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Literial

All know that methods of education are fast changing these days, and society is more permissive than it used to be—but what of authority? Authority must be reassessed along with the other forces of change, for old society cannot exist without it.

The days of the cane and of the tyrannical, ogre-like prefects are over. A more deep-rooted system is stepping in: the principle is that boys should be able to trust those in authority (and with trust grows respect) vice-versa. If you can inspire trust and confidence in the boy by being open and by identifying with him and his ideas (and the generation will never be resolved if the older generation doesn't encourage the younger), then a happier and more efficient atmosphere will exist in a school. More significant will be the decrease in those offences which result in a subconscious lack of respect for authority.

This lack of respect is easily fostered. The trouble stems from the method of punishment where, instead of reasoning and talking with difficult pupils, authority—prefects and staff—throws in its hand impatiently and issues out useless punishments which reduce not only the efficacy of the whole punishment system, but also the standing of authority itself. Punishment, as a last resort, is a means of keeping the balance of power between authority and boys, not a means of self-defence.

Do not say that this is easy to implement, but it must not be brushed aside as impossible. On the other hand there is little avail in reasoning with someone who just refuses to comply—there are limits. When reasoning has no effect, then one must resort to punishment—and let it be

When people in authority must reserve punishment normally for times when it will really mean something—a breach of respect, dishonesty, violation or disregard for other people's property, rather than for throwing paper out of windows, or 'ragging' or leaving gates open. If, by these principles, authority can build up respect, instead of cutting itself off from other members of the school, then discipline would improve. Success-

ful revolution has shown that authority carries the seeds of its destruction—we must make sure (and this applies not only to this school but to all others which are run on the same lines) that these seeds do not ripen or flower.

Mr WEK Anderson, MA, BLitt

The Governors of Abingdon School have appointed Mr WEK Anderson, MA, BLitt, as Headmaster, to take up his duties in September 1977 in succession to Mr JM Cobban who will be retiring in July after holding the office for over twenty-three years.

Mr Anderson's first appearance as headmaster-elect began symbolically when he drew up in his car outside the Teaching Block. A boy of the door of the car ('Good manners', thought the Andersons), asked long they would be staying, and, on hearing 'Four days', said, 'Marvellous—have you got a screwdriver I can borrow please?' Unkilted, Mr Anderson was recognised.

Exploring the jungle before the plain is adventurous, indeed rather dangerous. Mrs Anderson, touring the inner labyrinths of Ladies' College was 'chatted up' by an unwitting inmate who was encouraged by the and sound of women. If this friendly atmosphere can continue when the parties know each other well it will be all the better for Abingdon School. I am sure it will, in fact, for the Andersons exude calmness and cheerfulness wherever they go.

Although they consider themselves very much as a team the attention must now be turned to Mr Anderson who is 33 years old and the happily married father of two children aged 8 and 6. He was educated at a Prep, Grant School, George Watson's College, Edinburgh, then at St Andrews University, where he obtained first-class honours in English prior to taking his BLitt at Balliol College, Oxford. He has spent nine of the past eleven years at Fettes, though not continuously. He was there for five years as assistant master and then left to go to Gordonstoun. However Fettes called him four years ago to take on a new boarding house which was being built on appeal funds. He also found time to fill a temporary post at St Edward's, Oxford.

He was Secretary of the Balliol Rugby XV and enjoys coaching sport, something which he will try to fit into his timetable when he comes here in September. His other interests include Drama (he produced *Macbeth* as *Macbeth* at Gordonstoun, and at Fettes he has produced many plays and founded a flourishing informal-drama club), golf and walking (in other words he prefers the Downs to Sunningwell!).

In 1964 the Oxford University Press published his sixth-form textbook 'The Written Word' ('I'm sorry to say Mr Cobban doesn't seem to like it!') and he is currently preparing a new edition of Sir Walter Scott's 'Journal' which he hopes to finish before he comes here. Outside activities include being a governor of the most northerly prep school in Britain ('it has its own ski tow!') and sitting on an Edinburgh Festival Committee which is preparing a huge Scott Bicentenary Exhibition for 1971.

Mr Anderson told 'Abingdonian' that he was first attracted to Abingdon school by its atmosphere, 'both efficient and friendly', when he came from St Edward's to umpire a cricket match. It was not, he hastened to add, the fact that we beat St Edward's in the last over that caused it that evening he told his wife, 'I have been this afternoon to the school which I should one day like to work'. He is a strong believer in the D

nt system itself, even at a time when it is politically threatened, and academic reputation of the School (enhanced by its record number of Oxbridge awards last term) represents a challenge which he particularly enjoys. Abingdon held one further attraction for him. He knows the well and likes living here—'As you know, a Scot with heather growing of his ears could find it a great wrench to leave Scotland, but not to re to this part of the world'.

Three aspects of the school at present strike him as particularly important and he hopes that 'they can survive the loss of a headmaster as eminent and successful as Mr Cobban'. The first is the 'variety of opportunities that the Abingdonian has to find something that will absorb him in which he really enjoys'. Education for leisure will be an increasingly important function of the school of the future and 'it is a vital part of a school's job to help people to discover their talents and to take up interests—be they pottery or golf—which they can continue after school'.

Individual may be happy in his work and happy in his family life but should also be encouraged to develop some third interest, more deeply rewarding than a hobby, 'which is really his means of fulfilment and gives a spark that carries on through the rest of his life'.

The second is the attitude to responsibility. 'Nowadays leadership does not mean shouting at somebody, telling him what to do and checking that he has done it. Instead it means trying to persuade and to reason, to work alongside others rather than directing them from above. This is much more difficult but the Abingdon prefects whom I met seem to accept the challenge'. Certainly a school must give people the opportunity to accept and exercise this type of responsibility and to learn about it for the first time.

Thirdly Mr Anderson mentioned the happy personal relations within the school 'which immediately impress an outsider' and seem to exist to an unusual degree here at Abingdon. 'I suspect that much is owing to Mr Cobban who is very approachable. But it also indicates that masters and pupils are prepared to talk and to listen to each other'. When everyone feels able to speak freely, difficulties can be ironed out long before they reach the proportions of a crisis.

Many of Mr Anderson's greatest challenges must lie in these areas and he can carry some stages further those movements that are already well under way in the school he will achieve something very significant and important. If Abingdon improves as much under Mr Anderson during his years here as it has done under Mr Cobban in the past 23 years, it should be a tolerably good school by the year 1993!

Michaelmas Diary II

au Revoir

Ever since Crescent House was opened in 1953 Mrs Ellen Willey has served successive house-masters and boys with great loyalty and affection. Now that the time has come for her to retire, we join in wishing her well.

We were sorry to learn of the funeral on 29 October 1969 of the Oxfordshire cricketer and Oxford City soccer player, Jack Guilfoyle who was part-time cricket coach to the Eleven during and immediately after the war and without whose carefully prepared wickets we should have fared badly in those difficult days.

We hope Mr Willis is enjoying his well-earned 'sabbatical'. Absence makes the heart grow fonder, the mind more aware how big a part he plays in the School.

Salutations and Congratulations

We congratulate Mr and Mrs Milton on the birth of a third (Christopher Mark) and Dr and Mrs John Talbot on presenting Mr Mrs. Talbot with their first grand-child (Tara Justine Anne, born September 1969).

This term we welcome no less than six student masters. Four of them are from Oxford—Mr DE Bennett-Rees, BA (Mathematics/Physics), AS Clegg, BA (Chemistry/Mathematics), Mr DP Hemery, BSc (Economics and Athletics!) and Mr IC Jones, BA (History/French). Mr R Fawcett, BA (English/RE) maintains the tradition of the 'Cambridge resident' and Mr IG Irvine, who spent a preparatory fortnight with us last June, is from Culham College. In addition we record our thanks to Mr Richard Jackson (OA) who helped us—and himself!—by teaching us for the first fortnight of last term prior to starting his course at the Oxford Department of Education.

This year we secured sixteen places at Oxford and Cambridge including no less than seven awards—a record number. (We record that Radley scored a best-ever.) Our heartiest congratulations go to:

NS Coulbeck, Open Scholarship in English at St Johns College, Cambridge.

AE Lewis, Open Scholarship in English and History at University College, Oxford.

DG Nasmyth, the Abingdon Scholarship to read Medicine at Pembroke College, Oxford.

CJ Nicholl, an Open Exhibition in Mathematics and Physics at Clare College, Cambridge.

DH Parry, the Lawrence Scholarship in English at Jesus College, Oxford.

RAC Turner, an Open Scholarship in Natural Sciences at Jesus College, Cambridge, and

JR Weir, an Open Scholarship in Bio-chemistry at Pembroke College, Oxford.

We also congratulate EA Crouch (OA) who has been elected to an Open Exhibition at Churchill College, Cambridge, and IC Browne, present in the Upper Sixth Form, on the award of the internal Blackknights Scholarship.

For the third year in succession we were invited to nominate an Oxbridge candidate for an attachment of six months to Euratom at Karlsruhe. Good wishes to Christopher Nicholl as he sets off in the footsteps of Jo Lister and Ivan Carr.

Lastly we record a notable athletic achievement in that last term Nicholas Smart beat Brian Avery's six-year-old Sunningwell course record by the wide margin of thirty-four seconds.

Entertainment

The Saturday evening programme last term included three visiting lecturers, Mr Gordon Horey ('Gilbert and Sullivan à la Carte'), Mr Tom Smythe ('Bolivia and Peru') and Major Hugh Leach, MBE, (OA) ('Arabia Trilogy'). The films included 'The Magnificent Seven', 'Decline and Fall of a Birdwatcher', and, most popular of all, 'The Charge of the Light Brigade', which followed the Boarders' Christmas Supper on the last night of term.

Christmas Festivities

Two of our boys, Alistair Cunninghame and Jeremy Pike, gained second

third places respectively in the 'original carol' competition at the Abingdon Schools' Music Association Concert, held in Larkmead School on Tuesday 2 December.

The following Sunday an over-crowded Court Room enjoyed one of the most successful ends of term concerts, organised by Mr le Fleming. A balanced programme included a trumpet voluntary, some jazz pieces by the School Jazz Band and carols for everyone. Perhaps the most popular items were 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat', which featured the Junior Choral Society with the Folk Group, and the 1 Suite No 1, arranged by Mr le Fleming.

The Service of Lessons and Carols, which brought the term to a fitting climax, was better than ever before (we seem to say that every year!) and as pleasant to see St Helen's Church so crowded. Afterwards many parents were able to return home with their parents—a new idea this, which facilitates the end of term arrangement for a large number of pupils.

Sport

Soccer matches worthy of note were played during the term. The first, against Culham College organised by Tim Wood, OA, resulted in a 1-0 defeat for the School, but the second, against a Radley College XI was a walk-over, the School winning 11-0 . . . for many days in October Eason gave up valuable time to put members of the Upper Sixth through practice interviews . . . and the Navy dropped in for a match with the Royal Navy Schools' Presentation team, which gave some interesting displays of manoeuvrability with a helicopter.

Having been selected to represent the Oxford Region on the BBC television Series 'Young Scientists of the Year', Jonathan Mitchell, Peter Plail and Nick Winton duly came on the box on Sunday 18 January to demonstrate their photography with splashes. Beaten by a head by a number of young ladies, they still have pretty substantial laurels to rest on. The Abingdon School Society (TASS) held a valuable Careers Seminar in the Court Room on Thursday 23 October. Four visiting speakers, Dr Lewis, DSc, a chemical engineer, Mr SF Pugh, MA, a metallurgist, Mr SF Pugh, MA, BLitt, an archivist, and Mr RB Sayce, FRICS, FLAS, State agent and surveyor, gave brief talks on their own careers and answered questions from the audience.

The School is indebted to Mr Brampton, superintendent of Caldecott House, the Dr Barnardo's Home, for the gift of two tape-recording machines of very early design, which are now safely installed in the Science Laboratory.

The 1970 Prize-Giving will be held early, on Friday 22 May, so that Mr Anderson will not be confronted with a function that is largely retrospective. Mr TAB Howarth, MC, TD, MA, High Master of St Paul's School and the late Chairman of the Headmasters' Conference has accepted the Headmaster's invitation to distribute the prizes. In addition, the Bishop of Oxford has kindly agreed to preach at the Founder's Day Service on the evening of Saturday 11 July.

From the Headmaster

Boys—and without any fiddling, either. John Roysse's ghost must have smiled to see the traditional figure reappearing tenfold. I think most of them would agree that it has been a good term from the TASS tea for the boys and their parents to that wonderful Service of Lessons and

Carols on the very last evening. There were other highlights too—epic struggle against the Radley Fifteen, the TASS Fair in aid of Swimming Bath Heating Fund, the Confirmation Service according to new order, a thoroughly enjoyable school play. More private memories included a couple of brief 'appearances' on radio. I had never realised how affected my voice must sound to others. Then just after broke up, the Oxbridge results began to come in. Seven awards, highest ever, represents an achievement of which any school could be proud. We shall find some way of corporate recognition. To me pursuit of excellence remains a laudable activity: it is questionable if it leads to bitterness or arrogance.

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My own thoughts throughout the term were largely dominated by the appointment of my successor. The Governors had an unenviable task in choosing from a very strong field of applicants. In the event their decision was unanimous and I am sure that all who meet Mr Anderson will endorse their judgement. Certainly I shall hand over to him in the Summer in complete confidence that the School could not be in better hands. In the school will have a headmaster who is not only a first-class scholar but also a man of outstanding personality.

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There are not many periods of the week when the new Biology Block is not being fully used: the old Bio Lab has made a very convenient Preparation Workshop. On the wall of the new block, looking straight through the colonnade down the Drive, we are having affixed a symbolic representation of St Nicholas, in anodised aluminium, to mark the name of the court. The Gymnasium has no patron saint, but we have profited from the face-lift that it has received. Its refurbishment is something I had dreamed of for so many years. Now I should just like to see plans for heating the Swimming Bath through before I go. There are lots of projects for Mr Anderson to cut his teeth on.

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At the turn of the year I gave up my chairmanship of the Direct Committee, and with it membership of two ancillary committees. I have three left, to draw me to London at irregular intervals, but at least until the Donnison Commission's report is published in the Spring I shall hope to be able to spend rather more time in the School. Now that the sands are running out I grudge more and more any time that I spend away from Abingdon. Present indications are that the Commission may recommend not the direct abolition of Direct Grant but its replacement by a 'special relation' with the Central Government which would leave the Schools what may well be the shadow rather than the substance of independence. If this is so, then it will be for the Governors to make the difficult decision whether to go in or to stay out, for the new Headmaster to advise them. What one can say with some certainty is that the boys at present in the School are likely to be affected in any way by changes which may take place.

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Once again our Christmas was enlivened by greetings and good wishes from many hundreds of our friends at home and overseas, from Newport San Francisco, from Vancouver to Johannesburg. Cards from Old I have we have posted in the School for a few days so that others can share the pleasure. To all we offer our profound thanks and our warm good wishes for the coming year.

Young Scientists of the Year

I left Abingdon in the snow on Wednesday 17 December for Birmingham where we ferreted around the impossible one-way system to the studio. Here, we set up our apparatus, and became acquainted with the programme for the following day, after which we drove to our rather spartan accommodation for a brief discussion before bed. The next day we were first of the three teams to arrive at the studio, and rehearsals started immediately.

The two other teams consisted of four girls who were representative of a large team from Birkenhead demonstrating a colour blindness test with rotating black and white disc, and a boys team from Brixham with a / type of paddle wheel.

The three judges, Professors J Fremlin, J Lenihan and E Laithewaite, arrived at 1100 and saw the films about each of the three projects, at which they discussed points of these projects with the three teams.

At 1530 the audience arrived and recording started. This in itself was highly entertaining, showing us much about TV productions and it came with no disappointment when our scores were announced.

At the beginning of the programme we were told 'anything above 200 is good, and over 215 is very good': Brixham scored 205, Abingdon 230 and Birkenhead 235, pipping us at the post. However we later learned that our efforts will be rewarded by a tape recorder from Phillips Electrical. All was far from being in vain . . .

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Business Game

The Business Game is an exercise in business management organized by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in conjunction with International Computers Ltd. It is designed to introduce students of management to the corporate nature of planning and control, and of associated decision making.

Participants are grouped into three teams who each direct the affairs of a company and compete for the market of an unspecified consumer product in four geographical areas. Each company has a home area, in which it starts with an advantage, and all companies compete on equal terms in the neutral area. The decisions of the individual companies are interactive and they compete for a share of the total market, which is determined independently by the effects of marketing expenditure, prices, and research and development expenditure. Each company starts in a similar position, basing its initial decisions on information and market trends which it can interpret from a report representing the position at the end of a financial year. The three sets of decisions are then computed and the interactive effect will determine the new position of each company. Subsequent decisions for the following five periods will be based on the new information.

Management boards from 243 schools in Great Britain are competing in the Business Game, 1969-70. Abingdon School was drawn against Leyens School and Ampleforth College.

The initial policy of our board was to concentrate our financial resources in the home and neutral areas where transport costs were low and consequently profitability was high. At the same time we hoped to maintain comparatively high prices in all areas, backed by rather extravagant marketing expenditure. However in Periods 1 and 2 we were left with rather a high stock of unsold goods and consequently reduced cash

resources. This necessitated reduced expenditure on additional plant and on research and development. However, our high pricing policy attracted a heartening profit and our rival companies were lucky that the penalty of a reduction in effective marketing, incurred for their inability to fulfil orders, coincided with a booming trend in the market. Period 4 our increased cash resources enabled us to spend heavily on plant investment and marketing, but our potential profit was hit by a price-cutting war conducted by Alleyns. After a sharp cut in price and an intensive marketing campaign in Period 4, we captured only half the total orders in Period 5. However, despite this Alleyns hung on to their slender lead, measured in net profit, and won the round.

It is perhaps noteworthy that the eventual winners were the middle of the road team who fluctuated least in their policies whereas, for example, our performance on marketing expenditure was a little erratic. D

Results

Alleyns School	£2995250
Abingdon School	£2861760
Ampleforth College	£2780380

Dolgoed

We have been able to take advantage of the remarkably dry autumn by sending two parties up this term.

The first, led by Mr Brodie, consisted of Upper Sixth Form Geographers who were collecting material for their 'A' level project. Leonard, Dyer and Pfeil were studying glacial and river erosion in the valley—not an easy project this, for the features are fairly subdued and evidence is not at all easy to interpret. DI Smith has used his project to initiate a series of readings of temperature variation in the valley. Even in such a short time some significant results were obtained and it was interesting to note how great a change of temperature can occur over just a couple of hundred yards. It is hoped that subsequent parties will continue to take readings at regular intervals throughout the year.

The second party was led by Mr Varley and consisted of Lower Sixth Form Biologists and Geographers. The weather was a little unkind to an effective work was restricted. Once again we were reminded that inadequate preparation and follow-up work severely limit the value of any time spent in Wales.

However it is satisfying to record now that nearly a third of the staff and about a quarter of the boys have been on one or more expeditions to Dolgoed. It is also very encouraging to see that there is no closed season. Mr Moody and Mr Hammond also took up parties immediately before and after Christmas respectively. The Land Rover should certainly come into its own at this time of year; so too should the newly installed Norwegian wood stove—that is, if there is any wood left! F

We love Dolgoed in the Winter . . .

Dolgoed in winter can be fun despite the cold, the wind and the snow. That expedition before Christmas led by Mr Fairhead and Mr Moody consisted of three sixth-formers who formed the second art expedition to Dolgoed, nine boys from the third to fifth forms involved in field study and of course the masters who were there to enjoy themselves! The file

es included bird-watching, mammal-trapping and fossil-hunting. The
ts managed to produce several canvases.

ie long Welsh evenings were tempered with the strains of the guitar
harmonized voices of the All-Male Dolgoed Choir. Performances of
istmas Day in the Workhouse' were enacted by the versatile Dolgoed
cle Players each evening as they struggled fiercely for a place by the
stove and grovelled pathetically for their daily gruel.

we pushed the Landrover up the icy slope away from the farmhouse
he way home, we paused and glanced back at that Haven of Happiness
olgoed.

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Prizegiving 30 September 1969

Prizegiving is the School's shop window display, and gives the
ghtful feeling of everybody patting each other on the back. It must be
most 'trad', unchanged School function of all; and it plays an
ortant part in maintaining a traditional and unchanging principle of
School—the pursuit of excellence in all fields. Besides academic prizes
llence in music, cricket and creative writing is recognised, as are
ilities like initiative, character, and service.

is also a kind of shareholders' meeting when the Headmaster presents
report. As Mr Fisher observed, only good-humoured parents of prize-
ners were in the audience, but evaluation is invited as much as
ause. The Headmaster reviewed significant events during the year—
giving over building projects, Flying Scholarship successes, Sixth Form
ti, and the high standard of major games despite fragmentation into
or activities. He emphasised the success of twenty-four entrants to
ord and Cambridge and a new level of achievement at Advanced
el.

he Headmaster was confident of the School's future under his successor,
stressed three things of supreme importance: "to keep our nerve, not
be frightened by change as such (for the public schools have changed
oughout their history) and to hold fast to that which is good—the
dom of the School and of the individual, high standards of work, of
y, and of behaviour, and the traditional Christian values."

he Master of Wellington, the Hon Frank Fisher, MC, MA, presented
prizes before being introduced by the Chairman, Mr Bredin. With dry
nour and great shrewdness Mr Fisher sketched his vision of an educated
n who is not obsessed with exams, but has a well trained, enquiring
l flexible mind, capable of picking a just solution; a man too with a
ubital vision of greatness", a man of principles, faith and moral
rage. Mr Fisher considered that the grammar and public schools
ich largely followed this ideal must be defended in the name of true
ication.

Dr AB Tayler thanked Mr Fisher and the National Anthem rounded
the ceremony.

**This year's Prizegiving will be held earlier than usual, on the morning
Friday 22 May 1970. Mr TEB Howarth, MC, TD, MA, High Master of
Paul's School and former Chairman of the Headmasters' Conference
ll present the prizes.**

She Stoops to Conquer

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'She Stoops to Conquer' has always been a good stand-by for school it was high time that the ASDS got their teeth into it. It is a play can easily be underrated. The humour is laboured and the situation over-exploited. Around it hangs the charnel-house smell of 'Eng But it contains some good character-parts and plenty of comic sc and eighteenth century costume can cover a multitude of weaknesses

In fact, this was a very good performance. The two heroines charming and demurely roguish. They could act too—*con brio*. Hardcastle communicated her own enjoyment of the scenes in which was teasing Marlow. Mrs Hardcastle was suitably rich and fruity. She the good sense to play her part just to the verge of over-acting—bu further. I enjoyed listening to her even on the occasions when I could tell what she was saying. Squire Hardcastle may have gabbled his w in the opening scene but he improved as the evening went on and pl his part very convincingly. That I should keep seeing myself in him a reluctant tribute. Hastings and Marlow made an elegantly mann pair. The latter even came near to success in that impossible scen which he first meets Miss Neville. Each of them has a pleasant voice can show off a calf to advantage. Tony Lumpkin emerged as a cheeky engaging young blade, but I have a feeling that John Rowley was *nice* for the part. That was why the comic scene in the inn never r came to life. Contemporary prints show Mr Quick, who played the in the original production of 1773, as a gash-mouthed oaf. The demands a gift for low comedy which is curiously rare in a school But is was a gallant effort. The landlord played his small part very eart Jeremy's drunken intrusion, a triumph of the imagination, provided broadest humour of the evening. Countrymen, pot boys, menservants maid servants supported well.

Mr Fairhead's main set was skilfully devised, beautifully executed might well have earned its own applause. The garden scene was no n than adequate. The production, in the narrower sense of the word, sho the hand of the master. Art conceals art. It was only in retrospect you realised just how well-positioned the characters were, how skilf the fire-place was used, how effective were those bits of business wf seemed to be purely natural responses. The diction too was extren good—so good that the occasional intrusion of the non-existent 'R' gr all the more. And if I were being finicky, I could note that some of characters uttered opening remarks before the curtain was fully dra It is always irritating to miss the first sentence.

I wish that I could adequately acknowledge how much we owed to those who worked so hard behind the scenes, before, during, and pres ably after, the show. Let it not be invidious if I mention here merely prompter. On Saturday night, at any rate, he had all the significance the dog that did not bark in the night. I never heard him once—and y can't often say that with a school production.

And now if I may I should like to range more broadly and take t occasion of thanking the School Dramatic Society for all that it has do for me and for the School, since its revival after the War in 1948. A when I say the Society I think particularly, of course, of Mr Griffin. computer might work out the sum total of hours that he has devoted his congenial but exhausting task. No computer could quantify imaginative sensitivity, the integrity, the sure sense of theatre, that he l

ought afresh to each production. There has been nothing flamboyant or ostentatious about a Griffin show. He has paid his actors the compliment of expecting them to appreciate the virtue of restraint, and he has achieved his effects by means of skilful stage-craft and expert timing. It is not surprising that some of his leading men have found their way to the professional stage. They have had a sound apprenticeship on which to build.

And what memories I shall take with me into retirement! **Julius Caesar**, my first show after the war, performed against greyish back-cloths in an refurbished Corn Exchange: **Journey's End** with Jeremy Cullen's arm in a sling (very realistic—but so it ought to be, as he had broken it that afternoon on the rugby field); the Millard brothers and Brian Leech competing their way through **Arsenic and Old Lace**: Tobias, with Peter Hammond graciously condescending as the Archangel, and Tom Kempinski winking with his eyes: **Hamlet**, where Tony Gardner came into his own: the wonderful team-work of John Kelly and co in **The Strong are Lonely**—which I still think is the ideal play for school production: the first appearance of the Ladies of St Helen's (bless them) in **Romeo and Juliet**: Philip Sugg as Caesar, Shylock and Surface in successive years: the horrors of the **Duchess of Malfi**—redeemed by Andrew Vernède's acting (and he managed to carry on to final curtain-fall before collapsing with pneumonia): Charles Maude's commanding performance as the Inquisitor in **St Joan**. So much, so many, I have omitted. I have not even mentioned David Lloyd or Clive Evans or Peter Loukes, whose Katharine in the **Shrew** was the last, probably the best, of our long series of boy-heroines. And then came that wonderful gallery of 'real' heroines, Elizabeth John, Ashley Dunthorne, Angela Cridge, Margaret Rose, Sally Minford, Catherine Alden

Thank you one and all.

Chapel Notes

The Advent term certainly has its climax with the Confirmation on the first Sunday in Advent and the first Communion of the newly confirmed on the following Sunday and now culminates on the very last night of term—an innovation this year—with the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols. This was a resounding finale and once again we are grateful to the Vicar of Abingdon for allowing us to use St Helen's Church, which was packed to the doors. It was a great pleasure to have the new Vicar of Abingdon, the Reverend WEG Payton, CB, with us on this occasion and to give us his blessing.

After ancient precedent the carol service proclaims the story of the Fall and Redemption of man. It begins with a procession of the choir singing 'Once in Royal David's City', the opening verse being sung as a beautiful and moving solo by a new boy, Rupert Frost. Following the bidding Prayer comes the opening narrative from the third chapter of Genesis, read with clarity and power by five first-formers, RW Kermodé, M Sealey, RW Taylor, DA Thomas and R Whyte. The Director of Music had composed a splendid setting for parts of John Milton's 'Ode on the morning of Christ's Nativity', beginning with simple plainsong, 'This is the month and this the happy morn . . .' and gathering in majesty with trumpet calls, 'Ring out ye crystal spheres'. David Howells, who also read

as a chorister, helped from time to time to embellish Mr Hall-Mancey's fine organ-playing with his trumpeting. We shall miss those golden notes on a number of occasions, not least on Remembrance Sunday, when David Howells together with Richard Barwood played the Last Post and Reveille most beautifully.

I suppose that each one of us has his own special Christmas carols. I certainly like the West Indian spiritual (arranged by Sargent), 'De Virgin Mary had a Baby Boy', and the Venezuelan folk song (arranged by WF Anderson) 'Joseph and Maria', are now firm favourites and provided an exciting change from cooler classical carols and more sonorous Latin period. Tribute must be paid to the skilful solo singing of Richard Joseph, whom we congratulate on being the first recipient of the Paul Comber Memorial Cup for creative musicianship. As always Anthony le Fleming conducted the carols with consummate sensitivity and verve.

The choir was privileged to sing choral evensong at Dorchester Abbey on Sunday 5 October in connection with the Dorchester Festival of Arts and performed with great distinction. Special mention must also be made of the work of the Junior Choral Society, under the direction of Mr Hall-Mancey, which gave a dazzling finish to Junior Chapel services this term by a spirited rendering of Andrew Lloyd Webber's exciting music adventure, 'Joseph and his wonderful Technicolour dream coat'.

Morning Chapel services have maintained their normal pattern. At three third forms have displayed ingenuity and variety in leading our worship. Possibly 3D scored most effectively with their striking visual effects. Certainly indoor sparklers burning in the silver candlesticks at the Fifth of November was a memorable moment. Meanwhile in Senior Chapel down at the Methodist Church the standard of music has been alive and varied, and a number of Sixth formers have helped to lead our thoughts and worship and praise and intercession. Bible study groups continue to be most grateful to Mr and Mrs Eden for all their kindness and hospitality at 23 Park Road.

On Sundays we have been privileged to have the following visiting preachers: The Reverend TGA Baker, MA, the Principal of Wellesley Theological College; the Reverend TGA Baker, MA, of Dulwich College, whose sermon on modern idols was truly memorable; and the Reverend Dr AO Dyson, Principal of Ripon Hall, to whom we are also indebted for the weekly visits of two of his students, Roger Hill and Robin Morrison.

On the First Sunday in Advent the Bishop of Reading made a welcome return to the Chapel for the Confirmation of twenty-one candidates: P Alder, NP Allington, AW Baumann, JH Bosworth, AM Calvert, AD Chalker, PD Cook, IR Greaves, RHD Griffiths, DWJ Hanney, DC Hare, PJS Harris, DR Jollyman, ECJ Lilley, JBS Marriott, NM Newport, T Parker, AN Rayson, DB Spong. This was a memorable occasion. The stark simplicity of the promises in the Series II service is challenging and moving. The Chapel was bathed in late autumnal sunshine and the service was followed by a delicious tea-party in the Court Room, provided by Miss Bellamy-Law assisted by numerous other kind helpers. The candidates also derived great benefit from the two quiet afternoons arranged by the Cowley Fathers at 16 Marston Road, Oxford. We are particularly grateful to Fr J Naters, SSJE, and Fr Alan Bean, SSJE, for all their help.

Visiting preachers for the coming term will include:

January 25—Rev Professor Canon GR Dunstan, MA, FSA.

February 8—Rev DE Nineham, MA, DD, Warden of Keble College

March 8— Mr Alan Tammadge, MA, Master of Magdalen College School.

March 22—Rev WEG Payton, CB, MA, Vicar of Abingdon.

Collections during the past term have been as follows: Chapel Funds (m Parents and New Boys service) £24-13-8; St Helen's Church (beginning of Term service) £7-6-11; The Rugby Clubs, £8-4-9; Chapel Funds, £4-17-6; Hostel of God, £6-14-6; Chapel Funds, £3-17-6 and 19-6; New Guinea Mission, £10-2-1; Chapel Funds, £6-19-6; The British Mission, £3-10-0 and in addition four heavy collecting tins; Chapel Funds, £1-9; Historic Churches Preservation Fund, £5-4-5; Chapel Funds, £4-0-4; Hop's List, £14-13-11; North Berkshire Cheshire Home, £5-8-0; and the Col Service collection, which is divided between the Church of England Children's Society and St Helen's Church, £54-6-4. The C of ECS benefited to the total of £3-4-3 from the tins carried by the wandering carol party.

Chapel flowers have kindly been provided and very largely arranged by Forms 6M, 2B, 2C, the Scouts, 6G, 5H, 2F, the RN Section, 5M, Peter Halling OA, the Chaplain and VIS. The contribution that forms make by arranging flowers themselves is a very positive and satisfying one and gives pleasure to the whole school throughout the week. We are most grateful to Mrs Anns for all the work that she has done sweeping and polishing and tending the Chapel so carefully.

Finally a special word of tribute to the Sacristans and servers, and in particular to Alan Brown who has done such sterling work as Senior Sacristan, and congratulations and good wishes to his successor, a newcomer in our midst, Scott Gray. One faithful piece of service to the Chapel which must not continue to go unacknowledged year by year is the care of the fair and altar linen, and the Chapel is most grateful to the Matron of School House, Miss IM Farr, for her kindness. PGO

The Grundy Library

Over the term DI Smith has taken on the duties of Library Prefect and despite many other calls on his time, has quickly shown his abilities. I should like to thank him and the enthusiastic assistant librarians who have helped me to keep the Library functioning so smoothly.

Over fifty books were presented to the library in the course of the term: a selection of books on Sociology & Economics from a parent who wishes to remain anonymous, a further gift from a Governor of the school, Mr EJ Parsons, and books from A Pritchard OA, I Attree OA, Liversidge, Mr Maunder and a leaving book from AG Maclean. Finally the Royal Numismatic Society presented a handsome volume as part of the Marshall Bequest. KGH

SPORTS SECTION

Rugby football



First Fifteen. We started off with five of last year's side, three backs and two forwards, but it soon became apparent that there was a considerable dearth of skill especially behind the scrum. It was ironical that this should coincide with the driest autumn for years and a shame too, for in each season training we had concentrated on winning the ball in the loose and previous years' backs would have had a veritable feast of tries with an amount of possession provided this year. In the match against Radl one of the most exciting seen on Waste Court in recent years, it was the forwards' loose play and stamina which was largely instrumental in settling a potentially more able side and if there had been a real experienced player in the backs we would probably have scored more than one try.

It is a great pity that we have to play this crucial game so early on and subsequent matches are inevitably something of an anticlimax. In fact from then on for some weeks we seemed to alternate between playing a weak team with a full side and then meeting one of several schools having their best season for some years, minus two or three of our best players. It was especially galling to go to Pangbourne with four of the players missing as well as our scrum half.

The mainstay of the side was a pack which when roused showed itself to be adept at winning the ball. In the front row, Smith and either Gray or Evans helped Rowley to the unusual distinction of being a somewhat better striker on the opposition's put-in than on his own. Godfrey played well at second-row but later games suggested that No 8 is his true position. His partner, Gray, was an asset from Germany whose stamina and defence was invaluable. In the back row, it was sad to have to replace Bodimeade with Paddison, for the former was second to none in his position and loyalty, but his lack of pace was too much of a liability in defence. Woods never showed the sparkle he had last year as a Colt until the last couple of matches.

Our real difficulties were in the backs. We had pace and sound defence on the wings where Jordan and James Cox gave glimpses of real scoring power given the chance. In midfield, it was a different story. It was simply that we lost the experience and steadiness of Coulbeck at scrum half as a result of breaking his wrist on the hard ground at Newbury

Milton and, when he too was injured, Comerford showed themselves more than able deputies. Brown was lethal but had to have at least fifty yards to get up steam so that his best performances tended to be in easier games. Snodgrass lacked the experience to pass and break at the right moment but his later games showed how much he has learnt and he will realize his potential next season. Varley had settled down reasonably well with Coulbeck and was unfortunate to have to adjust to a new partner but his unrelaxed running technique makes him kick and handle ably. Pike scored over one hundred points for the second team while taking his place and brought much more fluency to the line but he lacks experience and did not always use his opportunities to the full. The full back showed that his fielding and kicking are immaculate but he has far too little confidence in his own pace and was too frequently out of possession.

John Cox's captaincy was forthright and mature but the season's ailments seemed to inhibit his play. At his best he was outstanding and tackling frightened not only those on the receiving end. When he has learned to combine subtlety with aggression he will be a formidable back player.

Once again we are indebted to Mr Willis for his forbearance when so many of his carefully nurtured players were whipped away from under his feet at the very last minute. Nevertheless it is the success of the Second XV with many young players which gives us some cause for optimism next season.

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During the season, Full Colours were awarded to NS Coulbeck, JL Cox, A Godfrey and CJ Jordan. Half Colours were awarded to KP Brown, Comerford, RJ Grant, MJ Evans, SB Gray, MS Paddison, GF Pike, Rowley, DI Smith, AR Snodgrass, MR Ward and SA Woods.

The team was selected from: MJ Hill; CJ Jordan, JL Cox, AR Snodgrass, MR Ward, KP Brown; MC Varley, GF Pike, NS Coulbeck, J Rowley; RJ Grant, MJ Evans, JQ Rowley, DI Smith, SB Gray, JBA Godfrey, MS Paddison, SA Bodimeade, SA Woods and JP Cox (Captain). Also played: DGW Murphy (4 times); MR Mackenzie (3 times); WH Hbert, PJ Lenny and GBM Milton (once).

Results

Weymouth College	Sat 27 Sept	(a)	Draw 3—3
Weymouth School	Sat 4 Oct	(h)	Won 41—0
Weymouth School	Wed 8 Oct	(a)	Lost 8—45
Weymouth School	Sat 11 Oct	(a)	Lost 10—11
Weymouth College School	Wed 15 Oct	(h)	Won 18—3
Weymouth College	Sat 18 Oct	(a)	Draw 27—27
Weymouth Park School	Wed 22 Oct	(h)	Won 37—3
Weymouth Grammar School	Sat 1 Nov	(a)	Won 18—14
Weymouth, High Wycombe	Sat 8 Nov	(h)	Lost 3—17
Weymouth College	Wed 12 Nov	(a)	Lost 3—23
Weymouth School	Sat 15 Nov	(a)	Lost 11—27
Weymouth School	Wed 19 Nov	(h)	Lost 3—16
Weymouth Abingdonians	Sat 22 Nov	(a)	Lost 14—30
Weymouth School	Wed 26 Nov	(h)	Won 27—6

Second Fifteen: In terms of matches won and team spirit this has been the most successful season ever, a verdict in no way altered by the fact that we suffered three defeats. One of these, against Wallingford, was fully explained by our having to field a weakened side, the second—a

heavy defeat—was quite simply a case of our being outplayed by a good Radley XV, and only the third, against MCS, can in any way said to have been brought about by bad play on our part. For the rest enjoyed some notable victories, most notable perhaps being the defeat of Warwick by one point after a storming second half and that of John Mason in what was possibly the best game of the season.

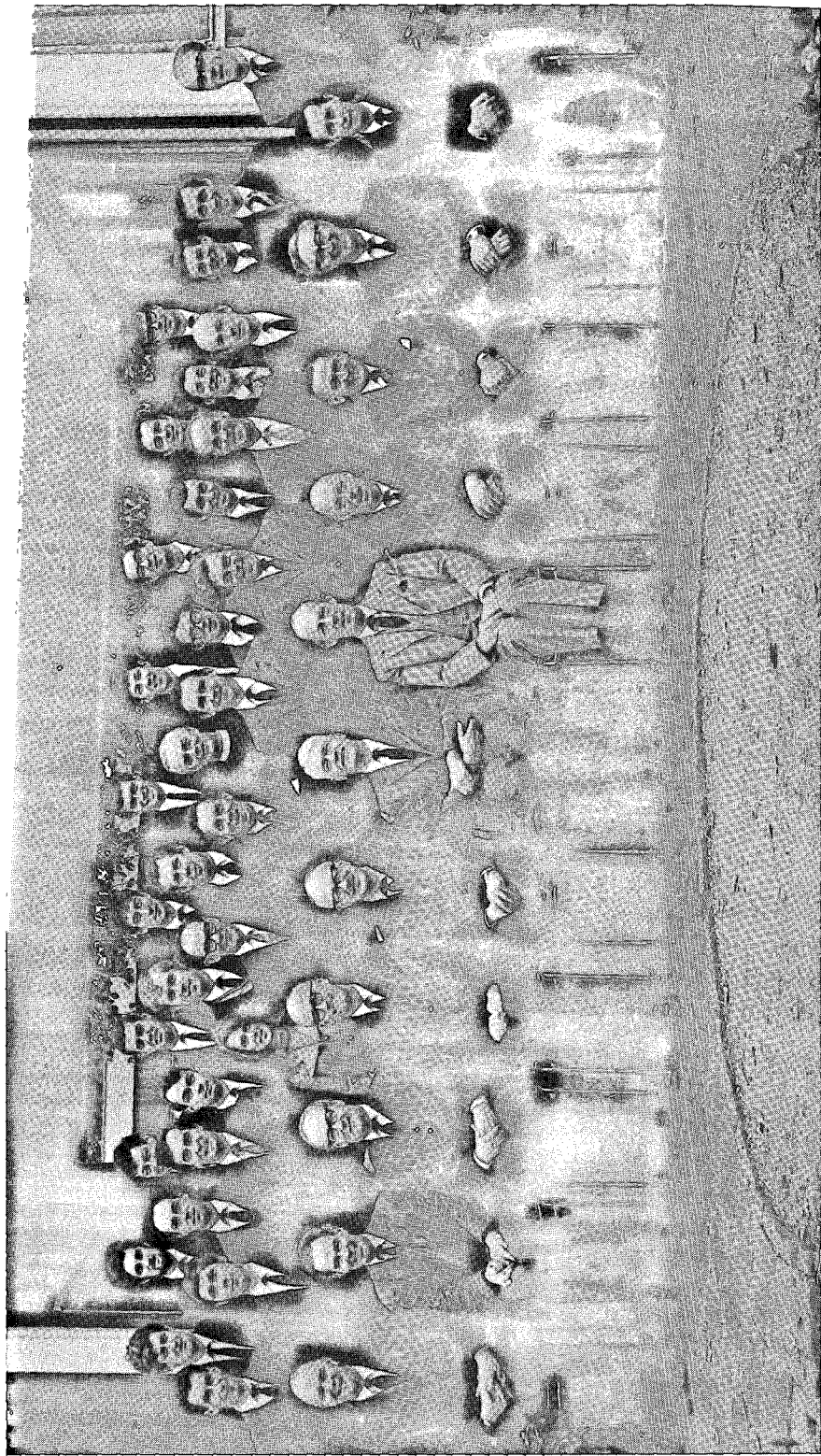
Except for two occasions, when Bodimeade and Varley deputised, the team was well captained by Peter Lenny. A versatile player, he was able to play at full-back, in the centre or in the back-row of the scrum: his game was undoubtedly against John Mason when his tackling and cover were excellent. Several players found themselves on the fringe of the First XV and for one or two matches we had to play without Murphy, Les Mackenzie or Cuthbert while towards the end of the season, Pike and Milton—and later Comerford—were promoted to the senior side. But it was a fair exchange to welcome from the Fifteen Varley and Bodimeade and, for several games, Evans.

The half-back combination of Pike and Milton was perhaps one of the chief factors underlying the team's success. Pike, a natural fly-half, thoroughly deserved his step up to the Fifteen and with more experience should do very well there next season—before leaving us, he had scored 110 points from tries and goal kicks. Milton was unfortunate to be injured when playing his first game for the senior side: for us, he had proved a plucky and ingenious scrum-half, getting the ball away smoothly and quickly. Injury indeed took its toll during the term. Steele, most dependable of props, lost his front teeth against Leighton Park; Rowden, swift and promising on the wing, injured his jaw against John Mason; there were other less serious mishaps which from time to time weakened the side. Of the three-quarters, Minns and Nicholl could be depended upon to go hard and straight and to defend well, Johnson steadily improved on the wing but Wallace rarely realized his potential. Murphy at full-back tackled and caught very well yet tended too often to be caught in possession, and was perhaps too inclined to join the 'threes' instead of kicking from his own '25'. The pack was throughout lively and hard working and, although it changed in composition overmuch during the second half of term, it remained the key to success. Baker, Comerford and Steele were the original front row, but Searle, Evans and Day also proved well in many of the games. The second row men, Cuthbert and Mackenzie were excellent both in tight and loose and Cuthbert was second only to Pike for effective goal kicking. Back row honours must be divided fairly equally between Lenny, Shellard, Bodimeade, Ridge and, until promoted to the 1st XV, Paddison. The team was fit, enthusiastic and enjoyed their matches—and they were a pleasure to watch in action. DC

During the season Half Colours were awarded to: MR Mackenzie, GBM Milton, DGW Murphy, CJ Nicholl and DM Steele.

The team for the final match was: DGW Murphy; TD Johnson, Minns, CJ Nicholl, P Lenny (Captain); MC Varley, JR Comerford, TR Baker, MT Evans, CG Day, WH Cuthbert, MR Mackenzie, Bodimeade, JJ Shellard, JAF Ridge.

Also played: GF Pike, GBM Milton (11 times); JC Rowden, DM Steele (6 times), RJ Searle, CA Wallace (4 times); MS Paddison, MR Ward (times); KGW Sykes (twice); KP Brown, RJ Crane, RC Grant, RA Hack, NF Heading, TJG Healey, MJ Hill, CJ Murray, NRA Pollard, NKA Smart, AR Snodgrass, PJ Todd, JR Weir, RS Wilson, AJ Wise and SA Wood (once).



The Staff 1970



Remembrance Sunday . . .

Two views of Andrew Wood

. . . She Stoops to Conquer



Results

Lord School	Sat 4 Oct	(a)	Won 31—5
Arwick School	Wed 6 Oct	(h)	Won 24—23
Whitthull School	Sat 11 Oct	(h)	Won 35—13
Walden College School	Wed 15 Oct	(a)	Lost 5—22
Witley College	Sat 18 Oct	(a)	Lost 3—47
Wighton Park School	Wed 22 Oct	(h)	Won 49—3
Woburn Grammar School	Sat 1 Nov	(a)	Won 35—13
Wotton Mason School 1st XV	Wed 5 Nov	(a)	Won 18—11
Wotton, High Wycombe	Sat 8 Nov	(h)	Won 21—3
Wotton Grammar School	Wed 12 Nov	(a)	Lost 11—20
Wottonsey's School	Sat 15 Nov	(h)	Won 13—3
Wotton School	Wed 19 Nov	(a)	Won 17—8
Wottonham School	Wed 26 Nov	(a)	Won 39—5

Third Fifteen: Details of the match results show that the team experienced its least successful season since it was first formed, scoring only 97 points against 254. In fairness, however, it must be pointed out that this is not as bad a record as it seems since only four matches are played against equally comparable schools and of these only one was lost. The other fixtures are divided between matches with such teams as Cokethorpe 1st XV and Shiplake 1st XV, now far better than they used to be, and the 1st XV's of large independent boarding schools which again are very strong. It is hoped that some amelioration of this very tough fixture list will be arranged in future.

At the beginning of term there were several useful players available to form the nucleus of a good side but for various reasons some of these dropped out after the early defeats, and at one stage morale was very low. The forwards were up to standard but their efforts were frequently dissipated by floundering backs who seemed unable to settle down. The main trouble was poor techniques and indecision plus a tendency to blame everybody else, but even at this stage Healy was exceptional for his courage and determination. Unfortunately a succession of injuries forced him to withdraw at mid-season. Things continued at sixes and sevens right up to a heavy defeat by a strong Cokethorpe side, where desperation proved no substitute for finesse and the team was badly overrun. Luckily at this point Nicholl came along as stand-off and with Bowden as scrum-half formed a new combination at half back which seemed to settle the team. The first big improvement came against Dauntsey's, followed by a very good win over Reading. After this there was a welcome continuation of the upward trend right up to the match against the Masters' Common Room which was won.

Among the forwards Heading, Hacker, Nasmyth and Murray were promising and Plail made the best of a thankless job of captaincy. Weir is worthy of special mention for his constant keenness as is Wise for his powerful and elusive though unpredictable running. Deane came in at the latter end and looked distinctly good.

In general then it was very much a mixed season but finishing on a high note. The main lesson to be learned is that the team needs support from all those seniors who at present are inclined to opt out of rugby because they fail to get into the first game—with their help the side could once more be very successful.

The team was selected from: JR Weir; AJ Wise, GR Smith, RE Deane, J Crane, TJG Healy; JP Nicholl, IS Bowden, DG Nasmyth, RS Wilson,

NP Heading RO Plail (Captain), CJ Murray, JC Dunkerley, DA Hac S Chislett, CR Gibaud.

Also played: SP Loosemore (5 times); MT Bennett (4 times); JA Cla DM Marshall, GM Lyons (3 times); RG Leonard, TD Johnson, CG I DP King, RJ Searle (twice); PGK Staniland, JAF Ridge, RS Kirby, Wallace, IM Bricknell, JW Jefferson-Loveday, DW Mayall and Cuthbert (once).

Results

Marlborough College	Sat 4 Oct	(h)	Lost	3—33
Warwick School	Wed 8 Oct	(a)	Lost	0—29
Bearwood College 2nd XV	Sat 11 Oct	(a)	Lost	9—22
Magdalen College School	Wed 15 Oct	(h)	Won	14—3
Radley College	Sat 18 Oct	(h)	Lost	3—38
Shiplake School 1st XV	Wed 22 Oct	(a)	Lost	0—42
Cokethorpe School 1st XV	Wed 29 Oct	(h)	Lost	0—52
RGS, High Wycombe	Sat 8 Nov	(h)	Won	13—8
Dauntsey's School	Sat 15 Nov	(a)	Lost	11—21
Reading School	Wed 19 Nov	(a)	Won	38—0
St Edward's School	Tues 25 Nov	(h)	Lost	0—6
Masters' Common Room	Mon 7 Dec	(a)	Won	6—0

Fourth Fifteen: This was a season of mists and mellowing fruitfulness. The team was, as always, composed of devotees to the game, though few were exponents of any great skill. In the Marlborough game the captain Osborn, showed a leadership which matured and towards the end of the season was confident and intelligent. Outstandingly, Todd always played a teasing game at scrum-half—his thoughtful skill outclassed the rest of the team. He has much promise for next season. A thinking, hardworking May saved many an opposition breakthrough and by the High Wycombe game had developed a reliable and twinkling style at full-back. Hughes and King formed mainstays of a fairly powerful and sometimes skilled pack which in the Dauntsey's and St Edward's matches seemed to get most of the ball. A tough and plucky Cole shared the kicking with Todd and Kirle NK

The team was composed of: DW Mayall; RA Cole, RC Potter, Lightfoot, MG Osborn (Captain); SV Radnor, PJ Todd; DB King, Brook, RG Willis, DJ Heard, JSB Frere, RA Hazeldine, RS Kirby, Hughes.

Also played: S Cantwell, GD Pearce, GR Smith (twice); PCS Bradley, RJ Crane, RA Deane, RE Deane, DN Howes, RG Leonard, CJ Penn JAF Ridge and RHL Savory (once).

Results

Marlborough College	Sat 4 Oct	(a)	Lost	0—24
Radley College	Sat 18 Oct	(h)	Lost	0—17
RGS, High Wycombe	Sat 8 Nov	(h)	Lost	3—11
Dauntsey's School	Sat 15 Nov	(h)	Won	14—0
St Edward's School	Tues 25 Nov	(a)	Lost	0—23

Colts Fifteen: This was not a happy season for the Colts as the results show. The group as a whole contained few natural ball players and although many individuals played with determination, they never settled down to create a cohesive team. Spirit waxed and waned, reaching a splendid climax against the Borlase 2nd XV who only just hung on to

eir narrow lead in the last ten minutes, and plumbing the depths away Newbury.

The pack worked very hard but often there was little sense of purpose, pecially in the loose, and covering was just not adequate. Particularly ominent though were Longdon and Butcher, both alert and hardworking, id Evans was quick and plucky. The main weakness of the side was that ne of the outsides had sufficient flair or skill to direct a pattern of play. heir linking was poor and often a good ball was wasted when someone ied to go through on his own. Ward was the most inventive and played ell in his final position as scrum-half and Sykes is a promising winger— ways wholehearted and developing a good change of pace.

Nobody in the side was an obvious choice for Captain and indeed arden took a long time to assert his leadership but by the end of the ason he was injecting some much needed fire. PVM/PGD

The final selection was: CJG Houston; KG Sykes, M Lawless, NRH ollard, MS Broughton, DPC Smith, RA Ward; CL Corner, BE Jones, M Higgs, DN Longdon, NJ Luker, PJ Harden (Captain), GB Butcher, f Evans.

Also played: SC Parks (6 times); A Clarke (5 times); WdeF Peck † times) and CC Fathers (twice).

Results

Radley College	Sat 27 Sept	(h)	Lost	8—11
Warwick School	Wed 8 Oct	(h)	Lost	0—30
Earwood College	Sat 11 Oct	(h)	Draw	10—10
Orlase's School	Wed 22 Oct	(h)	Lost	5—10
Newbury Grammar School	Sat 1 Nov	(a)	Lost	0—32
John Mason School	Wed 5 Nov	(a)	Lost	8—9
Langbourne College	Wed 12 Nov	(a)	Won	15—5
Dauntsey's School	Sat 15 Nov	(h)	Draw	5—5
Boxham School	Wed 26 Nov	(a)	Lost	0—13

Junior Colts Fifteen: The team started with great promise but some of he best rucker was played when they lost rather than won. The Captain, Griffiths, engineered many good threequarter movements with Abraham unning well as outside centre but several times handling proved to be a weakness. Atkinson also captained the team on occasion and developed into a very safe full-back which made up for weak tackling by the three-quarters. The forwards always fought well but not always together. Lilley and Halliday were notable for their hard work while many of the oposition attacks were stopped by Peirson, a fast wing-forward. It was an enjoyable season in which everyone played their part. SCB

The following represented the team: AC Atkinson; RI Macdonald, PM Abraham, CP Hey, AF Gibbs, AW Smart, ASQ Clift; RH Griffiths (Captain), JA Urban-Smith; JD Halliday, PAW Rogers, DB Spong, DC Hares, AJ Madin, ECJ Lilley, MJ Jones, JD Peirson, JDC Turner and NF Allington.

Results

Oxford School	Sat 4 Oct	(h)	Won	35—0
John Mason School	Wed 8 Oct	(h)	Won	35—0
Solihull Scho 1	Sat 11 Oct	(a)	Lost	13—40
Magdalen Colege School	Wed 15 Oct	(a)	Won	22—5
Radley College	Sat 18 Oct	(h)	Lost	6—18
Leighton Park School	Wed 22 Oct	(h)	Won	9—6

Newbury Grammar School	Sat 1 Nov	(a)	Lost 6—17
Thame Grammar School	Wed 5 Nov	(a)	Won 16— 3
RGS, High Wycombe	Sat 8 Nov	(h)	Lost 9—35
Wallingford Grammar School	Wed 12 Nov	(h)	Won 23— 8
Dauntsey's School	Sat 15 Nov	(a)	Won 24— 9
Bloxham School	Wed 26 Nov	(a)	Won 11— 9

Junior Fifteen: An entertaining if not very successful season. This year junior game possessed considerable talent and the results do not really reflect their true worth. Certainly if the strongest available team had played in every match we might have just reversed two or three of the results but a policy of wide selection was followed and twenty-one boys found themselves representing the School at different times. There was plenty of ability this year in this age group and School rugby will benefit later on.

As so many boys played, it is perhaps invidious to mention individuals but some certainly deserve to be singled out. Frost is a scrum-half of real promise—illness prevented him playing as much as he could have done. McPhail was an excellent deputy. Courtenay, on the wing, was the strongest runner of any of the teams we encountered; given a little more room to move and accelerate, his determination made him very difficult to stop. Oakley, too, at full-back should mature into a polished player. Musher was converted into an excellent hooker and Jefferson led a good pack well.

MRM/NH

Teams were selected from JN Oakley, CBG Driver; SMJ Hobson, NJ Francis, IL Manning, AH Courtenay; KPM Taylor (Captain), JF Frost, AW McPhail; GK Leedham, JG Black, PD Cork, N. Jefferson, JD Griffin, PRJ Lilley, AW Baumann, S Walker, ARP Mushens, JMG Taylor, H Gibaud and SK Fabes.

Results

Oxford School	Sat 4 Oct	(a)	Won 14— 9
John Mason School	Wed 8 Oct	(h)	Won 5— 3
Solihull School	Sat 11 Oct	(a)	Lost 9—14
Magdalen College School	Wed 15 Oct	(h)	Won 11— 3
Radley College	Sat 18 Oct	(h)	Lost 13—19
Cokethorp Junior Colts	Wed 29 Oct	(h)	Lost 6—25
Newbury Grammar School	Sat 1 Nov	(h)	Won 43— 0
RGS, High Wycombe	Sat 8 Nov	(a)	Lost 13—23
Wallingford Grammar School	Wed 12 Nov	(h)	Won 20— 5
Dauntsey's School	Sat 15 Nov	(a)	Lost 5—18
Reading School	Wed 19 Nov	(h)	Cancelled
St Edward's School	Sat 22 Nov	(a)	Lost 3—19

Minors Fifteen: Of the five matches played, three were very close and could have gone either way; in the one we lost, the threequarters wasted an abundance of possession by poor handling. As a result the outsiders were completely reshuffled and this led to a marked improvement. Nicky Shephard, a fine and elusive runner, played a major part in this; although he was so unselfish that he scored no tries, he helped the wing threequarters to record an impressive total of eight, and some splendid attacking rugby was played.

Our problems in the scrum are not yet resolved; no combination of the dozen contenders has clicked yet and there is a lack of size—hence our defeat at Thame where the opposition used their superior weight and

ght to the full. Anthony Thresher has made a 'natural' No 8 and has e remarkably well in his first term of rugger. MW

he team was selected from: CJ Baumann; PS Ashby, NJA Shephard, Price, NA Malein, MW Stimpson, NP Gale, M Wartke; JRA Allen,

Noble, JMC Taylor, IM Cowan, AM Carlisle, A Murdock, AJ resher, AGP Cairns, MRD Waterfall, SC Comerford, NJ Tressider.

Also played: PA Batts, DBA Godfrey, SP Johnson and DR Lynn.

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or's Court School	Wed 29 Oct	(a)	Won	5—3
ame Grammar School	Wed 5 Nov	(a)	Lost	6—30
w College School	Wed 12 Nov	(a)	Lost	0—3
Hugh's School, Faringdon	Sat 22 Nov	(h)	Won	31—0
agon School	Wed 3 Dec	(a)	Won	10—6

ouse Matches: The Lin Cup for the senior Knock-out Competition went t again to Blacknall House, whose superiority in all departments of the me made the final result in one sense a foregone conclusion. In the eliminary round, played on Thursday 23 October, they had surprisingly y beaten Tesdale by 24—5; nonetheless they looked good. On the same y, Bennett House had qualified for the final by a hard fought victory ver Reeves (12—9). The final was decided on Wednesday 3 December.

was all Blacknall in the first half. Jordan and James Cox, given plenty of nances, scored two tries apiece. A further try by Day and a conversion y Godfrey made the score 17—0 until, just before half-time, Murphy icked a penalty for Bennett House. Thus inspired, Bennett played magnifi- ently in the second half and for some time camped on Blacknall's line, estricting any further scoring by their opponents to another try apiece by ordan and James Cox, the latter's converted by Godfrey. The final score as 25—3.

Once again some Houses experienced difficulties in raising teams for the enior House League; nonetheless most of the games were well worth whatever trouble they had to take and all in all Bennett House proved worthy winners of the Toplis Cup, a repeat performance of their efforts ast year. Bennett secured maximum points with victories over Blacknall (38—5), Reeves (17—8) and Tesdale (20—0). Second place went to Tesdale who defeated Reeves (23—18) and Blacknall (21—6) and third place to Blacknall with a single win against Reeves (29—5). Better luck attended Reeves House in the junior league where they shared the Robinson Cup with Tesdale House. Both Houses gained two victories, Reeves beating Blacknall (0—3) and Bennett (21—8) and Tesdale winning against Reeves (9—3) and Blacknall (14—0). Second place was also shared between the other two Houses.

The annual match between Dayboys and Boarders, played on Saturday 6 December, was again an interesting spectacle. The Boarders were from the outset at some disadvantage since most of the 'big guns' were on the Dayboy side but they played with great spirit and were actually one point ahead at half-time—for the Boarders, tries had been scored by Bodimeade and Pike and a penalty kicked by the latter; while for the Dayboys, Pollard and Godfrey secured tries, Godfrey converting his own. In the second half, the superior weight and skill of the Dayboy side told and two further tries were added through John Cox and James Cox. Despite this, the Boarders battled on until Bodimeade scored a try which, converted by Pike, made honours even, 14—14, a just and proper result.

There was again a fairly large entry for the Place Kicking Competition

which went deservedly enough to GF Pike but only after a special 'off' necessitated by a tie for first place between Pike and M Lawless the main contest. Thus Pike won the Bosley Cup with Lawless runner third place going to RS Kirby who was only the odd point behind.

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During the Christmas holiday, a scratch team of boys drawn from senior Fifteens played a game against Abingdon RFC on Hales Mead on Boxing Day morning. No one expected the best rigger on such occasion but it was an enjoyable match which the Club managed to win 8-0. John Cox, Captain of Rugger, had an introduction to the Harlequins during the vacation when he played for one of their sides against Richmond on the Athletic Ground and Jerry Godfrey was selected to play for Berkshire in two matches, against Oxfordshire on 22 December and against Buckinghamshire on 29 December. Old Boys continue to play their rugger in many parts of the country. Mike Nurton again featured full-back for Hertfordshire, Peter Bosley continues in the St Mark's Hospital XV, Nick Cook has represented Surrey University, David Rice played for Saracens 1st until put out of action by a tackle from the famous Tony O'Reilly, and many others are playing their more moderate games week by week. We should like to hear more 'rugger-wise' from Old Abingdonians—it is good for those still at School to know to what extent the game continues to be played after School. DOV

Cross Country

With so few runners of proven worth opting for cross country we were doubtful if we would be able to field a viable team, but Smart's enthusiasm and example proved infectious and in fact we have had a most successful term.

The unusually fine autumn meant that the courses remained fast throughout the term and the large number of personal best times that were recorded in each of the many time trials bear witness to this as well as to the benefit of hard training. Smart himself, not exactly unfit after his successes on the track during the holidays, was soon smashing all the records—road relay, Preservation Trust, and then, with Mr Pritchard in close attendance, Brian Avery's Sunningwell record by over half a minute! He also recorded the fastest lap in the Millfield Road Relay but then, in the match against Wantage, he had the misfortune to twist his ankle crossing the stream—an injury which kept him out of any further competitive running until the very end of term.

But one runner, however good, does not make a team and it has been especially pleasing to see the progress of the pack, both collectively and individually. Dowling developed into a strong tenacious runner and thoroughly deserved the award of his full colours. Crocker, though sometimes hampered by injury, and Brown, also ran with much determination, while fifth-former Mushens became a tower of strength towards the end of term. All three were awarded half colours. Oswald, combining cross country with badminton, clearly has great potential and Griffiths and Savory also had a number of valuable runs.

The following ran for the team: AJM Crocker, JG Dowling, JRD Oswald (5); AME Brown (4); JC Griffiths, JSP Mushens, RHL Savory (3); PN Bennett, MI Johnstone, NKA Smart (2); DK Rice (1).

Results

Millfield Road Relay	Sat 11 Oct		5th (29 teams)
Long Alfred's, Wantage	Wed 22 Oct	(a)	Won 31-50
Thames Valley College	Wed 12 Nov	(a)	Won 37-41
Millfield/Salisbury/Stowe	Sat 15 Nov	(a)	2nd 81-47-92-92
Millfield City AC Youths Race	Sat 29 Nov		1st (5 teams)

Senior House Cross Country

The first form race round Albert Park was as keenly contested as usual. At the half distance all the leading bunch looked strong but on the second lap CWP Hobson produced a burst to which only three others could make any sort of reply, and he came home a convincing winner.

The Rye Farm Course was firm and practically dry for the other races and the mild day with scarcely a breath of wind made conditions very fast. There was a slight bottleneck at the lock where a huge mobile crane was lifting the new electrically operated gates into position but the organisers generously agreed to suspend operations as each race went by.

ARP Mushens and ND Francis had a keen tussle in the Junior Race and both were credited with the same time—the second fastest in the history of the race. The Mushens family had further success in the Intermediate Race. JSP steadily built up a huge lead and knocked nearly half a minute off the old record. Smart had an equally convincing win in the Senior Race, breaking the record he set last year by a similar margin. It was a pity that once again there were notable absentees owing to scholarship exams, but this was the first time that there have been two best runners (Messrs Brodie and Pritchard) to provide additional challenge for the leaders. RHB

Details of the House Competition

	Bennett	Blacknall	Reeves	Tesdale
Senior	1191 (3)	1552 (1)	947 (4)	1364 (2)
Intermediate	1370 (2)	1122 (4)	1177 (3)	1458 (1)
Junior	1294 (3)	1351 (1)	1315 (2)	1206 (4)
1st Form	317 (3)	268 (4)	336 (2)	406 (1)
Totals	4172 (3)	4293 (2)	3775 (4)	4434 (1)

The first ten home in each race were:

Senior: NKA Smart (16:29), AME Brown, SB Gray, JRD Oswald, JL Cox, DH Marshall, JQ Rowley, DK Rice, SA Bodimeade, RHL Savory.

Intermediate: ISP Mushens (17:38), DC Hares, PAW Rogers, CF Vernon, CP Hey, CP Taylor, DMA Binks, PM Abraham, GB Butcher, RJ Collins.

Junior: ARP Mushens (9:01), ND Francis, GW Woodley, JD Griffin, SMI Hobson, HC Gibaud, RJ Price, GN Green, AH Courtenay, JS Oakley.

1st Form: CWP Hobson (7:23), RC Hingley, CJ Madin, AP Marsden, PA Fenton, JC Johnson, MD Isahak, DA Thomas, IM Davies, SF Wakeford.

Badminton

The demand for badminton remains high and the Club catered for over thirty people this term. Unfortunately play was restricted to Monday and Wednesday in the Old Gaol Courts during much of the term when the gymnasium was being renovated. The competition for entry into the Club continues to produce an outstanding standard of play throughout the Club.

The First Six had a successful season winning six out of seven matches although the satisfaction gained from this achievement was limited, due to the relatively poor standard of opposition provided by neighbouring schools. This gave rise to an apparent lack of enthusiasm and determination to exploit the weaknesses of opponents—in fact, a spirit of enjoyment prevailed over a spirit of dedication. Nicholas Beeching and Johnathan Nicholl were consistent as first pair: their speed, understanding and experience contributed to make them a formidable partnership. However the backhand of the latter has remained suspect throughout the season and there is still scope for improvement in technique. The second pair, David Baumann and Michael Elliott, began the season in rather erratic form but their individual experience eventually enabled them to overcome their differences in style and they showed considerable ability towards the end of the season. There were only two new players in the first team, who provided a good partnership for the third pair. This partnership was Roger Luff and Ian Gardner, who developed a good control and showed great promise although they were rather slow.

The second six showed great enthusiasm and won both their matches with ease. Bobin and Oswald constituted a good and steady first pair although the greatest improvement was made by Bricknell and Harding.

Although these results were a great tribute to the club we hope to arrange some stronger fixtures for the Lent Term in preparation for the County Championships at Bracknell.

DNI

Results

First Six

RGS High Wycombe	Fri 15 Oct	(a)	Won	8½-½
Magdalen College School	Mon 20 Oct	(h)	Won	8½-½
Oxford School	Wed 5 Nov	(h)	Won	7-2
Magdalen College School	Mon 10 Nov	(a)	Won	7-2
Oxford School	Mon 17 Nov	(a)	Won	7-2
AERE Harwell	Fri 28 Nov	(a)	Lost	3-6
Reading School	Wed 3 Dec	(h)	Won	6-3

The team was DN Baumann (capt), NJ Beeching, JP Nicholl, JM Elliott, RB Luff, IF Gardner and JRD Oswald (1).

Second Six

Oxford School	Mon 17 Nov	(h)	Won	6½-2½
Reading School	Wed 3 Dec	(a)	Won	8½-½

The team was P Bobin (capt), JRD Oswald, MD Bricknell, MC Harding, DM Howes and HJ Manning.

Chess Club

This has been a very good term on the whole, with only two serious defeats. The Senior team was crushed by Magdalen College School in the second round of the Sunday Times Competition—one in which we seem doomed to play at our worst. However we have won all our matches in the Berkshire League in a bid to retain the championship won last year.

Gareth Pearce, the Berkshire Schools Captain, Christopher Marley and Howard Manning make a very strong trio on the top boards, and have gained much experience recently. Apart from their County appearances, these three performed very creditably at the Islington Major Tournament (in which Pearce and Marley won prizes). Pearce has other achievements to his credit, coming third in the British Under Sixteen Championship, and winning the 'Late Open' Tournament at Marlow.

Four players have competed for the lower two boards, and they have all played very creditably when called on. Jeffrey Mushens is now maturing to a reliable player, and is marginally better than Bill Pollard and the two youngsters, Philip Evans and Timothy Niblett, whose records have been most encouraging.

The Under Fifteen team has done far better than last year in the League, but their chances of winning the County title suffered a severe setback when they lost to Reading School, in a match which unfortunately followed immediately after a tiring Lightning Tournament. Philip Marley and Mark Ormerod have been particularly impressive at this level.

For the first time for years, thanks to the abolition of seventh period on Friday, it has been possible for anyone in the School to attend one of our two weekly meetings. So far, unfortunately, very few seniors outside the present team have taken advantage of this opportunity; we still lose too many of our promising players in the Middle School, and so our playing strength lacks depth. It would be nice to be able to run a Second five of Seniors.

Almost inevitably, Gareth Pearce won the Senior League, and a Senior Lightning Tournament, although Jeffrey Mushens ran him quite close in the latter. The other leagues were won by Anthony and David Mushens, and Philip Evans won the Junior Lightning Tournament. MW

Results

The Senior Team

beat the Masters' Common Room	5—3
beat Radley College	4—2
beat Leighton Park School	4½—½ (Berks League)
beat Audley House	6—0 (Sunday Times)
beat John Mason HS	4½—½
beat St. Bartholomew's Newbury	3—2 (Berks League)
lost to Magdalen College School	½—5½ (Sunday Times)
beat Theale GS	3½—1½ (Berks League)
beat Eton College	4—1
beat Reading School	4½—½ (Berks League)
beat Wallingford GS	6—2 (Berks League)

Junior Teams

beat Leighton Park School	4½—½ (Berks League)
beat Chiltern Edge School	6½—3½ (Berks League)
lost to King Alfred's, Wantage	2—4
beat Larkmead School	12—0
beat Park House School	3½—1½ (Berks League)
lost to Reading School	1½—3½ (Berks League)

The Senior Team played approximately as follows: GD Pearce (Capt), CJ Marley, HJ Manning, JSP Mushens, PH Evans, TB Niblett, WJ Pollard.

The Under Fifteen Team was: PH Evans, TB Niblett, PD Marley, ARP Mushens, MA Ormerod.

Bridge

The Lent Term is the official Bridge term and consequently activity was limited before Christmas. Two tournaments had unfortunately to be cancelled and two matches postponed until the Lent term, when it was hoped the three tournaments and five matches arranged will be complete.

On Tuesday 9 December the First Four played its first round match in the Terence Reese Cup. After five hours of bridge against adult opposition they depleted four—JL Cox, KP Brown, JA Clargo and DJ Heard—went down by seven match points, having previously gained a commanding lead. However a poor double, two misleads and two underbids in the last three hands cost thirty-three match points.

In its other matches the Club was one hundred per cent successful.

JA

Results

First Four

St. Helen's School	Fri 3 Oct	(a)	Won	48 pts - 12
St. Helen's School	Fri 7 Nov	(h)	Won	89 pts - 26

The team was chosen from JA Clargo (capt), KP Brown, JL Cox, DJ Heard and JP Cox.

Second Four

St. Helen's School	Fri 3 Oct	(a)	Won	48 pts - 28
St. Helen's School	Fri 7 Nov	(h)	Won	46 pts - 1

The team was chosen from MD Bricknell (Sec), AJM Crocker, I Manning, G Pearce, DK Rice.

Golf

Last term's competitive golf was unfortunately limited to only one School match. That was against Radley College and took place at Frilford Heath Golf Club on Wednesday 12 November.

The individual games were played according to strict match rules, neither side conceding any strokes because of any handicap advantage.

Considering the strength, on handicap, of the Radley team the School V achieved no mean thing in winning the top four games, the bottom two putting up good fights as well, despite being rather out-handicapped.

Although defeated in his first match game John Whittington played a good game as a non-handicapped player against a comparatively experienced lower handicap opponent, whom John should not have been able to beat off levels anyway.

Graham Smith also had to concede an advantage to his opponent because of handicap difference and paid the penalty of an uneven match with defeat, in spite of a hard fight.

Robin Macdonald and Nigel Seaver were fairly evenly matched with their opponents, if not slightly at an advantage over them, an advantage which gave them both the upper hand in two good games.

Geoffrey Legoux and Terry Wright both played lower handicap players and played extremely well to defeat them in the top two games.

This term we hope to arrange return matches against Radley College as well as two or three other schools, among them a newcomer to our golf scene, Stowe School.

There were several more new members of the Society this term and I hope that they, and other members, will join Frilford Heath Golf Club and practice there regularly, as a good number of Society members do

ready. It is only by an increase in the number of boys who put in regular practice that the standard of golf at this school can be improved.

Within the society there was not a lot of activity, except among a handful of senior members. We hope, however, to organise a competition for non-handicap players soon.

Unfortunately the Mather-Jackson Cup draw has, yet again, been carried forward, but it is now a little nearer completion.

Finally the Society Committee would like to give the Society's best wishes to CG Day, a founder member and long time supporter of golf at this school.

NGWS

Orienteering

Our first term of widespread competition has been quite successful. The school has been represented at eight orienteering events. Performance as a team has been consistently good throughout the term but has, unfortunately, never been quite good enough to win the team events. The best team performance was at Iping Common on Sunday 16 May where there was some top class opposition. The weather was terrible and this resulted in a certain amount of chaos. The team who did the intermediate course (although they belonged to the junior age group) were eventually placed second, just one minute behind Godalming. Considering the conditions and competition this was a very good performance by John Wheatcroft (2nd), Robin Grant (3rd) and Michael Elliott (11th).

The best individual performance of the term was produced by Robin Grant who won the Oxford Junior Championships on Sunday 30 November, also beating all the seniors who entered this event. We were very pleased to see three new representatives of the Masters' Common Room at this event and hope that they will enter more events next term.

Although this term's performance has been good by school standards there is room for improvement in speed and accuracy, but most of all in experience. The most experienced competitors are in the Upper Sixth and as such will probably be leaving this year. This is a situation which must be remedied by the greater participation of younger members of the school. Orienteering (rallying without a car and usually without roads) can be as difficult or as easy as you wish. Try it!

I would like to thank Mr Baker (who introduced orienteering into the school) and Mr Fairhead for all their help without which orienteering at this School would be almost impossible.

GGH

Results		
Godalming GS	Sun 19 Oct	2nd out of 3
SAVR Junior Event	Sun 26 Oct	4th & 7th out of 20
Southern Navigators	Sun 2 Nov	2nd out of 4
Buildford OC	Sun 16 Nov	2nd out of 5 (Course B) 1st out of 3 (Course C)
Southampton OC	Sun 23 Nov	4th & 10th out of 12
Oxford Schools Championship	Sun 30 Nov	2nd, 3rd & 9th out of 10

The following competed: J Wheatcroft (7), RJ Searle, JM Elliott (6), DM Steele (5), MS Whipple, GG Hartnell, RJ Grant, DM Howat (4), MKC Allen, HT Tressider (3), JSB Frere, DC Henderson, DM Williams (2), AME Brown, DJ Tissier (1), along with several members of the staff and their families.



In these days of specialisation in education it is essential that we should develop our own ideas and broaden our scope for learning and understanding through the school societies. In particular we should seek to reconcile the philosophies of the scientist and artist which are not threatening to divide countries. A mutual understanding is essential and one hopes that societies are successful in providing an opportunity for one individual to develop his personal opinions on the basis of certain considerations. For there is a danger that specialisation will lead to narrow-mindedness in an individual, and now the electoral vote has been extended to some schoolboys it is particularly important that an individual should be given the opportunity to develop sound political ideas—perhaps through attendance and discussion at sixth form societies. As the interest in politics and society grows with the extension of the electoral vote it is important that certain societies should develop accordingly and perhaps play a leading role in advancing the ideas of an individual.

An expansion of interests has been reflected in widespread activities throughout the school which this term have been co-ordinated by the introduction of a weekly news-sheet, called 'Vox'. On this sheet the wide variety of cultural activities is reported and the recording of successful society meetings has done much to advertise future activities. In conjunction with the CCC, Vox should continue to stimulate cultural interest.

A recent revival in interest and intelligent discussion has been apparent in the **Literary Society** under the firm chairmanship of Robert Barrett. The society heard three good papers: Alan Lewis on 'John Osborne', Douglas Henderson and Colin Day analysing two similar poems, and John Hounam and Marten Ward on 'The Short Story'.

A variety of interesting papers have also been heard by the **Critics**. A paper read by Robert Samsworth on 'Music and Personality' was well attended and the second paper on 'Pretensions in Aesthetics', read by Nicholas Moth, was particularly well illustrated. Both papers were followed by enthusiastic discussion—as was a later symposium meeting of four short papers.

Intelligent discussion is a great intellectual stimulant and this was not lacking at the **Royse Society** which heard three papers on a very topical note. 'Black Power' was the subject of the first meeting, when Colin Day gave a balanced review of the black people's grievances and their fight for equality and independence. The pessimism of Robin Grant's paper on the 'Dangers facing Mankind' also provoked serious discussion, but the term ended on a lighter note when Jonathan Nicholl attempted to justify the need for marriage in a modern society—with considerable success.

Although the **Symposium** may have lacked vitality, a paper read by 1 Browne on 'Church Organs' certainly did not lack originality and inspired a visit to the St Helen's Church organ next day. At another meeting the society heard a variety of short papers, which proved a great success.

The most entertaining society outing was probably when the **Athenaeum** ended a brilliant production of 'Twelfth Night', directed by Jonathan Miller of 'Beyond the Fringe' fame. On their other visit to the Oxford Playhouse the society saw 'The Miser' by Molière.

It is encouraging to note that the **Economists** have in fact kept clear of vicissitudes in the purely academic field this term. They possibly had a little tinge of blood infused into them by Mr Jack Dunman who gave a sound and convincing talk on 'Marxism and the British Communist Party', which provoked quite heated argument. Mr GR Savory also spoke to the society on 'East Germany', which served as an excellent study of socialism.

In addition to this they spent an enjoyable evening in London at the Motor Show, and held two other meetings when a great variety of short papers were read and discussed.

Professor Southern also attracted a large audience when he spoke to the **Historians** on 'Introducing History to Sixth-Formers' and put forward many interesting and illuminating ideas. Unfortunately attendances dwindled at the following meetings when Nick Smart read a paper on 'Wellington' and Peter Bradley on 'The Chartists'. The **Onslow** was fortunate to hear two papers of outstanding quality. Dermot Murphy offered an insight into 'Ireland's Holy War' which traced the causes of the present crisis back through the bitterness of Irish history, and Simon Wislett read a paper on 'Oliver Cromwell'.

Besides hearing Mr GR Savory talk on 'East Germany' (mentioned above) the **Modern Linguists** spent a very enjoyable evening at the theatre where they saw 'The Miser'

Meanwhile the **Play Readers** continued their activities—despite the school day. They read four plays of differing style: 'Point of Departure' (Jean Cocteau), 'Roots' (Arnold Wesker), 'The Beaux Stratagem' (George Bernard Shaw), and 'Tobias and the Angel' (James Bridie).

Interest aroused by the Apollo Space programme attracted many to the **Scientific** when Dr Ian Blair spoke on 'Analysis of Lunar Soil'. The society also heard Dr CSG Phillips on 'Experiment and Experience'.

Musical activities continued to gain momentum and this term has been marked by the revival of the **Music Society** concerts. John Hounam organised an excellent programme of works by Hadyn, Handel and Bach, brightened by some original and inventive improvisations. Further entertainment was provided by a combined musical and literary evening on the subject of 'Winter' and another concert which was highlighted by a remarkable display of trumpet playing by Mr DM Robbins.

A television broadcast of Stokowski conducting a performance of Beethoven's 5th Symphony and Schubert's 'Unfinished' Symphony provided an entertaining evening for the **Cullen Society**. At the following meetings, David Howells played a selection of illustrative records and talked about 'Baroque Trumpet Music' and the end of term featured an evening of 'Desert Island Discs' chosen by members of the society. Meanwhile the **Jazz Club** heard an excellent performance by Theolonius Monk in concert at Hammersmith.

Large attendances have again followed the joint societies where the incentive is social rather than cultural. This was found at the **St Edmund**

when the Rev Nick Stacey spoke on 'The Challenge of the Third World—a topic which covered the many crucial problems of underdeveloped countries. 'Man's Destruction of his Environment' was the theme of the second meeting when a panel of six speakers each spoke on related topics.

The **Debating Society** held two meetings. Alan Lewis and Jane Talbot successfully defeated the motion that 'This House has lost its faith in Democracy'; but the second meeting provided the more intelligent comments from the floor when our school representatives, John Cox and George Nasmyth, defeated St Helen's School, proving that 'Earthworms do not resent the presence of human beings'.

The two purely social societies, the **Inter-Schools Social** and the **Job Club**, each held a dance and the latter also visited the cinema to see the controversial new film 'Easy Rider'. **Folk Club** concerts still maintain their extremely high standard of music and attracted packed audiences.

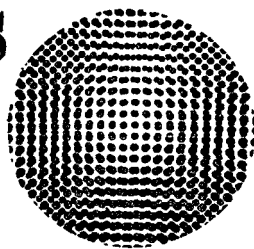
However joint societies do not dominate the entertainment sphere, and this term the **Film Society** in particular flourished. Roman Polanski's thriller 'Cul-de-Sac' proved to be the most popular film but the society also saw 'Darling', starring Julie Christie, 'Ivan the Terrible' and 'Howling of the Wolf', a Swedish horror film.

Junior societies do not have the same impetus but the **Junior Knowledge Society** managed to stage several meetings, including a debate on 'The Death Penalty'.

There has been a noticeable revival of interest in the **Angling Club** largely due to the example of enthusiasm and persistence set by the joint secretaries! The **Building Club** continues to do a man's job—this term they completed the new cycle shed at Waste Court and started work on the spectators' shelter outside the Fives Court.

On the initiative of the new Director of Physical Welfare a **Physical Education** society was formed this term. An exciting football match heralded its inauguration, and this was followed by an International Sports Forum at which Pat Pearson, David Hemery and David Brown answered questions put to them by a lively following. This meeting was a great success—a fine precedent for their future meetings. DN

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Perhaps the most exciting event of an otherwise routine and uneventful term was the arrival of a Royal Navy Presentation team, under Lieutenant Commander Peter Martin, by helicopter on Waste Court Field. After a demonstration of helicopter manoeuvrability, this team gave us a most polished lecture which was full of interest and called forth some good questions at the end.

The contingent once more turned out in force for Remembrance Day

For two trumpeters, Barwood and Howells, performing together for the first time and giving a fine rendering of the Last Post and Reveille.

The canoe section has still not quite got off the river bank, but a canoe and paddles have been acquired and we hope to get things moving soon.

Orienteering has now become firmly established and we hope to extend to the Tuesday afternoon parades as well as the weekends.

Congratulations are in order to RSM Searle, Flt Sgt Johnstone and Sgt Grant, who have earned their Private Pilot's Licence. We should like to see more boys from all sections applying for Flying Scholarships.

Finally Mr Griffin would like to add a word of thanks to Mr John Paton for his help last term with the Army Section.

The **RN Section** had a generally quiet and profitable term, with more cadets than usual taking the Proficiency examinations. Eleven boys passed on Proficiency and eight took Advanced. We await the results.

Field Day was spent at Churn rifle range, shooting for the Empire Test Pilots' Club doing a map-reading exercise.

The new GRP sixteen-foot boat was brought into use for pulling and sailing. We hope to make the whole Section proficient in its use.

The **Army Section** had one of its best Field Days for some time. Practising in and around Hawley Lake some very useful training was done. Our thanks to all the Senior NCOs who organised this excellent day, and to WO Cadwell for his suggestion of the place and organising the cooking.

Congratulations to those who took Proficiency at the end of last term, a number of whom passed. We are very grateful to Radley College for allowing our cadets to join theirs on this occasion.

We are now looking forward to a good turn-out for Arduous Training and Summer Camp.

For the **RAF**, Michaelmas activities progress at a much lower rate than in the summer's. We did however make pretty solid progress last term in acquiring a pair of aircraft engines and a parachute, which will be put to good use. We also held a weekend camp and a classification shoot at Radley College as well as being well represented in the Remembrance Day Guard of Honour.

Field Day took place in three sections. A party of thirty cadets went to the 613 Gliding School at RAF Halton with Commander Griffin; twenty-five visited RAF Odiham with Flt Lt Hammond and were thoroughly delighted with forty minutes flying in a Wessex helicopter. The third party of twenty-five visited RAF Brize Norton with Mr Brodie, and among other things, had two and a half hours VC 10erness. This was surely the first day for a long time that all eighty cadets have flown. In addition almost forty cadets have flown in RAF White Waltham's Chipmunks.

We have experimented this term by allotting time during Tuesday parades for the completion of projects. Gliders, model aircraft and working model hovercraft are in various stages of completion.

Our cherished ambition, to construct a wind tunnel, has unfortunately been temporarily delayed because of the limited amount of space that the section has for its own use.

34th Abingdon Scout Group

Junior Troop

This has been an active term for many of the troop, especially Patrol Leaders RM Bowkett, DC Hares, CW Lawson, MJ Loach, Maunder, PAW Rogers and PR Wait. As an experiment, the Lower School section (1st and 2nd Forms) have often met separately on Monday afternoons, and the Middle School section (3rd and 4th Forms) in the evening. In those latter meetings Mr F Jones of Radley has started an Ambular badge course, whilst in the afternoon meetings much progress has been made for the Scout Standard. The Patrol Leaders attended the Court Camp at Youlbury at the beginning of the term, and the Gang Show in London at half-term. Our team came 4th in the finals of the County Team Preliminary championship at Reading. Weekend camps and canoe instruction have been carried out, and a party of Patrol Leaders has visited the Peak District to arrange next year's Summer Camp. Towards the end of term an open evening was held in the Court Room at which parents were able to see a mini-troop meeting. This open evening was the first activity of the newly-formed Group Council (Rev P Doble [chairman], Mr EP Rowley [secretary and treasurer], Mrs KE Wait, Mr FE Bocock, Mr PL Bosworth and Mr Skinner) which has been established to help with the running of the Group. DF

Venture Unit

A course on leadership forms part of the Venture Award, and the term began with a lecture on this subject by the Headmaster, at which we were pleased to entertain the Abbey Venture Unit and the District Commissioner. Other weekly meetings have included cooking, football, climbing, housework, a firework party and a visit to the Abbey Press for which we thank Mr JT Cullen (OA).

On Field Day some went on an overnight hike along the banks of the Thames; others went canoeing; while the remainder stayed behind to complete the external re-roofing of the hut. Other activities this term have included cleaning and checking the stores; orienteering—our team came first in its age group at the Guildford Event; and an active climbing and orienteering display for the District 'At Home' in the Abbey Hall.

The 1970 Easter Expedition will be based at Dolgoed. DB

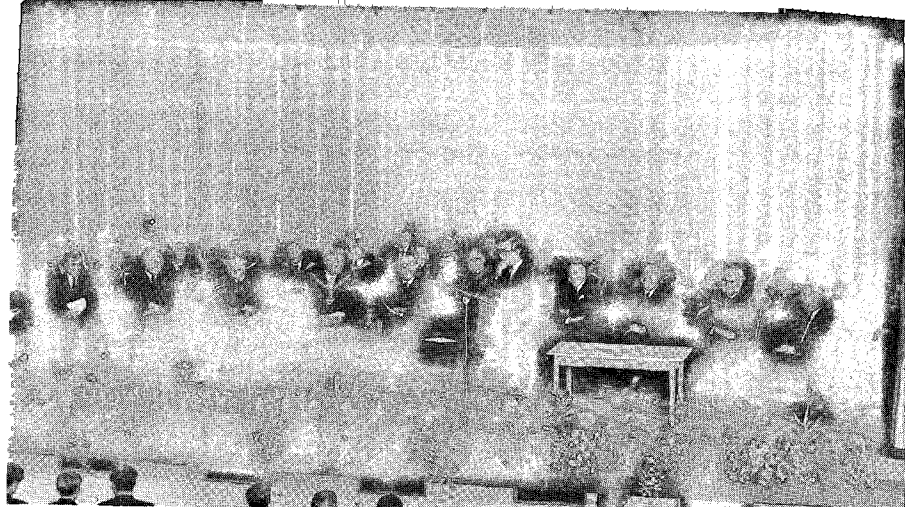
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Outside Visits

Messrs Owen and Clayton took a party of boys to see 'Winter's Tale' at Stratford on Tuesday 18 November and, the next day, senior English students went to the North Berkshire College of Further Education to see a practical demonstration of a dramatic production called 'Curtain Up' given by a team from the Oxford Playhouse. On Thursday 16 October we provided stewards for the British and Foreign Bible Society's 'India Evening' in St Nicholas' Church and some of our number attended an interesting series of films shown by the Abingdon & District Archaeological Society on the theme 'Who were the British?'

Visitors

Of course we scrutinised very carefully the succession of rigorous, dynamic schoolmasters, all obviously born to lead, who visited the School in the



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The Rugger Seventeen

eks prior to Final Interview. But we hope we concealed our curiosity ll enough, and that somehow they managed to take away with them a asant memory of Abingdon.

On Wednesday 15 October Mr MDC Persse, who has visited New uinea annually for the past dozen years, spoke to all members of the wer Sixth Forms, principally to espouse the cause of the small boy, ter John Gabamara, whom the School is helping to support in New uinea. Captain R Baker, the School Liaison Officer from the British lia Steam Navigation Company, visited us on Thursday 13 November d, on the following Friday, Dr JPUD Balston, President of the Society Promotion of Roman Studies, gave a talk to the Lower Sixth Forms the 'The Hated Romans'.

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e School Roll in the Michaelmas Term totalled 630, of whom 195 were arders and 194 in the Sixth Forms.

With high-speed 'efficiency' the majority of the School were inoculated ainst influenza last term. Although these inoculations do not work ainst Asian 'flu, in certain cases, the whole object is to stop an epidemic, ich seems to have been achieved this time.

After good-humoured dancing classes at the beginning of term, the lies of St Helen's School kindly invited us to attend their formal dance Saturday 28 November at Steventon Village Hall. This event was a at success, as was the Headington Girls' School dance held a week later.

he Governing Body, January 1970

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Prizes 1969

The Endowed Prizes

The Morland Prize (presented by Messrs Morland): ILM Carr

The Thomas Layng Reading Prize: DH Parry

The Smith Chemistry Prizes: JE Hesketh, I Blair, JR Weir, BA Sharpe

The Ball Science Prize: RJA Butland, TJG Healy

The Biology Prize (presented by Dr and Mrs Charles Ford): JE Hesketh

The West Prize: RW Hamilton

The Bevan Essay Prizes: KJ Barnard, PJ Berry, RJ Collins, SJ Maund

The Bevan Scripture Prizes: PF Thompson, RA Balkwill

The Ellis Prize for Character: VA Ramsey

The Ingham Physics Prize: SR Shield, JPD Mitchell

Ingham Music Prize: S Fairlie
Henderson Cricket Prizes: AJ Varley, SEW Boyers
Initiative Cup: J Wheatcroft
Quatercentenary Prize: RK Blackburn, AJ Varley
St Catherine's Prize for Intellectual Initiative: CJA Maude
Fourth Science Times Cup: PR Wait
Larkhill Trophy: KJ Barnard

School Prizes

Mayor's Prize for Service to the School (presented by Alderman Sones, JP): NG Hands-Clarke

Headmaster's Prizes: NJ Booker, MG Baker, AO Akinbiyi

Old Boy's Prizes

Classics Essay: JA Clargo

English Verse: DH Parry

English Essay: WD Chislett

Geography Essay: RK Blackburn

Divinity Essay: GH Maunder

Modern Languages Essay: DLR Howells

Mathematics Essay: CJ Spearing

Van Wageningen Essay Prize (presented by Colonel RW Van Wageningen):

JN Baumann

PF Prize: JM Elliot, PM Annett

Junior Reading Prize (presented by CC Woodley Esq OA): PF

Thompson

Local History Prize (presented by Mrs JE Duffield): DB Howat, RM

Thomas

Music Prizes

Choral (presented by EHF Sawbridge Esq): S Fairlie

Pianoforte

Senior (presented by Miss Peach): PJ Shaw

Junior: FJ Pike

Organ: DW Galbraith

Woodwind: PC McPhail

Brass: DLR Howells

Strings: R. Samsworth

Art Prize: LD Bradshaw

Handicrafts Prize: AP Reimer

Form Prizes

8th Form Upper

Classics: DH Parry

English: CG Day

History: JH Jones

Mathematics: CJ Nicholl

Modern Languages: DLR Howells

9th Form Lower

English: NS Coulbeck

Modern Languages: NS Coulbeck

History: IC Browne

Mathematics: JK Ridge

10th Forms

Classics: KJ Barnard

English: SP Loosemore

History: SP Loosemore

Mathematics: DB Howat

Physics: BA Sharpe

Modern Languages: RJ Polley

Fourth Forms

Form 4L: PJ Hingley

Form 4M: BE Jones

Form 4P: MP Taylor

Mathematics: N Rutishauser

Form 3D: TC Parker

Form 3T: JH Bosworth

Form 3V: AC Atkinson

Form 2B: P de Lusignan

Form 2C: RL McGreevy

Form 2F: JN Oakley

Form 1E: S Wilson

Form 1H: GN Green

Form 1M: RA Balkwill

Hello Goodbye

Left 11 December

VIH: RS Barrett, CG Day.

VIR: JG Dowling, DLR Howells, AE Lewis (27 Nov), PJ Lenny, Parry (1 Dec).

VIS: DE Lightfoot (28 Nov), AG Maclean (28 Nov), CJ Nicholl

VIT: PN Bennett, JW Jefferson-Loveday, RA Potter, RAC Turner.

Shell: ML Brooks, IR Hooper

1M: EJ Wood (22 Nov).

1Q: HL McManus.

Came 8 January

3B: JP Jordan

3V: PJG Stevens

Summary of Hockey Fixtures

FIRST ELEVEN

January

Sat 17 RGS High Wycombe (h)

Sat 24 Solihull School (a)

Wed 28 Pangbourne College (a)

Sat 31 St Bartholomew's Newbury (h)

February

Wed 4 St Edward's School (h)

Sat 7 King Alfred's Wantage (h)

Wed 11 Hockey Association (h)

Wed 18 Oxford University Occasionals (h)

Sat 21 Oxford School (a)

Sat 28 Pembroke College (a)

March

Wed 4 Wallingford Grammar School (a)

Sat 7 Old Abingdonians (a)

Wed 11 Westminster College (a)

Notes

President of the English Public Schools Association of Victoria has asked us to draw to the attention of Old Abingdonians in Australia that they will be welcome at a Dinner to be held in April this year. Anyone who is interested should contact either PJ Mountstephen or JAE Ysey, c/o Insurance Brokers Pty Ltd, 31 Queen Street, Melbourne, 3000.

Deaths

Clifton: on 16 January 1970 to Nicky (née Yates), wife of Rupert Allison (1911) a daughter Louise Philippa.

Everitt: on 29 January 1969 to Janine (née Everitt), wife of Ian W. Everitt (1916) a daughter, Lyanne Joy.

Marriages

Crouch-Hedges: on 30 August 1969 Eric CC Crouch (1968) to Rosalyn Hedges.

Fairlie-Clifton: on 10 October 1969 at Holy Trinity Church, Charlton, Fairlie, James Fairlie (1963) to Suzanne Marion Clifton.

Hann-Jones: in December 1969 James F Hann (1962) to Jane Jones of London.

Wigney: on 26 July 1969 in the Pembroke College Chapel, Oxford, Geoffrey King (1964) to Heather Wigney.

Brockmuller: on 30 December 1969 at the Protestant Church, Dorsdorf, Derek John Saunders (1967) to Ingeburg Brockmuller.

Snowley: Paul Snowley (1965) was married on 26 June 1969 and his wife's name is Gillian.

Deaths

Baker: Henry Stuart Baker (1896-1899) died on 14 November 1969 at the age of 88 and was buried at Harwell. He was the second of three sons of the Rev. Vicar of Hagbourne and won his colours at school for both soccer and cricket. He served in the Royal Navy during the First World War. His elder brother CT Baker (1894-97) went out to Klondyke in 1907 and was killed in action in France in September 1918 while serving in the Canadian Army. Their younger brother RF Baker (1899-1905), who also emigrated to Canada, won the DCM while serving with the Canadian Tillery.

Meredith: WP Meredith (1900-1902) died on 4 December 1969, aged 82, Lamorna, Cornwall. His brother H Meredith (1901-1908) who sent us his news is still living at Salisbury and we send him our sincere condolences.

Williams: Ivan Williams (1915-1922) died suddenly at his home in the Isle of Wight, just one week after his daughter's wedding, at which he was apparently in fine form.

Robyn Grant (1950), who has two boys down to follow in fat footsteps at Abingdon, wrote to say that he has recently changed jobs has now become joint managing director of James Halstead Ltd, a leather company in the flooring industry.

Conal Thompson (1951) has been lecturing in Physiotherapy at College of Medicine at the University of Saskatchewan since 1966 and year took time off to tackle some further degree work in the University of Manitoba. Hence his wedding announced in the October issue of Abingdonian, for it was in Winnipeg that he met his wife. They are keen skiers and were planning to spend Christmas at Banff in the Rockies.

Robert Exon (1952), who wrote to book a place in the late seven for his son, is Payments Officer in the Accountants' Department of University of London. Brother David (1957), he tells us, is an executive with the British American Tobacco Company in Mauritius.

Congratulations to Richard Millard (1952), who has just been appointed Headmaster of Wellingborough Junior School. He takes up what recognises will be a stern and testing job next April. We hope that means we shall see rather more of him than has been possible in recent years.

James Page (1955) has moved on again and is now sub-manager Lloyds Bank, Hereford. Congratulations on the promotion!

It was pleasant to discover—from younger brother in the Fifth Form that David Bennett (1958) is now married and a civil airline pilot.

Buried in the midst of a massive family Christmas letter was the note that Robert Johns (1960) had had a wonderful summer as a student pastor at Sauble Beach on Lake Huron. He is now back at Princeton in his final year, with his weekends fully occupied with pastoral work, and itching to put his nine years of University training to practical use!

Malcolm Henson (1960) is now assistant to the company secretary Bonsoir Ltd in North London. His brother Trevor (1960), is still in North working with the Reyrolle-Parsons Group; he is now a Project Leader in the Computer Services Department.

Jim Hann (1962) has left Nestlé's and joined J Bibby and Sons Liverpool. He and his newly-wed wife will be moving to Middle shortly but as yet we have no firm address for them. He hopes to resume his rowing activities abandoned two years ago when he moved into rural, land-locked Wiltshire.

It was nice to hear from Andrew King (1962) that he was hoping to get into academic work as a Biochemist in a University or Technical College. He mentioned that both he and his brother Martin were married.

Anthony Leathem (1962) has finished his year of Medicine and Surgery and has obtained a Junior Research Fellowship in experimental pathology at the Charing Cross Hospital, London. Brother Richard (1964) is nearing the end of his articles to a Reading Solicitor and will be taking the rest of his exams this year.

James Fairlie (1963) has just finished two stimulating and enjoyable years as an instructor at Lloyds Bank Training Centre in Hindhead and is now back at a branch of the Bank in Aylesbury. He was one of the few who really enjoyed November's OA Dance and voted it the most successful he has so far attended.

Good news of Angus Fraser (1963), who has now qualified BM BCh and awaits a resident appointment at Guy's Hospital in March: meanwhile he is off skiing in Austria. Also of his sister, Angela, who is engaged

gus' contemporary, Trevor Pegram. This sort of intermarriage is by no means unprecedented in Abingdon history.

Robin Moorshead (1963), having got his degree in Chemistry and Technology, is planning to move shortly to Canada. His brother Halver Technical Editor of 'Practical Wireless'.

Tim King (1964) is still at Pembroke doing the final year of his DPhil, though most of his days are spent doing field research at Aston Rowant National Nature Reserve in the Chilterns. He had news of Frank Bisby (1964) who has had six months in America on a DPhil project: of Eric Crouch (1965), on a shortened medical course for graduates, married and working at Didcot: of Stewart Pearson (1966) also married and working in London for Abbey National: of Adrian Wood (1966) and Andrew Stewart (1963) who are both married: of Tony Simmons (1964), who came back from Switzerland eight months ago, spent six months working for Oxford County Council Highways Department and is now doing a MSc in Engineering at Surrey University at Guildford: of his brother, Simon King (1966) who is still working at the Central Library, Oxford, but expecting to move soon. Finally he had an interesting tale to tell of the final of the Oxford Chess Cuppers: Pembroke, for whom Tim was playing, beat St Catharine's $2\frac{1}{2}$: the draw was between Tim Harding (1966) and Michael Wells (1967)! And if Tim King ever wants a job as assistant editor of the OA edition of the Abingdonian it's his for the asking!

Roger Gregson (1964) began a MSc Course in Industrial Engineering and Management at Loughborough in October. He is one of the youngest on the course and his employers are paying part of his costs: sounds very promising.

Another very informative letter from Ian Lamberton (1964), who is now enjoying West End experience at the Hyde Park Hotel. He seems pretty well organised, as he spent his summer working at a Hotel in Llandudno and managed to fit in a holiday tour of Ireland. In Wales he met Michael Livingston (1964) on his way to Anglesey and in London he has met Richard Schnellmann (1966) and John Dunthorne (1965), both working in town now.

Congratulations to Bruce Mackay (1964) on passing his finals at St George's Hospital. It was good to see him on OA Day at the School.

Stuart Broughton (1965) has blossomed into the senior consultant and organising genius of a firm devoted to the supply of such services as farm management, secretarial help and budgetary control. He seems to have done extraordinarily well at his agricultural college, winning honours and a prize and doing good work extramurally with the College Union group, which he managed very successfully for two years. There is still a wide scope in farming for those with initiative.

Apologies for an error (perhaps pardonable?) in the identities of members of the Crouch family. Edmund AC Crouch (1967) should have been the one to receive congratulations on his success in Part One of the National Science Tripos: Eric CC Crouch (1965) has gained his first degree in Chemistry at Pembroke, Oxford, and is now married.

Sincere thanks to Christopher Day (1965) who has just presented the school with some of his own very expensive text books on physiology and anatomy. They will be enormously useful and this might well prove the sort of gesture which many other OAs could afford to make, whatever their university subject.

William Lynn-Robinson (1965), recently married, wrote to tell of his success at Rugby College of Technology with an Upper second degree in

Engineering. At the moment he is working with English Electric at Ru but hopes soon to join his father WJ Lynn-Robinson (1919), who appears to be enjoying life to the full in Perth, Australia.

Richard Morris (1965) claims to be the only OA serving in the Brigade of Gurkhas. At the moment he is in Hong Kong having spent an exciting time in Malaysia, with a holiday in Thailand and the hope soon of a visit to Nepal. Richard expects to leave the army in 1971 and take up the legal career for which he was trained but which he felt was too sedentary for one as young as he was in 1968. He is now even looking forward to and considers that his experience with the military abroad have been invaluable:

Alan Williams (1965) has now resumed his degree course at Bradford after his glamorous but work-packed year as full-time President of the Union and hopes to join the teaching profession in 1971.

Another Bradford student, Michael Roden (1966) has graduated with a BSc in Maths and Statistics and is working for the United Nations in New York—the Statistical Department! It was nice to hear from him. Another, John Harper (1966) will be taking his finals in History and Geography this year.

David Rogers (1966) has settled down in Ottawa and is reading BSc in Chemical Technology. His address appears at the end of these notes and he very generously offers hospitality, help and advice to any OA who finds himself in Canada.

Latest news of David Tanner (1966) is that when he has graduated from Bristol this year he will be doing his Diploma of Education at London University before taking up a career in teaching.

Especially congratulations to AC Putman (1967) who has won himself an Open Scholarship at his Oxford College, Brasenose, as a result of his work there. This is even harder than winning an award from School, so we are exceptionally proud of his achievement.

Another to be congratulated is Ian Stevens (1967) who passed out from Sandhurst in December and is now at Bovington with the Royal Tank Regiment prior to a posting later this year to Osnabrück. He did very well indeed at Sandhurst and was awarded a handsome prize cheque.

Interesting news of Philip Clubley (1968) who has set his foot on his chosen path by getting into the College of Journalism at Preston. Eventually he hopes to achieve a degree also.

Adrian Pollock (1968) wrote from South Africa where he has just passed all his first year University Exams at Cape Town. He managed to find himself a very lucrative holiday job working in a restaurant and makes the familiar confession that his lack of success at school was because he did not do enough work.

The following went up to Universities in October 1969:

Oxford:	JHT Davies (Pembroke: PPE); JE Hesketh (Pembroke Scholar: Biochemistry); AS Loudon (Pembroke: Medicine); AW Luff (Keble: Exhibitioner: History); F McPhail (University: PPP); TCC May (Magdalen Exhibitioner: Law); VA Ramsey (Oriel: Engineering); SR Shield (St Edmund Hall: Engineering); JP Troma (St Peter's: Medicine); ARN West (New: Zoology).
Cambridge:	MFK Baumann (St John's: History); JC Beyer (Queen's Classics); I Blair (Clare: Medicine); JR Burton (Trinity Hall: Law); RJA Butland (Clare: Medicine); ILM Ca (Jesus: Engineering); EJ Hadley (St John's: Modern)

Languages); PJA Hopkins (Emmanuel: Engineering); JJA King (Jesus: History); CJA Maude (Corpus Christi: Philosophy); PJ Shaw (Trinity: Natural Sciences); JT Stafford (Gonville and Caius: Mathematics); DW Galbraith and RW Hamilton have deferred their date of going up to Cambridge to October 1970.

deen: AD Berlyn (Agriculture); MA Fletcher (Psychology).
ingham: NJ Booker (Medicine); HI Kilgour (Engineering).
ol: NG Hands-Clarke (Chemistry).
iff: MG Baker (Economics).
Anglia: S Fairlie (Music).
burgh: MC Geary (Modern Languages).
peter: GR Evans (History).
is: KG Cuthbert (Metallurgy).
don: Imperial College: AJ Ireland (Mechanical Engineering); NJ Pilling (Physics); Queen Mary College: AKP Poole (Chemistry).
ghborough: JCV Wise (Industrial Chemistry).
chester: JR Rowson (Computing).
ingham: AD Chafer (Modern Languages); JE North (Chemical Engineering).
field: BK Langmead (Business Studies); DJ Whipple (Civil Engineering).
thampton: AF Martin (Electrical Engineering).
ex: GR Shatford (Zoology).
nsea: JH Jones (History).
wick: N Tozer (Engineering).
k: RK Blackburn (History); RG Pickavance (History); TD Spencer (Social Studies).
Mary's Hospital: AJ Cowley; AJ Iddles.

fews of others who left last year is as follows:

Akinbiyi has turned down a direct entry commission in the RAF, referring to try again for his A levels in the hope of an RAF student-ship in 1970.

Alford is at Wolverhampton Polytechnic reading for a BSc in Biological Sciences.

Bellinger has gone to Rolls Royce at Derby as an engineer apprentice.

Bowker was hoping to go to Yeovil College of Technology to read Pure and Applied Mathematics and Physics.

Britcher is pursuing his A level course at a Technical College.

Chislett is aiming to take French and History Advanced Level again this summer with a view to entering journalism.

Clift has gone into the Army on a direct entry commission.

Cowlin is at Rugby Engineering College doing a sandwich course in Electrical Engineering.

Edwardson and IM Hallett are taking their A levels again at the North Berks College of Further Education.

Harfield is at Bristol, working for Shell Mex and BP.

Harrison has entered the Merchant Navy.

Herdman has begun his training in accountancy.

Hewes is at the Oxford College of Technology with a view to retaking his A levels.

Hubbard is also there doing a HND Course in Maths, Statistics and Computing.

- CMcI King when last heard of was applying to the Scottish Gas Board as a trainee engineer.
- RDA Lang is attending a North Cheshire Technical College to retake A levels.
- CEJ Lilley is also retaking his A levels at the North East Essex Tech College, with a view to getting the HND qualification in Mechanical Engineering.
- DB Loach has been accepted by the Barking Regional College of Technology for a HND course in Applied Biology.
- RL Mathews went off to Hamble on 21 November to begin his training as an air line pilot.
- L Morgan is training for the teaching profession at St Luke's College Exeter.
- AT Morris has begun his training as a potential accountant.
- PC Penfold, whose ambition lies in Estate Management, is spending year gaining practical experience before going to the Agricultural College at Cirencester.
- A Rose is pursuing a Degree Course in Zoology at Portsmouth College of Technology.
- AW Semmence is still somewhat unsettled but is often to be seen in the vicinity.
- NF Soffe is at the Oxford College of Further Education seeking improvement in his A level position.
- CJ Spearing is another trainee accountant.
- CE Utley is in his element working in various departments of the theatre. He is still determined to go on the stage and we wish him success.
- AJ Varley having turned down a University place is at the Portsmouth College of Technology doing a degree course in Estate Management. He is also, incidentally, on Warwickshire County Cricket Club's books for the next season.
- PJ Vaughan hopes for a University place in 1970.
- JCM Visser is going in for the Hotel and Catering business.
- CJH Wilkinson is reputed to be attending the Newbury College of Further Education.
- CJ Woods is doing a Business Studies Course at the Abingdon College of Further Education.
- J Zawidowski was last heard of working for Pergamon Press.

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A Club Notes

d Boy's Day was held last term on Saturday 22 November. The rugger
 tch was enjoyed by a large gathering of OA's on the touchline.
 The Annual Dance was held at the Abbey Hall, and was generally voted
 most successful evening, with approximately 150 members present.
 The Club is grateful to JH Hooke for arranging a golf fixture against
 school last term. A strong school side defeated the Club at what was
 most enjoyable fixture. It is hoped that the golf match will become an
 nual event.

As a gesture of thanks for the very hard work which Germaine Bevir
 s put into the floral arrangements at Club functions over many years,
 e Committee was pleased to present her with a cheque at Christmas.

The London Dinner will be held on Friday 6 March at the Public
 hools Club, and a record attendance is hoped for.

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1. By Life Subscription: two to five guineas, according to age.
 2. By subscription to the magazine at current price, at present 10/- pa.
- Apply to the Treasurer: Mr DO Willis, Abingdon School, Berkshire.

The Old Abingdonian Trust Fund

During the past year the Trustees were able to finish paying for the Fives Court and also to contribute £370 towards the purchase of School Landrover and trailer.

The OATF-TASS merger has made a very good start. Nearly all w^l Covenants with the OATF expired last year have renewed them with Society and we are most appreciative and grateful for their contin^u support—particularly to those who increased their subscription. We h^o that this year's expirants will emulate their example.

Our thank also to Rowland Snell for continuing to see to the A^l of the Trust Accounts. For him retirement is a notional term.

CASH ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1969

Receipts

				£	s
Balances in Hand 1 April 1968	...	...	...	254	1
Donations and Subscriptions ...	...	...	...	249	0
Trustee Savings Bank Interest		3 12
Income Tax recovered on Covenants	141	9
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				£648	3

Payments

				£	s
School Magazine Expenses	55	0
Final Payment on Fives Court	29	3
Postages and Stationery		3 13
Balances in Hand 31 March 1969	560	6
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				£648	3

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