were beginning to be very well attended, and many found value in listening to a complete epistle read at one sitting. The Staff and Prefects between them shared the reading.

The Chapel singing has been of a high standard, and the choir really excelled at the Festival of Lessons and Carols. The skill of Mr. Cullen in training the choir was reflected by the real appreciation expressed by many visitors both at the Festival of Carols and at Sunday morning Mattins.

The short Sunday evening service has continued throughout the term and the last two Sundays saw the traditional reading of *The Christmas Carol* by the Headmaster.

Mrs. Potter has arranged the chapel flowers quite beautifully, and this, together with the careful and unobtrusive work of the Sacristans, has made the chapel always a delight to enter.

It was a great pleasure to baptise Katrina Mary, the infant daughter of the Reverend M. N. and Mrs. Williams, in the chapel on Sunday, 25th October.

D.G.S.

The following boys were confirmed on 6th December: M. J. Arundel; M. G. Baker; L. J. Berry; A. R. Cantwell; P. B. Clubley; M. A. Cockerill; M. J. H. Cook; M. G. Crawford; F. J. Dobbs; A. C. Douglas; A. C. Ellis; G. R. Evans; M. C. Geary; M. J. Harfield; P. B. Harrison; P. D. Healy; I. J. W. Herbertson; N. W. Herdman; A. W. Hills; G. A. Holloway; D. L. R. Howells; A. J. Iddles; B. M. Johnston; N. D. Keen; M. J. Ff. King; M. G. Lewis; J. B. Lister; W. N. McGowan-Docherty; P. A. C. Minns; D. G. Nasmyth; J. C. Paddison; T. A. Parfitt; M. A. Pressland; C. F. Rock; R. H. Roper; F. N. Sandall; D. R. Sayce; J. L. Sayce; S. R. Shield; I. P. G. Stevens; R. C. Stevens; D. J. Tinson; R. G. Whittington.

The following outside causes benefitted during the term from our weekly collections:

St. Anne's, Limehouse	...	...	£9	13	4
The New Guinea Mission	...	...	£8	12	2
The Society of S. Francis	...	...	£6	15	0
Berinsfield Church	...	...	£8	8	3
The Hostel of God	...	...	£7	10	0

In addition, the collection at the service on the first day of term (£7-13-2) was given to S. Helen's Church, which also shared the collection at the Service of Lessons and Carols (£38-15-0) with the C. of E. Children's Society. The Society benefitted too to the extent of £5-9-3 from the collections taken by our vagrant carol parties. The collection at the New Boys' Service (£20-2-11) was devoted to Chapel Funds, and the retiring collection at the Confirmation Service (£18-14-3) was divided between the Bishop's List and the Chapel Furnishing Fund.

And of course four very heavy tins were returned to the British Legion as a result of the sale of poppies over the weekend of Remembrance Sunday.

We look forward to welcoming the following visiting preachers next term:

- January 24th — Rev. G. R. Connock, M.A., of the Missions to Seamen.
- February 7th — J. C. Dancy, Esq., M.A., Master of Marlborough College.
- February 28th — Rev. D. Jenkins, M.A., of S.P.G.
- March 14th — R. Q. Drayson, Esq., D.S.C., M.A., Headmaster of Stowe School.
- March 21st — Rev. Gordon Roe, D.Phil., of S. Michael's Church, Abingdon.

In addition, there will be a short service at 6 p.m. on each Thursday in Lent conducted by a member of the Society of S. John the Evangelist (the Cowley Fathers).

There follows a short appreciation of the Service of Lessons and Carols, written by a parent:

"The annual Carol Service is a well-established function, and those who read this notice will need no reminder of the general pattern; the lessons, read by representatives of all phases of the School life, from a new boy to the Headmaster, linked with appropriate carols for choir or congregation, and preceded by that poignant Introit, the treble solo singing the first verse of 'Once in Royal David's City'. Comment is therefore limited to the distinctive features of this year's Service. First and foremost, the carols rendered by the Choir were particularly pleasing; without dramatics, or straining after effect, the standard of singing and the choice of carol were very satisfying. If the sopranos

were slightly uncertain on occasion in 'Ding Dong Merrily', they more than made amends in 'When Christ was Born', a piece by John Gardner for trebles and altos in the form of a calypso. Mr. Cullen's arrangements ('Ding Dong Merrily' and 'Away in a Manger') were, as ever, attractive: 'Gabriel's Message' (Basque Noel) was sung with sensitivity; and the enunciation of the words came across well. The latter comment could also be made of the Lessons, particularly those read by the younger members. It was appropriate that the Master appointed to read the relevant lesson was Mr. Horrex: his contribution to the Service, as in many phases of the School's activities, will be missed. The congregation filling St. Helen's Church did justice to the Christmas hymns; most of the concluding verses were decorated by descants from the Choir, of which the *canto fermo* of 'God Rest You' was particularly effective. Finally, the selection of the Choral Prelude of 'In Dulci Jubilo' was a happy choice for the concluding voluntary."

For the record, the readers this year were: P. R. Clarke (New Boy), S. R. Shield (Chorister), P. N. Shellard (Head of Boarders), P. G. Henderson (Head of School), Mr. J. J. Horrex (Master), The Chaplain, The Vicar of Abingdon, Mr. R. E. Eason (Governor) and the Headmaster.

LIMEHOUSE 1964

The visit to Limehouse is now well-established as an annual fixture, and I was lucky enough to be included in the party of six boys who left the School by bus on Friday, 25th September, on the first stage of the journey to East London.

Limehouse is set in one of the dirtier areas of London, although a large number of the old slum houses have been replaced by colourful new flats and many more are scheduled for demolition. The rectory itself is situated just off the busy Commercial Road which carries a vast amount of heavy traffic moving at an incredible speed — a nightmare to cross. On the other side of the rectory is the Regent's Canal, and in between are some of the last remaining chestnut trees in the area.

After lunch at the Mariners' Hostel across the road, we set off to the local power station. Here we were shown the process right from the dock where the coal is taken off the ships at the riverside and put into the boilers, to the control-room where the electricity is sent out into the National Grid. Afterwards we were given tea in the canteen where we could ask questions more informally; most interesting perhaps were the tales of the hard winter of 1963.

Later we proceeded to the Church where the rector gave us a brief and interesting talk on the history of Limehouse and its Church; after this we began a tour of the riverside area. We went down streets old and new, past some of the worst houses in the district and some of the finest council flats, terminating with a magnificent view of the river

from the back of the "Bunch of Grapes", one of the local landmarks.

After this we went to the Church Institute, where we were shown a film about the Port of London Authority, and some slides of the locality, and over a sing-song and a cup of tea we met our hosts for the week-end.

On the Saturday morning we went by bus to Aldgate, where we began a circular tour of the area. We were joined by boys from Alleyn's School who accompanied us for the rest of the day. At first we visited All Hallows, the Toc H Church, with its famous and historic crypt; then down to Billingsgate, round the back streets and into the Jewish area; the fishy aromas now gave way to exotic Eastern spice.

The afternoon was spent visiting the Isle of Dogs and Greenwich. From the bus round the Isle of Dogs we saw some of the docks and a few ships, including a Russian ship; then we went under the river through the foot-tunnel to Greenwich, where we saw the painted ceiling in the banqueting hall, and also the chapel and the Cutty Sark.

Tea at the Church was more formal this night, as the Mayor and Mayoress with the new member of the G.L.C. for Lower Hamlets (of which Stepney is a part) were present. We then had a free evening until we went to the ancient ceremony of the keys, at the Tower.

Our last day in Limehouse began with the Parish Communion, at which our own Chaplain preached. For our final piece of exploration we went to Petticoat Lane and managed to squeeze our way through the dense crowds to see enough of the market to wish we had had more time to spend there. After our final lunch at the Mariners' Hostel we said goodbye to the many friends we had met there, and caught a bus which took us all the way through central London to Paddington.

All of us found the visit far more interesting and exciting than we had thought it would be. What we learned in those two days more than made up for what we had missed at School. To all those who were so kind to us we should like to convey our sincerest thanks, particularly to the Rector and to Mrs. Watts.

F.H.

VOLUNTARY SERVICE

This term, our admirable band of thirty visitors, nearly half of them new to Voluntary Service, made over 400 visits. But before we pat ourselves on the back, we must remember that although we are visiting regularly 29 old people, there are at least three others known to me who require fairly urgent help, but for whom there has been no visitor available this term. I therefore ask all those in the Fourth Form and above who read this article, and who are not at present taking part in Voluntary Service, to consider carefully whether they could help. There

can be very few boys upon whose time there are so many other demands that they could not find at least one year during their school careers in which they could spend a few hours each term doing Voluntary Service.

Two of our visitors, M. J. Giddings and C. H. Portman, left School at the end of this term. To them we offer our thanks and best wishes. We also thank those kind people who lent their cars to take a considerable number of old people to and from the School Play. Several very appreciative letters were received after this event.

Because of the need to give priority to the visiting, we have not had the manpower to take on any projects this term. But we have started Auxiliary Fire Service training during Corps time on Tuesdays for eight of our senior boys. The verdict at the end of the first term can only be that so far the scheme has been an unqualified success, and one which we hope will become a permanent feature of our Voluntary Service.

H.T.R.

VALETE ET SALVETE

Left 28th July, 1964

- Upper Sixth Form Arts (L): D. R. Brown; F. C. A. Exon; D. J. Scott; G. F. Bailey; N. R. Leach; F. J. Stiff.
- Upper Sixth Form Arts (H): R. J. Crumly; I. J. Newbold; G. J. Bailey; J. G. Bowen; A. J. Cheary; R. P. G. Craik; P. H. Davis; J. W. Dickinson; M. F. Kitto; R. C. Leathem; B. J. Lodge; W. I. M. Webb; C. R. Wood.
- Upper Sixth Form Science (B): F. A. Bisby; M. J. Evans; D. J. Jessett; T. J. King; B. G. Mackay; D. F. K. Smith; J. Bowthorpe; N. P. W. Coe; H. F. Flint; I. R. Flint; A. R. L. Hewison; P. A. Wedgwood; M. P. S. Wood.
- Upper Sixth Form Science (M): E. N. Broadway; J. P. Clack; K. J. Lay; P. W. Liversidge; E. J. Roblin; M. L. Thorpe; I. A. Walkinshaw; A. T. Barrett; R. D. Booker; D. L. Clark; T. Furneaux; R. K. Gregson; R. A. Hall; R. D. Hall; P. J. Hardwick; D. Hayward; P. G. James; M. C. Johnson; S. Lewis; B. Marks; D. R. Sheard; J. A. Simms.
- Lower Sixth Form Arts (L): K. D. Bowen.
- Form 5G: R. F. Gillespie.
- Form 5C: M. C. Bowen; D. M. Caradoc-Evans; R. A. Chester; D. J. Creese; I. C. Lamberton; D. N. Laybourne; M. R. Louth.
- Form 4F: P. J. Bellchambers; D. S. Warburton.
- Form 3A: A. C. Pollock.
- Form 3X: N. Dudman.
- Form 2Y: R. S. Barrett; R. J. G. Trotter.

Came 18th September

Upper Sixth Form Arts (L): J. A. Roest.

Lower Sixth Form Arts (L): P. E. Comber.

Lower Sixth Form Arts (H): D. Simmonds.

Remove: A. G. Ferguson.

Form 4A: J. H. Batey; A. D. Chafer; T. C. C. May; R. S. Passmore;
J. P. Tromans.

Form 4F: M. H. Cullen; R. B. P. Phillips; R. R. Risher III.

Form 3A: P. M. Annett; J. R. Gough; J. H. Jones; J. C. V. Wise.

Form 3Y: A. O. Akinbiyi; C. P. Allen; S. P. Burbidge; W. D. Chislett;
I. M. F. Fifield; T. W. Hewes; P. C. Penfold; P. J. Shaw; A. L. Watts.

Form 2X: A. T. B. Herbert; B. R. Risher.

Form 2Y: J. M. Hull; D. R. B. Martin.

Form 1X: P. T. Alder; K. J. Barnard; P. A. Bosworth; I. D. Bradshaw; M. L. Brooks; R. C. Campbell; G. D. Cerow; P. Cowley; B. V. Cox; A. R. Cuninghame; R. E. Deane; S. R. Embrey; I. F. Gardner; A. G. Hardy; J. R. Hooper; D. M. Howes; A. M. Jarvis; M. Johnson; C. J. Jordan; C. J. Lightfoot; S. P. Loosemore; J. Y. McLaughlin; C. J. Marley; S. C. Pegram; W. T. Pollard; R. J. Polley; T. R. W. Reeves; J. Semmence; B. A. Sharpe; G. R. Simpson; A. R. Snodgrass; R. G. Willis; R. S. Wilson; S. J. Wood.

Form 1Y: T. R. Baker; D. Bernstein; C. S. Boyd; T. J. Brook; C. Butt; S. S. Cantwell; P. R. Clarke; S. Conibear; A. J. M. Crocher; W. H. Cuthbert; P. F. Egelstaff; M. T. Evans; M. C. Harding; R. A. Hazeldine; D. B. Howat; I. S. Jackson; G. E. Jell; R. J. Jones; R. A. Landy; D. N. Longdon; R. N. Macdonald; H. I. Manning; D. W. Mayall; M. G. Osborn; C. J. Penny; R. C. Potter; M. Proost; D. K. Rice; J. Q. Rowley; M. E. Salo; J. J. Shellard; C. Short; C. A. Wallace; H. B. Wilson; A. T. Winnington.

THE MERCHANT OF VENICE

(December 10th, 11th and 12th, 1964)

For its eighteenth production, the Dramatic Society returned to Shakespeare and with the assistance of St. Helen's School gave a most attractive performance. Tribute is paid deservedly to both set and actors by Mr. R. H. Parry to whom we are grateful for the following critique.

"Though 'The Merchant of Venice' is a favourite choice among examiners, it does not follow that it is an easy choice for a school play. For the modern producer it poses a number of problems that do not arise in other plays which, at first sight, might seem more difficult to stage effectively. The successful surmounting of these problems resulted in a performance which would certainly have given the author himself more pleasure than many a slicker and more controversial professional production.

No one belonging to the generation of parents or grandparents can see this play without the most vivid sense of its analogy with many of the tragedies in the last thirty years of the world's history. So strong is this emotion that one is sometimes tempted to wonder whether the play should be performed at all lest it inflame once more the latent passions of intolerance and prejudice that led to Belsen and Auschwitz. Is one's conscience to be troubled anew by the impassioned plea of all victims of racial strife, 'Hath not a Jew eyes? hath not a Jew hands, organs, dimensions, senses, affections, passions?' These stirrings of social conscience may be good for the soul, but they stand in the way of any impartial view of the play as Shakespeare would appear to have conceived it.

Nevertheless many a producer tends to capitalise on these emotions by making the play into a morality for the times. Since the traditional Shylock in caftan and skull cap makes an unsympathetic figure, the play is often brought forward into the nineteenth or twentieth century with Shylock almost indistinguishable from his fellow businessmen, but the victim of subtle forms of racial discrimination such as exclusion from the local golf club. The difficulty about this type of production is the virtual impossibility of making the 'pound of flesh' episodes credible.

Yet 'the extreme cruelty of Shylock the Jew' is equally difficult to swallow. He emerges as a Grand Guignol character reflecting the extremes of Elizabethan credulity, intolerance and cruelty in their attitude to people of his Faith. Such a character is little more than caricature and easily degenerates into farce, and was, indeed, played in the eighteenth century as low comedy.

Mr. Griffin has been able to avoid both these pitfalls. His first great asset was his cast. One expects, of course, that a school play will irradiate a youthful spirit, and it is this which brought a splendid freshness to the Abingdon production. This is a play about teenagers, gay, zestful, heedless, entirely amoral. Yet it would be fatal if one were to be tempted to pass judgement on their behaviour — their baiting of Shylock and approval of Jessica's theft of his ducats. In this production Shylock is the odd man out, and Philip Sugg deserves great credit for a performance which sustained the menace of the usurer without either letting him develop into farce or throw too deep a gloom on the lyrical gaiety of the play. This was a beautifully controlled performance with voice and gesture working in complete harmony. Shylock is most human in the early scenes, and Philip manages to disturb us into flickers of sympathy which might easily develop into a general moral condemnation, not simply of Antonio, but of all his frivolous, amusing friends. This would be a disaster, and Mr. Griffin has made full use of his stage and sets to restore the balance. Shylock disappears more and more into the darker corners of the stage, whence his occasional menacing shuffles into the limelight cast but momentary shadows over

the glowing sunlight of the rest of the action. Even in the trial scene it is only when the full dramatic value has been extracted from Portia's tour de force that one's sympathies are momentarily revived for the Jew's broken spirit. Is this Shakespeare's own 'milk of human kindness' revealing itself? Perhaps it is, but we might also try to imagine how the Elizabethan audience would delight in Portia's disarming of the Jew, roaring its approbation of Gratiano's heckling 'Mark, Jew: O learned judge!'

Sunlight and colour and youthfulness are the lasting impressions of the play and once the initial impact of Shylock was over we were able to sit back, suspending unbelief, and bask in the lyrical delights of this production. The simple but splendidly effective set, sharply and clearly etched against a cerulean backcloth, the warm lighting and the magnificently colourful costumes all contributed powerfully to the general effect. All those who worked so hard in the background on the sets, lighting and costumes must feel that seldom have their different contributions been more successfully welded. Invaluable too were the performances of the many young actors and actresses with few or no lines to speak, but whose colourful and animated contribution lent further sparkle to the scene. The tiered stage was admirably suited to the combination of tableaux and action which was so continuous a feature. Most impressive, perhaps, were the massed standard-bearers and senators in the trial scene, but most delightful were the street tableaux which added life and gaiety without distracting from the main actors.

Having already paid tribute to Philip Sugg for his tremendous performance of swimming against the main current, I can only, in this brief review, single out a few outstanding performances, largely because these parts gave a little added scope for some special talent.

Sally Minford's Portia was an especial delight. In the earlier scenes she was an entrancing minx, and my only wonder was how she would cope with the trial scene. I need not have worried. Her Doctor Balthasar dominated the trial scene with a maturity and assurance which were a revelation of Sally's own virtuosity and strength even more than they were of Portia's qualities. In everything she was ably abetted by a gay but respectful Nerissa.

Jessica, one feels, deserves to be spanked and sent home to bed, but in this production all such judgements are irrelevant, and Meg Griffin succeeded in making her a sweetly romantic heroine who was at her best with Nicholas Ware's Lorenzo in the moonlight scene. Richard Schnellmann was a splendidly virile Gratiano. He moves well, and has undoubted acting ability, but must learn to speak his lines with the same panache as his movements. Trevor Giddings as Bassanio gained confidence as he went along, and did particularly well in the casket scene and the later love scenes. Andrew Vernède was good as the virtuous but rather colourless Antonio, giving him just the right touch of priggishness without alienating our sympathies from him.

Michael Giddings deservedly won a round of applause as the deliciously effeminate Arragon, while David Clare succeeded well in capturing the African intonation and the impassiveness of Morocco. Richard Thornton as Launcelot Gobbo has a real comic talent.

These were all splendid performances, but in retrospect I would call this play a team effort with everyone on stage and behind the scenes working with their producer in a production which must rank very high among the Society's successes. If anyone appears to have had an easy time, it was the prompters. Lines were well and nearly always clearly spoken, and the action was sustained. If there were any hitches, both prompters and actors were most successful in concealing them from the audience.

Yes, Abingdon, you and St. Helen's can be proud of this production and I, at least, am looking eagerly forward to your next effort'.

R. H. Parry.

RUGBY FOOTBALL

FIRST FIFTEEN

Following the promise of last year's Fifteen the prospects for this season seemed to be fair, as a good proportion of that team remained at School. These modest hopes were fully realised and the side went on to become one of the best sides produced by the School for some time. Future fifteens will do well to emulate their record.

It was obvious from the Trials that the lessons of last year had been remembered, and that there was a sound nucleus of experienced players capable of assimilating the problems of the new laws. The tactical approach was simple, based mainly on a hard driving pack to create space for the back division to move in. Planned moves were kept to a minimum, but the ones used proved to be quite successful, and led to several spectacular tries. The main line of attack was for the pack to win the ball from the set pieces and then by intensive backing up to build up "second phase" attacks in support of the threequarter-line. This dominance in the loose was the most influential factor towards the success of the side. This success did not come without a lot of hard work, both in the gym and on the field. The team responded well to the experiment of agility training in the gym, and their example was followed by the other school sides with great success. But above all, one very vital factor was the tremendous team spirit which grew within the side.

During the earlier matches it was apparent that the weakness of the side lay in the lack of thrust outside the scrum, but this was rectified by moving Johnson into the centre and introducing Burn on to the wing. Several times reserves had to be introduced into the side because

of injuries and it speaks well of the Second Fifteen that they fitted in so well.

At full-back there was Shellard from last year's side. He fully maintained his reputation; his handling, tackling and positional play were first-class. If he could add length and authority to his kicking he should do well in senior football. The wing positions were held by Ray and Burn. The former developed into a strong-running wing, who was more effective on the heavier grounds. He was a difficult man to pull down once under way as the Old Boys found to their cost. The latter, while not appearing to be very fast, had a very deceptive stride and he scored several good tries by hard running. Johnson playing at outside centre provided, with his swerve and jink, the thrust that was essential to the side. To begin with he carried most of the brunt of the attack as his three tries against Leighton Park show. Once he had tightened up his own handling the wings were able to follow his example. In his own quiet way Jennings either fed the ball on or tidied up any sloppy play with well-directed kicks to touch. As more thrust developed outside, he found room to make several incisive breaks. Bent and Ford combined well at half-back, although at times the former's handling let him down. Bent filled the fly-half position more than adequately. He is not the



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quickest of players but he overcame this with rather a clever dummy (often worked as a dummy scissors with Jennings) and some sound tactical kicking, although at times he tended to waste "good" balls by overdoing it. As he grew in confidence he started the line off well in addition to kicking several valuable goals, both drop and place. Ford improved as the season progressed and he developed into a very mature player. His service was accurate and quick and gained in length as the season progressed, and he used his break most effectively. One fault was that he tended to use "gimmicks" to get himself out of trouble rather than use the more orthodox methods.

The strength of the side really lay in the pack, and when at full strength they were never really mastered. They dominated the set-pieces and usually gave the backs enough "good" balls to win the game. They were always very active as a pack and the handling improved as the season progressed. Cox, Baker and Portman formed a very solid front row and Baker certainly saw to it that the backs had plenty of the ball, while the other two gave adequate support in the line-outs, besides adding power to the rucks. The power-house of the side was the second row of Nigel Bosley and Limerick. The former had a most successful season and his experience was most valuable. He was most successful at the short end of the line-out and was rarely mastered there. But his greatest contribution was his work in the rucks and the set-scrums. He should do well in Senior rugby. Limerick was a hard worker in set and loose once he had got over his habit of waiting for the ball to come to him instead of going to look for it. He was always difficult to stop when in possession. The work of the back-row was often outstanding and a very vital part of the attacking framework of the side. Akinbiyi and Moore were the wing-forwards and they usually managed to bottle up most opposition halves (a difficult task under the new laws), but their most valuable work was done in attack, backing-up, keeping the ball on the move and winking it out of the rucks. Peter Bosley occupied the No. "8" berth and was the Captain of the side. As a No. "8" he covered acres of ground both in attack and defence, as well as working hard in the rucks. At the moment he lacks hardness on the tackle by the highest standards. He is at his best on attack where his speed and his handling ability are most devastating; he scored several spectacular tries by his bursts from the back of the scrum. As a captain he was most effective and his quiet, but inspiring leadership had a lot to do with the success of the side. He was a great help on the administrative side of the game, for which many thanks. Many junior captains would do well to follow his style of captaincy.

It has been a very happy season, with very many memorable moments — the signs of early promise at Newbury; the disappointing defeat against M.C.S., which paradoxically may have made the side; Bosley's unforgettable penalty against Oratory; Johnson's three tries against Leighton Park; the defeat of Pangbourne with nine unconverted tries;

coming from behind against Solihull; the fine win over the Old Boys: the two hundredth point at Berkhamsted; all culminating in a very enjoyable and a much appreciated sherry party given to the team by the Headmaster.

Finally three personal 'thank-you's. Firstly to Mr. Carey for his help in running the backs into shape; secondly many thanks to the Second Fifteen for battering the side into shape and for providing adequate reserves when needed; and finally thank-you to the team for their good-humoured and whole-hearted efforts throughout the season.

During the season Full Colours were awarded to Akinbiyi AOB, Bent, Burn, Ford CC, Jennings, Johnson AE, Limerick, Portman, Ray and Shellard PN. It is indicative of the Fifteen's success that all members had gained Full Colours by the end of the season.

The final arrangement of the team was: P. N. Shellard; J. J. F. Burn, A. E. Johnson, J. R. Jennings, R. D. R. Ray; D. A. M. Bent, C. C. Ford; C. W. F. M. Cox, S. J. Baker, C. H. Portman, N. A. H. Bosley, R. M. Limerick, T. B. Moore, P. V. Bosley (Capt.), A. O. B. Akinbiyi.

Also played: S. A. Marsh (5 times); P. A. Bartlett (4 times); P. E. Comber (3 times); P. J. Evans (twice); and P. B. Godfrey and D. H. Willis (once).

Results

v. Mr. F. Booth's XV (h).	Thurs. 24th Sept.	Lost 3—20
v. Newbury Grammar School (a).	Sat., 3rd Oct.	Won 25—6
v. Oxford Thursday XV (h).	Thurs., 8th Oct.	Lost 3—8
v. Magdalen College School (a).	Wed., 14th Oct.	Lost 0—3
v. Solihull School (h).	Sat., 17th Oct.	Won 13—6
v. Leighton Park School (h).	Wed., 21st Oct.	Won 16—0
v. Pembroke College (h).	Sat., 24th Oct.	Won 17—5
v. Pangbourne Nautical Coll. (h).	Sat., 7th Nov.	Won 35—3
v. Oratory School (h).	Wed., 11th Nov.	Drawn 18—18
v. R.G.S., High Wycombe (h).	Sat., 14th Nov.	Won 11—0
v. Bloxham School (a).	Sat., 21st Nov.	Won 3—0
v. Southfield School (a).	Wed., 25th Nov.	Won 31—0
v. Old Abingdonians (h).	Sat., 28th Nov.	Won 23—3
v. Berkhamsted School (h).	Sat., 5th Dec.	Won 19—0

The match against Reading School scheduled for 30th September was cancelled because of hard grounds.

The Old Boys' team was: R. W. J. Bampton; J. Talbot, R. J. Bampton, C. M. Davis, M. J. Nelson; J. M. Bunce, D. G. Morris; B. R. Rosevear (Capt.), G. Dimond, R. F. Budden, K. Haarhoff, P. Gibbs, P. J. Blair, R. Allison, D. Brice.

F.B.

SECOND FIFTEEN

This season the team has been a worthy partner to the Fifteen, some six of its members playing on one or more occasions for the first side, whilst in its own right it has proved to be one of the most successful second fifteens for many years. The unprecedented number of Half Colours awarded to the team at the end of term was a measure of how well it had done. The highlight was undoubtedly the victory scored over Radley College 2nd XV — in previous years a 1st XV fixture — and the hardest game that against Henley Grammar School 1st XV who managed to wear us down in the second half of a very good game.

Much of the success of the team has been due to the able and popular captaincy of Richard Morris. Playing at stand-off half, Morris combined extremely well with his scrum-half, Rowson, and together these two were responsible for initiating many good movements; the latter indeed is a vastly improved player. Outside the scrum, there was plenty of speed, Bell, Corps and Sutton all being try-getters of some determination while Corps in addition was admirable in defence. Henderson once again proved thoroughly reliable at full-back. Painton, elusive and clever, needs to run with greater thrust but was most useful and a great goal kicker. Godfrey, however, was the best back in the side and often showed signs of his old 1st XV quality — excellent in defence and good for at least one try per match.

The pack, well led by Schnellmann, were capable of great things as they showed in the Radley game and only occasionally did they yield to bigger and heavier opposition. The front row of Sewry, Willis and Longstaff was very dependable in the tight. Willis was hooking like a veteran by the end of the season and Longstaff's play was increasingly full of promise. They were given plenty of support by the second row of Evans and Schnellmann, the one excelling in the line-out and the other in the loose. The back row — Holloway, Bartlett and Comber — although constantly forced to give up one and sometimes two of their number to the 1st XV — completed an exceptionally good scrum, most of them fully capable of substituting for the 1st pack if called upon to do so. Marsh, after playing some five games on the wing for the Fifteen, joined the side playing sometimes in the centre, sometimes at wing-forward. He was a valuable player in both positions but showed considerable promise as a wing-forward and ought perhaps to concentrate on that position next season.

The final arrangement of the team was: P. G. Henderson; C. J. Corps, P. H. Painton, S. A. Marsh, F. M. Sutton; T. R. Morris (Capt.), A. G. Rowson; S. P. Sewry, D. H. Willis, A. J. Longstaff, R. W. Schnellmann, P. J. Evans, M. C. G. Holloway, P. A. Bartlett, P. E. Comber.

Also played: N. P. J. Bell (7 times); P. B. Godfrey (5 times); N. D. Brice (4 times); J. J. F. Burn, P. A. C. Roblin (twice); B. E. Goldsworthy, I. R. Hewes and A. M. Jell (once).

During the season Half Colours were awarded to Bartlett, Comber, Corps, Henderson PG, Morris TR and Willis DH.

Results

v. Newbury Grammar School (a).	Sat., 3rd Oct.	Won 27—8
v. Oxford R.F.C. Colts (a).	Sat., 10th Oct.	Won 17—6
v. Solihull School (a).	Sat., 17th Oct.	Lost 5—14
v. Leighton Park School (a).	Wed., 21st Oct.	Drawn 11—11
v. Magdalen College School (a).	Wed., 28th Oct.	Won 6—3
v. Henley Gram. Sch. 1st XV (h).	Wed., 4th Nov.	Lost 9—16
v. Radley College (h).	Sat., 7th Nov.	Won 16—13
v. R.G.S., High Wycombe (h).	Sat., 14th Nov.	Drawn 3—3
v. Bloxham School (a).	Sat. 21st Nov.	Won 11—6
v. Berkhamsted School (h).	Sat., 5th Dec.	Won 5—3

The match against Reading School was cancelled.

D.O.W.

THIRD FIFTEEN

The Third Fifteen has enjoyed another very successful season although not quite as good on paper as last year. Two school matches only were lost, one heavily, against Stoneham, where we found ourselves pitted against their 1st XV, the other quite narrowly against Stowe 4th XV. This latter game we were unlucky to lose.

The best victory was probably against Magdalen College whose 3rd XV was better than usual. However everything seemed to go right for us and the team played most attractively to win 40—0. The match against Marlborough College 4th XV went so strongly in our favour that we are likely to be offered a 3rd XV fixture next season.

The toughest match undoubtedly was against Cokethorpe 1st XV whose pack was bigger and better than ours yet we managed to win narrowly. Our annual match against the Harlequins was also lost this year; they turned out a side much too sophisticated for us at half back, but it was an entertaining game and by no means too one-sided.

A very pleasing feature of the season has been the ebullient team spirit which never flagged even against Stoneham when Forsythe was carried off to hospital after four minutes of the match. Much of the credit for this spirit must go to Goldsworthy as captain, whose own game, lacking discipline at first, improved greatly during the season. His particular strength lies in defence which is quite first class.

The pack was distinctly on the light side but was always prepared to get the ball somehow and send it back to the threequarters so that we saw lots of running with the ball. Forsythe and the Roblin brothers were all excellent but it was R. B. Davis who normally supplied the main attack. His incisive running and powerful kicking provided the team with many tries.

Clare led the pack with enormous and occasionally unco-ordinated enthusiasm, with the result that only Stoneham got the better of us up forward. Partridge and A. W. Willis provided most of what bulk we had and Partridge in particular kicked a number of goals.

Altogether the players were a happy and confident lot and can congratulate themselves on a thoroughly successful and enjoyable season.

The final line-up of the team was: D. W. Penney; P. A. C. Roblin, R. B. Davis, M. J. Heading, D. N. Roblin; A. M. Forsyth, B. E. Goldsworthy (Capt.); D. Clare, J. L. Walton, L. R. Llewellyn, A. W. Willis, D. S. Partridge, G. Walkinshaw, S. M. Nicholl, J. N. Harper.

Also played: N. D. Brice (6 times); A. M. Jell (4 times); J. A. Cooper, R. Coomber and I. R. Hewes (twice); P. H. Blackburn, R. A. Chaplin, G. J. R. Lewis, R. P. Jessett and C. D. Le Voi (once).

Results

v. Radley College 4th XV (a).	Sat., 10th Oct.	Won 15—3
v. Shiplake Court 1st XV (h).	Wed., 14th Oct.	Won 23—6
v. Oakmead School (h).	Sat., 17th Oct.	Won 17—8
v. Abingdon Harlequins (h).	Thurs., 15th Oct.	Lost 6—13
v. Leighton Park School (a).	Wed., 21st Oct.	Won 33—6
v. Marlborough Coll. 4th XV (a).	Sat., 24th Oct.	Won 28—3
v. Magdalen College School (h).	Wed., 28th Oct.	Won 40—0
v. Henley Gram. Sch. 2nd XV (h).	Wed., 4th Nov.	Won 30—5
v. Stowe School 4th XV (a).	Sat., 14th Nov.	Lost 10—13
v. Cokethorpe School 1st XV (a).	Wed., 18th Nov.	Won 12—8
v. Stoneham School 1st XV (a).	Sat., 21st Nov.	Lost 6—42

J.T.

COLTS FIFTEEN

Winning all but one of their fixtures the Colts had an extremely successful season. The team adapted itself well to the new laws, and with the pack gaining dominant possession throughout the three-quarters were given plenty of the ball and room in which to move — although this was a blessing which was not fully utilised until the end of the season.

Bradfield captained the side soundly, though perhaps, on occasions, with too little urgency, from inside centre; but while showing great potential it was a considerable time before the three-quarters settled down. For the first few matches tackling was suspect — directly responsible for the disappointingly narrow win over Radley — and cohesion was not good. It was not until the Stowe match that Jackson and Bradfield worked out the devastating combination of which they are capable. Gibbs, Beckett and Wilde all shone on occasions and were each in turn match winners, but handling lapses tended to let them down. The most regular of the backs were Conibear at scrum half, thoughtful and remarkably agile for his size, and Sprent. The

latter's kicking is not long, but it is certain, and his tackling was very strong.

But it was to the forwards that most of the credit must go. Blackburn made the perfect leader, intelligent and never-tiring in the loose, and his good covering saved many difficult situations. Cook and Ballinger provided the power, both excelling in the loose and Cook playing very well in the line. Wood, moving to hooker midway through the season, pounced on any loose ball and made up for lack of weight by terrier-like efficiency. Crouch, Bosley, Rawlins and Rogers all played hard rugby. But the most heartening thing was the way in which they all played as a pack, each backing up the other.

Some very good rucker was seen. Perhaps the best play came, paradoxically, when we were defeated very narrowly by Berkhamsted, also defending an unbeaten record with one of their strongest teams ever. The threes came into their own against Stowe, where despite no score at half-time they ran out eventual winners by eleven points. If criticism is to be made it is that the team were inclined to take things too easily when in the lead; they could have scored many more points. But potentially there is some very good material there for the future.

The final arrangement of the team was: M. Sprent; R. C. Wilde, P. E. Gibbs, R. E. N. Bradfield (Capt.), T. C. C. Beckett; D. S. Jackson, R. J. M. Conibear; E. A. C. Crouch, T. J. Wood, J. P. H. Bosley, N. K. Cook, M. A. E. Ballinger, D. S. Rogers, P. H. Blackburn, T. J. Rawlins.

Also played: M. J. Arundel and C. M. B. Wharton (4 times); E. P. Caton and G. J. Froggatt (once).

Results

v. Radley College (a).	Sat., 10th Oct.	Won 14-13
v. Cokethorpe School 2nd XV (h).	Wed., 28th Oct.	Won 34-0
v. Pangbourne Nautical Coll. (h).	Sat., 7th Nov.	Won 23-3
v. Oratory School (a).	Wed., 11th Nov.	Won 15-14
v. Stowe School (a).	Sat., 14th Nov.	Won 11-0
v. Berkhamsted School (a).	Sat., 28th Nov.	Lost 9-13
v. Newbury Grammar School (a).	Sat., 5th Dec.	Won 13-0

The matches against Reading School (30th Sept.) and Bloxham School (21st Nov.) were cancelled.

I.C.M.

JUNIOR COLTS FIFTEEN

Enthusiasm, fitness, skill and teamwork have been the characteristics. There was a general willingness to work in the gym and on the field which made coaching a pleasure. A hard, efficient front row and a united shove at the right moment combined to give the backs a great deal of the ball. Of this they made fine use — handling well, running

hard, and passing at the right moment. It has been a joy to see good work in the centre finished off by hard running wings.

A glance back over the past eleven years is appropriate now that Mr. M. N. Williams has coached his last Junior team. That the quality of School rugby has reached its present level is in part due to the sorting out he has done and the basic skills he has instilled into raw material year in and year out.

The team was: D. N. Hunt; F. J. Dobbs, J. C. Paddison, N. J. Booker, L. Morgan; B. H. Ford, J. Y. McLaughlin; R. L. Matthews, A. E. Banes, A. W. Semmence, P. K. Ablewhite, D. R. Sayce, T. R. Paxton, I. L. M. Carr, J. F. Goldsworthy (Capt.).

Also played: J. R. Bourton and R. Janz (3 times); P. B. Harrison (twice); J. C. Bourlet, N. R. Snodgrass and M. C. Varley (once).

Results

v. Magdalen College School (a).	Wed., 7th Oct.	Won 19—0
v. Radley College (h).	Sat., 10th Oct.	Drawn 11—11
v. Solihull School (h).	Sat., 17th Oct.	Lost 3—22
v. Leighton Park School (h).	Wed., 21st Oct.	Won 47—0
v. Oratory School (a).	Wed., 11th Nov.	Lost 9—11
v. Wallingford Grammar Sch. (h).	Sat., 14th Nov.	Won 23—3
v. Bloxham School (h).	Sat., 21st Nov.	Won 36—3
v. Southfield School (h).	Sat., 5th Dec.	Won 49—0

The games against Newbury Grammar Sch. (3rd Oct.) and Henley Grammar Sch. (4th Nov.) were cancelled.

K.M.D.H.

JUNIOR FIFTEEN

This has been an interesting season with a side that has had no outstanding individual points scorer. Indeed, because of injury the strongest XV was never fielded. The early matches were disappointing: Solihull, our strongest opposition, were met before the team had clicked and it was not until the Magdalen match, played for most of the second half with fourteen men and won with the last kick of the game, that the side began to show the necessary drive and determination. From then on the standard of play steadily improved and the team, well led by A. J. Varley, played attractive attacking rugby and developed a sound defence.

The team was: M. J. Harfield; J. E. North, A. C. Ellis, R. K. Blackburn, N. W. Herdman; A. J. Varley (Capt.), A. J. Cowley; F. J. Barnes, P. C. McPhail, C. E. J. Lilley, K. G. Cuthbert, M. A. Fletcher, A. L. Watts, M. G. Baker, N. K. A. Smart.

Also played: R. W. Hamilton (5 times); R. D. Egelstaff, A. E. Lewis and M. C. Varley (3 times); M. J. Hill (twice).

Results

v. Radley College (h).	Sat., 10th Oct.	Won 14—8
v. Solihull School (a).	Sat., 17th Oct.	Lost 3—36
v. John Mason High School (h).	Sat., 24th Oct.	Won 14—8
v. Magdalen College School (a).	Wed., 28th Oct.	Won 13—11
v. Oratory School (h).	Wed., 11th Nov.	Won 17—5
v. Wallingford Grammar Sch. (h).	Sat., 14th Nov.	Won 24—0
v. Cokethorpe School U/15 (a).	Wed., 18th Nov.	Won 14—3
v. Berkhamsted School (a).	Sat., 28th Nov.	Won 9—6
v. Southfield School (h).	Sat., 5th Dec.	Won 30—3

M.N.W.

HOUSE MATCHES

Favourable weather conditions enabled both Senior and Junior League competitions to be played off according to schedule but, for reasons connected with the training of the Senior School teams, the Senior Knock-out was postponed until the end of term. In the event, we were nearly caught out by frost and only just succeeded in playing the Final on the very last day of the term. The Lin Cup was won by Bennett for the third year in succession: they defeated Blacknall 9—6 in a not very exciting game. Bennett might well have lost had it not been for the boot of Bent who kicked 3 penalty goals to give them their nine points. Blacknall at least crossed their opponents' line with a try by Roblin albeit their remaining three points also came from a penalty kicked by Bosley, NA. In the preliminary round, held on 7th December, Bennett had defeated Tesdale 11—0 and Blacknall had the better of Reeves 16—8.

Competition in the Senior League was again very keen. Unfortunately, however, it was not possible to complete two rounds as was done last year, mainly because three Houses — Bennett, Blacknall and Reeves — tied with 4 points each at the end of the first round. In order to ensure a result, the competition was then converted into a knock-out between these three Houses. The ultimate victor, and winner of the Toplis Cup, was Reeves. The match results were as under:

Bennett v. Blacknall: 15—22; Reeves v. Tesdale: 33—8.

Bennett v. Tesdale: 20—0; Reeves v. Blacknall: 29—0.

Bennett v. Reeves: 16—3; Blacknall v. Tesdale: 26—8.

In the deciding Knock-out, Reeves first defeated Bennett (11—3) and then Blacknall (8—6). Unlucky Tesdale not only failed to gain a single point but suffered three heavy defeats.

In the Junior League, Blacknall were undefeated and so won the Robinson Cup with 6 points: they had beaten Reeves (16—8), Tesdale (29—6) and Bennett (9—5). Reeves with victories over Bennett

(15—13) and Tesdale (11—6) were runners up while Tesdale scored a single victory over Bennett (24—0). Bennett failed to win a game.

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To provide additional interest in junior football, two combined House games were played after the completion of the Junior League. These games produced some good rucker and were useful pointers to possible talent for next season's Junior XV. The combined Juniors of Bennett and Blacknall defeated those of Reeves and Tesdale 11—0 and a similar combination of Bennett and Reeves lost to a combined Blacknall-Tesdale side, 3—8. We hope to repeat this experiment next term with the Under 13 League.

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The Annual Dayboys v. Boarders match was played on Saturday, 12th December and provided good football for a fair sprinkling of spectators. The Dayboy side had an impressive pack containing five 1st XV players but it soon became clear that the Boarders' forwards had determined to counter this by speed and liveliness in the loose. In the end the strength of the Dayboy scrum told and the Dayboys won by two goals and a penalty goal (13 pts.) to two tries. D. S. Jackson and Sutton scored for the Dayboys and Bent kicked the goals whilst the Boarder tries came from Corps and Moore.

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The Senior Place and Drop Kicking Competition, begun last season, was well supported this year and revealed considerable talent. The Bosley Cup was won by D. S. Partridge who only dropped one point — he scored 11 out of a possible 12 — and A. R. Coffee came second with 9 pts. Good kicking was also seen from P. H. Painton (8), D. A. M. Bent (7) and from N. A. Bosley, M. H. Hampton, M. U. Heading and J. G. King (6).

RUGGER POSTSCRIPT

Once again there has been plenty of rucker activity during the Christmas vacation. The Holiday Club managed to defeat a fairly strong Abingdon R.F.C. side on Boxing Day morning 11—3 and later turned out against a scratch side of Public Schoolboys organized by Mr. D. P. L. Carlaw. The result of this game was a win 18—0. Several boys have again been playing, under Mr. Booth's watchful eye, for the Saracens Schoolboys XV — N. A. Bosley, P. V. Bosley, A. E. Johnson, R. D. R. Ray and C. C. Ford — whilst the School has been well represented in the U/19 Berkshire side. P. N. Shellard, P. V. Bosley, C. C. Ford and A. E. Johnson played against Dorset and Wilts.

Mr. Booth himself reported on the Saracens Schoolboys' game as follows:

"These games enabled us to compare our standards with those of bigger schools with long Rugby traditions and our boys showed that

they could hold their own in any company. Shellard played magnificently against Esher but found the heavy going against Old Alleynians a bit of a problem. Ray played well in his two matches scoring tries in each and having success as a goal kicker. Johnson tackled well against Old Alleynians and scored two good tries. Ford at scrum half really showed what a mature player he has become. His service was of the highest standard and he was quick to break given the slightest chance and he initiated several scores. Peter Bosley, after a slow start in his first game, proved what a good forward he is. Always the first to the loose ball and working hard in the rucks, he was the 'best forward on the field' in the last match and I quote from a very experienced county forward. Indeed, he led the forwards so well it looked as if they had played together for years. It was a pity Nigel Bosley could not play more because of injury especially after the tremendous impression he had made in his first game. Altogether a most enjoyable series of games. Results were — Sutton: won 21—6; Esher: won 14—6; Old Alleynians: won 24—3".

In the greater world of rugby beyond the bounds of School, it is pleasing to note the increasing number of Old Boys who play regularly for clubs and this in addition to those at the Universities. Many who live locally support the Abingdon R.F.C., some have joined the Oxford club, and a great many more play for London clubs. In this respect, it is worth recording the progress of last year's captain, Ian Flint, with the Wasps. What a pity he didn't play that first game for their 1st XV against Rosslyn Park which as the *Daily Telegraph* recorded he would have done but for the late arrival of the player for whom he was substituting. Mr. Booth, himself, has again played regularly for the Saracens and early in the season represented Cornwall against Somerset. Once again he marshalled together a fairly formidable side to play — as recorded above — an opening match against the Fifteen. It was certainly a stern test and a valuable experience to yield a mere 17 points to a team which included the following: N. M. Parker (London Univ.), D. Crossley (Manchester Univ.), R. Tapper (Oxfordshire), G. Windsor Lewis (Oxfordshire and Wales), E. R. Baillie (Oxf. Univ.), S. K. Mulligan (R.A.F. and Irish Trials), S. H. Wilcock (Harlequins and English Trials), J. V. McCarthy (R.A.F.), E. Lloyd (Greyhounds) as well as Mr. Booth himself and our own Ian Flint (Wasps) and Tim Marsh (Oxford).

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One final point. At the end of the Lent Term, Rev. M. N. Williams will have completed a fairly long sponsorship of the Junior XV. It would be ungracious to allow him to leave us without placing on record the appreciation of both School and Rugby Club for his enthusiastic and successful coaching of junior football. He will not be easy to follow and we are extremely grateful to Mr. Morelle who has agreed to take over from him.

Our thanks are also due to all those who acted as touch judges during the season, notably A. N. R. Wharton, C. M. B. Wharton (1st, 2nd and Colts XV's); I. J. Herbertson (2nd XV); D. C. Cullen, R. A. Forsythe, J. N. Harper (3rd XV); M. J. Arundel (Colts); N. R. Brett, D. R. Langmead, J. Sayce (Junior Colts) and R. D. Egelstaff, M. J. Hill, C. Lilley, M. C. Varley, C. J. Woods (Juniors).

D.O.W.

CROSS COUNTRY

The club has had a most enjoyable and successful season. Only two of the six matches were won but the standard of running improved steadily throughout the term and reached a very high standard. The dry weather and the fast condition of the Sunningwell Course led to much demand for time trials from those anxious to better their personal best times, but it was in the match against The Queen's College that Avery (19 min. 33 sec.) and Owen both beat the School record for the course set up by Eke in 1959. We finished the season on another high note when our two teams brought back all the bronze medals from the Berkshire Cross Country Championships on the last Saturday of term.

During the season Full Colours were awarded to J. R. Owen, and Half Colours to B. D. Diffey and D. W. Hall.

The following represented the School on more than one occasion this term: C. D. Evans, D. W. Hall (7 times); B. S. Avery, B. D. Diffey (6 times); D. G. Clubley, F. A. Light, J. R. Owen (5 times); D. W. Tanner (4 times); A. K. Hodgson (3 times); L. J. Berry, J. W. Hassett (twice).

RESULTS OF MATCHES

v. Westminster Training College (away). Saturday, 3rd October.

1st—Westminster 29 pts.; 2nd—Abingdon 51 pts.

(Scorers: Owen 2, Diffey 7, Avery 8, Hall 9, Tanner 12, Evans 13).

v. Culham Training College (home). Saturday, 10th October.

1st—Culham 38 pts.; 2nd—Abingdon 42 pts.

(Scorers: Owen 4, Diffey 5, Hall 6, Tanner 7, Evans 9, Light 11).

v. R.G.S., High Wycombe (home). Saturday, 17th October.

1st—High Wycombe 30 pts.; 2nd—Abingdon 54 pts.

(Scorers: Owen 2, Avery 4, Diffey 9, Hall 12, Light 13, Hodgson 14).

v. R.A.F. Benson (home). Wednesday, 4th November.

1st—Abingdon 27 pts.; 2nd—Benson 28 pts.

(Scorers: Avery 2, Owen 4, Diffey 6, Hall 7, Clubley 8. [Only 5 to count]).

v. The Queen's College (home). Saturday, 14th November.

1st—Abingdon 25 pts.; 2nd—Queen's 33 pts.

(Scorers: Avery 1, Owen 3, Diffey 6, Hall 7, Hassett 8. [Only 5 to count]).

v. Culham Training College (away). Saturday, 5th December.

1st—Culham 33 pts.; 2nd—Abingdon 47 pts.

(Scorers: Avery 3, Hall 6, Diffey 8, Clubley 9, Evans 10, Berry 11).

The Berkshire Championships (at Thatcham): Saturday, 12th December.

In the Youths' race, Abingdon came 3rd out of 12 teams.

(Avery 3, Hall 17, Evans 22, Bartlett 28, Clubley 31, Hassett 37).

In the Boys' race, Abingdon came 3rd out of 18 teams.

(Bradfield 3, Ford 14, Roper 15, Berry 23, Dickson 33, Carr ILM 35).

INTER-HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY

Wednesday, 9th December, 1964

Once again our thanks are due to Peter Wilsdon (O.A.) for allowing us to race over his land around Abingdon Lock. The weather was mild and conditions underfoot were much better than in recent years though parts of the course were rather slippery.

There were close finishes to both the Intermediate and the Junior Races and the first two in each race beat the previous record, but in the Senior Race, with Owen and Diffey handicapped by injury, Avery was never really challenged and he won by one minute improving the course record by 47 seconds.

In an effort to encourage a greater number of boys to take part the scoring system had been changed so that all boys who completed the course in a "reasonable time" scored points for their Houses. 99 did so in the Senior Race; 100 in the Intermediate Race and 120 in the Junior Race.

The first-form race was won by Reeves House with Blacknall just beating Bennett for second place. The first 3 home were Polley, McLaughlan and Bosworth.

DETAILS OF THE HOUSE COMPETITION

Junior: 1st—Blacknall (1588); 2nd—Bennett (1222); 3rd—Reeves

Intermediate: 1st—Reeves (1556); 2nd—Bennett (1222); 3rd—Blacknall (1288); 4th—Blacknall (1059).

Senior: 1st—Tesdale (1392); 2nd—Reeves (1353); 3rd—Bennett (1284); 4th—Blacknall (1020).

Over-all Championship: 1st—Reeves (3923); 2nd—Bennett (3805); 3rd—Tesdale (3785); 4th—Blacknall (3667).

The first ten home in the races were:

Junior: T. W. Hewes (9:39.2), A. J. Varley, J. E. North, P. W. Rowland, N. K. Smart, J. P. Cox, J. R. Cox, S. Fairlie, K. P. Brown, M. G. Simpson.

Intermediate: R. E. Bradfield (18:44.2), L. J. Berry, D. M. Dickson, B. H. Ford, I. L. M. Carr, D. S. Rogers, L. Morgan, N. K. Cook, E. P. Caton, B. M. Edwards.

Senior: B. S. Avery (16:54.6), D. W. Hall, C. C. Ford, J. W. Hassett, B. D. Diffey, P. B. Clubleby, P. A. Bartlett, J. R. Owen, C. D. Evans, E. D. J. Hunter.

R.H.B.

COMBINED CADET FORCE

This has been a routine term, the highlight being Remembrance Sunday when 150 Cadets and the Brass Band paraded at the War Memorial with the service organisations from the Borough. For the first time the Guard of Honour was provided by the R.A.F. Section and very smart they were too. The Band, the only one parading, rose well to the occasion to play for the march past and we all had a stirring march back to School after the service at St. Helen's Church. Now that Commonwealth Youth Sunday is no more, this is our only opportunity to parade publicly and it was gratifying that so many cadets volunteered, particularly those who came from a distance.

ARMY SECTION

A very successful Field Day was held at Churn Range by all cadets of the Army Section except the Rescue (C.D.) Section who went to Kidlington. In the morning 'B' Coy. fired a series of practices while C Coy. were introduced to the workings of the butts aided by the R.A. Section. The R. Sigs. Section provided communication between butts and firing point but as they were new to the game, it was often quicker to shout directly.

In the afternoon, the House Competition took place and a most exciting shoot it proved to be with Bennett the eventual winners. 'B' Coy. continued to take part in a 'training circus' as revision for their Proficiency Exam which experimentally took place on the last Monday of term. Eighteen candidates out of thirty-four passed. This comparatively low number may be due to a harder exam in which case those who passed can be pleased with their success. Certainly there was food for thought in the large number of boys whose knowledge of map-reading could only be described as minimal.

More happily, the Rescue Section achieved 100% pass in their First Aid exam. Well done.

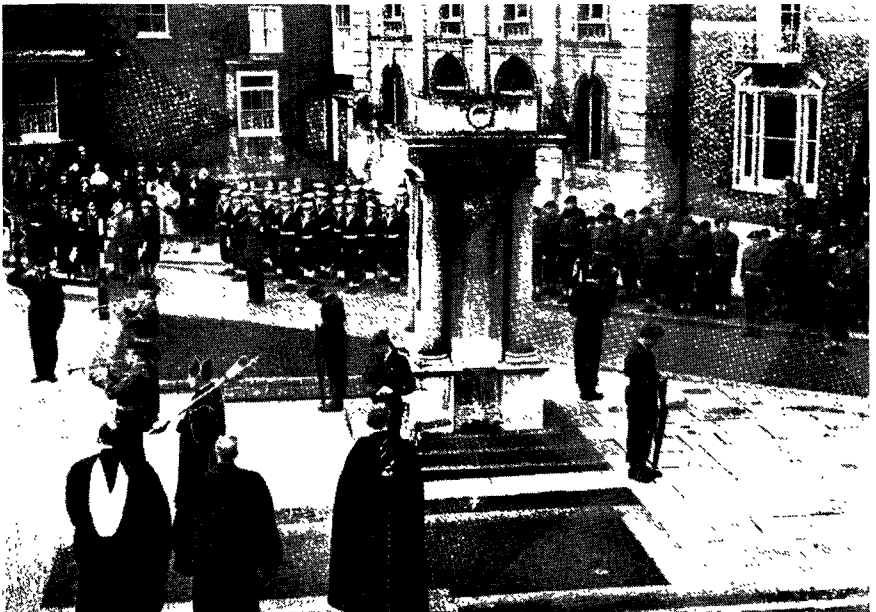
One group from each of the R.A. and R. Sigs. Sections spent a weekend training with their equivalent Sections from Oxford University O.T.C. The former spent a cold but enjoyable two days at Larkhill Ranges while the Signallers learnt that before you can communicate you must contact, which is what the Section they were with failed to do.

B.J.M.

ROYAL NAVAL SECTION

With the superannuation of those who have reached the statutory limit, and the defection of those who were less keen or who could not take the tighter discipline, our numbers have stabilised at around the fifty mark, which is as it should be since that is our establishment figure. Those who are left are, we hope, the keener types, who will now set about passing their exams. The publication of the new Seamanship Manual should make their task a little easier.

Field Day this term took the form of map-reading exercises and initiative training exercises in the Bucklebury area, and seemed to be enjoyed by all.



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

We were pleased to have a visit from Lt-Cdr. Dobson early in December; both candidates in the practical part of Advanced Proficiency passed, but only Hodgson passed the written exam. Congratulations to him.

The N.C.O.'s at present, mostly promoted in September, are: P.O. Atkins, P.O. Giddings, L/S Avery, L/S Bell, L/S Evans, L/S Hoddinott, L/S Hodgson L/S Pearson.

L.C.J.G.

ROYAL AIR FORCE SECTION

Much of our time has been spent in preparation for the Proficiency Examinations to be taken next term. The new recruits, however, have been introduced to the intricate skills of foot and rifle drill and are beginning to shape very well.

For Field Day, the Section was split into two parties, one to visit R.A.F. Hullavington, where many of the recruits had their first experience of the air, and the other to R.A.F. Colerne near Bath. The latter visit proved to be an extremely interesting one, designed to avoid those sections on an R.A.F. station with which the older cadets were already familiar.

The first visit arranged on the Colerne programme was to a museum of aircraft ranging from a war-time Heinkel to a Vulcan bomber. This was followed by a flight in a Hastings to the Bristol Channel during which the cadets were given ample opportunity of sitting at the controls which were often handed over by the pilot with a cheery "It's all yours". After lunch the cadets were given their first chance of firing the Bren and this brought to an end an imaginative and valuable programme.

This term has also seen the Guard of Honour for Remembrance Sunday mounted by the R.A.F. Section for the first time. The guard volunteers, supervised by Pilot Officer Morelle and assisted by the Army Section, all deserve to be congratulated on putting up such a good show.

One disappointment this term has been the failure of the scheme to provide weekend gliding at South Cerney. Attempts are still being made to provide this and we hope that they will be successful. The Section is also to take part in the shooting competition for the Assegai Trophy while another small group will take part in the National Air Recognition Society Competition.

Finally, we have two applicants for the current Flying Scholarship scheme and we hope that our record of successes will be upheld. We are pleased to record the promotion of Cadets King SJ, Medland AE and Wells MF to Junior Corporal.

D.W.M.

SCOUTS

34th North Berks

After a very busy and successful summer, the Michaelmas term was, by contrast, a quiet one. Most of last year's patrol leaders and seconds moved up into the Senior troop which now has a record number of twenty scouts. Both the Junior troops re-assembled with three patrols apiece and by the end of term most of the new recruits had been invested. The total complement of Scouts and Senior Scouts stands at sixty.

Junior Troops

The six new patrol leaders have buckled down well to their tasks and already a good deal of the basic badgework has been done. Two patrols introduced patrol boxes, an idea to be adopted by all in the near future, and these have been getting steadily fuller with all the odds and ends that patrol leaders might find useful. They are now prepared for pretty well anything including a blackout and a shoe-shine for a Commissioner. Cothill was the venue for Field day when cooking and a wide game formed the main part of the programme. A keenly contested inter-patrol competition kept most scouts on their toes. Two meetings were held during the holidays as well as the now customary hut repair and improvement sessions.

Senior Troop

A pioneer course run by the District was attended by five of our Seniors, all of whom acquitted themselves very well. We have organised a fireman badge course at the local fire station and it is hoped that by early next term some of the Seniors will have passed their fireman's badge and that several of the Juniors will have gained their firefighter's badge. During meetings work has been done on the Venturer badge and two very successful evenings were spent on forestry at the Wytham estate.

Highlights of the term were undoubtedly the venture incident journey round Abingdon and the open camp fire at Youlbury. There was great excitement during the former when, told to by his patrol leader, one scout actually telephoned for an ambulance. Time seemed to be the greatest enemy at the river crossing where only the smallest patrol got all their members across in the given time. Youlbury provided an excellent setting for the camp fire attended by nearly a hundred scouts and their parents and a very happy evening was spent in the glow of firelight under a starry sky.

Two small expeditions were held. At the end of the summer holidays the Chaplain led a party of five on a hill walking expedition in Snowdonia. Three days were spent in North Wales and despite pouring rain for much of the time nearly a dozen peaks were climbed. This

included most of the Snowdon Horse Shoe, the Glyders and Carnedd Dafydd. Then at half term Mr. Lewis and two scouts spent forty-eight hours on the Brecon Beacons. During this time they climbed Pen y Fan, the highest of the Beacons, and walked along the main ridge. Not satisfied with a day on the hills they tramped a round eight miles into and back from Brecon in the evening.

It is to be hoped that many more such expeditions will be held in the future and that most scouts will aim to take part in at least one. The exhilaration of walking in new country, on the high hills and without recourse to human habitation, is an experience that should not be missed.

Finally we should like to thank all those parents and friends who by their help have made so much of our activity possible. For the record, during 1964 sixty-one scouts have camped a grand total of 820 nights on thirty-seven separate camps and hikes.

M.N.W.

CHESS

The beginning of the term was marked by the first award of the new chess tie, whose purpose is to show recognition of those who have consistently distinguished themselves in school matches. Giddings, Harding and Medland were the recipients, and all three have certainly earned this acknowledgement of their services to the chess team.

With such an experienced and previously successful team we had hoped to win most of our matches during the term: indeed we almost expected it. Perhaps that was the trouble. But whatever the cause there is no doubt that results were disappointing. The only match actually won by the 1st VI was after a tough struggle against Carmel College. A friendly match against Bedford Modern was drawn, but all others were lost — including the first round of the *Sunday Times* Tournament against Wallingford G.S.

A little gingering up is certainly needed. There is no cause for despondency, however. Our fixture list includes many formidable opponents; none of our losses was by a large margin; and we unhappily had to play with depleted teams on many occasions. It was particularly unfortunate that Giddings, the captain, was put out of action by illness for a time. What a pity though that we should have to advance excuses! Let us hope for a return to success next term.

The standard of chess in the junior school is a high as ever, and there is certainly no shortage of talent or enthusiasm. Our U/15 team did well to come second equal in the Dragon School Jamboree. We have some good players in the making here.

The term ended with a simultaneous display given by J. B. Howson, a player of national repute. He took on thirteen opponents and although

he demolished some of them with ease he did find that our top boards were a match for him. He was even beaten by Medland.

Medland and Harding have been playing fairly regularly for Abingdon Town this term. With a score of 5/6, Harding in particular must have been playing well. He was in good form too in the summer holidays when he competed in the British Boys U/16 Championship, coming 9th equal out of 50 starters. Moreover, he has been winning prizes in the *New Statesman* competitions.

I should like to say how grateful we are to Tim King for the gift of a much-needed chess clock, and to the Abingdon Town Chess Club for a beautiful set and board.

The term's results are as follows:

Oct. 14th	1st VI v. Bedford Modern (h)	Drawn	3—3
Oct. 18th	U/15 VI v. Dragon School (a)	Drawn	3—3
Oct. 28th	1st VI v. Carmel College (a)	Won	4—2
Nov. 3rd	'B' VI v. Abingdon Town	Lost	2—4
Nov. 4th	1st VI v. Wallingford G.S. (a)	Lost	2½—3½
Nov. 5th	1st VI v. Forest G.S. (a)	Lost	1½—4½
Nov. 15th	U/15 VI v. Carmel College (h)	Drawn	3—3
Dec. 3rd	1st VI v. Southfield (h)	Lost	2—4
Dec. 10th	2nd VI v. Southfield (a)	Lost	2—4

Individual totals for the 1st VI were: Harding, 2½ out of 5; R. J. Davis, 2/4; Medland, 1½/5; Wells, 2/5; T. R. Giddings, 2/4; Burton, 2½/4; J. J. A. King, ½/1; P. H. Blackburn, 0/1; T. C. Tozer, 0/1. In other matches they were: Harding, 0/1; Burton, 1½/3; J. J. A. King, 3/5; P. H. Blackburn, 0/2; M. J. F. King, 1/1; Rose, 1/3; B. K. Langmead, 1½/2; Wilkinson, 2/4; Marley, 1/2; Osborn, 1/2; Samsworth, 2/4; Woods, 0/1.

J.V.T.

MUSIC NOTES

The Michaelmas Term was a busy one in which we saw the expansion of the School music in several directions. We had a considerable increase in the demand for instrumental tuition, particularly piano and clarinet. As a result of this demand we have had to engage more staff, and we welcome to the music department two very experienced teachers, Mr. B. Symons and Miss M. J. Barnwell, who come to teach piano and clarinet respectively. We wish them both many years of happy and successful teaching in the School.

The new musical activities have established themselves this term, encouraging more boys to participate in ensemble playing and singing. The Concert Band and the Male-Voice Choir have started well, giving a most enjoyable concert on the last Sunday evening of term to a large

audience in the Court Room who also participated in the Community Carol Singing which followed. The other new ensemble, the Third Orchestra, is providing a very useful training ground for beginners. They are shaping together as an orchestra extremely well, combining hard work and patience, and we look forward to hearing them perform in public before long.

We were privileged to have Mr. Geoffrey Keating from Clayesmore School to adjudicate the piano and organ section of the House Music Competition, and his constructive criticism, advice and praise proved most welcome. In the overall totals, Bennett came first with Reeves a fairly close second. T. Tozer, D. Galbraith, and R. Moore won the Senior, Intermediate, and Junior Piano sections respectively, and G. Hallett, T. Tozer, and I. Hallett won the Organ sections.

The Subscription Concerts Society has increased its membership and the season started with a recital by the famous Allegri Quartet. One felt they were not at their best in the first half of the recital, due possibly to the intense heat of the packed Hall, and the amount of curtaining on the platform absorbing much of the sound. However in the second half they gave a really fine performance of Dvorak's E flat major quartet. The second meeting was a most entertaining lecture-recital by Gerald Moore, who demonstrated to us once again his outstanding qualities as a most sensitive accompanist and a very gifted speaker.

The Christmas part of the term is probably the busiest time for the Chapel Choir, and, as in previous years, they reached a very high standard of singing at the Carol Service in St. Helen's Church, with carols ranging from the modern setting of 'When Christ was born' in calypso rhythm, to the restrained setting of 'Away in a manger'. The now-traditional carol parties took place the previous evening when two groups of singers from the Chapel Choir, and the Band, went round the town singing and playing carols, and collecting for the Church of England Children's Society.

During the term, over 200 boys throughout the School have been rehearsing the chorus parts of Benjamin Britten's 'St. Nicolas', mainly in form and optional music periods. At the end of term special rehearsals were held in chapel at which all the voices were put together for the first time. We were thus able to have a clearer idea of the shape of the music itself and to gauge our progress after the term's work on it. We have now covered reasonably well about two-thirds of the work, and should be ready in good time for the performances in March. One aim of the project is to give as many boys as possible the opportunity of taking part in a musical performance during their school career. We are fortunate in having the assistance and co-operation of St. Helen's School Choir which is joining with us in the performance of the work.

Finally, a special note of praise to two of our musicians who have recently gained musical honours. G. H. Hallett has been awarded the Associate Diploma of the Royal College of Music (A.R.C.M.) in Organ Performance — a really outstanding achievement for his age. A. R. Gibbs was one of three, from the most advanced young violinists in the country, to be selected for special coaching during the Christmas holidays by a leading Russian violinist from the Moscow Conservatoire who is at present visiting this country.

Congratulations to both boys on their successes.

J.G.C.

SCHOOL SOCIETIES

ROYSE SOCIETY

The Society welcomed ten new members to the first meeting of the term on 7th October — M. A. Bisby, R. B. Davis, C. C. Ford, P. B. Godfrey, E. D. J. Hunter, M. J. H. Liversidge, T. B. Moore, J. A. Rozier, J. L. Walton and H. J. N. Wharton. S. M. Nicholl, despite his recent illness, then read a paper entitled "Here Today, Gone Tomorrow", in which he outlined the moral and practical issues of the bomb, reviewed the position of the British armed forces and added his personal views on the nuclear deterrent. The ensuing discussion did not get into full stride, but views were aired ranging from the value of persuading Russia to knock the Berlin Wall down to the independent control of the deterrent.

P. G. Henderson read an erudite paper at the second meeting on 28th October, entitled "Bias". This gave an account of the bias in the selection of facts and the bias of the historian. The discussion, probably the most lively and profitable of the term, centred on the use and value of history, the truth of facts and the judgement of right and wrong. Unfortunately it had to be terminated at a most interesting stage.

At the last meeting, on 25th November, E. C. C. Crouch read a very profound paper entitled "The Scientific Method and its Limitations". The reader outlined a few of the innumerable scientific methods — hypothesis, inference, classification, the evolutionary and statistical method — and backed them up with examples. In the discussion that followed, some of us were a little over-awed by the subject, but the Headmaster came to our aid in bringing out the moral points involved and the antiquity and ubiquity of scientific methods. We came to the conclusion that the chief limitation in science was the scientist himself.

Our thanks must go not only to the Headmaster for his hospitality, but to his household too for their splendid refreshments.

P.N.S.

ST. EDMUND SOCIETY

Three meetings were held this term. At the first, on 2nd October, Brother Cyril (S.S.J.E.) spoke on his life in the monastery and as leader of a youth club. His visit did much to rectify favourably our former opinions of monasticism.

At the second meeting, on 20th November, the "Fact and Faith" film "Dust or Destiny" was shown. Though the technical quality of the film was as high as ever, it was felt that these films were becoming repetitive.

Finally, on 8th December, J. A. Rozier read a paper entitled "The Layman's Church". The controversial nature of his excellent paper sparked off a vigorous discussion, made more enjoyable by the opinions of several young ladies from St. Helen's School.

It has been encouraging to see such large attendances at our meetings, and I must thank my colleagues on the committee for their effective publicizing of them. Our thanks are also due to the Chaplain, for his after-meeting hospitality.

M.A.B.

LITERARY SOCIETY

Owing to the pressure of examinations on many of our members, only three meetings were held this term. At the first meeting on the 1st October, the Society welcomed eight new members, P. J. Evans, T. B. Moore, S. N. Pearson, G. H. Hallett, A. R. Williams, D. G. S. Hillard, D. Joyce and H. J. N. Wharton. P. A. Sugg then read a paper on "Heros and tyrants, or Tamburlaine to Hamlet", in which he outlined the development of the tragedy during the Elizabethan period.

"Poetry—1984?" was the title of the second paper of the term read by M. J. Giddings. This paper proved particularly enlightening to many of us and provided an excellent stimulant for a good deal of animated discussion.

At the last meeting of the term held on the 3rd December, C. J. Corps read an entertaining paper entitled "In Defence of Oscar Wilde". Here, in describing Wilde's life, he attempted to account for the man's unusual sexual behaviour and his subsequent banishment from society. Although there was a sparse attendance at the meeting, again a very lively discussion ensued, in which the general concensus of opinion was that Wilde had been treated unfairly.

This society prides itself on the privilege of holding its meetings outside school. Because of this we should particularly like to thank those parents who have been so kind in providing us with such congenial surroundings for our meetings.

A.G.F.

ATHENAEUM

Having previously sampled ballet, opera and straight plays the society this term turned to lighter things. On 13th October the Society went to the New Theatre, Oxford to see "High Spirits", a musical version of Noel Coward's "Blythe Spirit". Owing to the enforced absence of our three sponsor masters Mr. Lewis very kindly agreed to accompany us on this outing. The second outing was to "The Country Wife", a Restoration comedy by William Wycherly, at the Oxford Playhouse.

The Liversidges once again acted as hosts for our discussion meetings this term, and the society is extremely grateful to them for their hospitality. It is fitting that the Liversidge connection should be strengthened by the election of M. J. H. Liversidge as Hon. Secretary. Other officers for next term will be P. A. Sugg, who remains as Chairman, and S. M. Nicholl who takes over the difficult post of Hon. Treasurer from M. J. Giddings.

J.R.J.

MODERN LANGUAGES SOCIETY

All the meetings this term have been held jointly with the St. Helen's French Club. We welcomed Miss Prest, who has succeeded Miss Davies. We also welcomed the new members and hoped that they would contribute their share and gain equal benefit.

The first meeting, held on Friday, 9th October, was a session of poetry reading and foreign record playing. Poems were read in French, German, Russian and Spanish.

At the second meeting, on Friday, 23rd October, 'Antigone', by Jean Anouilh, was read. The play, to provide oral practice for the newer members, had to be cut several times in order to keep within the time limits.

The third meeting took the form of discussion in French. It was held on 13th November, both Societies splitting into informal groups with a master or mistress to lead the discussion. The Budget, Films, Education, Drama and Fashion were the main topics.

The last meeting of the term was held on 27th November, by kind invitation, at the School of St. Helen & St. Katharine. A mixed programme had been laid on. Charades in French were the first item. These were followed by excellent refreshments and French and Latin Christmas Carols in accompaniment to a record. The meeting ended with speeches and "Auld Lang Syne".

The Society thanks Mr. Hasnip and Miss Prest for their help and encouragement throughout a very successful term and looks forward to a very happy and profitable 1965. E.D.J.H.

THE HISTORIANS

The Society has flourished this term with three evening meetings including a joint one with St. Helen's. At the first on Monday, 12th October, P. N. Shellard gave an excellent paper on "English Constitutional Government in the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries". With magnificent clarity he covered every aspect of the subject.

At the second meeting we returned to 1688 and the Glorious Revolution. The characters of James II, William of Orange, a Whig and a Tory were portrayed by P. G. Henderson, T. R. Morris, Miss E. Shipley and Miss D. Brice respectively and with P. N. Shellard as Chairman the floor was asked to judge the deeds of each personality. The Glorious Revolution was supported but only after long discussion.

At the third meeting Mr. Howat of Culham College spoke on "Thomas Arnold" and although several members were absent because of the School play those present were fascinated by a topic on which Mr. Howat had done most of the original research. T.R.M.

THE CRITICS

At the first meeting of the term, on 21st October, the Secretary read a paper on "The Lighter Side of English Literature". The ensuing discussion was by no means limited by the subject matter and covered both the wireless and the stage as vehicles for humour. Such willingness to talk freely was a noticeable feature of all the meetings, and marked a revival of serious interest in the Society.

The improvement continued at the second meeting on 18th November, when "The literary achievements of the reign of Richard II" were admirably covered by N. C. Ware. Chaucer, Langland and Gower all received excellent attention, and particular emphasis was placed on the development of the English language itself. This latter topic produced the term's best discussion.

Finally, on 2nd December, A. R. Coffee spoke on "Virgil and Tennyson, a literary parallel". The striking resemblances between the two poets were brought out very clearly, to an extent that made the difference in language seem a very minor consideration. Such an unusual paper proved extremely valuable. P.G.H.

MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY

The first meeting of the term was held on Wednesday, 30th September, at which four new members each read a paper. A. K. Hodgson read a very good paper on "Mathematics and the Weather" investigating the complexity of weather forecasting and the difficulties involved in applying statistics to the problems. T. C. Tozer then read a paper on "Experiments on the Velocity of Light" and T. J. Havelock read a paper on the numeral "One". The last paper was a rather light-hearted one entitled "Investigation of Extra Sensory Perception" ending with a definitely inconclusive experiment in telepathy.

On Monday, 19th October, Dr. E. Lightfoot of Pembroke College, Oxford, spoke to the society on "Research on Cranes", an interesting paper showing the link between the mathematician and the engineer. It was an excellent advertisement for further engineering talks to the society.

The last meeting of the term was a talk by Dr. E. C. Milner on "Transfinite Arithmetic". He spoke first very generally on set theory and then on the work of Georg Cantor.

We were very pleased to welcome a party from St. Helen's at the last two meetings.

S.M.N.

CLARENDON SOCIETY

This term's first meeting was held on 1st October when Dr. S. Bradbury spoke on "The Electron Microscope and its application to Biology", a lecture accompanied by slides and demonstrations.

On 29th October, Mr. R. Burns lectured on "Radioactive Wastes and their Disposal", citing a number of interesting and amusing examples.

Dr. M. J. Poole rounded-off the term's meetings with a talk on "Neutron Time-of-flight Measurements" in which he outlined the properties, and detection methods, of neutrons.

In addition one "practical evening" was held when a number of members continued with their own research projects. We are sorry to lose one of our sponsors, Mr. Horrex, and thank him for all the time and energy he has expended on the Society's behalf.

M.A.B.

DEBATING SOCIETY

The Michaelmas Term is always the busiest for our Society: apart from the A.G.M., which was poorly attended, we have had packed houses and much speaking from the floor. As a result of the A.G.M., M. J. Giddings was elected Chairman, P. A. Sugg Secretary and A. R. Williams, J. L. Walton and T. D. Harding members of the Committee.

Our first main event of the term was an Election Forum, at which A. R. Williams, M. J. H. Liversidge and M. J. Giddings answered questions on behalf of the Liberal, Conservative and Labour Parties respectively. We hoped that this unorthodox procedure would make discussion about the Election more exciting and fairer; we were not disappointed, but, of course, the highlight of the term was the debate on the motion that "The Scots are a Barbarous Nation", proposed by Mr. Horrex and Mr. Fairhead who were very narrowly defeated by Mr. Murray and Mr. Cullen before a packed house.

However the last motion of the term, that "The House of Lords should be abolished", was not too much of an anticlimax — A. R. Williams and M. H. Hampton carried the motion despite the efforts of P. A. Sugg and M. J. H. Liversidge.

Our special thanks are due to Michael Giddings for all the work he has put into the Society, formerly as Secretary and now as Chairman. It is thanks to his enthusiasm and hard work that the Debating Society has flourished and that the standard of debating has been so high —
 we shall miss him. P.A.S.

TURNOR SOCIETY

At the A.G.M. on the 25th September, A. R. Williams and M. S. Southern were elected Chairman and Secretary respectively. This term we have had three extremely good meetings.

At the first meeting on Friday, 16th October, the Chaplain, the Rev. D. G. Street, spoke on "The Problems of Delinquency". This, a most topical subject, was well worth listening to and it was a pity that there was not a higher attendance.

The second meeting was held on Friday, 13th November; it was reasonably well attended for Mr. A. B. Andrews spoke on the Royal Automobile Club. As an increasing number of sixth-formers are driving cars this talk was both interesting and useful.

The last meeting of the term was on Friday, 27th November, when Mr. Noel spoke on the island of Mauritius. To most of us, Mauritius meant very little, but after Mr. Noel's most informative talk we had learnt much.

All of this term's meetings have been good, but support has not been forthcoming. A Society such as this cannot survive without voluntary support, now that there is no obligation to attend a Friday afternoon Society. We can only hope for better things next term.

M.S.S.

THE FORUM

The term has seen an increase in the popularity of the Society, for, at each of our three meetings, a maximum attendance was recorded.

The first meeting was held on Friday, 2nd October, when P. G. Henderson and A. R. Williams were elected Chairman and Secretary respectively. The impending General Election was discussed at some length — the majority of members seemed to think that the Conservatives would be returned. The British Team for the Olympic Games was also discussed.

At the second meeting on Friday, 23rd October, the results of the General Election were the focal point; the feelings towards the new Government were mixed.

The last meeting of the term was held on Friday, 4th December. Mr. Callaghan's Budget did not meet with a favourable reception; strong views were expressed against the increase in Fuel Tax, although a few members thought that strong measures were necessary to cope with the situation. Rowdyism at football matches was deplored by all.

The Forum is now firmly established as a successful Society. Next term it is hoped to hold at least one evening meeting, as the reduced time for Friday Societies is not enough for discussion.

A.R.W.

THE SYMPOSIUM

This term, experience has proved the wisdom of the decision to move the meeting from the School Shop to Lacies Court; discussion has benefitted from the more relaxed atmosphere.

The first meeting of the term was held on 26th October, and A. O. B. Akinbiyi read a paper entitled "The Olympic Ideal". In this, he traced

the history of the Olympics from Athens to Tokyo. The ensuing discussion rejected as no longer valid the original purpose of the Games — to encourage peace — and tried to find what the Games now stood for, simultaneously suggesting the role of amateurism in world sport today.

The second meeting was held on 16th November at which P. J. Evans was elected secretary in succession to A. O. B. Akinbiyi. Then I. R. Hewes read a paper on "Drugs and Society", in which he described their effects, provoking discussion on reasons for addiction to alcohol and cigarettes as well as the more obviously lethal drugs. Mr. Murray kindly sponsored this meeting because Mr. Hillary was ill.

The third meeting took the form of a visit to the Playhouse, Oxford, to see "Hay Fever" by Noel Coward. The play was interesting in its portrayal of Coward's style, and proved to be extremely amusing. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves and agreed that the adventure should be repeated. P.J.E.

THE BRUCE SOCIETY

(Sixth Form Geography and Economics)

New societies have to justify their formation by maintaining their membership. This the Bruce Society can claim to have achieved.

The first meeting this term was held in the Tuck-shop on the 12th October when Mr. Manly gave an amusing talk on "Russia" in which he pronounced such words as "Podyedonosteff" with a haughty smile. In fact the subject was obviously too vast to be covered in 90 minutes, but Mr. Manly tackled the problem by referring mainly to Russia's history and literature. A tape-recording of Russian folk-music added atmosphere to the proceedings which were thoroughly enjoyed by a very large audience.

On 26th October Mr. Booth contributed to the Geography 'A' level course by giving a well prepared talk using slides, on "The Functions of a Town" with Blackpool as an example.

A number of society clashes on the 16th November caused the attendance to drop slightly, but in spite of this, Mr. Lewis's talk on "Rhodesia", illustrated with many interesting slides, was an informative introduction to an area that none of us knew much about.

Our thanks must be expressed to Mrs. Macklow who provided refreshments and allowed the Society to use the Tuck-shop for its meetings.

The ambitious programme for the Lent Term will require the members to take a greater part in the activities of the society. S.N.P.

PLAY-READING SOCIETY

Only three meetings of the society were held this term, mainly because many of the members were involved in the school play. At the first meeting "Jonah and the Whale" by James Bridie was read. P. A. Sugg gave a fine rendering of the title role, and the reading as a whole showed a good feeling for continuity. James Barrie's "Dear Brutus" occupied the second meeting, and brought the best attendance of the term. This play, although it is essentially a comedy, has certain tragical undertones, and it is a pity that this aspect was not brought more to the fore during the reading. The attendance at the final meeting of the term, at which Pinter's "The Birthday Party" was read, was very poor; but those who were able to attend enjoyed a very pleasant evening.

I am sure we should like to thank the young ladies of St. Helen's for reading the female parts so competently throughout the term, and, as always, Mr. and Mrs. Griffin for their kind hospitality. A.G.F.

JOINT CLUB

Despite all our efforts, we do not seem to be able to get away from the normal run of the 'social', but thanks to better decoration and lighting effects, the socials that were held here on 3rd October and 14th November were a greater improvement on past meetings.

The first meeting, following the usual pattern of dancing and more dancing, was very successful and thoroughly enjoyed by all. We were entertained for the second meeting by the young ladies of St. Helen's at the Manor. We celebrated Hallowe'en somewhat prematurely, yet everyone entered into the spirit of the evening, in spite of refreshment which some of us found difficult to cope with! Our thanks must go to our hostesses, and to the indefatigable Miss Glass behind the kitchen sink.

Perhaps the last meeting was not as successful as it might have been. It was, it must be admitted, an experiment. We used the whole of the downstairs floor of Lacies Court, with a dart board in one room, superb refreshments in another, and dancing in the Heylyn Room. Next term we hope the idea can be expanded, along with proposals for longer meetings and an outing to a Bowling Alley. May the Joint Club continue to flourish successfully!

P.N.S.

TAPE RECORDING SOCIETY

This term has seen the Studio in full use for both society and private recordings. It proved very useful for putting the sound-track on the new school film, which was our main activity for this term. Other activities included making a sound-track of a film for the Oxford branch of the English-Speaking Union and a joint meeting with the Abingdon Drama Club.

There have been three Friday afternoon meetings this term apart from the usual termly General Meeting. On 23rd October we had a demonstration of Philips tape recorders. This was followed by another demonstration on 13th November, this time by Fi-cord International, and the following Friday we heard a talk from Mr. Petrie, of Isis Recording Studios, Oxford, on studio recording techniques.

This term we say good-bye to Mr. Horrex who has nursed the society since its foundation. We would like to thank him for all he has done for the society and welcome Mr. Tyson as his successor to the sponsorship.

T.J.H.
A.W.W.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

The meetings this term consisted of two lectures and a film show. Despite the very high standard of both the lectures, the attendance at them was very poor. This was the only displeasing aspect of this term's events.

The first lecture was given by E. C. C. Crouch on "The Physics of Music". After reviewing the basic principles of sound, he went on to a more detailed study of musical sounds, illustrating the talk with various examples on instruments.

The second meeting of the term was an evening lecture given by Dr. M. L. Smith entitled "Nuclear Science Displaces Magic Carpets in Persia". This was an extremely interesting and enjoyable talk. He gave a general idea of the need for help in underdeveloped countries, and more detailed information on the projects and methods used in Persia. Radioactive isotopes are used intensively in the research work

that must be carried out before any remedial measures can be taken. The meeting was ended with coffee in the Tuck Shop.

The final meeting was a film show. Two films were shown, one on Radioactivity and the other entitled "Schlieren". The Radioactivity film was clear, though simple. "Schlieren" was extremely interesting to all age groups, explaining the Schlieren Effect and showing its applications. C.C.F.

CAMPANOLOGICAL SOCIETY

This term we practised, in addition to bell-handling and change-ringing, tune-ringing on handbells. The number of junior ringers has been rising fast, although few are able to attend practices.

For the Carol Service, a well-struck quarter peal of Plain Bob Major was rung by J. Rowson, Mrs. Anne Carpenter, J. Poole, D. Clubley, A. Rowson, M. C. E. Hodge, O.A., W. A. Smith, and C. I. Rowson. Unfortunately, as this quarter was rung in the very fast time (for these bells) of 45 minutes, and as the organist had asked us to stop fifteen minutes early, few can have heard the quarter itself, although it was followed by some excellent call-changes.

Our thanks are due to the Rector for allowing us to use the bells, and to Mrs. Dixon for helping us at practices. C.I.R.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Although the Society has had a varied programme this term, attendance has depended on the individual interests of our members. On 2nd October our sponsor took a party of those particularly interested in archaeology, to visit a dig at Frilford. We are very grateful to Mr. Dennis Harding, of the Oxford University Institute of Archaeology, for showing us around the site and for explaining the details of the dig. The excavations were aimed at uncovering evidence of an Iron Age Building — a difficult job because a Romano-Celtic temple had been built on the same site. After studying the actual excavations we were taken into the hut where all the "finds" were laid out. The most interesting was an Iron Age skeleton which is now at the Institute for detailed examination.

On 6th November a party attended the Friends of Abingdon Meeting when Mrs. Dagmar Hayes talked on "Canterbury Cathedral". Our own meeting was on 27th November when Miss Margaret Wood, M.A., D.Litt., F.S.A., talked to the Society on "Norman, 13th and 14th Century Houses". Miss Wood, who is a great authority on this subject, and who has written about domestic architecture in the Archaeological Journal, gave a fascinating account of many buildings, supported by a variety of excellent slides.

Next term we hope to start some archaeological field work and excavation of our own. A.P.F.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

After lying dormant for some years the Society was revived this term with the help of Mr. Horrex, who kindly offered to be Sponsor.

There were three meetings this term, the final one being a Film Show at which two films made by the Society were shown — "Thanks a Million" and "Danger is Near".

Unfortunately Mr. Horrex is leaving; we thank him very much for his invaluable services, and we look forward to welcoming Mr. Carey as our new sponsor. Next term we hope to have more meetings, with visiting speakers and perhaps an outside visit as well. C.N.C.

JAZZ CLUB

This term the Club has been flourishing in every respect. At the beginning of term it was found necessary to limit the number of members, as the demand for entry was so high.

Three meetings were held during the term: the first was a lecture on Traditional Jazz by P. B. Godfrey; the second was a lecture on the Blues by T. B. Moore; and the last a Modern Jazz Record Session.

The Jazz Club is now following in the paths of other societies in having Joint Meetings with St. Helen's. This has proved most successful.

Next Term should be a most scintillating term, as we have The Honourable Gerald Lascelles coming to lecture to us, and other interesting fixtures are being considered. R.D.S.

LOCOMOTIVE SOCIETY

This term the society held four meetings, the first taking place on 12th October when the Secretary gave an illustrated talk entitled "Farewell to Steam". At the second meeting on 9th November, R. W. Speight and his friends showed some of their photographs, and the third, on 3rd December, consisted of a lecture on "The Metropolitan Railway" given by Mr. Leake.

This was his last lecture to the Society as he is leaving at the end of the term and so on 11th December, the Society presented him with a miniature engine name plate in recognition of his service towards the society which has been greatly appreciated. K.G.R.

BUILDING CLUB

The total membership of the club now stands at eighteen full-time members — the highest it has been for some years.

Most of the term has been spent on the erection of a wooden hut behind the Science Block to house Dramatic Society equipment and the newly formed Car Club. Towards the end of the term we were greatly hampered by poor weather conditions and the lack of daylight but we hope to finish the hut early next term so that a start can be made on the new Fives Court, to be built behind the new Dayboy Changing Rooms. P.A.W.

THE CALENDAR FOR 1965

For a variety of reasons it was felt that the time had now come for a radical re-organisation of the School Calendar. The programme that follows, which has the blessing both of the Governors and of the Old Boys, can claim, amongst other advantages, that it relieves the School of outside activity at a time in mid-June when pre-examination pressure is at its heaviest, that it spreads the load of Founder's Day more evenly, and that it will bring Old Boys and Parents more closely together (which is all the more desirable now that so many Old Boys are themselves parents, in our sense of the word).

Saturday, 13th March — London Dinner of Old Abingdonian Club at the House of Commons (by kind invitation of Sir George Sinclair, M.P., Past President of the O.A.C.).

Thursday, 22nd July — Concert by School Orchestra and Choir.

Friday, 23rd July — OLD BOYS' DAY. The School will play the Old Boys at cricket and tennis, and in the evening will come the Annual General Meeting of the O.A.C. and the Annual Dinner.

Saturday, 24th July — FOUNDERS' DAY. Service in St. Helen's Church in the morning. In the afternoon the cricket and tennis matches will continue. In addition there will be a Second Eleven match on Upper Field, and a display of school activities. The Headmaster will be 'At Home' to all parents and Old Boys, and in the evening there will be a second performance of the School Concert.

PRIZE-GIVING — in early October.

Saturday, 27th November. The School First Fifteen will play the Old Boys, with the Annual Dance of the O.A.C. to follow.

Detailed invitations will be sent at a later date to all parents and to all members of the Old Abingdonian Club, but you may like to note these dates now. This year the School Concert will be given, exceptionally, in a marquee to the west of Upper Field, owing to the closure of the Corn Exchange. Tea will be served from the same marquee on the Saturday afternoon. On the Friday tea will be obtainable from the School Shop.

The Prize-Giving will be regarded primarily as an internal function, intended for the boys, but parents of all prize-winners will be invited. The date is chosen so as to enable sixth form prize winners who have left the School to return to collect their prizes before going up to the University.

J.M.C.

LETTERS TO AMERICA

It was a good idea to show the new School film in conjunction with its two predecessors for this made direct comparison more easy. It is no reflection on the present members of A.S.P.S. to say that Michael Grigsby and Co. could be well pleased with the way their productions have stood the test of time. The insolent insouciance of Peter Simmonds and the unearthly beauty of some of the river scenes in *Ut Proficias*, the outrageous comedy of *No Tumbled House* — so carefully controlled that it just, though only just, did not degenerate into farce — the limpid sincerity of the Brothers Howard, all of these point to a sureness of touch in the direction which is perhaps missing from *Letters to America*. Yet the very fact that it can stand up to such a comparison is in itself a very real tribute.

The theme of L.T.A. has a pleasantly appropriate twist. We do have boys from America for a year, lots of them, and the device of telling

the story of one boy's sojourn through the medium of letters home gives the opportunity for a commentary on the School by one who is in it and of it and who yet can view it in perspective. Such a commentary must of necessity be episodic, and it is largely by his discrimination that the producer must be judged. On the whole the selection of material is well-balanced, but two points of criticism suggest themselves. After a very effective prologue in Washington (thank you, Dr. Mann, for your co-operation!) the introduction flagged. Was it really necessary to waste so much film on the not very difficult journey from Oxford Station to Abingdon? And too much was made of the climatic conditions. The hard winter of two years ago provided tempting material but a little snow goes a long way; and the summer scenes which followed with abrupt transition seemed to show the virtuosity of the cameraman rather than to further the story. And the birds of course, all Koch-a-whoop and bursting their little hearts, were too true to be good, sufficiently penetrating to be tiresome.

But the greater part of the film was intelligently conceived and efficiently directed: and actors and cameramen combined to produce something which is equally interesting whether as a picture of the School or as a year in the life of an adolescent. Such a production is a combined operation. It was a pleasant thought to close the film with a shot of the cameramen shouldering their equipment up the drive. Honour where honour is due. We are grateful to Mr. Horrex, who sponsored the whole production, to Mr. Stratford, who wrote the screenplay, and to all who helped, on either side of the camera. The background music too, much of it contemporary, was delicately chosen, skilfully woven in. But when all is said and done, it is Peter Mann who makes the film with his grave courtesy, his carefully-pitched drawl. And the moment when he turns round at the Lodge to take his last look at the School is inexpressibly poignant.

New parents will be confronted with L.T.A. each year at their inaugural Parents' Evening. I hope that everybody else will take the first opportunity they can of seeing it.

J.M.C.

THE GRUNDY LIBRARY

Last term we welcomed several new recruits to the Library Staff to take the place of those who had left and after an inevitable settling-down period the organisation seemed to be working efficiently. For the purposes of record, the Library Staff is now composed of Mr. G. F. Duxbury, Mr. K. G. Hasnip, M. J. H. Liversidge (Chief Assistant), S. N. Pearson, D. C. Cullen, B. M. Edwards, T. C. C. Beckett, M. Theophilus, K. G. Robbins, S. J. King, M. H. Hampton, N. Hands-Clarke and J. P. Thomas.

There have been considerable additions by purchase, and we are particularly grateful to the following for gifts: Col. R. W. Van Wagenen, S. D. Thornton, P. H. Davis, I. C. Lamberton, M. S. Livingston (the last four for Leaving Books) and to Mr. Skelly and Mr. Alston. Losses have been rather fewer than usual and we sincerely hope that 'good citizenship' will reduce the number progressively. Much precious time is lost by the Librarians in chasing laggards and losers.

G.F.D.

O.A. NOTES

BIRTHS

- BARRETT. On 6th January, 1964, to Dorothy, wife of Tim Barrett (1960), a daughter.
- BEERE. On 5th November, 1964, to Anita, wife of Robert G. Beere (1951), a daughter, Juliet Ann.
- EWING. On 6th August, 1964, to Wendy, wife of Kenneth W. Ewing (1930), a son, Mark Washington.
- HOWARD. On 17th November, 1964, at B.M.H. Singapore, to Helen, wife of Fl./Lt. John Howard (1956), a son, Jonathan, a brother for Katie.
- MILLARD. On 30th October, 1964, to Mary, wife of Peter Millard (1953), a daughter, Joanna Elizabeth.
- PRITCHARD. On 21st November, 1964, to Lesley, wife of Alan Pritchard (1960), a son, Michael.
- STUART-LYON. On 22nd December, 1964, to Elizabeth, wife of Ian Stuart-Lyon (1956), a son, Mark Edward.
- SPRING. On 29th December, 1964, to Irene, wife of Richard C. Spring (1955), a son, Matthew Richard.

MARRIAGES

- BINNING-BOSLEY. On 12th September, 1964, at St. Mary's Church, Wallingford, Alan Richard Binning (1955) to Caroline Bosley.
- BROWN-BOYADGI. On 4th July, 1964, at the Church of St. Sophia, Bayswater, Colin G. Brown (1953), to Angela Boyadgi.
- LILES-GIBSON. On 25th July, 1964, at St. John's Church, Tunbridge Wells, Peter J. Liles (1958) to Maureen Gibson.
- NEILAN-COPUS. On 26th September, 1964, at Christ Church, Southgate, London, Michael J. Neilan (1960) to Diana Mary Copus.

PITT-MILLARD. On 29th August, 1964, at Yarnton Parish Church, Rodney S. Pitt (1961) to Jennifer Millard.

SALE-BIRD. On 29th August, 1964, at High Street Methodist Church, Harpenden, Patrick R. Sale (1953) to Valerie Bird.

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We offer hearty congratulations to Sir George Sinclair (1931) on his election as Conservative Member for Dorking with a very satisfactory majority — a fitting climax to his year as President of the Club.

Paul Town (1935) is Professor of Horticulture at Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi, Ghana.

Cyril Woodruff (1956) is a Lecturer at Vaughan College, Leicester under the auspices of the W.E.A.

Pat Sale (1953) recently married, has left to take up an appointment in the Department of Agriculture, Auckland, N.Z., after 4 years with Murphy Chemical Co. He recently recorded his personal best time for the mile, 4 mins. 12.8 secs. in a triangular contest between Berks., R.A.F. and Universities.

John Sheard (1959) is spending a year, under the auspices of the Libyan Govt. and the British Council, teaching English in a Teachers' Training College at Zavia, near Tripoli.

Christopher Marchbanks (1957), busy brewing in Birmingham, has been seconded to the University to assist in setting up a model brewery, in preparation for the new post-graduate course for M.Sc. (Brewing).

Jonathan Utin (1959) now in his 2nd year of a four year Course in Dairy Science at Virginia Poly. Inst. was adjudged 'Freshman Champion' at the 1964 Virginia Dairy Show.

David Free (1952) has taken a post as Latin Master at Oakmount Preparatory School, Southampton.

Michael Grigsby (1955) a producer/director for Granada TV has been engaged on a series of programmes dealing with the purpose of punishment. The first, entitled 'Inside', was shown on 5th January and received very favourable comment from the critics.

John Hall (1955) is now working with a British firm of Chartered Accountants in Paris. His younger brother George (1962) after an 18 months Commercial Course in Germany worked with the Monotype Corporation at Reigate for 6 months. He has now taken a short-service Commission in the Intelligence Corps, but thereafter proposes to return to business.

Peter Kandiah (1959) passed Part II of the Solicitors' Qualifying Exam and was admitted on 1st December with Andrew Walsh, Lightfoot & Co. of Oxford.

Tony Willson (1951) is in the Advertising Branch of Philips Electrical Co.

Michael Dicker (1954) has now moved to Denbigh as North Wales representative of John Dickinson & Co. Last spring he visited North Africa from Morocco to the Sudan on the Company's business.

Roger Green (1959) whose writings have already appeared in Blackwood's Magazine and other periodicals is now in Greece pursuing his literary career in a congenial atmosphere.

Clive Llewellyn (1961) who has now graduated as B.Sc. in Estate Management led a party of 27 students on a skiing holiday in Austria last January and later spent the summer months in U.S.A. on various jobs from Yellowstone to Colorado, ending in a 6 weeks tour by Greyhound covering 13,000 miles from Mexico to Canada. He is now with P.I.C.-T.W. Ltd., a subsidiary of Taylor Woodrow, as part of his training as Estates Surveyor.

Geoffrey Crockford (1952) is working for the Medical Research Council at the London School of Hygiene. His subject is heat physiology and protective clothing, with particular reference to the Steel industry.

Bryan Winkett (1957) has been appointed Private Secretary to one of the Ministers in the new Ministry of Economic Affairs.

Lindsay Ewing (1962) continues his odyssey. After working in Cyprus and Persia he was a guest of the Sultan of Bahrein for three weeks. He is now in South Africa as assistant manager in a car-delivery firm in Port Elizabeth, but hopes to join the staff of the *Financial Times* in Johannesburg shortly.

Guy Brown (1962) of Balliol is becoming quite a figure in the Oxford Union. Last term he supported James Robertson Justice in opposing the motion that 'This House prefers the Beatles to Beethoven'.

Christopher Webb (1961) has been at the Sorbonne for a year, but hopes to get into L.S.E. to take a B.Sc. (Econ.).

Peter Sheard (1962) has completed his course at the College of Air Training, Hamble and is joining B.E.A. as a pilot.

Anthony Grant (1960) has passed his 2nd Mate's Certificate and has been appointed 3rd Officer on the British India Ship *Woodara*.

Peter Liles (1959) whom we congratulate on his recent marriage, is now Senior Architectural and Design Consultant with Tarmac Properties Ltd.

Graham Crow (1959) has been appointed an Industrial Psychologist to the Rolls Royce Organisation at Derby. His brother Charles (1957) is now assistant to the Manager of Heal's Contracts, Birmingham.

Michael Nurton (1961) who is a master at Lewes County G.S. is taking a Commission in the School C.C.F.

Michael Harvey (1958) and David Kortright (1962) are both in the Metropolitan Police Force.

Gerald Farrington (1960), B.A., T.C.D., is at Avery Hill Teachers' Training College.

Paul Briten (1961) in his final year at Borough Road College is Captain of Hockey.

We were pleased to see Peter Kibble (1956) and John Mobbs (1957) both on home leave from Malaya.

Richard Hook (1961) is Merchandising Manager with Bishops Stores Ltd., Ruislip.

THE SERVICES

Lieut. Peter Simmonds (1955) is at H.M.S. Warrior, H.Q. Home Fleet, at Northwood.

Lieut. Christopher Cobley (1957) is in H.M.S. Redoubt, an L.C.T.

Sub-Lieut. Paul Cross (1950) is in H.M.S. Bulwark in the Far East and Sub-Lieut. Simon Richardson (1961) in H.M.S. Parapet.

Trevor Sewry (1961) is N.A.I. in H.M.S. Eagle at Singapore.

Sub-Lieut. David Brice (1961) is at H.M.S. Excellent, Portsmouth.

Capt. Hugh Leach (1953), R.T.R., has been posted to the Political Office at Aden.

Capt. R. F. Hamer (1950), R.A., is at Park Hall Camp, Oswestry, with 17 Trg. Regt.

Colin Scragg (1957) now 2nd Lt., 2nd R.T.R., is with the U.N. Forces in Cyprus.

Capt. Walter Courage (Phipps) (1958), 5th Inniskillings, is with an Army Air Corps Squadron in Germany.

Tony Cherrill (1948), Major, R.A.P.C., is stationed in British Honduras, and W.O. Brian Jakeman (1945) of the same Corps, is in Borneo.

Fl/Lt. Alan Caswell (1956) is still with R.A.F. Regt. at Eastleigh, Nairobi.

P/O John Ogle (1959) is at R.A.F. Station, Idris.

Peter Heather-Hayes (1960) is at Flying Trg. School, Syerston, Newark.

THE UNIVERSITIES

The following, to the best of our knowledge, are in residence at Universities. We apologise in advance for errors and omissions.

Oxford: *Pembroke*: I. J. Kirby (B.A.), R. W. J. Bampton, J. M. Talbot, P. L. Hedges, M. R. Mole, A. C. L. Fraser, T. J. Pegram, T. A. Marsh, C. J. D. Bailey, E. Blaze, M. J. I. Day, T. J. King, S. D. Thornton; *Balliol*: G. A. Brown; *Christ Church*: N. P. Loukes; *New*: P. J. Ford; *St. John's*: C. R. Winfield, F. A. Bisby; *Keble*: G. C. H. Phillips; *Wadham*: G. Sheppard; *Jesus*: P. M. D. Gray (B.A. Cantab), A. S. Harrison; *St. Edmund Hall*: P. W. Liversidge; *St. Catherine's*: R. J. Hutcheon; *St. Peter's*: A. M. Q. King, C. G. Purnell; *Mansfield*: J. D. Urwick.

Cambridge: *Christ's*: P. S. McK. Ramsey; *Clare*: R. M. Carter (B.A., Dunedin, N.Z.); *Emmanuel*: R. G. Havelock; *Gonville & Caius*: P. A. Bretscher; *Jesus*: I. A. D. Martin; *Trinity*: A. C. Bowker; *Trinity Hall*: E. G. Jones; *Fitzwilliam House*: D. Weir, M. C. E. Hodge; *Corpus*: R. S. Ogg.

Edinburgh: T. H. Day, A. G. D. Matson.

St. Andrew's: T. A. Libby, C. D. Turnbull, J. H. Thewlis.

Trinity College, Dublin: J. S. Kelly, A. H. Smith, M. E. F. Willey.

London: *King's*: A. F. Selwood; *Imperial*: D. C. Pollard, M. A. Hedges; *L.S.E.*: J. D. Sabel, D. J. French; *Northampton*: J. M. Beere, C. R. Scott, P. F. Booth; *Queen Elizabeth's*: P. E. Cable; *Holborn College of Law*: A. A. Venn, R. N. Carter.

Birmingham: L. A. Edwards, I. G. Burns, M. R. Morris, R. H. M. Burrige, R. J. Crumly, R. C. Leathem, S. Lewis, D. I. Southern (B.Sc. Aberystwyth).

Bristol: K. N. Haarhoff (B.A. Cantab.), D. R. Gerring, C. J. Dean, P. R. Munson, F. C. A. Exon, J. J. Mackenzie.

Durham: G. G. Ganf, R. W. Ellaway, M. P. H. Hart, A. J. Costley.

East Anglia: M. S. Ford.

Exeter: A. R. F. Redgrave, P. J. Leather.

Glasgow: R. D. Booker.

Hull: R. D. Hall.

Keele: E. W. Firth (B.Sc. Soton).

Lampeter: M. F. Kitto.

Leeds: J. A. Simms.

Leicester: J. V. Comfort, R. Dowson.

Liverpool: G. W. Oxley, B.A., N. A. G. Spackman.

Loughborough: C. M. Davis, R. F. Budden.

Manchester: G. F. Keeys, K. W. R. Dixon, I. W. D. Matson.

Nottingham: D. R. Brown.

Reading: R. J. L. Hewison, A. T. Barrett.

Sheffield: E. N. Broadway.

Sussex: P. D. Prebble.

Southampton: D. Cook, J. B. Friend, P. Rainey, D. J. Hoddinott,
R. C. White, R. M. Kirby, P. G. James.

University of Wales: *Cardiff*: P. P. Hutchinson; *Bangor*: F. Jeal (B.A.
Oxon.).

Medical Schools:

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

King's College: P. R. F. Morgan.

Guy's: N. P. W. Coe, D. J. Jessett.

St. George's: B. G. Mackay, J. Bowthorpe.

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

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

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

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

Trinity College, Dublin: R. G. Lockton.

The following are pursuing full time courses at Technical Colleges
or other institutions:

Oxford: D. C. Venn, R. J. Parsons, J. K. Pilling, A. F. Stewart, A. E. W.
Willey, A. J. Cheary, I. C. Lamberton.

Battersea C.A.T.: D. L. Clarke, D. R. Sheard.

Bradford C.A.T.: M. L. Thorpe.

Bristol C.S.T.: D. Hayward.

Borough Road T.C.: P. W. Briten.

R. Agri. College, Cirencester: C. B. Gosling.

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

Newcastle: A. W. Foster.

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

Westminster College: R. P. Welch.

Wolverhampton C.A.T.: I. A. Walkinshaw.

Welsh C.A.T.: M. A. Faires.

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

College of Aviation, Hamble: R. A. Hall.

Our representatives at the Service Colleges are:

R.N.C. Dartmouth: S. A. J. Richardson, T. Furneaux, W. M. Jamieson,
M. S. Livingston.

R.M.C.S., Shrivenham: R. J. Ormerod.

R.A.F. Henlow: P. A. Merriman.

At Universities overseas are Richard Van Wagenen (1963) at Yale; Trafford Taylor (1959) now reading for M.A. at Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario; Robert Johns (1960) at McMaster University, Hamilton, reading for M.A., while Kenneth Johns (1960) is also at McMaster in his first year; Ted. Hodgetts (1963) in his 1st year at Queen's University; Peter Mann (1963) at Oberlin College, Ohio; Jonathan Utin (1959) in his 2nd year at Virginia Polytechnic Inst.

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

Geoffrey Bailey is doing a course with Clarks Shoe Co. prior to joining the family firm.

Julian Bowen is articled to Welles, Messenger & Kirkman, Chartered Accountants in Oxford.

David Caradoc-Evans has started a four-year apprenticeship with Organs of Oxford.

John Clack is with Joseph Lucas Ltd., taking a course in Business Management.

Paul Davis is studying accountancy with I.B.M.

Martin Evans with Heinz Ltd., is starting a course at the College of Food Sciences leading to a B.Sc. (Food Sciences).

Ian Flint is with Norwich Union Assurance.

A. R. L. Hewison and Beverly Marks are starting as Technical Operators with the B.B.C.

Kevin Lay is in the City Engineer's Office in Oxford.

D. F. K. Smith is training as a Medical Auxiliary at Guy's Hospital.

F. J. Stiff is with Barclays Bank, Oxford.

W. I. M. Webb is a Junior Trainee Executive with the R.A.C. at Croydon.

Christopher Wood is at the College of Estate Management.

Ian Newbold is with a firm of Solicitors in Reading.

LONDON LETTER

December 1964.

Dear Sir,

London, the greatest of all capitals, now harbours some twenty O.A.s within the forty dispersed Colleges of the University. For any single College, R.V.C. seems to top the bill for O.A.s with Messrs. Butt, Womar, Aplin and Rosevear. Donald Aplin, having thrashed the school 2nd VIII at Marlow last summer, now seems to prefer field exertions and plays rugger together with Brian Rosevear.

The river has not been completely deserted however with John Beere (N.C.L.), David Jessett (Guy's Hosp.), John Bowthorpe and Bruce Mackay (both freshers at K.C.L.) all seen, firmly planted in Viii's, at the University December Regatta. Derek Pollard must also be tapped on the back on his election as captain of the I.C. Boat Club which still remains the best Rowing College in London.

Off the Thames but still on water, Malcolm Hedges (I.C.) is said to be sailing on the Welsh Harp, while Andrew Oxley (at L.S.E. with John Sabel and David French) has been heard proposing a vote of thanks to Sir Alec Douglas Home on his address to the University Conservative Society. A visit to Guy's Hospital shows two freshers, N. Coe and D. Jessett studying medicine, the first O.A.s there for over twelve years. Congratulations too must go to James Willis (Middlesex Hosp.) and Mat Womar on taking further steps towards matrimony.

As a far cry from London, the continent saw several of us during last summer's long vacation. Derek Pollard visited Eastern Europe, Robin Moorshead, driving a Bedford van, explored Yugoslavia and Greece, while John Beere and Christopher Scott (N.C.L.) travelled over two thousand miles to Turkey, touring and working in Istanbul and Ankara the capital.

Next summer six of our number (Messrs. Booth, Beere, Pollard, Oxley, Sabel and Scott) have their finals and in wishing them luck it is hoped that their places will soon be grabbed by more 'Cerise and White' from Abingdon during the coming year.

I remain, Sir,

YOUR LONDON CORRESPONDENT.

Postscript from the Medics

October 1964 saw seven Old Abingdonians start medicine in various parts of London.

At King's College, in the Strand, John Bowthorpe, Bruce Mackay, and Patrick Morgan started their 2nd M.B. courses. John Bowthorpe and Bruce Mackay are both going to St. George's to do their clinical training, and Patrick Morgan is going on to King's College Hospital.

David Jessett and Nicholas Coe have started at Guy's Hospital, and Peter Havelock at St. Mary's. Also at St. Mary's is Paul Dixon, who last year decided to do medicine, but having already taken his "A" levels for engineering has had to start on his 1st M.B., in order to cover Biology. He appears to be enjoying his course, and we hope to see him installed as a "2nd M.B." at the end of the year.

Sporting activities in London have been most successful during the past term, with John Bowthorpe and Bruce Mackay both rowing for

King's College 1st VIII, and in consequence being awarded their "scarves". They are both, of course, annoyed that rugger cannot be played in addition to rowing. David Jessett is rowing for Guy's; Patrick Morgan, Paul Dixon, and Peter Havelock are all playing occasional hockey, and Nicholas Coe appears to have lapsed into temporary obscurity.

Not all spare time is being devoted to sport, and Abingdon medics are keeping up time-honoured traditions — we raise our glasses to all at school, and wish them a happy and successful New Year.

OXFORD LETTER

January 1965.

Dear Sir,

It is some time since you heard from Oxford, doubtless because most of the material you send here are scientists. Gradually, however, our inarticulate acquaintances have been affected by the rightly-abused Oxford treatment, and of these Angus Fraser, at one time Pembroke's most silent medic, is now becoming positively garrulous. He is also one of the increasing number of O.A.s taking to the river at Oxford, which comprises, in varying degrees of success and seriousness, John Talbot, Michael Day, Chris Winfield, Mick Mole, Alan Harrison, Frank Bisby, Richard Bampton, and Tim Marsh, who is also college representative (Pembroke) for the O.U.O.T.C. Trevor Pegram is the representative in the same college for the University Air Squadron, where he spends most of his time. Also being sporty are Chris Bailey, who has already made his mark on the hockey field, Peter Liversidge, who runs, and James Urwick, who does Judo when he is not trying to work out how and why everybody else arrives at lectures and tutorials before he does.

Not everyone confines himself to physical matters, however, Guy Brown has spoken in a humorous debate at the Union in the company of Fenella Fielding. Cor. As for the rest, Andrew King and Howard Phillips have been seen in The Grapes, and Andrew Varney has been seen on his third visit to the Bodleian. Tim King, Stephen Thornton, and Richard Hutcheon have been seen. Paul Hedges has not.

I must apologise for the brevity and lack of information of this letter. It must be obvious that with the increasing number of O.A.s at Oxford there is an increasing lack of contact. It remains for me first to say how pleased we were that our guests enjoyed themselves at our Cheese and Wine and More Wine Party at the end of term, and second to congratulate the hundreds of people winning scholarships and things to places such as Keble, St. Peter's, and Pembroke. With that I remain

Yours etc.,

YOUR OXFORD CORRESPONDENT.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 1964

The Annual General Meeting of the Club was held in the Pembroke Room at 5 p.m. on Saturday, 28th November, 1964. The President, Sir George Sinclair took the chair and forty-one members were present. (Names appended in Minute Book). Apologies were received from J. B. E. Alston, H. Insley-Fox, Colin Ronan and J. F. Sinclair.

1. Minutes of previous meeting. Before reading the minutes the Secretary congratulated the President on his election to the House of Commons on behalf of the Club. The minutes of the previous meeting were then read, approved and signed. There were no questions arising.

2. The Secretary reported another flourishing year with 83 new members making total membership of some 1,200. The Social functions had not quite the attendance of the previous year but this had been expected. They were however just as successful. The Secretary thanked all the members for the help they had given him over the past years and expressed a wish that they would support the new Secretary in the same way. The President then said many things which the Secretary did not record but nevertheless did appreciate more than he could say.

3. The Treasurer's Report was adopted. Several questions were asked and satisfactory answers were given by the Treasurer in his usual business-like manner. The Report and Balance Sheet are appended in the Minute Book. A unanimous vote of thanks to the Treasurer and Auditors was carried.

4. The following Officers were elected for 1965-66:

President: D. B. West.

President-elect: L. P. Mosdell.

All other existing officers were re-elected with the exception of the Secretary. R. R. Bailey was elected Hon. Secretary. J. B. E. Alston and A. J. Foden were re-elected and N. J. Holmes was elected to the Committee.

5. Under Any Other Business a variety of things were discussed. The three proposals agreed upon were:

Old Boys' Day to be held on Friday, 23rd July, 1965.

The Annual General Meeting be held on that day.

A New List of Members and their addresses be printed and circulated early in 1965.

There being no other business the President thanked the Officers and the Headmaster in particular for their help and loyal support during his term of office and declared the meeting closed.

NORMAN HOLMES

Norman Holmes succeeded Michael Cullen as Secretary of the Club in 1949, and for 15 years he has carried the burden of that office with supreme efficiency, good humour and forbearance. Comparatively few Old Boys know how much work and time is involved, but it was only increased business and other commitments that finally induced Norman to resign the office. The Club is profoundly grateful to him for all he has done for it, and it was a very pleasing gesture of the fifteen Presidents under whom he served to present him with a silver salver as a token of appreciation. The applause that greeted that presentation at the Annual Dinner must have convinced him that his labours had not been in vain.

At the same time we welcome as his successor Richard Bailey, already well known to a wide circle, and we hope with many happy and successful years as Secretary before him.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS, 1965

Hockey and Cross Country Matches: Saturday, 13th February.

London Dinner at the House of Commons: Friday, 12th March.

Athletics Meeting: Saturday, 20th March.

Old Boys' Day, Cricket Matches, A.G.M., and Annual Dinner: Friday, 23rd July.

Rugger Match and Dance: Saturday, 27th November.

The Secretaries' addresses are:

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

Sports Secretary (Rugger, Athletics, Tennis): J. T. Cullen, Frilford End, Frilford, Abingdon. (Frilford Heath 205).

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NEW LIST OF ADDRESSES

The new list will be going to press this month. Please let George Duxbury have any changes, or impending changes of address, without delay.

Each term a surprising number of magazines and notices are returned marked 'Gone Away'. Here are names of a selection only of Old Boys,

mostly of recent vintage, whose present addresses we urgently need. Perhaps their friends can help us to get into touch?

E. R. Absalom '46	R. M. Kennedy '58
P. V. Aldiss '46	J. P. N. & R. B. Langford '48
J. R. Andrew '39	F. C. Lucas '49
H. D. Baecker '49	P. M. McLeod '44
P. F. C. Berry '50	M. R. Morris '63
A. F. & E. L. Brown '53	G. M. Morse '59
A. E. Bush '56	N. K. Moseley '56
N. A. Carr '22	C. T. Owen '54
J. Cowling '44	A. R. Pezaro '54
M. H. Culm '62	B. E. Price '57
R. J. H. Davis '54	N. W. Pridham '58
A. G. Dillabough '60	M. A. L. Randell '56
S. H. Freedman '58	M. Roberts '56
P. B. D. Glover '52	D. G. Sandercock '39
T. C. Glücklich '55	A. L. Shepherd '35
R. Grey '43	G. S. Strachan '49
J. Grosvenor '57	A. G. Stuart-Lyon '60
W. G. Hancock '26	D. W. Taylor '63
R. Hedger '40	M. Thomas '32
P. A. Holmes '60	M. H. Venables '50
W. G. E. Jacob '32	J. R. B. Williams '46
J. C. T. Jones '31	M. G. Yarkoff '59
N. R. Kearsay '53	M. J. A. Young '57

O.A. CLUB NOTES

Last term, for the last time, the Annual General Meeting and the Annual Dinner were held on the day of the Rugger match, Saturday, 28th November. As will be noted elsewhere we shall be reverting to the old order, in a modified form, in 1965, with the Dinner in July and the Dance on the night of the Rugger match.

The day was fine and there was a large gathering of Old Boys to watch the match in which an outstanding School team beat the O.A.s by 23 points to 3 after a good game. The Annual General Meeting was held after tea, and the minutes are appended. The Annual Dinner in the Council Chamber followed, and must be considered one of the most successful for many years. Large numbers of younger Old Boys responded to the special invitations sent out by the Headmaster and as a result 125 members and guests sat down to dinner.

The President, Sir George Sinclair, was supported by the Mayor of Abingdon, Councillor A. Williams, the President-elect, Duncan West, and the Headmaster. Among the guests were three Governors and Dr. R. W. Van Wageningen, Dean of the American University, Washington.

The President proposed the health of the School with which he coupled the name of the Headmaster. In view of the debate on

Education held on the previous day in the House, it was inevitable that the President and the Headmaster in his reply, should consider the future position of the School in a changing world. Both however were confident that it could hold its own with the support of the Old Boys and play its proper part without sacrifice of its identity.

In replying to the toast of the Guests, Dr. Van Wagenen delighted his hearers with his picture of an American's view of an English school for which he had such a sincere affection. The speeches were fittingly rounded off by Peter Henderson, the Head of the School, and the formal proceedings ended with the installation of the new President.

The success of this most successful dinner was due in no small part to the work of the Secretary Norman Holmes, and Mrs. Bevir as usual provided us with beautiful table decorations. To both of them many thanks.

O.A. CLUB LONDON DINNER

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SUMMARY OF GAMES FIXTURES

January

HOCKEY — FIRST ELEVEN

- Sat. 23 v. King Alfred's, Wantage (h).
Wed. 27 v. Wallingford Grammar School (h).
Sat. 30 v. St. Edward's School (a).

February

- Wed. 3 v. Pangbourne Nautical College (h).
Sat. 6 v. Solihull School (a).
Sat. 13 v. Old Abingdonians (h).
Sat. 20 v. Abingdon H.C. (h).
Sat. 27 v. Pembroke College (a).

March

- Wed. 3 v. Hockey Association (h).
Wed. 17 v. R.M.A., Sandhurst 2nd XI (a).

ATHLETICS

January

(Cross Country and Track)

- Sat. 23 v. King Alfred's School, Wantage (h) — Cross Country.
 Wed. 27 v. Reading School (a) — Cross Country.

February

- Sat. 6 v. Westminster College (h) — Cross Country.
 Wed. 10 v. Kimbolton School (h) — Cross Country.
 Sat. 13 v. Old Abingdonians (h) — Cross Country.
 Thur. 18 v. Radley College and St. Edward's School (at Radley)
 — Cross Country.
 Sat. 20 v. The Queen's College, Oxford (a) — Cross Country.
 Wed. 24 v. Cokethorpe School and Henley G.S. (at Abingdon)
 — Cross Country.
 Sat. 27 v. Shiplake Court (h) — Cross Country.

March

- Sat. 6 v. Bloxham School (a) — Track.
 Sat. 13 Culham Road Relay.
 Wed. 17 v. Leighton Park School and Reading School (at Abingdon) — Track.
 Sat. 20 v. Old Abingdonians (h) — Track.
 Wed. 24 Sports Day — preliminaries.
 Sat. 27 SPORTS DAY.

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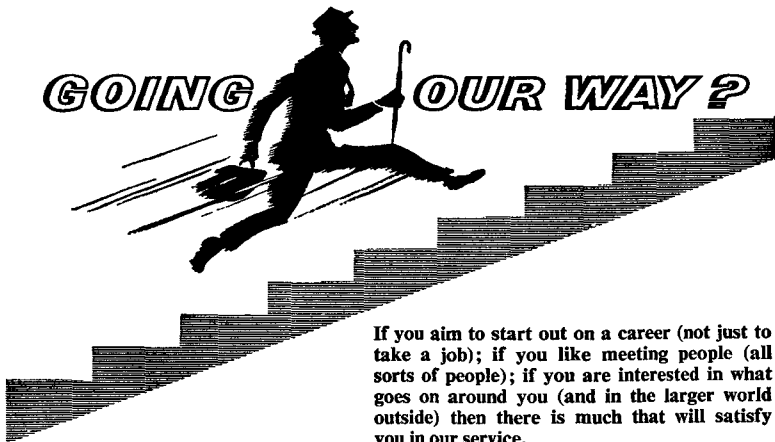


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