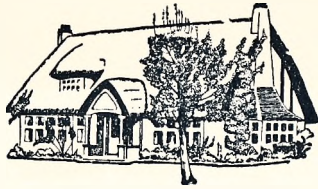


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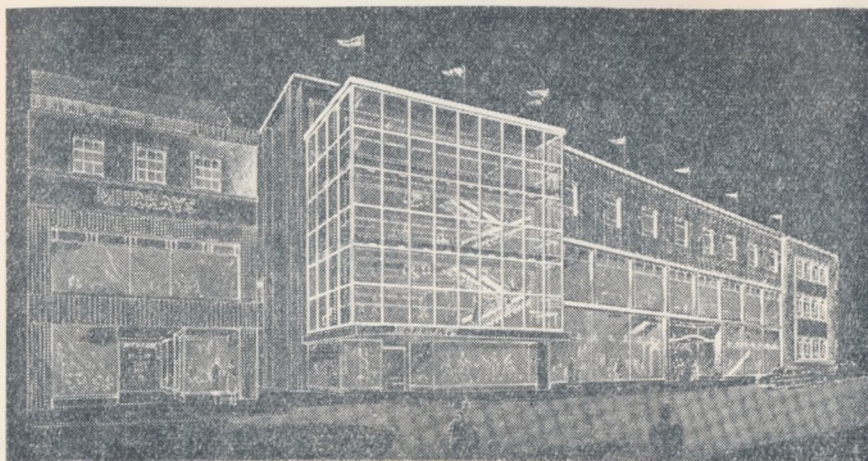
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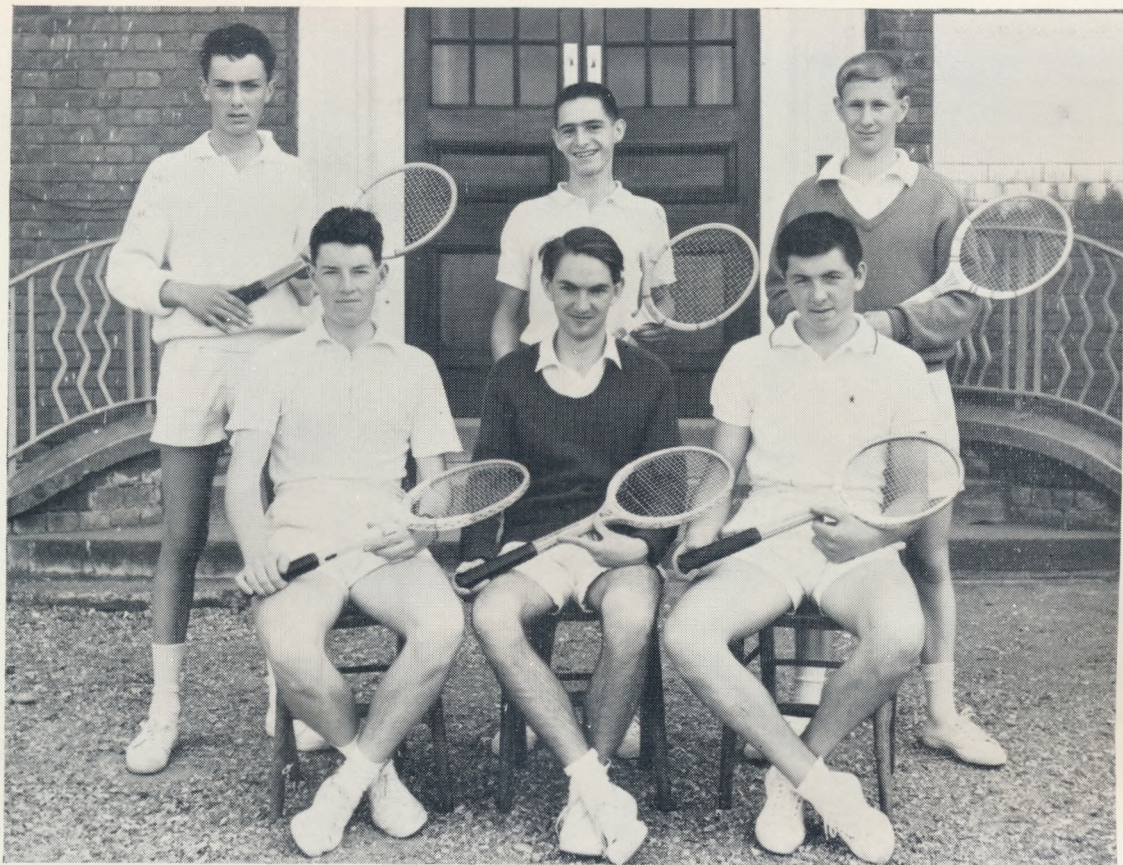
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## EDITORIAL

The present editor, on looking through the editorials of the past five years' *Wycombiensians*, has reached two conclusions : the first is that nearly all editors have lamented the general apathy with which they are confronted and the consequently very ordinary standard of contributions ; the second is that they have been right. Neither of which is very encouraging, and both of which are positively disturbing when one considers the size of the Royal Grammar School and its outstanding record of academic successes. Surely such a school should be able to produce creative writing of a very high standard indeed ? Yet the average quality of imaginative (as distinct from purely factual) contributions has not been in any way remarkable ; articles showing talent expressed in competent, lucid English are indeed rarities.

It seems probable that there are two main reasons for this : one of which has to do with certain academic tendencies of the School, the other of which is a reflection of some of the most damaging social phenomena of our age. In the case of the former, the current system of examinations for university scholarships is such that a really talented boy, once he arrives in the sixth form, must throw the whole of his intellectual energy into the struggle to cope with his examination syllabus. Must do so, that is, if he is to achieve success. And in doing this it is almost inevitable that any genuinely creative ability the boy may possess is choked. Hence one reason, possibly, for the small amount of really promising work in the *Wycombiensian*. The other reason is the disease of self-consciousness prevalent as never before in the country's youth : even the self-vaunted nonconformists, the hards and the beatniks, conform vigorously within their own circles. So much so, indeed, that these people have found it necessary to wear brass or chrome name-plates (in the manner of dogs) in order to avoid more confusion than is either necessary or desirable. It is conformists, therefore, of no matter what type, who are the enemies of free self-expression in painting or poetry

or any other creative art. Poetry, in particular, is savagely derided, and the average boy would no more think of trying to write verse than flying. Which is a pity, because it is undoubtedly one of the most satisfying and rewarding means of creative expression.

Poetry and original articles generally, therefore, are as a rule in short supply in this magazine. The last two issues, however, particularly that of May 1961, showed a real and encouraging improvement, and every effort has been made by the editorial staff to maintain this trend, talented sixth-formers in particular being relentlessly pestered and pursued. Some, of course, have disappointed ; but others have produced articles whose merit is very obviously considerable. One even wonders whether one of our leading biologists has chosen the right field in which to deploy his talents. It is necessary to end this editorial on a less cheerful note, however : there are two noticeable omissions from this magazine, the first of photographs, the second of house reports. The former is due to the carelessness or misunderstanding of leading school photographers, the latter is due (with the honourable exceptions of Fraser, Disraeli and Youens houses) to sheer incompetence on the part of house captains and committees. It is to be hoped, however, that the generally high standard of the magazine will more than make good these deficiencies.

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## STAFF NEWS

We welcome six new members of the Staff who are to join us at the beginning of the Christmas Term.

Mr. R. T. Ashwell, B.A. (London), is to help with the teaching of English and the administration of the Library.

Mr. H. Clark, B.Sc. (London), and Mr. M. W. G. Coldham, M.A., B.Sc. (Oxon.), come to join the Chemistry staff.

Mr. M. J. Hearn, B.Sc. (Southampton), is to teach Physics.

Mr. T. J. Newling, A.T.D. (Southampton), is to help with Art.

Mr. D. A. Saunders, B.A. (Cantab.), comes to help with Modern Languages.

In addition, we welcome Monsieur J. Picard and Herr G. Kuschel, who will help with Modern Languages.

We are sorry to say goodbye to Mr. A. R. Eames, who is leaving us after four years to take a senior post at Bromsgrove ; also to Monsieur B. Perret and Herr D. Dissinger, who are returning to their native countries after a year's service here. Our best wishes go with them.

## SCHOOL NEWS

This year's School Sports were held on May 24th ; details will be found elsewhere in the magazine.

The C.C.F. Inspection was held on June 1st, and the usual Guard of Honour mounted on Speech Day, which took place on July 18th.

This year's Staff Match was narrowly won by the First XI after a tense struggle.

A Summer Concert, including much distinguished work, was held on July 22nd.

On May 16th a party of boys saw a production of "Hamlet" at the Oxford Playhouse.

July 21st was school trip day ; numerous parties set out for various destinations, including the antiquities of Stonehenge and Cambridge, and Lord's Cricket Ground.

Work is due to start on the new buildings in front of the School during the Summer Holidays.

### **Congratulations to :**

- R. I. Rothwell, Open Scholarship for Medicine, Middlesex Hospital Medical School, London.
  - E. A. W. Maunder, Civil Engineering Trust Scholarship at Jesus College, Cambridge.
  - P. J. Wilson, Civil Engineering Trust Scholarship at Selwyn College, Cambridge.
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### **STATE SCHOLARSHIPS, 1961**

Congratulations to the following, who, as a result of the June "A" and "S" Level Exams., have been awarded State Scholarships :—

- P. D. Bowen, for English and History.
- P. H. W. Bristow, for Greek , Latin and Ancient History.
- D. S. Culley, for Mathematics.
- A. E. Dingle, for English and History.
- C. H. Farmer, for Greek and Latin.
- P. J. A. Findlay, for French and German.
- R. E. M. Hedges for Chemistry.
- P. C. R. Hudson, for Mathematics.
- J. B. Hume, for History.
- R. A. Keeley for Mathematics and Chemistry.
- R. V. Scruton, for Mathematics, Chemistry and Physics.

## SCHOOL SWIMMING BATH

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Parents will be aware that following an Appeal sent out in the Spring of 1960, the Swimming Bath is to be included in the new buildings which are to be begun at the beginning of September. When the Appeal was issued the amount which I said we would require from Parents was £3,000 ; the County were themselves proposing to allocate us £1,000, and the Foundation Governors, from their private funds, were proposing to give us £500, thus making a total required of £4,500.

The Appeal to Parents last year has brought in now the sum of £2,850, which with Interest should come up to the £3,000 I wanted from Parents, but, alas, now that the buildings are to commence we are told that the amount required to meet the builders' costs will be £5,500. The depth of the bath is to be increased from 7 ft. to 7 ft. 6 ins, and in view of this increase the County Education Committee is willing to allocate £1,250 instead of the original price of £1,000, but it does mean that our contribution has to go up from £3,000 to £3,750. I do not propose to make any further Appeal to the Parents whose sons have been here for some time, but I thought that it was essential that this statement should be made to enable those who have supported our Appeal to know exactly how matters stand, and also to explain why I shall find it necessary to issue a similar Appeal to all Parents of boys who will be new this year.

We shall have between 180-200 new boys and if each of these new Parents were willing, as the old Parents have been, to contribute £3 0s. 0d. per family, then it can be seen clearly that our obligations can be fairly easily met. After all, it is the newer and younger boys who will have the greatest use from this new Swimming Bath when it is complete, as it should be by the Summer of 1962. I hope, therefore, that every possible support will be given to this project by Parents of those boys who will be joining us in September 1961.

E.R.T.

## BENEVOLENT FUND

It is pleasing to note that the Benevolent Fund seems to have lost none of its initial impetus and that the Committee had a sum of £50 to distribute when it met early in the Summer Term. A sum of this size enables us to support several causes with an appreciable donation ; even if each boy gave a quarter of his weekly outlay on tuck and other such luxuries, the School's contribution could make a lot of difference between misery and tolerable happiness for some of the large numbers of children whose daily life is ruined by lameness, malnutrition or any of the countless evils which can remove so many of the pleasures we expect to enjoy.

It was decided to disburse the £50 as follows : £5 each to the County Holidays Fund and the Save the Children Fund ; £10 each to the Oxford Committee for Famine Relief, the National Institute for the Deaf, the Commonwealth Society for the Blind, and Dr. Barnardo's Homes.

The contributions in the Summer Term amounted to £51 10s.

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## SPEECH DAY

The 1961 Speech Day was a rather bewildering affair for the organisers, for now fewer than 1,100 invitations had been accepted by parents, and we could only look on helplessly while the visitors invaded the School, soon filling the Hall and spreading into obscure corners of the building, where they could see nothing of the proceedings and had to spend ninety frustrating minutes seated on our none too luxurious wooden chairs. This is the first occasion on which the Hall has proved inadequate for Speech Day, and we hope that something can be done about it soon, for the number of visitors must continue to rise.

After inspecting the immaculate C.C.F. Guard of Honour, the guest speaker, Mr. D. E. Cooke, M.C., M.A., went into the Hall with the other guests for the main part of the afternoon's events. Alderman R. P. Clarke, the Chairman, opened the proceedings by referring to the uncomfortable position in which many parents had found themselves, and expressed the hope that next year would be the last time that Speech Day would be held in the existing hall. He then went on to describe the year's events, mentioning the recently-opened Science School and Chapel, which he called a "great achievement". He spoke of plans for a new School Hall and Junior School, for which the County Council was to accept a tender shortly. There were also

plans for a swimming pool, which had almost been paid for with the aid of parents, Old Boys and friends of the School ; he feared that the Governors would have to call upon these good people again to help meet the cost of an organ, which was to be placed in the new Hall at a cost of three to four thousand pounds. The Chairman concluded by congratulating Viscount Curzon, who was present, on the honour to which he had recently been elevated.

The Headmaster began his report by adding his apologies to those of the Chairman for the appalling crush. He welcomed Mr. Cooke, Viscount Curzon, Bishop Hay, who had dedicated the School Chapel, and the Mayor and Mayoress. He then went on to speak of Mr. Cooke's past career. Mr. Cooke had been Chief Education Officer for Bucks for the past thirty years, and during that time he had always given great encouragement to the School. When the Governors had had to choose, at the end of the War, whether to maintain the independence of the R.G.S. or to allow it to be brought under the jurisdiction of the County Council, the reliance that they knew they could place in Mr. Cooke's understanding and good-will made it far easier to relinquish the School's long-held independence. The Headmaster in no way regretted the change : indeed it seemed to him preferable to be dependent on such a co-operative Council. Other headmasters had spoken to him of their cherished independence ; he had always said that he was very satisfied with his position, to which had come the reply : "That's all very well for you—you're in Bucks !"

Mr. Tucker also welcomed the Reverend Professor W. O. Chadwick, M.A., D.D., Master of Selwyn College, Cambridge, who was to preach the sermon at the Commemoration Service to be held in Wycombe Parish Church in the evening. The presence of Professor Chadwick, he said, was an indication of the increase in academic standards at the School, for three pupils had gained Open Awards at Selwyn College at Christmas and another boy had been awarded a place there. The Headmaster then mentioned a new feature of Speech Day : a special Catholic service at the Wycombe Catholic Church, at which the preacher was to be the Reverend Richard Lang, an Old Boy of the School whose name appeared on the Honours Board in the Hall.

Then the Headmaster reviewed the events of the past year. He spoke of the completed Science School and Chapel, and of the proposed Swimming Pool, in which connection he thanked Mrs. Eleanor Turner, the Bursar's wife, for the hard work she had done as Treasurer of the Swimming Pool Appeal Fund Committee. He also mentioned the new additional library, used by juniors and senior sixth-formers. The School had now over a thousand pupils, and academic standards were still rising. As

he had prophesied, there were not so many State Scholarships as in the previous record-breaking year (there were in fact sixteen), but members of the School had broken all records by gaining eleven Open Awards. Only Manchester Grammar School could boast of a larger number of State Scholarships. But he was very disappointed at the decision of the Government to abolish State Scholarships in 1962. This, he felt, would only tend to withdraw the incentive that brings out the best in boys taking Advanced and Scholarships level examinations. He then referred to the link that was still maintained between the School and Jesus College, Cambridge. Two Open Awards had been gained at this college at Christmas, bringing the total in eleven years up to twenty-three. One remarkable achievement was that of R. P. H. Green, who had won a Domus Scholarship in Classics at Balliol College, Oxford, a feat that the Headmaster regarded as the highest of its kind in the academic world. Another noteworthy achievement was that of Helena Ellis, the School's sole girl pupil, who had succeeded in gaining an Open Exhibition in Classics at St. Anne's College, Oxford. The Headmaster then spoke of the increased tension among competitors for these awards; yet he felt that there was still a certain lack of ambition, due to the comparative ease with which boys could obtain grants from the County Council.

Other School activities had continued much as before. The 1st Rugby XV had been keen without being distinguished, and the 1st Cricket XI had had a rather unsatisfactory season. The C.C.F. was still growing, and had presented itself in an admirable way on the day of its Inspection. Two sporting achievements were certainly worthy of mention: the unbeaten record of the School Tennis VI, and the great performances of P. J. Yates in cross-country and long-distance running. The School Choir and Orchestra had performed Bach's "Christmas Oratorio" at Christmas, and the Dramatic Society had produced Patrick Hamilton's play "Rope" at Easter. Old Boys were still distinguishing themselves in the academic and sporting worlds. Six new masters were coming to the School, and Mr. A. R. Eames was leaving after four years' fine service.

The Headmaster then spoke of 1962. This year would be the quarter-centenary of the R.G.S., and it was hoped to mark the occasion with some kind of celebration. Lord James of Rusholme, Headmaster of Manchester Grammar School, had been invited to be the guest speaker at next year's Speech Day.

The Headmaster had been somewhat alarmed to read of the retirement of Miss A. Downes, Headmistress of Wycombe High School, and Miss N. A. Walpole, Headmistress of Wycombe Abbey School. These two ladies had always extended the fullest



co-operation to him, and he wished them the best of luck in retirement. He himself, like the prophet Elijah, felt that "he he only, was left", and he knew that he would be unable to continue were it not for the unfailing support of those around him—the canteen staff; the teaching staff, particularly Mr. S. Morgan; his secretary, Mrs. Whittington; the School Nurse; the Bursar; and all those whose devotion and loyalty were a constant encouragement to him. He also paid tribute to his wife and to Mrs. R. P. Clarke, the Chairman's wife, both of whom were always ready to save him from some of his wilder schemes. The one thing that constantly annoyed him was the carelessness of some boys about their dress, yet this, he felt, was only a minority. With the aid of those around him, he hoped to continue for some years yet.

After presenting the prizes, Mr. Cooke discussed the problem of education and upbringing. Most parents, he said, expect a school to train its pupils for a successful career, both by teaching them and by encouraging their talents. A school is expected to give a child character and moral strength, aesthetic sense and good taste. He felt that it was reasonable to demand this, but he emphasised the importance of the parents' role. Ideally, he said, parents and teachers should collaborate. He then went on to give a few words of advice to boys. Teaching and bringing up children were very difficult tasks, which could be accomplished fully only with the co-operation of the children themselves. The R.G.S. had been going on for nearly four hundred years, mainly through the loyalty of the Staff and the boys. If boys wanted to get the maximum out of the School, he said, they must be prepared to contribute a good deal to it. He finished by offering his best wishes to the School, and particularly to those boys who were leaving.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. P. C. Raffety, J.P., and seconded by Mr. W. O. Haines.

Tea was provided for visitors, and several exhibitions were displayed for the benefit of parents. Afterwards, the Commemoration Service was held in the Parish Church. The service was conducted by the School Chaplain, the Rev. A. J. Skipp, assisted by the Vicar, the Reverend A. L. Evan Hopkins, and the sermon was preached by Professor Chadwick. A special Catholic service was held in the Wycombe Catholic Church, where the sermon was preached by the Reverend Richard Lang.

### SPECIAL PRIZES

**Headmaster's Prize :** J. S. Simpson.

**Governors' Reading Prize :** A. W. Ralley.

**Governors' Classics Prize :** R. P. H. Green.

- Graefe Cup for best C.C.F. Cadet :** R.S.M. P. J. Thompson.
- Harte Cup for best R.A.F./C.C.F. Cadet** (presented by Wing Commander C. S. W. Harte) : Flight-Sergeant J. Watts.
- Giles Keen Memorial Cup for best Naval Cadet** (presented by Mr. and Mrs. Keen) : Cadet Coxswain N. A. Morley.
- Art Shield** (presented by A. Hastings, Esq.) : D. R. Walker.
- Hope Cup** (presented by Mr. and Mrs. Hope) : M. R. Ward.
- Thorne Prize for English** (presented by Mrs. A. M. Bailey) : I. A. Blyth.
- Westney Prize for Music** (presented by M. W. Westney, Esq.) : A. W. Bailey.
- Fletcher Prize for Greek Composition** (presented by C. T. Fletcher, Esq.) : T. E. Chandler.
- Lance Memorial Prizes for Persistent Progress** (presented by Ald. C. W. Lance, J.P.) : 1st Year—P. P. Simons ; 2nd Year—A. R. Parker and A. L. Turmezei.
- Raffety House Cup for School Work :** Queen's House.

### FORM PRIZES

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|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| FORM IIA :              | FORM IIIs :               |
| 1st, P. G. Brown        | 1st, B. M. Phillips       |
| 2nd, { I. H. T. Graham  | 2nd, { J. R. Danbury      |
| { L. C. North           | { M. J. Snell             |
| FORM IIB :              | FORM IVx :                |
| 1st, R. J. Wallington   | 1st, K. N. Simons         |
| 2nd, H. F. Mayo         | 2nd, B. J. Russell        |
|                         | 3rd, A. R. Feely          |
| FORM IIc :              | FORM IVy :                |
| 1st, M. F. Morrison     | 1st, R. C. Bonnett        |
| 2nd, P. H. Marsden      | 2nd, S. J. Russell        |
| FORM IIId :             | 3rd, J. R. Bacon          |
| 1st, J. W. E. Clark     | FORM IVz :                |
| 2nd, N. G. Saunders     | 1st, P. A. Lambert        |
| FORM IIE :              | 2nd, J. C. Hills          |
| 1st, A. C. Bamford      | FORM IVA :                |
| 2nd, A. G. Hipgrave     | 1st, M. J. Mercer-Deadman |
| FORM IIIX :             | 2nd, D. W. S. Vere        |
| 1st, { P. F. Simpson    | FORM IVSA :               |
| { R. G. Thomas          | 1st, C. S. Nobbs          |
| 2nd, { P. A. Richardson | 2nd, P. F. Ray            |
| { D. M. Wood            |                           |
| FORM IIY :              | FORM IVSB :               |
| 1st, I. D. Hentall      | 1st, M. J. Boord          |
| 2nd, J. Clemens         | 2nd, A. W. Jones          |
| 3rd, P. J. M. Gearing   |                           |
| FORM IIIR :             | FORM VY :                 |
| 1st, R. Hill            | 1st, J. Blamey            |
| 2nd, A. J. Mole         | 2nd, C. R. A. G. Iliffe   |
|                         | 3rd, { D. A. Lunnon       |
|                         | { P. J. Moores            |
| FORM IIIA :             | FORM VA :                 |
| 1st, A. M. Dormer       | 1st, F. R. Moisey         |
| 2nd, P. K. Hudson       | 2nd, F. J. Freeman        |

FORM Vs :

1st, E. M. Capron  
2nd, S. C. Charlton

FORM Vx :

1st, C. J. Myerscough  
2nd, P. M. Wood  
3rd, P. B. Farmer

FORM VUY :

1st, A. N. Brandes  
2nd, D. A. Hope  
3rd, D. G. Orchard

FORM VUA :

1st, A. W. Dingle  
2nd, R. B. Clark  
3rd, R. M. Cass

FORM VUs :

1st, A. J. Rogers  
2nd, P. M. J. Shelton  
3rd, M. J. Gibb

NEATNESS PRIZES :

VU { A. McGlashan  
VX {  
V { T. R. Porter  
IV { M. L. Gibson  
III { J. Clemens  
II { B. P. Hills

SPEECH PRIZES :

VI C. J. T. Rogers  
VU {  
VX { L. G. Friend  
V { R. C. Jones  
IV { J. J. Roberts  
III { D. N. Snodin  
II { C. D. Royffe

MUSIC PRIZE :

J. H. Comer

FORM VI—1ST YEAR :

*Greek* : P. C. Drayton  
*Latin* : C. J. T. Rogers  
*French* : R. M. S. Fox  
*German* : M. R. Ferguson  
*English and History* : P. G. Davis  
*History* : R. H. Leech  
*Geography* : C. N. Myant

*Science and*

*Mathematics* : A. T. Ludgate  
R. A. Laskey  
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*Engineering*

*Drawing* : S. A. Hodson

FORM VI—2ND AND 3RD YEAR :

*Greek* : G. Evans

*Latin* : C. H. Farmer

*Ancient*

*History* : B. N. Buckley

*Classics* :

2nd Year : P. H. W. Bristow

*Modern*

*Languages* :

2nd Year P. J. A. Findlay  
C. Swain

3rd Year R. W. Hammett

J. M. Colley

*English* :

3rd Year C. E. Bristow

*English and*

*History* : R. L. Smyth  
A. E. Dingle

*Geography* : P. J. Yates

*Science and*

*Mathematics* :

2nd Year R. E. M. Hedges  
D. S. Culley  
G. K. Balfry  
A. J. Jones

3rd Year J. O. Smith  
P. J. Thompson  
R. V. Scruton  
R. E. Woods  
R. G. J. Shelton  
D. K. Stratford  
N. A. Morley

*Engineering*

*Drawing* : G. E. Wingrove

OPEN SCHLARSHIPS AWARDS :

*Classics* : Helena Ellis  
R. P. H. Green  
P. A. Taylor  
M. B. Wood

*Modern* J. E. Camp

*Languages* : D. R. Cox  
G. P. M. Walker

*Mathematics* : P. J. Wilson

*Natural*

*Sciences* : M. Ashburner

*Medical*

*Subjects* : R. I. Rothwell

**Open Scholarship Awards :**

- M. E. Ashburner, Open Exhibition for Natural Sciences, Churchill College, Cambridge.
- J. E. Camp, Welsh Foundation Scholarship for Modern Languages, Jesus College, Cambridge.
- D. R. Cox, Open Exhibition for Modern Languages (French and German), Jesus College, Cambridge.
- Helena Anne Ellis, Open Exhibition for Classics, St. Anne's College, Oxford.
- R. P. H. Green, Open (Domus) Scholarship for Classics, Balliol College, Oxford.
- P. A. Taylor, Open Scholarship for Classics, Selwyn College, Cambridge.
- G. P. M. Walker, Open Exhibition for Modern Languages (French and German), Selwyn College, Cambridge.
- P. J. Wilson, Open Scholarship for Mathematics, Selwyn College, Cambridge.
- M. B. Wood, Open Exhibition for Classics, Jesus College, Cambridge.
- B. A. Barratt, Open Foundation Scholarship in Arts (History and English), Leeds University.
- R. I. Rothwell, Open Scholarship for Medicine, Middlesex Hospital Medical School, London.

**State Scholarships Awarded on the result of the General Certificate of Education, Advanced and Scholarship Level :**

- B. A. Barratt for Distinction in English and History, at Leeds University.
- B. N. Buckley for Distinction in Greek and Latin.
- J. E. Camp for Distinction in French and German, Jesus College, Oxford.
- D. R. Cox for Distinction in French, German and English, Jesus College, Cambridge.
- Helena Anne Ellis for Distinction in Greek, Latin, Ancient History, St. Anne's College, Oxford.
- R. W. Hammett for Distinction in French and German, St. John's College, Cambridge.
- J. R. H. Herring for Distinction in Physics and Mathematics, University College, London.
- E. A. W. Maunder for Distinction in Mathematics, Jesus College, Cambridge.
- D. P. May for Distinction in Mathematics, Chemistry and Physics, Imperial College, London.
- N. A. Morley for Distinction in Mathematics.
- D. H. Nicholls for Distinction in Mathematics, Lincoln College, Oxford.
- R. M. Pearson for Distinction in Chemistry and Zoology, Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge.
- J. O. Smith for Distinction in Mathematics and Chemistry, Imperial College, London.
- D. K. Stratford for Distinction in Mathematics.
- G. P. M. Walker for Distinction in French and German, Selwyn College, Cambridge.
- W. R. Waller for Distinction in Mathematics, St. John's College, Cambridge.
- D. P. Davies—Awarded 1959—For Distinction in History, Selwyn College, Cambridge.

### **Reserve State Scholarship :**

- P. G. Shoosmith for Distinction in Mathematics, King's College, London.  
P. J. Thompson for Distinction in Chemistry, Lincoln College, Oxford.

### **Bucks County Major Scholarships :**

- T. E. Chandler for Classics.  
G. Evans for Classics.  
A. J. Mahoney for Classics, Bristol University (for Law).  
J. B. Marshall for Classics, University College, London.  
M. G. Smith for Classics, Queen Mary College, London.  
I. A. Blyth for English and History.  
P. M. Dronfield for Modern Languages, Leeds University.  
J. M. Hodder for History and Economics, Manchester University.  
J. E. R. Janes for Modern Languages, Christ Church, Oxford.  
B. Parslow for Modern Languages, Leeds University.  
D. A. Hamilton-Eddy for English, Christ's College, Cambridge.  
G. R. Packman for English, Leeds University.  
M. E. J. Wadsworth for English, Leeds University.  
P. J. Yates for History and Geography.  
J. E. Burnell for Mathematics.  
G. H. Cunnold for Mathematics.  
M. R. Emmett for Mathematics and Physics, Imperial College, London (for Engineering).  
R. P. C. Farrell for Mathematics, Imperial College, London (for Engineering).  
W. T. Fisher for Science, St. Edmund Hall, Oxford.  
D. N. Hubble for Mathematics and Science, Imperial College, London (for Engineering).  
P. C. R. Hudson for Chemistry and Mathematics.  
M. J. Iremonger for Mathematics and Physics.  
R. V. Scruton for Chemistry, Physics and Mathematics, Jesus College, Cambridge.  
P. G. Shoosmith for Mathematics, King's College, London.  
D. M. Wilcox for Mathematics.  
J. Boddy for Science, Manchester University.  
A. W. Fountain for Mathematics and Physics, Leeds University.  
B. A. J. Quirke for Mathematics, King's College, London (Engineering).  
P. J. Thompson for Chemistry, Lincoln College, Oxford.  
K. R. Miller for Mathematics and Science, Leeds University.  
M. R. Pattinson for Medical Subjects, Pembroke College, Cambridge.  
J. S. Simpson for Medical Subjects, Jesus College, Cambridge.  
C. U. Moisey for Medical Subjects, Leeds University.  
R. I. Rothwell for Medical Subjects, Middlesex Hospital Medical School, London.  
R. G. J. Shelton for Botany and Zoology, St. Andrew's University.  
B. A. Torrens-Burton for English, History, Geography, College of Estate Management, London.

### **Oxfordshire County Major Scholarships :**

- A. J. Paine for Engineering, Leeds University.  
R. W. Paine for Engineering, Leeds University.

### **Civil Engineering Trust Scholarships :**

E. A. W. Maunder at Jesus College, Cambridge.  
P. J. Wilson at Selwyn College, Cambridge.

### **Royal Air Force Scholarship :**

J. C. Bowman for Technical College, Henlow.

### **Royal Air Force Technical Cadetship—Henlow :**

R. D. Smith.

### **Buckinghamshire Senior Agricultural Exhibition :**

J. P. L. Whittington, Seale Hayne Agricultural College, Devon.

The following successes were gained by Pupils of the Royal Grammar School in the **G.C.E. Oxford**, **Advanced Level Examinations** of July 1960. (Italics indicate distinction in the subject.)

B. N. Buckley (*Greek, Latin, Ancient History*), T. E. Chandler (*Greek, Latin, Ancient History*), Helena Anne Ellis (*Greek, Latin, Ancient History*), G. Evans (*Greek, Latin, Ancient History*), C. H. Farmer (*Greek, Latin, Ancient History*), A. J. Mahoney (*Greek, Latin*), J. B. Marshall (*Greek, Latin, Ancient History*), D. M. North (*Greek, Latin, Ancient History*), P. E. Sleigh (*Greek, Latin*), M. G. Smith (*Greek, Latin, Ancient History*), J. D. Child (*English, History, Geography*), D. P. Davies (*Economics*), P. M. Dronfield (*French, German*), J. M. Hodder (*History, Geography, Economics*), J. F. R. Janes (*French, German*), B. Parslow (*French, German*), G. P. M. Walker (*French, German*), A. E. Weston (*French, German*), B. A. Barratt (*English, French, History*), M. G. Benyon (*French, German*), I. A. Blyth (*English, Latin, French*), C. E. Bristow (*English, French*), J. E. Camp (*English, French, German*), P. J. Cartwright (*French, German*), J. M. Colley (*English, French, German*), D. R. Cox (*English, French, German*), R. K. Dunsterville (*English, French, German*), D. A. Hamilton-Eddy (*English, Latin, French*), R. W. Hammett (*English, French, German*), G. R. Packman (*English, French, History*), M. G. Parker (*German*), R. F. J. Quirke (*English*), M. R. Thirlway (*French*), A. D. Throssell (*French, German*), B. A. Torrens-Burton (*English, French, German*), M. E. J. Wadsworth (*English, French, German*), W. J. Willson (*English, History*), P. J. Yates (*History, Geography*), R. A. Brewer (*Engineering Drawing*), R. P. Browne (*Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics*), J. E. Burnell (*Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics*), E. W. Busby (*Pure and Applied Mathematics, Chemistry*), G. H. Cunnold (*Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Engineering Drawing*), W. A. G. Dewar (*Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics*), M. R. Emmett (*Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry*), R. P. C. Farrell (*Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry*), W. T. Fisher (*Pure Mathematics, Chemistry*), R. A. French (*Chemistry*), G. R. Gunning (*Physics, Chemistry*), D. N. Hubble (*Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry*), P. C. R. Hudson (*Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics*), M. D. Humphreys (*Pure Mathematics, Engineering Drawing*), P. P. Icke (*Applied Mathematics, Physics, Engineering Drawing*), M. J. Iremonger (*Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry*), R. A. Keelev (*Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry*), A. G. Lane (*Engineering Drawing*), R. J. Lawrence (*Pure Mathematics, Chemistry*), R. H. P. Lynch (*Pure Mathematics, Chemistry*), P. Middleton (*Pure and Applied Mathematics, Physics*), N. A. Morley (*Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry*), A. J. Pain (*Pure Mathematics, Engineering Drawing*), J. H. Philpott (*Pure and Applied Mathematics*), V. W. Puntton (*Pure and Applied Mathematics*), A. W. Ralley (*Pure and Applied Mathematics, Engineering Drawing*), A. J. Riley (*Pure and Applied Mathematics, Engineering Drawing*), D. E. Rubery (*Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Engineering Drawing*), R. D. Sackett (*Art*), R. V. Scruton (*Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry*), P. G. Shoosmith (*Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics*), R. Simmons (*Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics*), J. D. Slack (*Pure Mathe-*

matics, Applied Mathematics, Chemistry), R. D. Smith (Pure and Applied Mathematics, Physics, Engineering Drawing), D. K. Stratford (*Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics*, Physics, Chemistry), R. W. Tone (Physics), J. R. Ward (Pure Mathematics), W. D. Warde (Pure and Applied Mathematics), J. Watts (Pure and Applied Mathematics), B. A. A. White (Pure and Applied Mathematics), D. M. Wilcox (Pure Mathematics, *Applied Mathematics*, Physics, Chemistry), B. M. Williams (Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics), C. R. S. Wood (Pure and Applied Mathematics), R. Ashby (Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry), D. P. May (*Pure and Applied Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry*), W. E. Shackell (Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics), J. Boddy (Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics), R. A. Chapman (Pure Mathematics, Chemistry), A. W. Fountain (Pure and Applied Mathematics, Physics), N. C. Gravette (Physics, Chemistry), J. R. H. Herring (*Pure and Applied Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry*), R. G. Hollingworth (Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry), E. A. W. Maunder (*Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics*, Higher Mathematics, Physics), P. J. Mayo (Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry), D. H. Nicholls (*Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics*, Higher Mathematics), A. J. Paine (Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics), R. W. Paine (Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics), A. J. Prosser (Pure Mathematics), B. A. J. Quirke (*Pure and Applied Mathematics*, Physics, Chemistry), J. O. Smith (*Pure and Applied Mathematics*, Physics, Chemistry), P. J. Thompson (Pure and Applied Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry), W. R. Waller (*Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics*), P. J. Wilson (Higher Mathematics, Physics), K. J. V. Wrench (Pure and Applied Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry), K. R. Miller (Pure and Applied Mathematics, Physics), M. R. Pattinson (Chemistry, *Biology*), R. M. Pearson (*Chemistry, Botany, Zoology*), J. S. Simpson (Chemistry, *Zoology*), M. Ashburner (Chemistry, Botany, *Zoology*), G. K. Balfry (Physics, Chemistry), P. Hazleton (Chemistry, *Zoology*), C. U. Moisey (Physics, Chemistry, Botany, *Zoology*), R. I. Rothwell (Physics, Chemistry, Botany, *Zoology*), R. G. J. Shelton (Chemistry, Botany, *Zoology*), R. E. Woods (Physics, Chemistry, *Zoology*).

### General Certificate of Education—Ordinary Level :

(Numbers in brackets indicate subjects passed.)

R. A. Barr (8), M. H. Bowler (6), S. W. Bunce (6), P. J. Capell (7), D. G. Cawson (8), R. A. Clegg (9), J. M. Davies (9), P. C. Drayton (8), R. M. Dron (6), M. R. Ferguson (7), M. F. Forrester (9), R. M. S. Cox (9), J. M. Goodchild (7), J. D. Harris (8), R. L. N. Harrison (9), E. T. Hine (8), S. A. Hodgson (9), G. D. Jones (8), R. A. Laskey (8), A. D. Lawson (4), A. E. Leek (9), A. T. Ludgate (10), S. Merrington (9), C. N. Myant (9), R. N. Nunn (9), A. J. Oliver (8), R. I. Patterson (9), A. N. Pratt (8), D. Robinson (6), C. J. T. Rogers (9), B. J. Rumble (5), S. R. Snodin (8), D. J. Stokes (6), J. R. Ward (9), I. R. W. Whitwham (6), P. R. Briggs (7), R. J. Casbeard (3), G. R. J. Dorsett (3), A. D. Everett (7), C. A. Fair (7), A. B. Gravestock (4), M. R. Horrex (5), I. Howarth (7), R. M. Moore (6), M. D. H. Priestley (4), G. D. Sherley (4), R. B. Smith (7), R. J. Tranter (6), M. B. Yallop (5), J. D. Taylor (4), C. Weston (4), C. B. Antill (7), P. G. Ayres (9), J. M. Barlow (5), R. G. Beavis (9), D. S. H. Bedford (6), J. M. Clare (6), A. P. R. Coates (8), R. H. Coward (9), B. H. J. Cronin (9), A. P. Dinsdale (3), R. E. Goodchild (6), C. S. Griffiths (7), N. S. Hailstone (7), R. W. Harding (9), R. Haslam (7), A. R. Hope (6), J. H. J. Laundon (4), J. B. Lincoln (7), B. R. Palmer (5), D. A. Payne (3), D. Peters (7), J. A. Piercy (5), A. S. Platt (7), K. R. Pugsley (6), R. G. Saunders (5), P. G. Seaton (6), T. R. Summerton (5), C. N. Tone (3), D. S. Whiting (6), W. R. H. Andrews (8), J. M. Baxter (9), M. S. F. Bird (9), C. P. Brown (6), T. R. Cann (5), M. J. Clegg (8), D. W. Collins (3), P. Coyne (6), P. G. Davies (9), B. A. Fell (10), B. H. Hart (9), P. J. Hewitt (8), K. D. Hunt (4), E. H. Janes (7), M. W. King (5), R. M. Layton (8), R. H. Leech (9), I. P. Marsden (9), D. J. Maysey (8), R. J. Puddephatt (9), P. J. Quinn (6), J. M. Rees (6), A. G. Roman (3), P. J. A. Snowden (4), J. E. Steward (8), A. D. Warren (9), P. E. Woodend (6), S. F. Young (6), H. B. McGrath (3), R. K. Barrett (5), J. F. Blakesley (8), B. J. Brindley (7), T. M. Davis (8), B. Downing (3), E. C. Horeman (5), I. A. Johnston (8), I. M. MacWhinnie (6), P. J. Marriott (3), P. M. Rutter (7), R. G. Thomas (8), D. R. Tilling (5), P. G. Uppard (7), R. Watson (7), J. P. L. Whittington (6), P. W. R. Witcher (8), B. G. Davies (4), D. J. Garnett (4), P. G. Miles (3), D. R. King (4).

### NAVAL SECTION

The past term has been a very busy one ; our main concern has been the conversion of the old C.C.F. office by the Hall into a seamanship room before the Annual General Inspection. Many hours of hard toil at last transformed it into a splendid instruction and store room. The strong smell of tarred rope adds a final nautical touch.

During the Easter vacation two camps were arranged. H.M.S. *Dryad*, our parent establishment, was our host for one week of very enjoyable instruction. We visit *Dryad* each year and without fail they look after us extremely well and show considerable interest in us during the year. We are indeed fortunate to have such a pleasant and efficient "parent".

The week following the *Dryad* course, 15 boys went to H.M.S. *Cochrane* in Scotland. This is an old Fleet Air Arm Station situated near Rosyth. A very varied and most interesting week of training was organised for us, beginning with a coach trip round the Highlands. Unfortunately the weather was so thick that little of the magnificent scenery could be seen. The week also included a day at sea in a minesweeper, instruction in filling and motor cutter work and a trip in a boom defence vessel as well as visits to shore establishments.

Some cadets attended a navigation course at *Dryad* and others an air course, during Easter, both of which the boys found worthwhile.

In August Lt. D. T. Nightingale and Lt. J. B. Benson with 12 cadets are taking a 112-ton Motor Fishing Vessel (M.F.V.) to sea for a week. We are all anticipating a most enjoyable trip. In preparation for this, four boys went to H.M.S. *Mercury*, the Royal Naval Signal School, to improve their Morse and learn voice procedure. This proved highly successful and even in the short space of time of one day, changed boys who knew some Morse into boys who could use it to some effect—we hope !

Six cadets are visiting Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, for one week. This is one of the most interesting periods of training provided by the Navy for the boys, and a great variety of instruction takes place in the forenoon, followed by dinghy sailing and picket boat handling in the afternoon.

For the second year H.M.S. *Bossington*, a coastal minesweeper, is taking six cadets for a week. Last year they visited Holland, but this year the ship remains in British waters.



Seven cadets are attending air courses during the Summer holidays, and one boy goes to H.M.S. *Excellent* for a week's gunnery instruction.

Each year the Royal Navy opens its "hatches" to the press and a selected part of the public in order to give an idea of the range of activities and the type of work and ships that make up a modern navy. Once again a number of boys were invited and every one was most impressed and delighted with the spectacle presented.

As may be seen, a great deal is offered by the Navy through the Naval Section. Ours is the largest section in the country, and I am convinced that we probably offer more opportunities for the boys to do and see interesting things than most other schools. We are lucky in having a nucleus of very keen cadets who have helped to run the section and who have been good ambassadors for us wherever they have been. There are unfortunately a considerable number of boys who take little interest in our work and who do not take advantage of the many facilities offered. The enjoyment to be got from the section is in direct proportion to the work put in.

D.T.N.

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## ARMY SECTION

The first half of the term was devoted to preparation for the Inspection, whilst the second half was spent in the preparations for Annual Camp.

More than the usual number of cadets were seeing an Inspection for the first time, the last one being in 1958. The form of the Inspection was changed this year; the threatened loss of the parade ground to the builders caused a change of plan and the inspecting officer, Major-General H. A. Borrodale, C.B., D.S.O., was received on the School field with the cadets in the form of a hollow square; with the band in the centre, it made an impressive sight.

The General broke all previous records for speed in inspecting the parade, spurred on no doubt by the rain which descended in a manner which gladdened the hearts of all the horticultural enthusiasts but threatened to ruin the drums, but failed to silence the bagpipes, on their first appearance at an Annual Inspection.

The accompanying Staff Officers conducted their usual thorough and searching enquiries, but the complimentary nature of their remarks to the Inspecting Officer showed that our C.C.F. compares favourably with those of the more famous Public Schools.

The venue for the Annual Camp this year was Dartmoor, a name which through its associations amused some but caused others to wonder if the dangers of the moors might not be too much for some of the smaller ones. Happily errors made in map reading extracted nothing more than a few extra miles in retribution. Dartmoor had been chosen in order to give aspirants to the Duke of Edinburgh Award a chance to tackle their expedition. The conditions for the "Gold", involving over fifty miles in four days, over the wildest part of the moor, carrying food and tentage, present a challenge which only the most determined can attempt.

The members of the team which completed the circuit in a very satisfactory manner were P. J. Thompson and C. S. Griffiths of the Army Section, J. C. Bowman of the R.A.F. Section, and R. I. Patterson of the Naval Section, the two latter being the "Gold" aspirants.

This camp will surely be remembered by both officers and cadets as one of the most enjoyable of C.C.F. camps. Some will no doubt remember the wonderful expanse of moorland scenery stretching (in every direction) as far as the eye could see.

Some will no doubt carry away the grim uninviting aspect of the grey stone walls of the prison ; others will think of the friendly, clear, cool waters of the river Dart tumbling over the granite rocks on its eager journey down the Moor. A few will perhaps sigh happily at the thought of Bill Harrison's near professional efforts with camp food, whilst all will surely remember the friendliness of our Devonshire hosts on all the camp sites.

We must record with regret the departure of Cadet R.S.M. P. J. Thompson, an excellent Shooting captain and an unselfish and conscientious R.S.M.

It is with pleasure that we record that last year's R.S.M. W. E. Shackell has been placed fourth in his term at Sandhurst, and that last year's Shooting captain M. R. Pattinson was awarded a half blue for Cambridge in his first year at the University.

R.P.

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## R.A.F. SECTION

The Easter Camp, held at R.A.F. Dishforth, in April, produced the "flying-hours" that had been expected and a very useful training period that was also most enjoyable. The R.A.F. Section will again be in camp at the end of July, on this occasion at R.A.F. Wyton, in Huntingdonshire.

Gliding at No. 613 Gliding School at R.A.F. Halton has offered opportunities to a number of cadets to enjoy this sport.

Cadet A. D. Warren, who successfully completed a Proficiency gliding course at Easter, is taking further training at Halton and hopes to be selected for a soaring course to be held in August at Halesland. S. C. Richardson is completing a gliding course at week-ends and three cadets (Matthews, Fair and Bailey) will attend a continuous gliding Proficiency course at Halton in August.

No. 6 Air Experience Flight at White Waltham provided some enjoyable flying for cadets on two Sundays in June.

Two Flying Scholarship cadets commence their training at the end of term, D. N. Hubble at Luton Flying Club and Cadet Moore at Northampton Flying Club.

Once more, at the end of a school year, we lose the services of a number of N.C.O.'s. While expressing my appreciation of their loyal work and co-operation, I know that they have gained much from their experience in the unit. The success of the section is, in a large measure, due to their excellent work and sincere good wishes are expressed for their future success.

E.M.

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## DE LA MUSIQUE AVANT TOUTE CHOSE . . .

The School Concert this year was held on Saturday, July 22nd, and was performed before a rather small audience, many of whom appeared to have come reluctantly, but those who did come were in for a pleasant surprise. The standard of performance and the choice of items had improved greatly since last year.

The School Orchestra under Mr. J. Dawes began and ended the concert with four by no means easy pieces : the Minuet and Trio from Mozart's "Jupiter" Symphony, the Andante from Beethoven's 1st Symphony, the Andante from Schubert's 9th Symphony (the "Great C Major") and Brahms's 5th Hungarian Dance in A sharp minor. These performances were characterised by a coherence, firmness and accuracy unprecedented in the School, and we may be proud now of an orchestra to rival some of the best in the county. In the Beethoven particularly there was a good feeling for the music that made for a really enjoyable performance.

The Madrigal Choir sang ten madrigals in all, four of which were alfresco affairs in the manner of Magdalen College, and if the temporary "tower" (the Science School) had not all the atmosphere of Magdalen it was through no fault of the Choir, who seemed to sound better at the distance of the top of the building. This brings me to my one complaint about the evening—one feels that thirty-two members are really too many

for a madrigal choir, which ought to consist of ten to fifteen singers at the most, and this was proved at times in the first three songs, which, despite the fact that they have been in the Choir's repertoire for at least three years, had moments of disunity that marred the perfect precision that has been the hall-mark of our Madrigal Choir for some years. However, the last three madrigals, which were all comparatively new, were rendered with all the old efficiency, plus a good deal of emotional feeling that we have never heard from this choir before.

Our young soloists, four in all, were all excellent. Peter Uppard is of course always impeccable ; but, in my opinion at least, he has never played anything quite so well as he plays the Liszt Concert Study in D flat with which he ended his recital. The fluency and dynamic control of his left-hand accompaniment in this work may be said not impertinently to resemble that of Sviatoslaw Richter, while the *cantabile* melody soared and drifted in a way that affected even this reviewer, who usually remains immune to Liszt. Peter also gave us Glinka's "Lark", which some of our more elderly members may remember being played by David Rance some six years ago. This performance was not one whit worse than Rance's, and that is high praise indeed. Paul Drayton played pieces by Granados and Debussy with considerable technical skill and lyric feeling, though I felt he might have played those works considerably more *piano*. Nevertheless, it was well up to standard. We also heard L. S. Kennedy, a junior boy of 13, play Handel's flute sonata in G minor, and it was quite obvious that in Kennedy we have a flautist of a very high order. He played not one wrong note throughout this difficult sonata, and his phrasing and tone quality belied his years. He was accompanied sympathetically by Mr. Dawes at the piano. Mr. Dawes also accompanied the other soloist, D. Clark, who gave a truly excellent rendering of the Allegro from Haydn's Violin Concerto in G. His technical skill is greater than anything we have heard at least since the days of D. M. Jago, whom, again, some elderly and sedentary sixth-formers may remember. Clark's handling of the very difficult arpeggios and scales of this piece was beautifully controlled and confident, and he obviously had a fine understanding of the nature of the music.

There remained the two ensemble items. The first of these, a movement from Haydn's string quartet, opus 54, no. 1, was played by D. Clark, S. Merrington, Mr. D. Watmough and R. Farrell. String quartets are quite certainly the most difficult things to play in the whole world of music, in that they demand a combination of *virtuoso* skill and ability to play well in a group. It was indeed ambitious for these four gentlemen, who have not been together for very long, to attempt the Haydn work, and, remarkably enough, the result was by no means unrewarding.

“Scaly” passages were, of course, often uncertain, but more straightforward passages, particularly when the instruments were playing in their lower registers, were most impressive and professional. There was plenty of “*brio*” in the attack, and the whole thing was most entertaining. Finally, we come to Mr. D. Watmough’s ensemble. This Hoffnung-like group, consisting of a violin (played by Mr. Watmough himself), a flute (played by Kennedy), a double bass (played by J. Bush, another 13-year-old), and a piano (played by R. Hickox, yet another), livened up the whole proceedings by assaulting, mangling, yet somehow triumphantly succeeding in, a “work” whose title (“Serenade Chronique”) and composer (the indefatigable Mr. Watmough) spoke for themselves. Echoes of Dvorak and Bartok mingled with sheer, uninhibited, high-spirited discordancy to produce a work that will live in our memories for some time. It was much enjoyed by all, particularly the performers (Bush seemed to take a fiendish delight in his bovine solos), and was obviously eminently suitable for a school concert. Mr. Watmough is to be congratulated on his enterprise. Congratulations, too, to Mr. J. Dawes, who has obviously put in hours of work over this concert and produced a really delightful evening for those few who were aware that there was a concert taking place. D. R. Cox.

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### “SHOPWINDOW”

Once again this summer, a dozen or so boys from the Cadet Section were fortunate enough to be able to attend the Naval exercise “Shopwindow” on Friday, July 9th. Having spent the night at Portsmouth Barracks in the reputed “P” hut, the party left Portsmouth Harbour the following morning in one of the Royal Navy’s most modern anti-aircraft frigates, H.M.S. *Puma*, accompanied by two anti-submarine frigates, H.M.S. *Tenby* and H.M.S. *Rhyl*. The ships were joined by the carrier H.M.S. *Hermes* in the vicinity of the Nab Tower. The first part of the exercise started with a demonstration of the “bosun’s chair” by H.M.S. *Puma* and H.M.S. *Rhyl*, which proved to be an excellent feat of ship manoeuvring. The exercise followed with H.M. Submarine *Turpin* giving a diving display, and after lunch the frigates gave an anti-submarine and anti-aircraft display, firing mortars, 4.5-inch guns and Bofors 40 mm. cannons.

Then Scimitar and Sea Vixen jet aircraft from the Carrier H.M.S. *Hermes* gave an excellent flying display, which included formation flying; aerobatics; firing rockets, missiles and cannons; and dropping bombs. At the end of this flying display the Navigator Lieutenant who gave the commentary left H.M.S. *Puma* by means of a Whirlwind Helicopter. The party eventually returned to Portsmouth that evening, having seen a very impressive display.

K. J. RENNIE.

## ON DARTMOOR IN MARCH

In the Easter holidays, as promised in the last magazine, a party of N.C.O.'s went on a week's camp to Dartmoor to survey the countryside with a view to the main camp in the summer. This may, at first, sound boring to those who did not participate in the expedition, but they may rest assured that it was not.

Stereotyped as most of the C.C.F. camps have been, this brief, informal occasion must remain as one of the most remarkable on record. The discipline was, of course, relaxed since everyone there was an N.C.O. or a senior cadet, but the unusual side to the camp appeared in different ways. First, on the way down in the School's notorious 3-tonner, a slight road accident occurred. Why this happened is still shrouded in mystery, but the result was that on a damp road, the lorry, braking only slightly, performed an 180-degree skid, and would probably have completed the full circle but for a car which got its rear window in the way and brought everything to a standstill. No one was hurt, but the unfortunate car, an Austin A.40, was severely dented and lost its back window completely. Undeterred, however, by this trifling mishap, we pressed madly on towards Devon.

The weather, always the bane of these camps, was patchy in the extreme, and by the time we reached our destination near Tavistock, everyone in the lorry, and most of the kit, were soaking wet. However, the torrential rain was interspersed with brilliant sunshine, and the first day of the expedition was bathed unceasingly in scorching sun ; so hot indeed that several people were smitten by the heat and became a bright beetroot colour.

The most notable occurrence of the first day (and indeed of the whole camp, though the shock wore off eventually) was the appearance of a certain Sergeant, who shall be nameless, in a hacking-jacket so stuffed with horse-hair that no water could penetrate it, and an extraordinary hat which turned out to be a "Robin Hood" beaten out of shape. Thus arrayed, he led his party over the moor, where he could do no harm except to the odd sheep or so. Nonetheless, on the last night he had collected so much water in his coat that he felt constrained to wring it out in Tavistock High Street.

The purpose of the trip was carried out over the course of the days : three parties each covering a different section of the moor and spending one night out. The one black spot of the trip was that the second day was filled with mist and rain driving in a gale such as only Dartmoor can produce. Because of this the operation was called off, and everyone congregated once more at the base camp to dry out sleeping bags, clothes, etc. By the time everyone had returned and changed, the hut resembled an

old laundry, rope being slung zig-zag all the way down the hut and round the stove.

It was because of this outburst of rain and mist (which slackened in the afternoon) that the second unusual incident occurred. This was at about two or three o'clock in the morning, when everyone was woken up by a colossal shouting and bustle, with the refrain, "Fire in the wash-house", and sure enough the roof of the wash-house was well and truly alight and was only put out by the arrival of the Fire Brigade, although the valiant exertions of Mr. G. R. Jones and Mr. M. M. Davies with a stirrup-pump, had managed to keep it down.

The next morning the reason for this outbreak became apparent : the only other school at the camp had been equally drenched and not having our advantage of a stove had stupidly enough hung their wet clothes very close to the stove and hot-water tank in the wash-house. Their proximity to the heat, and the dripping water, had been enough to set the whole thing ablaze quite effectively. As a result, we were treated to the sight of a smart squad forming up, in very neat denims, except for one who had no trousers, and another who was in stockinged feet.

This was the last incident of note in the week, except that those unlucky enough to return in the lorry instead of by car, were soaked as much as they had been coming down. In spite of the insistent wetness which pervaded the atmosphere, I do not think that anyone either regretted going down or did not look forward to returning in the summer ; even those who find it impossible to attend in August must have enjoyed their experience. Even if they did not at the time, no doubt they will on looking back from a safe distance.

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SERGEANT.

## **A MEER REBEL**

**(with apologies to John Earle)**

Is one whose boredom with excessive comfort and freedom constrains him to invent privations that he may have cause to complain, and so occupy himself. He is most vehement on the Rights of the Individual, on which ground he attacks all Government and Religion, which he calls reactionary. He is very violent in the cause of Pacificism, and marches as a protest against martial activity. He opposes conventionality of Attire ; and you may recognise him by his Uniform, which he wears at all times, namely, his Duffle Coat, floppy Pull-over and Beard. He is much occupied with his Right to live, yet he seems to die young, for few members of his Species are observed over the age of thirty. In fine, he is one whose rebellion against conformity compels him to form a yet stricter code of behaviour himself, which he obeys most slavishly ; but he is harmless enough, and soon becomes more of a jest than a nuisance.

D. R. Cox.

## MORE IN SORROW THAN IN ANGER or : A LIBRARIAN'S LAMENT

Once upon a time there was a sixth-former who rashly, and in an unguarded moment, volunteered for duty as a librarian. Being a conscientious fellow, he, with others of similar foolishness, fulfilled his duties at the times prescribed. He found, at first, however that, contrary to his belief, a librarian's duty was to eject scores of noisy idiots who came into the library solely to have just that happen to them. The care and arrangement of the books, in the course of the term, he found, ranked a very bad second. So much so, indeed, that from time to time this apparently minor point was submerged in utter oblivion. However, he did not worry his little mind about this, and persevered in his role of "chucker-out".

The next year, when commandeered for continued service, that conscientiousness was a very bad thing. Because he and two or three of his friends not only did their own duties, but spent most of the lunch hours when they were not in demand in the pit of torment, other so-called librarians were attacked with fits of forgetfulness, and when required were to be found playing badminton in the Prefects' Room, or drinking coffee in the boarding house. As a result, the unfortunate hero of this tragedy, still supported by two or three of the faithful, found himself the sole librarian extant.

Furthermore, as this state of affairs went on, the original sucker discovered that the Head Librarian's job, which he had hitherto regarded as a responsible and demanding position, consisted of sitting in the School House drinking coffee. Eventually, the Librarian rebelled : when the time came to take his "A" level he abandoned his job callously to the hands of anyone who came along. As a result, when he returned after his labours, he was forced to turn the quondam library back to its former glory, from the fencing school, into which some of its more unruly inhabitants had turned it, using the rods from a new card index for weapons.

Nonetheless, emerging triumphant from the struggle, he still finds that the number of librarians, once numbering over twenty, has shrunk to four ; and when endeavouring to re-order the books for stock-taking, he is plunged head over heels into irremediable chaos. He writes this article in the faint hope of piercing the rhinoceros-hides of such librarians as may be returning for another year, and also vaguely hoping to stir prospective candidates for such a post into steady and unremitting work, for at least as long as their duties demand.

INFORTUNATO.



## WINTER

The winter winds blow bleakly cold,  
    The sun has gone away,  
Gone are the days of Autumn warmth,  
    The snow has come to stay.

Up in the trees the song-birds sing  
    Their mellow songs no more.  
No leaves are left upon the boughs,  
    They've fallen to the floor.

The squirrels hide, the stoat appears  
    In coat of shining white,  
Which is to serve as camouflage  
    And guard against frost-bite.

December comes and brings with it  
    The season of good cheer ;  
A present passed from son to "dad",  
    A lasting souvenir.

Perhaps a pipe, a wanted book,  
    Or e'en a brand new hat,  
A pair of shoes for winter wear.  
    For "mum" a new door-mat.

Baby is pleased. For him, perhaps,  
    A tricycle is bought,  
A rattle or a spinning top.  
    A bib is brother's thought.

Ere only seven days have passed  
    Since Christmas-tide was here,  
The strains of "Auld Lang Syne" ring out,  
    To welcome the New Year.

Cold winter-time is on the ebb,  
    The days are lengthening,  
And at the end of February  
    There comes a breath of Spring.

T. K. RACKSTRAW, Vs.

## BY THE LIGHT OF THE MOON

Last winter, with Graham, a similarly afflicted friend, I went wildfowling on the Wash. We set out late one evening armed, it seemed, with enough gear to support an Antarctic expedition. It was pitch dark when we arrived and, since it was too late for the evening flight, we spent our time erecting our bivouac and unloading the equipment. By ten-thirty we were able to wriggle into our sleeping-bags and go to sleep.

At five in the morning we wiped the oil from our guns and made for the mudflats. We had no idea of the position of the fowl, so each of us took up purely arbitrary positions in small creeks. As we expected, the bulk of the flight passed well clear of us, though we both had a shot and Graham bagged a plump curlew. We were better prepared by the time came round for the evening flight. Although on this occasion we were right under the birds, they passed over us well out of shot. The morning flight was similar, and by the next evening we reckoned it was time for our luck to change.

We trudged out to the far marsh, wallowing in glutinous ooze as we went. Gradually the sky darkened and the first geese started coming over. Graham had the first shot and his bird, a pink-foot, fell with a splash into a muddy pool behind him. Ten minutes later my turn came and I picked up my goose after a few minutes' searching in the sea lavender. By the end of the flight both of us had several teal in addition to the two geese and, well satisfied, we began the long journey back to the sea-bank.

We had travelled only about a hundred yards when another fowler popped up as if from nowhere, but in fact from a shallow creek. He seemed a friendly sort and gave the impression that he had shot over this marsh for years. Tired as we were, both of us eagerly accepted when he offered to guide us back to the sea-wall. At his suggestion he went on ahead, and although he had a noticeable limp, he set a cracking pace. Leaping small creeks and stumbling through marsh pools, we continued at the same speed for some time. Our rush, however, was soon halted by the appearance ahead of a wide, rapidly-filling creek. Occasionally a lump of hard mud from the bank would fall in with a splash, which caused the luminescent plankton to produce great flashes of ghostly light.

Our guide showed little emotion on seeing the creek, and plunged in straightaway. He was a strong swimmer, and soon reached the opposite bank. He hauled himself out, shook himself, and seemed quite unaffected by the chilling stream.

Being gentlemen, we made no audible comment and plunged in ourselves. Our guns we wrapped in anoraks and threw over to the other side. The bag we hurled to the third party. By the time the bank was reached, we were both frozen to the marrow, and we struggled out with our teeth chattering. Now, expressing our feelings in no uncertain terms, we pressed on. After what seemed an age, we reached the sea-bank and our "friend", expressing his pleasure at being able to assist us, turned to leave. As he turned, both of us noticed his fine white teeth. Even in the moonlight the canine quality of the eye-teeth was very apparent. To our amazement, instead of proceeding down the sea-wall, he stumped off in the direction of the incoming tide.

We changed our clothes when we reached the tent, and hung our wet gear on the two small guy-ropes. As we prepared to get some rest, both of us heard a spine-chilling cry away out on the foreshore. We dismissed this as a lone pink-foot gander, and thought no more of it till the following morning. We then walked up the sea-wall to where we had said goodbye to our companion the night before ; the tide had not been high, and the marsh near the bank had not been submerged. We were thus able to make out our footprints, identifying them by the tread on our own sea-boots. The footprints of our guide were not hard to find either ; the right was a sea-boot like ours but the left—I still shudder to recall it—was a quite clearly-cloven hoof.

You can take it from me that it would take more than a few wildfowl to drag us near that marsh again.

R. G. J. SHELTON, VIB3 (Retd.).

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### THE SCHOOLBOY

Curt of speech,  
Pert of mien,  
Part Alexander's namesake in between  
My standard "Excelsior" does not display,  
But *bene ego sum Johanne*.

A. G. P. TRACEY, VIM.

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### AERONAUTICAL SOCIETY

Like many other societies, the Aeronautical Society's activities were almost brought to a standstill by examinations. However, an Aircraft Modelling Competition was held ; the three sections of this competition were won by J. C. Bowman, M. P. Hyde and B. C. Matthews respectively.

## THE BOAT CLUB

During the Summer Term the Boat Club has been very active, taking part in more regattas than ever before, namely, Reading Clinker, Wallingford, Marlow and Pangbourne.

Three crews were formed, all rowing as usual in clinker fours, one of these being an under-16 IV, which competed at Reading.

The most successful regatta in which the School competed was undoubtedly Wallingford, where the 1st IV got to the final of the Maiden Fours, beating en route such good rowing schools as Henley Grammar School and Abingdon School, which was indeed a most commendable performance.

Marlow Regatta is worth mentioning, as this was eventful insofar as it featured a missing cox with resultant panic and confusion. Although this was not a particularly successful regatta, we had the consolation that our vanquishers in one of the heats of the Public Schools Fours—Becket School—went on to win the event.

It is pleasing to note the increasing popularity of this sport in the School, which is reflected both by the number of boys participating and by their keenness—despite the long trek that has to be made to get to the river.

In conclusion I should like to express once more our gratitude to Marlow Rowing Club for their continued help, without which the Boat Club could not function.

B.C.N.P.L.-J.

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## CAMERA CLUB

This year the Camera Club has been more active than usual : in the Autumn Term there was an open competition which received well over a hundred entries. First prize consisted of premium bonds, whilst postal orders were awarded to the runners-up. In January about thirty people attended a Kodak lecture at Aylesbury on colour-photography, and in June the same number of members visited the "Photo Fair" at Olympia. Several lectures on various photographic topics have been held at School, with slides provided by Ilford Ltd.

The only regret of the Camera Club is that our Chairman, Mr. Eames, is leaving the School to take up a new and more important appointment elsewhere. Our best wishes go with him.

G. BALFRY.

## THE WORLD IS TOO MUCH WITH US . . .

If ever Wordsworth's words were true we feel they are today. Society is increasingly materialistic ; "getting and spending", or the preparation to get and spend "lay waste our powers". It is good therefore to have as a School Society one whose members concern themselves with deeper matters. This we find ourselves and offer to others in the Christian Fellowship. Here, in the words of our Lord, we can "come apart and rest awhile".

In this Fellowship are discussed problems of life in the light of their effect on the soul of man. Here, too, we try to learn something of God, our Creator and Father, of His plan for our lives. Here, most important of all, we find Christ, God's Son, as the only Saviour and Preserver of our immortal souls.

Do not imagine that this involves a stuffy sanctimonious atmosphere. Our Fellowship meetings are free and happy periods when discussion ranges freely and widely over a variety of subjects. You will find a welcome and freedom to take part. Do come and enjoy—and we mean enjoy—this fellowship and, we trust, find the peace and serenity of communion with God.

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P. B. NEWITT.

## CLASSICAL SOCIETY

It is no rarity for the Classical Society's summer report to blame the small programme on the "A" level examinations, and this year the Society's seniors seem to have been working as hard as ever. We managed, however, to continue our termly play-readings—which we think valuable and interesting to members of the Classical Sixth and others—with Sophocles' Oedipus Rex ; later in the term a party watched a performance of the same playwright's "Antigone", by Bradfield College. Mr. Cooper, who has also supervised a flourishing Junior Society, is to be thanked for giving us the opportunity of seeing this much-awaited highlight of the classical calendar.

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R. P. H. GREEN.

## DRAMATIC SOCIETY

Although this term's activities have been restricted by heat and examinations, the Society has been able to hold several play-readings.

The desire on the part of the Secretary to provide the drama enthusiasts of the School with stimulating material resulted in an abortive attempt to hold a rehearsal reading of "Rhinoceros", by Eugene Ionesco : the Secretary failed to foresee the full extent of the application of surrealism. This unfortunate mistake was followed by a successful reading of "Under Milk Wood", by

Dylan Thomas. Welsh accents were soon mastered (even though at first the reading was rather like an hysterical meeting of the Asian Club), and it was not long before everybody was able to enjoy Thomas' lyrical and colourful description of everyday life in the village of Llaregyb. "Thunder Rock", a brilliant play by Robert Ardrey, was the choice for the next reading, but because of its comparative obscurity, it failed to attract many boys, and the only compensation for an undramatic afternoon was a tea prepared for twenty shared by eight.

M. SIMONS.

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## JAZZ APPRECIATION SOCIETY

The weekly record concerts held at Uplyme have continued to be supported by the faithful few during the past term, but it is noticeable that, when conditions allow these concerts to be held in the main School, the attendance is much better. It is obvious that the meetings are more popular when held at the main School, but it is difficult to find a record-player powerful enough to be heard in the large form-rooms.

The origin of the former Jazz Club in this School was, I believe, in a School jazz band, and it seems to me that we are lacking something by listening to all our music on record. Surely a school of a thousand pupils must contain enough competent musicians to form a new band which could give live concerts and stimulate fresh interest in jazz throughout the School.

J. O. SMITH.

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## MODEL RAILWAY CLUB

The club has carried on with its large number of activities in spite of last term's G.C.E. and school examinations. Meetings were held at fairly regular intervals for the keen members. During this time scenery in the form of a working steelworks was constructed for use on the layout. This layout was exhibited at Speech Day and raised many favourable comments from boys and parents alike.

Thirteen films, over twice the usual number, were shown last term on all aspects of British Transport. A very successful trip to London was made at the end of last term. Boys spent a whole day visiting one Western, two Southern and four Midland Region Motive Power Depots.

Arrangements are being made for a trip to Doncaster Railway Works by special train. At the moment the cost of the train is £500 and if we charge £1 per person it means that we need at least 500 boys and parents. We hope to obtain a lower price, but even so we need a lot more support for this than we already have.

P. C. R. HUDSON.

## MODERN LANGUAGES SOCIETY

Owing perhaps to the examinations, the Society is not usually very active during the Summer Term. This year, however, we have taken the opportunity of showing a series of films, both French and German. Special mention should perhaps be made of the German film, "Die Sitzung ist eröffnet", which gave us a glimpse of the Bundesrat in action, and of the highly amusing antics of Marcel Marceau in "Pantomimes".

We have also held several meetings after school to the end of appreciating recordings of French plays and poetry. Toward the end of term we were able to obtain, opportunely, some excellent recordings of "Le Malade Imaginaire" and "Cyrano de Bergerac", which were heard with great interest.

Retrospectively, the Society has indeed been very active over the past year, and I should like here to take the opportunity of thanking M. Bur and the French and German assistants for the time and interest they have given to our activities. It is only to be regretted that the Upper School did not take greater interest; but we can safely look forward to an improvement in the situation next term, when our meetings with other schools recommence.

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P. J. A. FINDLAY.

## MUSIC SOCIETY

The term has seen the continuation of weekly record concerts, although these were disrupted towards the end of term by examinations.

On Thursday, June 1st, a party went on a trip to the Royal Festival Hall to hear a concert consisting of Mendelssohn's "Hebrides Overture", Bach's 5th Brandenburg Concerto and Piano Concerto in A, in which Rosalyn Tureck was the soloist, and Roussel's boisterous 3rd Symphony.

C. SWAIN.

## NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

The term was rather interrupted by G.C.E. and internal school examinations. However, we were still able to complete quite an ambitious film programme. Agricultural and marine films were once again the most popular.

As usual, this term saw the arrival of several new animals for the vivarium collected by Natural History Society members. Early in the term a large female Ringed Snake was brought in and soon made an impression on our colony of frogs. Several Woodmice were collected (chiefly rescued from cats) and have done well in captivity, though, because of their nocturnal habits, we rarely see them.

On the last Friday of term the Society visited the New Forest and collected a wide variety of bogland plants. The limnology group even managed to capture a small pike and a more voracious fish we have never kept.

Next term we hope to receive from members a pair of Mongooses and several reptiles. Next term, too, the bee-keeping group will be officially started. The increased interest shown by members in agriculture shows no sign of flagging and next term we will start in earnest the agriculture section.

R. G. J. SHELTON, Hon. Sec.

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## SCIENCE SOCIETY

Throughout the term the Society has continued its wide range of activities, although the showing of films has been curtailed by examinations.

Owing to the large membership it is impossible for every member to have the opportunity of participating in a visit, even though two were arranged this term. The first, to Electrical & Musical Industries Ltd. on May 18th, was enjoyed by a party of thirty sixth-formers, and the second, to Morris Motors Ltd. on July 21st, by thirty younger members of the Society.

It is hoped that next year the committee members will take an interest in the affairs of the Society after the first flush of their enthusiasm has worn off. Lastly, we would like to thank our Chairman, Mr. E. Mewse, for all his help and encouragement.

M. J. IREMONGER.

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## SCHOOL HOUSE

The battle has been fought and now we can but wait for the postcards to see if all the hours of work our G.C.E. candidates have put in this year have borne fruit ; let us hope so.

Of the six prefects engaged in breaking into universities, three have now succeeded : J. O. Smith, M. R. Emmett and D. N. Hubble have all been accepted by Imperial College, London.

All the prefects are leaving at the end of term except B. N. Buckley and S. C. Tomes, the latter having been promoted when Hubble became a day boy in mid-term.

In the sporting world, the House has, as usual, contributed more than its fair share to the various teams. R. A. Fewtrell has been the mainstay of the 1st XI bowling, and R. A. Dorkings, J. N. McLoughlin, C. R. A. G. Iliffe and A. R. Nottingham have represented the School in other cricket teams ; P. J. Yates was captain, and J. O. Smith, M. J. Malec, R. A. Fewtrell, T. P. K. Owen, I. G. Collins, A. J. Frankland and J. M. Colley have also run, jumped or thrown for the School on one or more occasions.

J. O. SMITH.



## TYLERSWOOD HOUSE

This term the majority of the House have been working for their G.C.E. exams., with the result that there have been no sporting fixtures between Tylerswood and the other two boarding-houses.

Sporting achievements by members of the House include the 1st XI colours of B. C. Matthews, the Colts XI colours of R. C. Jones and the athletics half-colours of R. Watanangura, M. F. Forrester and J. C. Bowman.

Congratulations must go to Forrester on his selection to represent Bucks in the long jump at the All-England Sports.

On the academic side, A. E. Dingle has gained a place at Nottingham University, M. C. Abii at the London School of Economics, and on Speech Day, both Dingles received prizes, the only brothers in the School to do so.

Among the visitors to Tylerswood were all of last year's prefects, namely, R. D. Smith, M. D. Humphries, W. R. Waller and D. H. Nicholls.

Owing to the fact that one of the Chemistry Masters fell ill this term, Mr. D. F. B. Wrench, the Cambridge University and Harlequins prop-forward, has been staying here and teaching chemistry at School.

J. C. Bowman was awarded an R.A.F. Scholarship in April and, subject to passing his exams., will be joining R. D. Smith at R.A.F. Henlow in October.

Finally, the best of luck to all those who are leaving School this summer.

J. C. BOWMAN.

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## UPLYME HOUSE

Owing to the great emphasis on examinations, the activities at Uplyme, as in the other boarding-houses, were considerably restricted during the Summer Term. However, several members of the House had considerable success in some of the leading activities of the School. Douglas won the Junior Cross-Country Cup, while in the School Sports, Hume won the Junior Colts 880 yards, Smith came second in the Open Discus, and King and Douglas, though unable to win an event, ran well for their Houses. R. B. Smith went on to represent the School in athletics

and was awarded his athletics half-colours shortly before the close of the season.

We must congratulate M. R. Ward for being awarded the Hope Cup for his outstanding achievements as an artist.

Our only inter-Boarding House match, that of cricket, was played against School House on the morning of Speech Day, and although Uplyme once again has to report a defeat, we are proud to say that we lost by the narrow margin of 17 runs.

We were sorry to see Palmer and Rennie leave the boarding house. Rennie is now at Billingham with I.C.I., whilst Palmer is hoping to further his education at Nottingham University. D. G. Cawson returns to Uplyme after a year's absence as a day boy.

Generally, however, the past Summer Term was one of scholastic determination, and we wish all G.C.E. candidates from Uplyme, both "A" and "O" level, a happy "postcard".

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## FINAL HOUSE SCORES AND POSITIONS 1960-61

1st	King's	...	...	...	...	104	points
2nd	Arnison	...	...	...	...	100	„
3rd	Fraser		...	...	...	91	„
4th	Youens	...	...	...	...	89	„
5th	Queen's	...	...	...	...	60	„
6th	Disraeli	...	...	...	...	55	„

Arnison	Disraeli	Fraser	King's	Queen's	Yoens
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Badminton	...	3	8	6	0	5	2	1	15	2	11	4	5
Basketball	...	6	0	4	3	3	8	1	15	5	2	2	11
Boxing	...	1	15	2	11	3	8	6	0	5	2	3	8
Cross-country		2	15	3	12	1	20	4	9	6	3	4	9
Rugby	...	3	12	5	6	1	20	1	20	5	6	3	12
Tennis	...	4	6	5	3	6	0	1	15	2	12	3	9
Music ...	...	1	15	6	0	4	6	5	3	2	12	3	9
Athletics	...	1	20	4	9	2	15	3	12	6	3	5	6
Cricket	...	4	9	4	9	3	12	2	15	4	9	1	20

## First XI

*Captain* : J. S. Simpson ; *Vice-Captain* : A. J. Riley

*Colours* : E. Holdship, V. W. Punton, J. N. Barlow, D. K. Stratford, R. A. Fewtrell, B. C. Matthews, R. P. Browne, A. A. Perfect.

Each School cricket season leaves behind it outstanding impressions of certain games and players. These impressions may not always be a correct assessment of the season as a whole, and final results and averages will not always give a true picture of the games played. This season is a good example of this. The XI lost twice as many games as they won ; this in itself could be a depressing fact, but was not so for the 1961 season. Most of the games that gave a result were won or lost in the last five minutes of the playing time, often by one or two wickets or as few runs. This type of result is always to be preferred to the long-drawn-out match with no positive result. Borlase won by 3 runs ; Henlow were beaten on the last ball by 1 wicket ; Royal Masonic won in the last over by 2 wickets after looking like winning by 7 wickets ; Leighton Park were beaten in the last over after 3 wickets were taken in four balls ; Abingdon won in the last over ; Barnet won by 3 runs ; and King Edward's, Stourbridge, won by 1 wicket, again, at one time looking like winning by 7 wickets. These results made the season a memorable one.

The Captain, J. S. Simpson, at all times led his side well and was ably backed up by the Vice-Captain, A. J. Riley. The very pleasant atmosphere in the side was due to the efforts of the captain. The batting lacked depth, and if one of the first three batsmen did not stay, the side was out for a low score. J. S. Simpson, however, in spite of his enforced absence through an illness which he failed to contract when young, was so consistent that he scored more individual scores of over fifty than he did below fifty. E. Holdship and V. Punton made valuable contributions and quite often J. Barlow, B. Matthews and R. Fewtrell held an end while one of the more experienced men at the other end made runs. The most outstanding impression, however, is of the two opening bowlers, D. K. Stratford and R. A. Fewtrell, backed up most ably by the wicket-keeper, E. Holdship. Without doubt these two have been the best opening pair of bowlers that the School has had for many years. D. Stratford took 65 wickets in his second year with the XI, and R. Fewtrell, just up from the

Colts, took 45 wickets. E. Holdship helped both with 23 catches at the wicket. Both of these bowlers will be back for the 1962 season.

The fielding was usually good, and once more A. Riley, with 11 catches, V. Punton with 10 and R. Browne with 9, all fielding behind the wicket for most of the time, were towers of strength to the fast bowlers. Until A. Perfect came in from the 2nd XI and J. Barlow speeded up his left-arm slows, the effective bowling was done entirely by the opening attack.

The tour of Worcestershire at the end of the term was all too short. A most enjoyable time was had by all. Both matches were very interesting, but perhaps the most impressive sight was the R.G.S., High Wycombe, Captain and Head of School dancing the Dashing White Sergeant with the Headmaster's wife of the R.G.S. Worcester at the end of term dance at Worcester. The rest of the team were holding their breath in case those large feet did as much damage to the Headmaster's wife as they had done to the school fence the week before.

Grateful thanks must be recorded to all who helped with the School cricket throughout the term in whatever capacity.

Congratulations to J. S. Simpson on being invited to captain Bucks Young Amateurs throughout their season, to D. K. Stratford and E. Holdship on their inclusion in this team, to Mr. Hawkins on his six games for Bucks behind the wicket in the Minor Counties Championship, and to A. Harvey on being awarded his Crusader's Cap at Cambridge. It is good to see Old Boys being chosen for these games.

H.W.J.

### FIRST XI RESULTS

Played 23, Won 5, Lost 10, Drawn 8

- v B. Janes' XI, home.  
B. Janes' XI 177 (Stratford 4 for 49).  
R.G.S. 64 for 4.
- v Bishopshalt, Uxbridge, home.  
Bishopshalt School 130 for 7 (dec.).  
R.G.S. 80.
- v Sir William Borlase's School, home.  
R.G.S. 92 (Chapman 31).  
Sir William Borlase's 85 for 9 (Stratford 5 for 31).
- v Old Boys, home.  
R.G.S. 200 for 3 (dec.) (V. Punton 33, J. S. Simpson 68 not out, A. J. Riley 76 not out).  
Old Boys 133 for 6 (R. A. Fewtrell 4 for 16).
- v R.G.S., Guildford, away.  
R.G.S. 134 for 7 (J. S. Simpson 64 not out).  
R.G.S., Guildford 98 for 7.
- v Emanuel, home.  
R.G.S. 68. Emanuel 69 for 4.
- v R.A.F. Halton Apprentices, away.  
R.G.S. 119. R.A.F. 120 for 5.

- v R.A.F. Technical College, Henlow, away.  
Henlow 142 for 9 (dec.) (D. K. Stratford 6 for 43).  
R.G.S. 143 for 9 (R. P. Browne 30).
- v The Staff, home.  
R.G.S. 190 for 4 (dec.) (E. L. Holdship 57 not out, A. J. Riley 51, V. W. Punton 46 not out).  
Staff 72 (Stratford 7 for 29).
- v Royal Masonic, away.  
R.G.S. 124 (Matthews 30).          Royal Masonic 125 for 8.
- v Leighton Park, away.  
R.G.S. 119 (E. L. Holdship 60).  
Leighton Park 94 (D. K. Stratford 6 for 38).
- v Waford, away.  
Waford 201 for 4.          R.G.A. 127 (Punton 61).
- v St. Benedict's, home.  
St. Benedict's 144 for 7 (dec.).  
R.G.S. 102 for 5 (J. S. Simpson 32 not out).
- v St. Bartholomew's, Newbury, home.  
St. Bartholomew's 145 for 6 (dec.).  
R.G.S. 148 for 4 (Punton 51, Simpson 57, Holdship 30).
- v R.A.F. High Wycombe, home.  
R.G.S. 200 for 9 (dec.) (Simpson 65, Browne 28, Matthews 32).  
R.A.F. High Wycombe 190 for 3.
- v Tiffins, home.  
Tiffins 201 for 7 (dec.) (Stratford 3 for 55).  
R.G.S. 127 for 6 (J. S. Simpson 52 not out, V. Punton 28).
- v R.A.F. Halton Apprentices, home.  
R.G.S. 168 for 8 (dec.) (J. S. Simpson 52).          R.A.F. Halton 120 for 5.
- v Abingdon School, away.  
Abingdon 143 for 9 (dec.).          R.G.S. 71.
- v H. W. Johnson's XI, home.  
H. W. Johnson's XI 199 for 5 (dec.).  
R.G.S. 150 for 4 (V. Punton 47, J. S. Simpson 50 not out).
- v Queen Elizabeth's, Barnet, home.  
Barnet 82.          R.G.S. 79
- v Trinity School, home.  
Trinity 125 (Stratford 5 for 31, Fewtrell 4 for 34).          R.G.A. 107.
- v Worcester R.G.S., away.  
R.G.S. 168 (E. Holdship 85, J. S. Simpson 44).  
Worcester R.G.S. 130 (D. Stratford 5 for 41).
- v King Edward's School, Stourbridge, away.  
R.G.S. 103 (R. Fewtrell 38 not out).  
Stourbridge 104 for 9 (R. Fewtrell 6 for 42).

### FIRST XI AVERAGES

#### Batting

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Completed Innings</i>	<i>Highest</i>	<i>Average</i>
J. S. Simpson ... ..	566	12	68*	47.2
E. Holdship ... ..	458	21	85	21.9
V. Punton ... ..	430	23	61	18.7
A. J. Riley ... ..	272	21	76*	12.9
R. A. Fewtrell ... ..	156	14	38*	11.0

#### Bowling

	<i>Overs</i>	<i>Maidens</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Wickets</i>	<i>Average</i>
D. K. Stratford ... ..	287	78	718	65	12.2
A. A. Perfect ... ..	76	15	256	14	17.1
R. A. Fewtrell ... ..	282	73	711	45	18.0
J. N. Barlow ... ..	133	23	418	16	36.0

**Catches :** E. Holdship 23, A. J. Riley 11, V. W. Punton 10, R. P. Browne 9.

## SECOND XI

Played 13, Won 7, Lost 3, Drawn 3

A quick look at the team's record might suggest a reasonably good season, with half the matches won, but it should be pointed out that after winning our first six matches by margins as various as 2 and 86 runs, we entered a lean spell of three large defeats and three not very honourable draws.

The pattern of our early victories was fairly consistent : we managed to reach a fair score—not always very convincingly—whereas our opponents were quickly put on the defensive by the hostile pace of Perfect or Rubery, with Browne and Coleman to finish off the tail when necessary. Our satisfaction at this flying start received a rude shock when Watford, on a plumb pitch, were the first of several teams to make bare a lack of penetration in our attack. Under pressure it was noticeable how the team lost the alertness in the field which comes so easily to a winning team, but is even more necessary when on the defensive. Although the spinners bowled well, they suffered from this deterioration in fielding—as well as not very expert field placing—and, despite the large number of spinners in the team, only one achievement stands out : Coleman's 7 for 19 early on against Guildford.

However, the batting improved during the season : the partnership of Bowler (also a lively wicket-keeper) and Chapman gave us our first good start ; Ralley made some good scores towards the end of the season, while Stockwell and Davies, who were also a good pair of slips, often made the bulk of the runs. It was often quite true, as a No. 11 was heard to say, that we batted right down the order, but the runs tended to flow much less freely after No. 4 ; among the brittle middle batting only Whitwham's at times invaluable emulation of Mackay deserves mention.

Our lean spell, ended only by two excellent personal performances by Rutter (6 for 36) and Davies (75 not out) against Barnet, showed up one bad feature of the season, which was the poor attendance at nets. The absence of our fast spearheads demanded more accuracy of the bowlers and a larger number of runs of the batsmen, but occasions when the whole team was at a net were very few. It is no coincidence that two of the players who attended most regularly ended the season with most runs and most wickets respectively.

This report has rather emphasised the season's shortcomings, but nevertheless the cricket has been very enjoyable. The team thanks Mr Eaton very much for his help at nets, his general

supervision of the team and his umpiring. The umpire is on the field all the match, and, like the scorer, has a taxing job : we are grateful to all those whose help was necessary for our enjoyment.

R. P. H. GREEN.

Colours were awarded to : R. P. H. Green, M. H. Bowler, M. D. H. Priestley, I. R. W. Whitwham, J. M. Davies, C. J. Homer, D. E. Rubery, A. W. Ralley, R. A. Fewtrell.

### SECOND XI RESULTS

<i>Team</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Result</i>
Bishopshalt School ... ..	99	72	Won
Sir William Borlase's School	56	54	Won
Guildford R.G.S. ... ..	60—5	59	Won
Emanuel School ... ..	139	73	Won
Royal Masonic School ... ..	146—8 dec.	60	Won
Leighton Park School ... ..	112	81	Won
Watford G.S. ... ..	58—6	151—6 dec.	Drawn
St. Benedict's School ... ..	98—9	136—7 dec.	Drawn
St. Bartholomew's School ... ..	141	145—2	Lost
R.A.F. High Wycombe ... ..	139—5 dec.	139—8	Drawn
Tiffin School ... ..	65	68—4	Lost
Abingdon School ... ..	123	124—3	Lost
Queen Elizabeth's, Barnet ... ..	112—4	111	Won

### SECOND XI AVERAGES

#### Batting

	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Complete Innings</i>	<i>Highest Score</i>	<i>Average</i>
Davies ... ..	186	6	75*	31
Bowler ... ..	177	8	57*	22.13
Stockwell ... ..	130	7	38	18.57
Whitwham ... ..	89	5	38	17.8
Chapman ... ..	121	7	53	17.29
Ralley ... ..	126	10	27*	12.6
Priestley ... ..	55	5	26	11.0
Iremonger ... ..	62	8	28	7.75

#### Bowling

	<i>Overs</i>	<i>Maidens</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Wickets</i>	<i>Average</i>
Browne ... ..	27	7	46	10	4.6
Perfect ... ..	34	11	83	16	5.18
Robery ... ..	28	9	53	7	7.57
Homer ... ..	145	36	388	32	12.13
Coleman ... ..	30	—	165	11	15.0

**Catches :** Davies, Bowler, Coleman, Green 5, Chapman 4, Priestley 3, Everitt, Ralley, Stockwell 2.

## COLTS CRICKET XI

*Results : Played 10, Won 9, Lost 1*

The Colts, with the strongest side they have had for many years, had a very successful season indeed. Four of the side played most creditably for the School 1st XI at one time or another, and one or two others might have done so equally well. Only one match was lost (at St. Benedict's), and that by a very narrow margin.

Of the batsmen, Hayter was the star, and on three occasions scored over 40. Solomon never quite fulfilled the high promise of a splendid innings in the first match but batted well enough for several useful scores. Both Harris and Bowler scored freely in the later matches. McLoughlin, Jones and Sifton had some good innings, although the latter always gave the impression that he would have been more at home with a No. 2 iron. After an indifferent season in which he was never seen to move at a pace which could be described as anything faster than "ambling", Low was dropped for the final game against Hatters Lane. As a last-minute reserve he returned to the team a new man and dramatically won the game with a fine display of lusty driving, which involved him in the *running* of two 3's.

The bowling of R. C. Jones, McLoughlin and Dorkings was so successful that Iliffe, Nottingham and Anderson, all of whom bowled well on occasions, were redundant for most of the season, and Solomon's captaincy was made relatively simple, especially as the fielding was generally keen. Even so, Solomon's own example in this direction was exceptionally commendable. Mention must also be made of the soundness of Harris's wicket-keeping, which was particularly impressive on the leg side.

After singing so many praises, a raspberry seems overdue, and no raspberry could be big enough for the team's running between the wickets. It was unspeakably bad. R.C.F.

Colts' Colours were awarded to : M. P. A. Solomon, R. C. Jones (1960), J. Hayter, J. N. McLoughlin, M. Harris, R. A. Dorkings and M. Bowler.

### COLTS XI AVERAGES

#### Batting

	<i>Innings</i>	<i>Not Out</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Highest</i>	<i>Average</i>
Hayter ... ..	10	1	205	43*	22.6
Harris ... ..	8	3	107	36*	21.4
Bowler ... ..	10	0	110	26	11.0
Solomon ... ..	10	0	108	31	10.8
Low ... ..	9	2	73	22*	10.3
McLoughlin ... ..	10	1	76	22	8.5
Sifton ... ..	10	0	70	33	7.0
Jones ... ..	7	1	37	16	6.2



<b>Bowling</b>	<i>Overs</i>	<i>Maidens</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Wickets</i>	<i>Average</i>
Jones ... ..	88	25	157	29	5.4
McLoughlin ... ..	50	9	134	24	5.6
Dorkings ... ..	73	32	117	20	5.7
Iliffe ... ..	27	7	7	9	7.9
Nottingham ... ..	19	5	69	7	9.9

**Catches :** Solomon, Hayter and Harris 4.

**Stumpings :** Harris 8, Bowler 2.

## JUNIOR COLTS XI

*Results :* Played 8, Won 4, Lost 4

As only one member of last year's team was available, the prospects were not good. In the event, the first three matches were won convincingly by good bowling and fielding and resolute batting. However, the batting was so lacking in skill that defeat was always possible against a good bowling side. So it turned out in three of the remaining matches.

In the batting there were some good scores, notably 47 not out by Rivers after carrying his bat, 40 by O'Hanlon, and 39 by Dixon. All too often, however, batsmen were out to poor shots. They must be prepared to put in continual practice so that skill can be added to their eagerness to hit the ball.

The bowling was usually accurate and hostile, with Snell and Davies proving a good opening pair. Rivers and Hawes provided good support with their spinners.

Hawes as captain set a good example by his catching and fielding, and the excellent catching of Rivers deserves mention.

The following boys played for the team : D. J. Hawes (Captain), J. M. Rivers, A. R. Daines, M. J. O'Hanlon, M. J. Snell, G. Dixon, J. R. Saunders, S. G. Fowler, K. N. Simons, A. Barratt, P. R. Lavender, R. A. Janes, J. T. Wright, G. F. Cutler, N. P. Hampton, I. John.

### JUNIOR COLTS XI AVERAGES

<b>Batting</b>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Average</i>
J. M. Rivers ... ..	103	14.7
Dixon ... ..	94	13.4
Hawes ... ..	89	11.1
Daines ... ..	63	10.5
O'Hanlon ... ..	81	10.1

<b>Bowling</b>	<i>Wickets</i>	<i>Average</i>
Rivers ... ..	16	3.6
Hawes ... ..	10	4.7
Daines ... ..	16	7.5
Snell ... ..	20	8.0

**Catches :** Rivers 9, Dixon 4, Daines 3, Hawes 3.

**Stumpings :** O'Hanlon 2.

## LAWN TENNIS CLUB

*Matches : Played 19, Won 19, Lost 0*

As can be seen from the results we have once again had a very successful season. By far the best match was against Magdalen College School in Oxford. Magdalen had one very good pair who inflicted the only defeat of the season upon our first pair, Moores and Smith, but our all-round strength proved superior in the end. The most encouraging feature of the season was the great improvement shown by members of the second team, who provided us with reserves whom we had no hesitations in playing in the first team when the need arose: players like Panter and Ray would easily have got into every other first team we met. Three young players, Farmer (P.), East and Davies (D. M.), also played for the first team, and with players with the great promise and ability they have, we seem assured of a strong team for several years to come. Lawrance handled the young and rather inexperienced 2nd VI very capably and their greatest success was an 8—1 victory against Royal Masonic School 1st VI.

Only one member of this year's 1st VI is leaving, R. Keeley. Apart from being a very helpful and efficient vice-captain, his play throughout the summer has been consistently good and he will be greatly missed next year. Of those remaining, Orchard and Seale have at times played brilliantly and at times not quite so brilliantly, but they have always proved much too strong for their opposite numbers. Moores is a much better player than he was last year and is now one of the best juniors in the South of England. Up to now he is unbeaten by anyone in a junior singles this year and his best win was against the captain of Aylesbury L.T.C., one of the best players in the County senior team. 1st VI Colours were awarded to R. C. Smith, who only entered the School in January and was a very valuable addition to our team. 2nd VI Colours were awarded to Lawrance, R. J., and Panter, M. E. J.

### TENNIS RESULTS

May 10	Sir William Borlase's School	...	...	H	Won	8	1
„ 13	Courtaulds	...	...	H	Won	9	0
„ 17	Culham College	...	...	H	Won	7½	1½
„ 24	Newland Park Training College	1st VI		H	Won	8	1
	Newland Park Training College	2nd VI		A	Won	6	3
„ 27	R.A.F. Halton Apprentices	...	...	H	Won	9	0
June 3	Magdalen College School	...	...	A	Won	5	4
„ 10	R.A.F. Henlow	1st VI	...	H	Won	9	0
	Royal Masonic School	1st VI	...	A	Won	8	1

June	14	Leighton Park School 1st VI	...	...	A	Won	8	1
		Leighton Park School 2nd VI	...	...	H	Won	6½	2½
"	17	Watford Grammar School 1st VI	...	...	A	Won	7	2
		Watford Grammar School 2nd VI	...	...	H	Won	6½	2½
"	24	St. Benedict's School	...	...	H	Won	7	2
July	1	University College School	...	...	H	Won	5	1
"	8	Emanuel School	...	...	H	Won	5	1
"	11	St. John's L.T.C. Equity & Law	...	...	A	Won	8	1
"	13	Courtaulds	...	...	A	Won	7	2
"	22	Trinity School, Croydon	...	...	H	Won	8	1

### School Tournaments :

Open Singles : R. C. Smith beat C. H. Farmer 6—1, 6—1.

Handicap Doubles : C. H. Farmer and R. A. Keeley beat C. East and P. Farmer 6—1, 6—1.

Handicap Doubles : Barlow beat Tomkinson 6—3, 6—4.

C. H. FARMER.

Congratulations to the best tennis-playing VI we have produced on the best season ever. I should like to record my thanks to Farmer for his excellent work as team captain and to Keeley for the help he gave Farmer as Vice-Captain : they gave dignity to the Tennis VI, but the other four members of the team were so satisfied with the high standard of their tennis that they tended to be too casual in their behaviour and general manner, and on some occasions put their own interest before their duties in the team. The enthusiasm and interest they showed do not compare favourably with the cricketers, who are nothing like so successful a team but appear to be a real team interested in their opponents and the game. I shall endeavour to strengthen the fixture list so that they will have to fight more for their successes, but the main thing is that they develop into balanced sociable people fit to represent this School in public. I am very happy about the way the 2nd VI is developing.

M. M. DAVIES.

### HOUSE TENNIS TOURNAMENT

We were lucky this year to have a fine day for the House Tennis Competition, and I am glad to say that it went through very smoothly. As was expected, King's proved to be by far the strongest House and won quite comfortably. Their first pair, Orchard and Smith, after easily winning their section, won the final 8—6, 6—2, against Farmer (C.) and Keeley, of Youens, who won the other section. In the second pairs final Seale and East, of King's, beat Abii and Ford, of Queen's 3—6, 6—4, 6—3. In the final reckoning King's finished with 65½ points, Queen's 46½, Youens 46, Arnison 34, Disraeli 24 and Fraser 18.

C. H. FARMER.

## ATHLETICS REVIEW

This year standards in the track events were very high, with J. O. Smith and Forrester in the sprints, Priestley in the 440 and Yates in the mile being outstanding.

The field events specialists tended to be overshadowed, but with new facilities promised for next year, standards should improve considerably.

A few athletes entered for the London Schools Championships at the White City in April, and although Yates managed a very creditable second in the 1500 m. steeplechase (his first attempt at this event), the others who competed were clearly not fully fit.

The School Sports are recorded elsewhere in this issue. H. Priestley showed great all-round versatility, winning both the high jump and long jump, and 440 and 880. Two School records were broken, and keen competition in all the races helped provide a very enjoyable afternoon.

Training now began in earnest, several boys training with the local athletic club, and several fine performances recorded. In the Bucks County Championships, Priestley won the 440, Yates the Senior 3,000 m. steeplechase, and J. O. Smith came a very close second in the 100 (10.1) and the 220, while Forrester gained two thirds and a second in the Kent Championships.

We next won a match against Rickmansworth G.S. (the scores were equal with one event, the relay, to go), but were defeated the next match by Bishopshalt.

The County Schools Competition gave the juniors a chance to show their form. Malic, Ferguson and Merchant ran very well, while among the under-17's, Priestley won the 440 yds. in 51.8 seconds in windy conditions, while Forrester won the long jump. Yates won the senior mile.

Five boys ran in the All-England Championships, Priestley coming sixth in the 440 yds., after doing 51.3 in the heats, and the others, Yates, J. O. Smith, Merchant and Forrester all performed very well.

Yates has run splendidly all season ; he has a best time in the mile of 4 mins. 22.9 secs., and is also Bucks Senior Champion over 6 miles, and 3,000 metres steeplechase.

Finally, we would like to thank Mr. Jones and Mr. Nightingale for their help and encouragement to the team throughout the season.

Half-colours were awarded to : Hosier, Cunnold, Priestley, Yates, J. O. Smith, R. B. Smith, Forrester, M. G. Smith, Watanangura, Culley, Layton, Bowman and Peters.

## RESULTS

<i>Event</i>	<i>1st</i>	<i>2nd</i>	<i>3rd</i>
100 yds.	S J. O. Smith (Y)	Forrester (F)	Hosier (A)
	SC Packman (D)	Myant (A)	King (D)
	C Merchant (Y)	Ferguson (K)	Melsom (K)
	J Hawes (K)	Cutler (F)	Beasley (D)
220 yds.	S J. O. Smith (Y)	{ Hosier (A)	Forrester (A)
	SC Packman (D)	{ M. G. Smith (D)	
	C Ferguson (K)	King (D)	Myant (A)
	JC Cutler (F)	Browning (F)	Gooderham (Y)
440 yds.	S Priestley (F)	Hume (A)	Throssell (A)
	SC Malec (F)	M. G. Smith (D)	Hosier (A)
	C Ferguson (K)	Davies (K)	King (D)
	S Priestley (F)	Merchant (Y)	Charlton (Q)
880 yds.	SC Priestley (F)	Yates (K)	Hosier (A)
	C Malec (F)	Rhodes (Q)	Newman (A)
	JC Charlton (Q)	Douglas (A)	Merchant (Y)
	S Hume (A)	Steptoe (D)	Hawes (D)
1 Mile	S Yates (K)	Culley (F)	Priestley (F)
Long Jump	S Priestley (F)	J. O. Smith (Y)	Forrester (F)
	SC Ferguson (D)	Davies (K)	Thompson (A)
	C Charlton (Q)	Melsom (Q)	Sweeting (F)
	JC Hawes (K)	Cutler (F)	Throssell (A)
High Jump	S Priestley (F)	Forrester (F)	Bowman (A)
	SC Thompson (A)	Ferguson (D)	Grace (D)
	C Wareham (K)	O'Shea (Y)	{ Kelford (A)
	JC Beasley (D)	Hawes (K)	{ Priestley (F)
Shot	S Simpson (K)	Ralley (Q)	Cutler (F)
	SC Davies (K)	Merrington (Y)	Harding (K)
	C Thomas (A)	Owen (F)	Myant (A)
	S Johnson (D)	R. B. Smith (Q)	Wickens (A)
Discus	SC Ferguson (K)	Solomon (Y)	Rogers (A)
	C Wareham (K)	Collins (Y)	Ferguson (K)
	S Fewtrell (F)	Forrester (F)	Mathews (A)
Javelin	SC Bentley (A)	Newman (A)	Myant (A)
	C Owen (F)	Douglas (A)	Wareham (K)
	S J. O. Smith (Y)	Cunnold (D)	Bowman (A)
Triple Jump Relay	S Arnison	Fraser	Youens
	SC Disraeli	Arnison	King's
	C Queen's	Youens	Fraser
	JC Arnison	Fraser	Disraeli

<b>Open Champion</b>	...	...	M. Priestley (F)
<b>Senior Colts Champion</b>	...	...	Davies (K)
<b>Colts Champion</b>	...	...	Ferguson (K)
<b>Junior Colts Champion</b>	...	...	Hawes (K)

**School Records :** 220 yds.—J. O. Smith, 23.1 secs.  
1 mile—P. J. Yates 4 mins. 26.5 secs.

### House Positions

1st	...	Arnison	4th	...	Disraeli
2nd	...	Fraser	5th	...	Youens
3rd	...	King's	6th	...	Queen's

# OLD WYCOMBIENSIANS' CLUB

## Marriage

REAR—MILLINGTON. On Saturday, June 3rd, 1961, at Hansforth, Leeds, P. E. Rear (1949-57) to Miss Susan Millington.

## Death

G. W. WOODLEY (1906-08). On July 23rd, 1961, at Hayling Island, aged 71 years.

G. W. Woodley was one of a group of nine or ten Pupil Teacher Students sent to the School by the County Education Committee between 1906 and 1910 to be prepared for the Preliminary Examination of the Elementary School Teacher's Certificate. Others in the group were G. W. Adkins, P. Collins, G. Deane, O. T. Goodearl, H. S. Groom, E. G. Worley and E. C. Richardson. At least half of them eventually became Headmasters. Woodley, a steady worker and a very useful full-back at Soccer, became Headmaster of the Junior School at Castlefield and was referred to by Mr. J. W. Moss, Wycombe Divisional Education Officer, at a ceremony at Castlefield School.

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## OLD BOYS' NOTES

G. W. ADKINS (1906-08) had a picture included in the annual pictorial exhibition of the Royal Photographic Society which attracted entries from 17 countries outside the United Kingdom. The picture is a male character study completely different from the conventional portrait. His success comes at the end of his first year as Chairman of E.M.I. Camera Club, to which office he was re-elected.

P. J. AGAR (1947-53) could not attend the Annual Dinner because he was on the H.M.S. *Lochfyne* in the Persian Gulf. He went there in June 1960 and expected to be back home in May 1961.

F. E. J. BLOMFIELD (1929-33) hopes his son will be accepted as a boarder at the R.G.S. Blomfield also has a daughter.

A. DODGSON (1913-18), when he retires this summer, is going to stay "put" in Harrow Weald, where he and his wife have lived in the same house, 27 West Drive, for 32 years and where they have so many friends and social connections. Lately he has been straining his teacher's salary to the full visiting his two daughters, one settled in Sweden and the other about to get married in Canada.

D. J. HANN (1924–29) was elected Mayor of High Wycombe with ancient ceremony last May. On leaving the R.G.S. Hann was an apprentice motor engineer before joining the firm of Messrs. T. W. Mealing & Son. He volunteered for the Army in September 1939 and was evacuated from Dunkirk. He was later commissioned in the Royal Signals and attached to Special Operations. In 1954 he started in business on his own as a wholesaler and importer of materials used in the furniture industry. He was elected a member of the Town Council in 1954 and a member of Wycombe Divisional Education Executive in 1956. He is a Governor of the R.G.S. and a Manager of Terriers Primary School. Hann took the keenest interest in all games while at the R.G.S. and was a strong supporter of all O.B.'s efforts in soccer and rugby, being a founder member of the Old Wycombiensians Rugby Football Club. He is the President of the Flackwell Heath Golf Club and a former Chairman of the High Wycombe Round Table.

P. W. H. NORTH (1949–56), although he has been in Lundazi, N. Rhodesia, for nearly a year, enjoys the life immensely. The European population is 18 and the district about 300 miles long and full of interest. North says it is a joy to buzz off 150 miles into one of the best wild-life areas in Africa where the people never listen to the nationalists' cry and where the elephants are so plentiful that even he could not miss shooting one. The elephants are a menace to the village gardens and a dead one means a lot to the natives, apart from the huge sums the ivory can fetch. There is perfect calm in the district, though the future is full of awful possibilities. The best solution according to North seems to be that the Europeans will be encouraged to stay and, more important, that they will want to stay : chaos may be the only alternative.

S. V. PERFECT (1911–19), since he entered the teaching profession on leaving the Grammar School, has taught at Bourne End, Marlow, Winchester, Spring Gardens, Loakes Park Church of England School, Terriers and had just finished 40 years when he retired as Headmaster of Hatters Lane Secondary Boys School last Spring. He estimates that during his 20 years at Hatters Lane he has taught more than 4,000 boys. In a presentation ceremony Alderman C. W. Lance, Chairman of the Governors, and Mr. R. Winter, the Divisional Educational Officer, paid tribute to his devoted service, his co-operation and courtesy. Gifts included a record player with records, a bookcase and other furniture made by the boys at the school.

J. G. SAINSBURY (1943–50), after being a solicitor with Torquay Borough Council since December 1958, commenced a

somewhat similar post with Slough Borough Council in January of this year, and now lives at 9 Cherrywood Gardens, Flackwell Heath, High Wycombe. He married Megan (*nee* Cutts) in April 1959, and in June 1960 became the proud father of a beautiful baby girl. He anticipates meeting many old friends at future functions of the R.G.S.

T. C. WILLIAMS (1947-52), although he enjoys the shops, cinemas, clubs and glorious beaches at Freetown, Sierra Leone, after three years in "the bush", prefers to be on his own. His son, born on the same day as Prince Andrew, enjoys the hot humid climate anywhere and has acquired an enviable tan. Williams has not met one O.B. in Sierra Leone, but believes that quite a number work in West Africa. He is due home this coming September.

FLT. LT. R. CHAMBERS (1946-52) came second in the Queen's Prize competition at Bisley.

M. ASHBURNER (1953-1961) reports with delight that he has become the official representative of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament at Churchill College, Cambridge.

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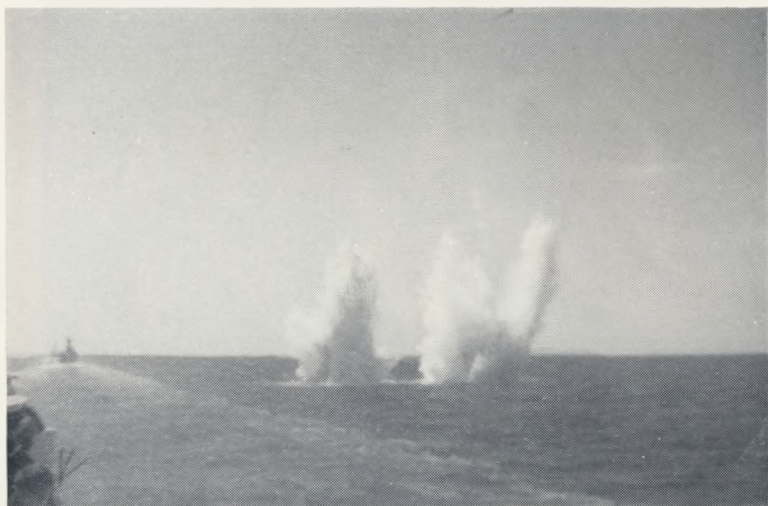
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