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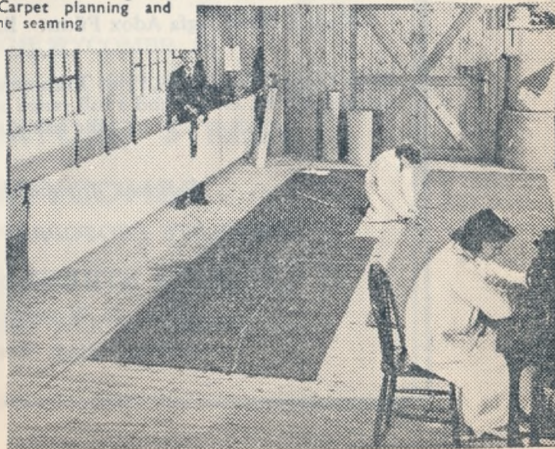
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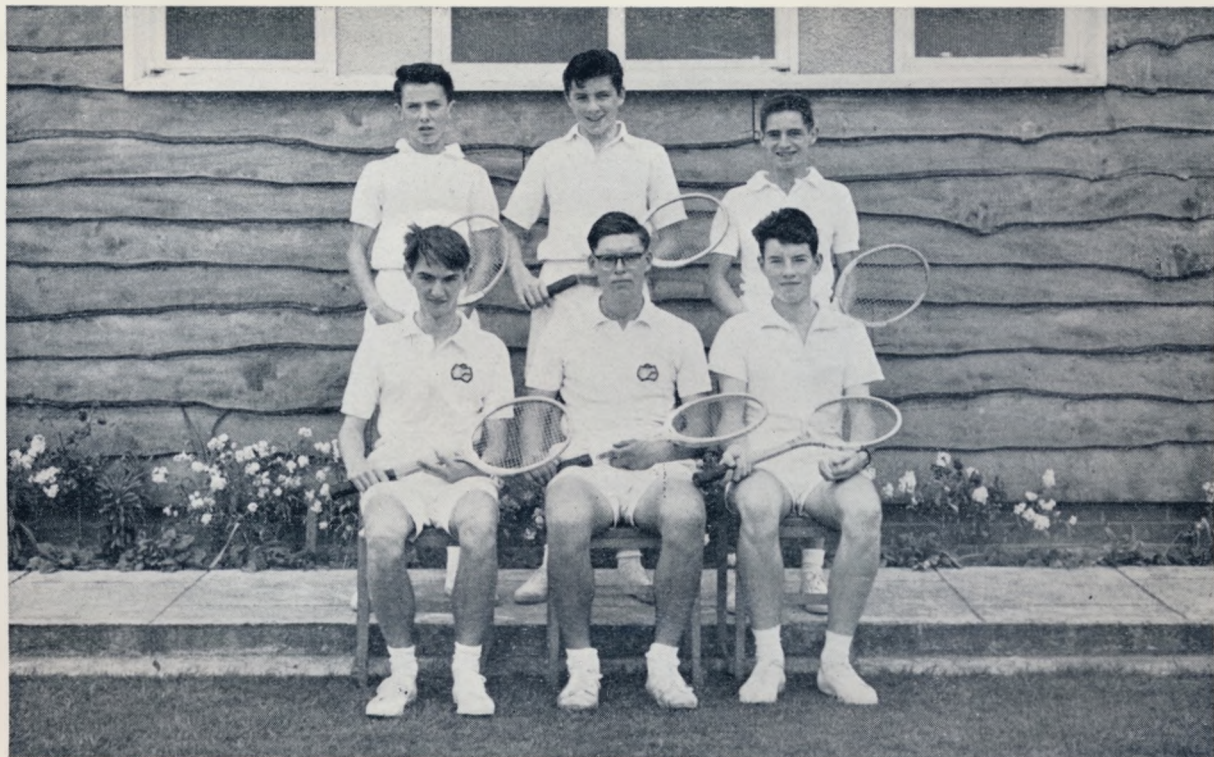
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(THE MAGAZINE OF THE ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL, HIGH WYCOMBE)

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## EDITORIAL

The last year must surely be remembered as a year of great change ; above all, it has heralded the completion of the long-awaited Science School, and the School can now justly boast one of the best Science departments in the whole country. However, this breath of change has been installed not only into the scientists, but into the School as a whole. Already, the Art department is in the process of being moved to what was until recently the General Science Laboratory ; with this, a solution to the problem of an overcrowded sixth form has been partially solved by the addition of a second library, thus devoting one whole wing of the School to the purpose of private study. Plans are now afoot for the occupation by the History sixth form of a former Physics Laboratory. Yet amongst all this materialism the deeper motives of School life have at last been allowed full expression with the proposed conversion of the large Chemistry laboratory into a Chapel ; this transformation is already under way. The fears of " a possible decline in academic standards because of inadequate accommodation " echoed by the editors at this time last year are thus fast being dispelled before our eyes. This issue has, then, attempted keep apace with this change and in some respects to anticipate it.

Though buildings and indeed faces change, it is comforting to reflect that the School spirit is as strong as ever ; though the " veritable deluge of articles " referred to in the last issue has, alas, dwindled to a trickle, this is understandably so when the demands of School and General Certificate examinations press on the energies of so many of our members. Though change we must, let this fine tradition be a constant inspiration to all.

## STAFF NOTES

We are very sorry to say goodbye to six members of our staff at the end of the Summer Term.

Mr. L. J. Ashford, the head of the History Department, leaves to take up his appointment as Headmaster of Burnham Grammar School. As well as rendering both the School and the pupils invaluable service, during this year he produced his long-awaited "History of High Wycombe." The acclamation with which Mr. Ashford's book was received has made us realise our loss in his departure. We all wish him the greatest success and happiness in building up his new school.

Mr. A. L. Runswick, after ten years' distinguished service, goes to be head of the English Department at University College School, Hampstead. He will be missed in two spheres, both for his lively and inspiring scholarship and his great enthusiasm as Boarding House Master. We wish him and his wife every happiness for the future.

Mr. J. W. Pursey goes to a senior post at Blackburn Grammar School after two years on the Staff.

Mr. A. Gaster joins Mr. Ashford at the new Burnham Grammar School as Senior Music Master.

Mr. P. M. Harvey, who in addition to his splendid work in School, has done outstanding service with the Boarding House Scout Troop, leaves to take up a senior post at Long Eaton.

Mr. J. K. Andrews goes to be head of the Chemistry Department at Henley Grammar School.

Finally, M. C. Dreux and Herr Steinmeyer depart at the end of the Summer Term. Their stay has been most valuable and popular.

We wish them all happiness and success in their new appointments.

MR. G. W. ARNISON (1905-33) has made a first-rate recovery from his operation, which turned out to be rather a bigger one than he had anticipated. He has nothing but praise for the staff and his treatment at Poole Hospital; he has quite enjoyed his first hospital treatment. In spite of a ten days' rest at Botleigh Grange he has been advised not to make a long journey just yet and could not attend Godstowe Speech Day.

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## SCHOOL NEWS

This year the annual Confirmation Service took place on March 31st, and the new confirmees made their first Communion on the following day.

The biennial Student Christian Movement Conference attended by grammar and high schools throughout the county was held this year in the School Hall.

The School orchestra and choir gave a performance of Mozart's Requiem Mass on April 8th.

A party of sixth-form boys went to the Cambridge Theatre, London, to see "The Wrong Side of the Park," by John Mortimer.

On Commonwealth Youth Sunday, a contingent of the School's C.C.F., headed by the band, marched through High Wycombe High Street to the Parish Church.

In June the new Science School, said to be the most advanced of its kind in the country, was officially handed over to the School.

The School Sports were held this year on June 9th and were won by Fraser House.

A Summer Concert was held on July 20th. It included items by the orchestra, the choir, the madrigal choir, and by the violins and recorders.

On July 18th the History Society organised a visit, by sixth-form pupils, to the Stock Exchange.

The end of term School trip consisted of a visit to Bath and Cheddar Gorge.

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## OPEN SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

We offer our congratulations to the following boys who gained Open Awards at the end of last Christmas Term :—

- J. P. Baker, Open Scholarship in Natural Sciences, St. John's College, Cambridge.
- S. P. Baxter, Open Scholarship in Natural Sciences, Jesus College, Cambridge.
- E. W. Burrows, Open Exhibition in Classics, Jesus College, Cambridge.
- A. M. Fowler, Open Exhibition in Natural Sciences, Jesus College, Cambridge.
- D. A. King, Open Exhibition in Mathematics, Jesus College, Cambridge.
- C. D. Waller, Open Exhibition in Modern Languages, St. John's College, Cambridge.
- J. P. Barber (who left us in the Summer Term to go to Chesterfield Grammar School), Open Exhibition in Mathematics, St. John's College, Cambridge.
- J. R. Wordie (who came to us from Cambridge High School), Open Exhibition in History, Queen's College, Cambridge.

## THE BENEVOLENT FUND

At a meeting of the Benevolent Fund Committee at the beginning of the Summer Term it was decided to disburse a balance of £50 as follows :—

Multiple Sclerosis Society ....	£10
County Holidays Fund ....	£10
National Institute for the Deaf ....	£10
Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind ....	£10
Dr. Barnardo's Homes ....	£5
N.S.P.C.C. ....	£5

The contributions during the Summer Term (a shorter term and one rather disrupted by examinations) amounted to £40. About £150 a year is now being given entirely voluntarily by the boys to deserving causes.

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## THE NEW BUILDINGS

With the recent addition to the school buildings of a Science School and an extensive building programme scheduled for the near future, much interest has been aroused about the future appearance of the School. The editors, with the assistance of the Headmaster and Mr. Eaton, have therefore made some attempt to outline these proposed extensions to our already large school.

In 1959 the Ministry of Education stated its intention to bring the School up to standard as a five-form entry school of nine hundred boys. This is the second phase in the School's building programme.

The first stage consisted of building an urgently needed Science School, and work commenced in September, 1958, to fulfil this undertaking. This year has witnessed the official handing over of the building with its eleven laboratories, workshop, two lecture rooms and many ancillary rooms.

The final phase had to include all other items of building needed to complete the necessary provision. The scheme was included by the Buckinghamshire Education Committee in its programme for 1960–1961. The plans have now passed from the County Architect through the governing body, the programme development sub-committee, and the Ministry of Education to the quantity surveyor. They include : provision of a great hall, with a stage and side rooms, to accommodate a thousand people, the music department being under the stage ; a teaching block with ten class rooms with proper accommodation for the Junior School, who are, at present, temporarily housed in the huts at Uplyme ; new administrative accommodation for the Head-

master, his secretary, the Bursar and the Second Master ; new staff rooms, with Careers and Medical rooms ; an additional dining-hall of permanent construction to accommodate the increasing numbers ; a swimming bath, and a caretaker's house.

The architect's conception is to make maximum use of the ground in front of the School and of the existing facade of the main building. The Great Hall will be sited on the right-hand side of the main drive as one faces the School, and a classroom block of four storeys will be placed on the left. The two structures will be joined by cloisters with an entrance archway ; above the cloisters will be the Headmaster's wing adjoining the hall, with a line of four sixth-form rooms adjacent to the teaching block. Between the junior buildings and the present library wing will be a long one-storey line of buildings providing the staff with accommodation. At the rear of the School, near the fives court, will be the Swimming Bath, while the Dining Hall will be next to the existing temporary building, which will eventually be replaced. The Caretaker's house will be built at the bottom of the Headmaster's garden.

This extensive programme is being embarked upon in the near future, and it is hoped that it will be ready for the School's 400th anniversary in 1962.

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## SPEECH DAY

The C.C.F. Guard of Honour and band presented themselves with the smartness and efficiency which by now is a well-established Speech Day tradition. After a brief inspection by Sir George Pollock, Q.C., the guests and parents assembled in the Hall for the main function of the afternoon.

After opening the proceedings by welcoming the guest speaker, Sir George Pollock, Q.C., Alderman R. P. Clarke made a cursory survey of the year's events. He noted that more scholastic successes had been gained than ever before in the history of the School, and commented on the completion of the new Science School ; this, by making available an old chemistry laboratory, which could be suitably converted, had made possible the Headmaster's long ambition of a School Chapel.

After welcoming Sir George and Lady Pollock and the Mayor and Mayoress, the Headmaster began his Annual Report. It had been a very busy year, he said : not only had the Laboratory Block been completed, but plans had already been passed for the addition of a great new Hall at the front of the School, a new

Teaching Block and Staff accommodation on the right-hand side, the whole of which was to be joined up by cloisters, thus completing a quadrangle, rather on college lines. The plans also included the provision of a Swimming Bath, and in this connection the Headmaster wished to thank the warm response to the appeal for contributions by Old Boys and parents ; with contributions already promised the project was assured and work would begin by mid-1961. Meanwhile the conversion of the old Chemistry Laboratory into a Chapel was near to being realised. Spontaneous offers of help after the Old Boys' Annual Dinner in 1959, when the idea was first voiced had been overwhelming ; further contributions would, however, be most welcome.

Of great significance was the departure of six of the Staff, particularly Mr. L. J. Ashford, the Senior History Master, and Mr. A. L. Runswick, the House Tutor at School House. Referring to the Staff, the Headmaster said that Mr. S. Morgan had now completed his thirtieth year of full service. In reviewing the year's academic achievements he noted that only two other schools could exceed the twenty-one State Scholarships awarded to the School. It was heartening at a time when competition for even places at Oxford and Cambridge was fierce, that the School should retain its close connection with Jesus College, Cambridge, from which four of the eight Open Awards gained by the School had come. Entrance to University for the year had increased by twenty-five per cent and the School had gained a much bigger than usual number of Cadetships to the Service Colleges. Four people had gained Flying Scholarships and were in the process of gaining their wings. However, the Headmaster did not think that the School had yet reached its peak in growth or distinction. Such a record of achievement was very greatly due to the excellent quality of the Staff. The only real criticism the Headmaster had to make in the academic field was that some boys failed to match their work at School with the same standard of devotion at University.

In another sphere, Mr. Cooke was retiring as Chief Education Officer of the County, and the Headmaster paid especial tribute to his wisdom and determination in supporting the School's efforts and ambitions. It was therefore fitting that he had invited him to be the School's special guest at the next Speech Day. Meantime other School activities had continued much as usual. The Headmaster did, however, regret the poor response of parents to invitations to attend the opera and concerts, though he felt sure that the boys were in part responsible. He ended by paying tribute to Mr. L. Jennings, who after twenty years as Head Caretaker was retiring.

After presenting the cups and prizes, Sir George Pollock rose to make his speech. He spoke of the Headmaster as a



dedicated man to whom the School owed much. Of prospects in industry Sir George reflected that Britain was still essentially virile and progressive and that opportunities for men holding high engineering degrees were boundless ; but despite this, it was the average boy with common sense who formed the sure foundation of society. Beside the demands of industry, however, was the greater need for those moral and spiritual qualities in youth which were so necessary to the modern world. A vote of thanks was proposed by the Bishop of Buckingham, and seconded by Mr. N. Theed.

After tea in the School the new Science School became the centre of attraction to many parents and guests. Later the Commemoration Service was held in the Parish Church. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Reverend A. L. Evan Hopkins, and the sermon was preached by the Reverend S. Hoffman, an Old Boy of the School.

### FORM PRIZES

#### FORM IIA :

- 1st, N. F. Lansdown
- 2nd, D. G. Beattie

#### FORM IIB :

- 1st, R. C. Thomas
- 2nd, C. J. Smith

#### FORM IIC :

- 1st, P. A. Richardson
- 2nd, H. J. Weiss

#### FORM IID :

- 1st, P. F. Simpson
- 2nd, C. M. Hood

#### FORM IIE :

- 1st, D. M. Wood
- 2nd, P. R. Thornton

#### FORM IIIx :

- 1st, B. J. Russell
- 2nd, K. N. Simons
- 3rd, D. G. Essen

#### FORM IIY :

- 1st, A. D. Homer
- 2nd, J. R. Bacon
- 3rd, J. N. McLoughlin

#### FORM IIIA :

- 1st, D. W. S. Vere
- 2nd, J. M. Gregory

#### FORM IIIA :

- 1st, P. F. Ray
- 2nd, N. J. Gooderham

#### FORM IIISB :

- 1st, P. J. Wilson
- 2nd, A. G. Brill

#### FORM IVx :

- 1st, C. J. Myerscough
- 2nd, P. B. Farmer
- 3rd { I. A. Sifton  
P. M. Wood

#### FORM IVY :

- 1st, J. Blamey
- 2nd, P. J. Moores
- 3rd, C. R. A. G. Iliffe

#### FORM IVA :

- 1st, F. J. Freeman
- 2nd, F. R. Moisey

#### FORM IVs :

- 1st, S. C. Charlton
- 2nd, N. F. Avery

#### FORM VY :

- 1st, M. J. C. Webb
- 2nd, J. H. Bettinson
- 3rd, D. A. Hope

#### FORM VA :

- 1st, A. W. Dingle
- 2nd, R. B. Clark

FORM Vs :  
 1st, P. M. J. Shelton  
 2nd, A. J. Rogers

FORM Vx :  
 1st, A. T. Ludgate  
 2nd, S. Merrington  
 3rd, J. D. C. Harris

FORM VUy :  
 1st, R. J. Puddephatt  
 2nd, P. G. Davies  
 3rd, M. J. Clegg

FORM VUz :  
 1st, I. A. Johnston  
 2nd, I. M. MacWhinnie  
 3rd, J. F. Blakesley

FORM VUA :  
 1st, I. Howarth  
 2nd, P. R. Briggs  
 3rd, C. A. Fair

FORM VUs :  
 1st, B. H. J. Cronin  
 2nd, R. G. Beavis  
 3rd, A. S. Platt

NEATNESS PRIZES :  
 VU } I. M. MacWhinnie  
 VX }  
 V } M. J. Gibb  
 IV } B. C. Busbridge  
 III } C. J. G. Allen  
 II } A. J. Leeson

SPEECH PRIZES :  
 VI } J. E. Camp  
 VU }  
 VX } M. S. F. Bird  
 V } J. E. Smith  
 IV } T. K. Rackstraw  
 III } J. J. Roberts  
 II } G. H. King

MUSIC PRIZE :  
 J. E. Camp

FORM VI—1ST YEAR :  
*Greek* : C. B. Garner  
*Latin* : P. H. W. Bristow  
*French* : C. Swain  
*German* : P. J. A. Findlay  
*English* : R. L. Smyth  
*History* : D. W. Neill  
*Geography* : J. B. Hume

*Science and Mathematics* : D. S. Culley  
 R. E. M. Hedges  
 R. H. Mayo  
 D. J. Thornton

*Economics* : A. E. Dingle  
*Engineering Drawing* : G. E. Wingrove

FORM VI—2ND and 3RD YEAR :  
*Classics* : M. B. Wood  
*Greek* : T. E. Chandler  
*Latin* : H. A. Ellis  
*Ancient History* : P. A. Taylor  
*Modern Languages* :

2nd Year J. E. Camp  
 3rd Year G. P. M. Walker

*French* :  
 2nd Year R. W. Hammett

*German* :  
 2nd Year D. R. Cox

*English* : I. A. Blyth

*Geography* : P. J. Yates

*History* : G. R. Packman

*History and Economics* : D. P. Davies

*Science and Mathematics* :  
 2nd Year M. E. Ashburner  
 M. J. Iremonger  
 N. A. Morley  
 R. I. Rothwell  
 R. V. Scruton  
 R. G. J. Shelton  
 D. K. Stratford

3rd Year R. G. Hollingworth  
 E. A. W. Maunder  
 D. P. May  
 P. J. Wilson

*Engineering Drawing* : G. H. Cunnold

OPEN AWARDS :  
*Mathematics* : D. A. King  
*Modern Languages* : C. D. Waller  
*Natural Sciences* : J. P. Baker  
 A. M. Fowler  
 S. P. Baxter  
*Classics* : E. W. Burrows

## SPECIAL PRIZES

- Headmaster's Prize :** W. E. Shackell.  
**Governors' Reading Prize :** J. S. Simpson.  
**Governors' Classics Prize :** R. P. H. Green.  
**Graefe Cup for best C.C.F. Cadet :** R.S.M. W. E. Shackell.  
**Harte Cup for best R.A.F./C.C.F. Cadet** (presented by Wing Commander C. S. W. Harte) : Flight-Sergeant W. R. Waller.  
**Giles Keen Memorial Cup for best Naval Cadet** (presented by Mr. and Mrs. Keen) ; Cadet P.O. N. C. Gravette.  
**Art Shield** (presented by A. Hastings, Esq.) : R. D. Sackett.  
**Hope Cup** (presented by Mr. and Mrs. Hope) : J. N. W. Dunsterville.  
**Thorne Prize for English :** D. A. Hamilton-Eddy.  
**Westney Prize for Music** (presented by M. W. Westney, Esq.) : J. B. Marshall.  
**Fletcher Prize for Greek Prose Composition** (presented by C. T. Fletcher, Esq.) : R. P. H. Green.  
**Lance Memorial Prizes for Present Progress :** 1st Year—C. Fewtrell ; 2nd Year—G. F. Cutler.  
**Raffety House Cup for School Work :** Queen's House.

## EXAMINATION SUCCESSES, 1959-60

### Open Scholarship Awards :

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C. D. Waller, Open Exhibition in Modern Languages, St. John's College, Cambridge.  
J. R. Wordie, Open Exhibition in History, Queen's College, Cambridge.

### State Scholarships awarded on the Result of the General Certificate of Education, Advanced and Scholarship Level :

- J. P. Baker for Chemistry and Mathematics, St. John's College, Cambridge.  
J. R. Barber for Mathematics, St. John's College, Cambridge.  
S. P. Baxter for Chemistry, Physics, Botany and Zoology, Jesus College, Cambridge.  
D. H. Bond for Mathematics, King's College, London University.  
H. C. Bramley for Mathematics and Physics, St. John's College, Cambridge.  
D. J. Craft for Physics, Imperial College, London University.  
D. P. Davies for History and English.  
A. M. Fowler for Chemistry and Botany, Jesus College, Cambridge.  
J. R. Garland for English and History, Birmingham University.  
A. Grainge for Greek and Latin, King's College, London University.  
R. P. H. Green for Greek, Latin and Ancient History.  
L. G. J. Johnson for Mathematics, Bristol University.  
D. A. King for Mathematics, Jesus College, Cambridge.  
J. R. Parkins for Mathematics and Physics, King's College, London University.  
M. G. Swift for History and Geography, Leeds University.  
P. A. Taylor for Greek and Latin, Selwyn College, Cambridge.  
J. A. Vickers for Mathematics, Imperial College, London University.  
C. D. Waller for French and German, St. John's College, Cambridge.  
M. K. Williams for Mathematics, Imperial College, London University.  
P. J. Wilson for Mathematics, Selwyn College, Cambridge.  
M. B. Wood for Greek and Latin, Jesus College, Cambridge.

**Reserve State Scholarship :**

R. A. P. Wilson for Mathematics, King's College, London University.

**Bucks County Major Scholarships :**

D. R. Ashby for Law, Bristol University.

D. J. Bevis for Engineering, Queen Mary College, London.

T. B. Blackburn for Metallurgy, Imperial College, London University.

P. J. Blokland for Agriculture, Reading University.

M. D. Coward for Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry, Leeds University

J. R. Currell for Engineering and Physics, King's College, London.

P. M. Dronfield for French and German, Leeds University.

P. Dunsterville for Geography, Leeds University.

N. C. Gravette for Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry, Imperial College, University of London.

J. R. H. Herring for Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry, University College, London University.

I. Horn for Classics and Ancient History, Leeds University.

J. C. Holdbrook for Science, University of North Staffordshire.

R. G. Hollingworth for Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry, Imperial College, London University.

P. R. Hillyard for French and German, Hull University.

J. H. Holmes for Science, Leeds University.

M. K. Hussey for Science and Mathematics, Hull University.

R. C. Jones for History and English, London School of Economics, London University.

E. G. W. Maunder for Mathematics, Jesus College, Cambridge.

D. P. May for Chemistry, Imperial College, London University.

P. J. Mayo for Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry.

G. W. Moss for Engineering, Leeds University.

A. B. Miller for French and Music, Royal Academy of Music, London.

P. J. Miller for Latin and French, Bristol University.

D. H. Nichols for Mathematics and Physics, Lincoln College, Oxford.

J. D. Peace for Engineering, Leeds University.

R. M. Pearson for Medical subjects.

D. J. M. Rendall for Mathematics and Physics, Queen Mary College, London University.

J. B. N. Sparks for Law, London School of Economics, London University.

T. E. Swain for Chemistry, King's College, London University.

R. W. Tabner for English, History and Geography, Leeds University.

P. J. Thompson for Chemistry and Physics.

G. P. M. Walker for French and German, Selwyn College, Cambridge.

W. R. Waller for Engineering, St. John's College, Cambridge.

R. A. P. Wilson for Mathematics and Physics, King's College, London.

**Birmingham County Major Scholarship :**

P. Sleight for Law, London School of Economics, London University.

**Naval Scholarship, Reserved Scholarship, Royal Naval College, "Britannia," Dartmouth :**

R. H. Coward, A. C. Pain.

**Army Cadetship, Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst :**

W. E. Shackell, P. Tomes.

**Royal Air Force Technical Cadetship, Henlow :**

C. R. S. Wood.

The following successes have been gained by pupils of the Royal Grammar School in the **G.C.E. (Oxford, Advanced Level Examinations of July 1959.** (Italics indicate distinction in the subject).

A Grainge (*Greek, Latin*), R. P. H. Green (*Greek, Latin, Ancient History*), I. Horn (*Ancient History*), A. J. Mahoney (*Greek, Latin, Ancient History*), P. E. Sleigh (*Greek, Latin*), P. A. Taylor (*Greek, Latin*), M. B. Wood (*Greek, Latin, Ancient History*), D. G. Ashby (*English, History*), B. F. C. Burce (*History, Geography*), J. D. Child (*History Geography*), D. W. Cox (*History*), D. P. Davies (*English, History, Geography*), P. M. Dronfield (*English, French, German*), P. F. Dunsterville (*French, Geography*), J. R. Garland (*English, French, History*), M. Gerrard (*English, Geography*), R. B. Hatherell (*English, French, Geography*), P. R. Hillyard (*French, German*), J. M. Hodder (*English, History*), J. F. Janes (*English, French, German*), R. C. Jones (*English, History*), A. B. Miller (*French, Music*), P. J. Muller (*Latin, French*), B. Parslow (*English, French, German*), E. Smith (*French*), J. N. B. Sparks (*English, French, History*), M. G. Swift (*History, Geography*), R. W. Tabner (*English, History, Geography*), G. P. M. Walker (*English, French, German*), C. D. Waller (*English, French, German*), B. L. White (*English, History*), R. A. Wilding (*French, German*), J. P. Baker (*Pure-and-Applied Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry*), J. R. Barber (*Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry*), J. Boddy (*Pure-and-Applied Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry*), R. A. Chapman (*Pure-and-Applied Mathematics*), M. D. Coward (*Pure-and-Applied Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry*), D. J. Craft (*Pure-and-Applied Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry*), G. H. Duffell (*Pure-and-Applied Mathematics, A.W.Fountain (Pure-and-Applied Mathematics, Engineering Drawing)*), C. J. Gee (*Pure-and-Applied mathematics*), M. C. Gravette (*Pure-and-Applied mathematics, Physics, Chemistry*), J. R. H. Herring (*Pure-and-Applied Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry*), R. G. Hollingworth (*Pure-and-Applied Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry*), N. M. W. Kadel (*Pure-and-Applied Mathematics, Physics, Engineering Drawing*), S. A. Leader (*Pure-and-Applied Mathematics, Physics*), E. A. W. Maunder (*Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics*), P. J. Mayo (*Pure-and-Applied Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry*), K. R. Miller (*Pure-and-Applied Mathematics, Physics, Engineering Drawing*), D. H. Nicholls (*Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics, Engineering Drawing*), A. J. Paine (*Pure-and-Applied Mathematics*), R. W. Paine (*Pure-and-Applied Mathematics, Engineering Drawing*), A. C. Peters (*Pure Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry*), R. Pratley (*Engineering Drawing*), A. J. Prosser (*Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics*), B. A. J. Quirke (*Pure-and-Applied Mathematics, Physics*), D. J. M. Rendall (*Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics, Engineering Drawing*), J. O. Smith (*Pure-and-Applied Mathematics, Chemistry*), P. J. Thompson (*Pure-and-Applied Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry*), W. R. Waller (*Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry*), P. J. Wilson (*Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry*), K. J. Wrench (*Pure-and-Applied Mathematics, Physics*), D. J. Bevis (*Pure-and-Applied Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry*), T. B. Blackburn (*Pure-and-Applied Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry*), D. H. Bond (*Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics*), H. C. Bramley (*Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics*), M. J. Coulson (*Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics*), J. L. Currell (*Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics*), M. A. Hollingham (*Pure-and-Applied Mathematics, Physics*), J. H. Holmes (*Pure-and-Applied Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry*), M. K. Hussey (*Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics*), L. G. J. Johnson (*Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics*), D. A. King (*Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Higher Mathematics, Physics*), D. P. May (*Pure-and-Applied Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry*), G. W. Moss (*Pure-and-Applied Mathematics, Physics*), J. R. Parkins (*Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics*), J. D. Peace (*Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics*), P. G. Robson (*Physics*), W. E. Shackell (*Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry*), T. E. Swain (*Physics, Chemistry*), J. A. Vickers (*Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics*), M. K. Williams (*Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Higher Mathematics*), R. A. P. Wilson (*Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics*), S. P. Baxter (*Physics, Chemistry, Botany, Zoology*), P. J. Blokland (*Botany, Zoology*), C. P. Blunt (*Physics, Zoology*), A. Brinn (*Zoology*), A. M. Fowler (*Chemistry*,

*Botany*), J. C. Holdbrook (Chemistry, Botany, Zoology), D. K. Luscombe (Botany, Zoology), M. R. Pattinson (Physics, Chemistry, Botany, Zoology), R. M. Pearson (Physics, Chemistry, Botany, Zoology), J. S. Simpson (Physics, Chemistry, Botany), P. Hazleton (German).

### General Certificate of Education—Ordinary Level :

(Numbers in brackets indicate subjects passed)

J. E. Barrett (7), J. G. Barrett (3), P. R. Brown (7), M. H. Clarke (5), J. H. Dawes (7), I. R. Dury (3), A. L. Greene (5), K. Maslin (6), R. C. Palmer (4), A. A. Perfect (6), D. R. Spackman (6), R. A. O. Stockwell (7), C. Swain (8), P. I. F. Thomas (4), H. G. Barnes (6), F. C. Bellingham (4), J. C. Bowman (9), J. M. Comer (5), C. F. Butler (3), M. F. Craft (4), B. F. Cullen (3), A. E. Dingle (9), D. M. Elvey (5), G. F. James (3), P. J. Larkin (3), P. J. Marsh (5), M. G. Martin (3), B. C. Matthews (4), T. Montague (5), R. E. Norcliffe (6), W. E. C. Prior (5), G. W. Ramsay (3), F. W. Riley (4), J. P. Sadler (4), M. A. Slack (4), J. H. Temple (5), D. R. Tomlin (6), R. P. Williams (5), R. Woodland (4), S. M. Bird (6), R. A. Bradshaw (7), V. N. Brooks (3), I. R. Butson (5), J. D. Butterworth (6), J. K. Bonnett (6), P. C. Nott (5), S. J. Parker (6), C. R. Pye (6), R. Saunders (4), T. J. Coleman (6), M. B. Coles (5), P. Coppock (6), A. A. Gosling (4), K. G. Hyde (5), P. H. W. Bristow (7), R. N. Broadley (8), W. R. J. Chorley (9), P. J. C. Clark (8), P. S. Cockerham (7), R. F. Cooper (9), D. S. Sulley (10), A. J. Davis (10), C. L. Day (8), T. J. Dell (8), C. L. Dupond (9), C. T. Durham (8), R. E. Elias (7), R. A. J. Findlay (8), B. W. Ford (7), P. J. Funnell (6), C. B. Garner (9), P. D. Hamilton-Eddy (8), R. E. M. Hedges (8), R. G. Hulbert (9), J. B. Hume (8), G. D. Jones (4), D. W. Lovegrove (9), L. Macready (7), R. M. Mayo (9), D. C. J. Pallett (8), G. J. Palmer (9), A. S. Peck (9), B. M. Rolfe (6), R. R. Shoosmith (9), R. L. Smyth (8), E. A. Speight (8), A. Stewart (7), D. J. Thornton (6), S. C. R. Tomes (7), R. R. Trick (7), A. J. Tuffs (6), D. R. Walker (8), J. M. Andrew (8), M. J. Bedford (8), C. W. Boireau (10), P. D. Bowen (8), M. J. Castle (4), J. Cawson (8), I. M. Cocking (7), D. B. Coles (5), A. H. Day (6), A. Dunn (3), S. N. M. Evans (7), J. W. Fowler (6), N. H. Freeman (8), R. D. Hall (6), B. R. Harding (7), C. Hawkins (3), E. Holdship (3), J. A. Johnson (4), D. W. Neill (9), A. J. Oxley (7), J. M. Peach (8), E. J. Rennie (8), K. G. Sansom (7), J. B. Seale (6), J. B. Simmons (6), M. G. Turner (9), D. R. Walker (6), J. T. Walpole (3), M. G. Welch (8), H. Windsor (8), G. R. Wingrove (7), A. C. Wood (7), P. G. Hancock (7), R. R. Parsons (7), R. B. Hosier (5).

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## THE CENTENARY PARADE

It may have surprised many who thought that the C.C.F. was a war-time measure tied to National Service was not to disappear overnight with the abolition of National Service. It may have surprised even more to learn that the movement throughout the country had its roots as far back as 1860, and in the Royal Grammar School the Cadet movement had been active for fifty years, starting at the same time as in many of the big Public Schools.

The occasion was marked by the Royal Parade at Buckingham Palace on the 22nd July, when the School was represented by Mr. S. Morgan, second master, Lieut.-Col. R. Pattinson, T.D., E.R.D., and by three cadets, P./O. A. C. Pain, of the Naval Section, C.S.M. M. R. Pattinson, of the Army Section, and Sgt. J. Watts, of the R.A.F. Section.

The cadets assembled at Woolwich Barracks the day before and had but a few hours' rehearsal for the Royal Parade. They were played into the Palace grounds by the band of the Royal Marines and formed a hollow square facing the Palace steps. After the Royal Salute, Her Majesty inspected the cadets by means of the Royal Land Rover. She then received the C.C.F. and A.C.F. banners and then the C.C.F. Centenary Book containing a page of the history of the C.C.F. of each school.

Perhaps the most impressive moment followed the commands "Remove Headdress," "Three cheers for Her Majesty and the Duke of Edinburgh," when the two thousand cadets showed their appreciation in a way which produced echoes from the trees in a never-to-be-forgotten manner.

The Parade then marched past in column of route whilst the band played marches appropriate to each section, and after the luncheon interval the cadets attended a most memorable service at Westminster Abbey conducted by the Chaplain-General, a very fitting conclusion to a wonderful day.

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### C.C.F. NOTES

This year is the 100th anniversary of the formation of the Cadet Movement throughout the country. It is the 50th anniversary of its foundation within the Royal Grammar School.

The occasion has been celebrated in various ways throughout the country, the main event being the Royal Parade at Buckingham Palace, to which all schools having a C.C.F. were invited to send representatives.

This year all schools were exempt from annual inspection in order to free them for preparing for such ceremonial parades as they might choose.

Two impressive parades were held this term. The first was a church parade on Commonwealth Youth Sunday, when a hundred senior cadets were led by the Commanding Officer to the Parish Church.

The march started in Queen Victoria Road and the stimulating tunes of the band attracted a good deal of attention to the column as it marched through the High Street to the Church.

The second parade was the Guard of Honour for Speech Day, when a guard of each of the three sections was used to present arms in the good old-fashioned manner, which, alas, is shortly to disappear from ceremonial parades. The high standard of drill and turnout reflected very creditably on the three senior Cadet N.C.O.'s, R.S.M. W. E. Shackell, P./O. N. C. Gravette and F./Sgt. W. R. Waller, who, together with Drum Major J. E. Burnell, worked wonders in their respective departments and in

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## ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL HIGH WYCOMBE



### COMMANDING OFFICERS O.T.C. & C.C.F.

### SECOND IN COMMAND

Capt. F. Norton-Fagge	1910	2nd Lieut. R. Matthews	1910
Capt. R. Matthews	1912	2nd Lieut. I.A. Morgan	1912
Capt. F.H. Robinson	1919	Lieut. J. E. John	1918
Capt. J.C. Milner	1928	2nd Lieut. C.E.C. Eastman	1932
Major. C.E.C. Eastman	1937	2nd Lieut. J.N. Oliver	1933
Major. E.R. Tucker	1941	2nd Lieut. R. Pattinson	1936
(Headmaster)		Capt. E.R. Tucker	1940
Lieut. Col. R. Pattinson	1946	(Headmaster)	
T.D. ERD.		Capt. H.G. Brand.	1941
		Sq/Ldr. J.O. Roberts	1946
		Sq/Ldr. E. Mewse	1951

The VICTORIA CROSS was awarded to the following

- 1918 2nd Lieut. F. Youens. Durham Light Infantry  
 1945 Lieut. I.E. Fraser DSC. Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve.



The original of this page was printed by the Art Master, Mr. M. J. Eaton. The book will be kept at the Cadet Training Centre, Frimley Park.

DURING the 1914-1918 war 41 Wycombiensians lost their lives, whilst in the 1939-45 war 84 made the same sacrifice.

A Guard of Honour was provided for H.M. King Edward VII at Windsor in 1911.

The origin of the O.T.C. may be traced back to the School Rifle Club formed in 1906 and which attended the Schools Camps at Bisley before the formation of the O.T.C. The strength of the Corps in 1910 was 40 and this rose to 100 in 1921 and remained approximately at this figure until the outbreak of war.

The strength of the C.C.F. in 1959 is 610 and is comprised of:-

Basic Section

Naval Section formed in 1950

Air Section formed in 1941

Army Section

Signals Platoon

Drum, Bugle and Flute Band.

the space of a week, in spite of the demands of the Examination Board, helped to produce a parade which was a credit to the School.

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Several cadets have now been working for a year for the Duke of Edinburgh's award and Cadets Bowman, Downing, French, Paterson, Seale and Welch are on the verge of qualifying for the Silver Award.

The scheme has much to commend it, particularly to those who have conscientious objections to C.C.F. Aspirants for a medal are expected (1) to work conscientiously on some hobby of their own choosing, (2) to give some time to some form of public service, (3) to attain a certain standard of achievement in some form of physical activity, (4) to carry out some form of expedition involving camping covering distances appropriate to the form of travel chosen. Usually certain tasks are given on this expedition.

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The end of the School year was marked by camps for each Section. The Army Section camp was held at West Down, Salisbury Plain, where four officers and fifty-three cadets made a return to the more conventional type of camp. The highlight of the camp was a thirty-six hour patrol exercise involving a bivouac in the Tidworth Pennys area, where during temporary "cease fire" periods small parties cooked their own food of "Compo" rations.

On the last day in camp a rifle competition was held in which twelve schools provided over twenty teams for a "falling plate" competition. The final was contested by the 1st and 2nd teams of the R.G.S., High Wycombe. The first team, consisting of C.S.M. R. Pattinson, C.S.M. P. J. Thompson, Sgts. P. D. Bowen and R. W. Paine, defeated the second team, consisting of Sgts. R. R. Parsons and M. G. Welch, Cpl. R. A. French and L/Cpl. J. Cawson. A team of regular N.C.O.'s who had been used to demonstrate at the beginning of the competition how it should be done, were then challenged by the winning R.G.S. team and were decisively beaten by them, much to the dismay of a young regular officer who had been high in his praise of the prowess of the regular sharpshooters—an excellent finale to a good camp and a splendid shooting season.

The departure of Cadet R.S.M. W. E. Shackell is sad to record, but it is a pleasure to place on record that he has maintained the high standard of efficiency set by a line of first-class N.C.O.'s who have occupied this position in the last few years. All members of the C.C.F. wish him a happy career at Sandhurst and the success which he deserves.

R.P.

## NAVAL SECTION

Again I have to report an increase in numbers, but unfortunately this has not been matched by an increase in enthusiasm ; many join but contribute little to the success of the section.

During the Easter holidays H.M.S. *Dryad* very kindly acted as hosts when a small party went for a navigation and seamanship course. This was a very enjoyable and worthwhile week. Other boys attended courses in navigation and at various air stations, while more are due to go on other courses during the summer holiday.

Summer training this year is divided into two parts : six senior cadets are going with Lieutenant Benson in H.M.S. *Bassington*, a coastal minesweeper of the squadron attached to H.M.S. *Vernon*, to Holland for twelve days, and fourteen cadets with Lieutenant Nightingale are spending seven days in H.M.S. *Vernon*, which is the Navy's torpedo and mining school at Portsmouth.

Cadet P.O. A. C. Pain is representing the section at the C.C.F. Centenary Parade at Buckingham Palace, when cadets from the various sections of all the C.C.F. contingents in the country will be inspected by Her Majesty the Queen.

Cadet Coxswain D. P. May and Cadet P.O.'s N. C. Gravette and A. C. Pain are leaving this term. They have all done yeoman service for the section, and their enthusiasm, initiative and goodwill will be sadly missed. We wish them every success in the future.

Fifteen boys went to Operation " *Shopwindow* " at the end of term and saw the Navy demonstrating its versatility. We were accommodated on board H.M.S. *Delight*, a Daring class destroyer, from which we had a grandstand view of refuelling at sea, a submarine attack, surface action with 4.5 in. guns, anti-submarine attack with squid ahead-throwing weapons, and flying from the carrier, H.M.S. *Centaur*, with rocket, bomb and cannon attacks. A good fresh breeze was blowing with a small sea running, but no one appeared worse for wear, and everyone who attended was most impressed.

The School C.C.F. contingent has achieved something which must be unique in the Hydrographic world. Lieutenant Benson noticed that a mistake had been made in the naming of a landmark on a chart of the Liverpool Docks (Chart 3490). He informed the Hydrographer of the Navy, and as a result an amendment with the origin of information (C.C.F. Contingent, High Wycombe) has appeared in an Admiralty Notice to Mariners, which will be distributed in the usual way to all naval and merchant ships which sail in British waters.

D.T.N.

## R.A.F. SECTION

Two more Flying Scholarships have been awarded to cadets of this section. Cpl. M. R. Emmett has already commenced training at the West London Club at White Waltham, and Cpl. W. D. Warde will train with the Wiltshire School of Flying at Thruxton Aerodrome in Hampshire. This has been a remarkable year for these awards. Two of our cadets have been holders of Pilot's Licences throughout the present session, a third is just finishing his training, and the present awards bring the total to five.

We have continued to enjoy flying experience provided by R.A.F. Booker. In addition, some Chipmunk flying was provided by the Air Experience Flight for a party of 25 cadets at White Waltham on Sunday, May 29th. Arrangements are being made to repeat this "Sunday flying" early in September.

Many cadets are keen to learn to fly gliders and, since Easter, seven cadets have achieved their ambition to "solo" in gliders and have gained the Gliding Proficiency Badge. This training at the Gliding School at R.A.F. Halton is to be continued.

The Easter Camp held at R.A.F. Upwood and referred to in the last report was very successful and provided a lot of flying as well as other useful and interesting training activities. The Summer Camp is to be held at R.A.F. Lockinge, near Weston-super-Mare, and is expected to provide the same kind of valuable experience.

That training, during the present session, reached a very high standard, is shown by excellent results both in the Proficiency and Advanced Training Examinations. The marks awarded recently in the Advanced Training Examination, taken in July, are outstandingly good. N.C.O.'s and instructors responsible for this, some of whom we are about to lose as the inevitable consequence of the end of a school session, may well be satisfied with the results of their efforts. We wish them good fortune and record our appreciation of their work.

E.M.

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## THE SCHOOL CONFIRMATION SERVICE

The School Confirmation Service was conducted by the Lord Bishop of Oxford at St. Francis' Church, Terriers, on Thursday, March 31st, 1960. The Bishop was assisted by the Vicar of Terriers, the Rev. E. W. Shaw, and by the School Chaplain, the Rev. A. J. Skipp, who acted as Bishop's Chaplain.

In his address to the candidates the Bishop deplored the modern emphasis upon material success as expressed in the slogan

“How much? How soon?” He advised them to substitute “Service before self” as their motto if they wished to live a full and satisfying life. This they could best do by using to the utmost the gift of the Holy Spirit bestowed upon them by the Laying-on of Hands in their Confirmation and by subsequent regularity in going to Communion.

Thirty-six boys were confirmed in the presence of their parents and friends, and they made their first Communion on Friday, April 1st, at the School Communion Service at St. Francis' Church.

Those confirmed were :—

H. M. Anderson  
P. C. Cant  
D. G. Cawson  
P. R. G. Clark  
M. J. Clegg  
R. A. Clegg  
A. P. Dinsdale  
S. E. Dutton  
M. E. Fieldsend  
S. Fone  
A. J. Frankland  
R. H. E. Ham  
S. Hamilton-Eddy  
G. P. Handley  
H. G. Hardman  
D. G. Horley  
M. A. Huxley  
C. R. A. G. Iliffe

M. K. Jenner  
F. A. Jones  
B. K. Lawrance  
P. Merrington  
M. J. Mobbs  
J. D. Morrow  
D. C. J. Pallett  
J. A. Pope  
K. R. Pugsley  
C. R. Sabine  
G. L. A. Sims  
G. M. Slater-Hunt  
J. S. Tiffany  
A. J. Vivian  
S. P. Ward  
C. K. Williams  
P. R. G. Wilson  
P. W. R. Witcher

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## THE OLD AND THE NEW

For a school of this size the facilities for teaching science have, until very recently, been extremely inadequate. There have been only five laboratories to cope with an enormous number of boys taking science both in the lower school and in the sixth form. Of these five laboratories two were chemistry, one physics, one biology and one general science. This has meant that many forms have had to be taught a practical subject in an ordinary classroom and chances for experimental work have been reduced to the minimum. Probably the biologists have suffered most from the inadequacy of the facilities, the biology laboratory at Uplyme being not exactly the ideal place in which to be taught or indeed to teach. For the last few years successive generations of biologists have had to endure a roof which leaked whenever it rained, and ventilation which was so bad that the atmosphere became almost unbearable during practical periods. However, the biologists have been by no means the only people to suffer. Both the chemists and the physicists have been working under

conditions which have been far from ideal. One glance into the old chemical preparation room between the chemistry laboratory and the lecture room—a narrow corridor about four feet wide in which three laboratory assistants worked and which housed the chemistry library—should have been enough to convince even the most bigoted non-scientist of the urgent need for new laboratories.

At long last the new science block was started almost two years ago. The architectural problem of how to build a modern four-storey block in keeping with the general character of the School, was satisfactorily solved and the resulting building, in spite of its box-light design, does not appear too much out of place. According to the first estimates it was to be occupied by September, 1959, but as this date drew near the chances of this happening became more and more remote. The optimists forecast that it would be ready by the new year, whilst the pessimists merely retorted cynically with "New Year 1984." However, eventually the biologists were able to move in during the Whitsun half-term. Mr. Lambert, aided and abetted by the Biology Sixth, transported all the equipment from Uplyme to the new block over the holiday and within a week they were settled in and work was back to normal. Nevertheless, for many weeks the biologists were the sole inhabitants of the building. The other departments postponed their exodus from the main school until all the "A" level chemistry and physics practical exams. were over, but by the last week of term they were generally settling down and the laboratories began to be used for teaching purposes.

The new science school consists of four floors. The ground floor is to be used for teaching general science to the junior forms. On this floor there are two general science laboratories and two tiered lecture rooms which have already been used for film shows. The second floor is the physics floor and consists of four laboratories. An identical arrangement is seen on the third floor, which is the chemistry floor. The four laboratories on each of these floors are in two groups; there are two advanced sixth form laboratories and two general ones for the middle school. In addition to these four laboratories there are on both floors smaller rooms, such as a balance and reading room, a dark-room, a workshop, various storage rooms for equipment, and preparation rooms. The top floor is the biologists' floor, and on this floor there are only two laboratories. There is a large main teaching laboratory and a smaller ancillary advanced room. In addition to these rooms there is a vivarium in which is kept a large variety of animals for behaviour and breeding studies. There is also a greenhouse in which botanical experiments are

carried out. Besides the biology department the top floor consists of two roof gardens. The smaller of these will be used by the biologists for additional breeding experiments. The larger open roof, which overlooks the school playing fields, has been decorated with flowers and despite the almost incessant high winds this roof will doubtless prove to be a popular area where overworked sixth-formers will be able to relax.

M. ASHBURNER, VIb.

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### MOZART'S REQUIEM MASS

The primary aim of the performance of any piece of music is that it should be enjoyed. The School's performance of Mozart's Requiem Mass was thoroughly enjoyable and highly successful. It is not a simple work to perform ; not impossibly difficult, but the quality of the School's interpretation of it superseded the imagined idea of amateur performances. The choir, especially, after long and arduous training, proved that a large school can produce a really efficient and experienced body of singers. They attacked their part with vigour and the high notes were surprisingly full. Although the choir was slightly overbalanced by a large number of basses and a small number of tenors, this was not a discomfiting detriment. The acoustics did not allow the singers' voices to reach the far end of the hall with any power, but their parts were sung in accordance with the deep emotion of the work. The orchestra played quite well ; unfortunately the violinists intonated badly in many places, but the splendid playing of the brass compensated for this. They made their important parts seem important and it was far easier to hear them than the brass of the Halle Orchestra in their concert at the Town Hall.

Altogether the untiring efforts of Mr. A. Gaster, the conductor, and Mr. J. S. Dawes, the accompanist, in rehearsing and marshalling the choir and orchestra for the performance ensured its success, and the obvious enthusiasm of all concerned made for a very enjoyable evening.

J. H. COMER.

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### SOCIETY NEWS

Considering the short space of time since the publication of the last magazine and also the intervention of examinations, the societies have been very active. W. R. Waller, the indefatigable secretary of the Science Society, and successor to the equally indefatigable D. A. King, assures us that the Society is still flourishing. Though the Monday and Friday films had to be

discontinued during the latter part of the Summer Term, two trips were arranged : the seniors visiting the engineering firm of Broom and Wade at High Wycombe, and the juniors seeing the Science Museum. The Music Society's Thursday gramophone record concerts continue to attract the faithful few, and a party went to one of the B.B.C.'s Overseas Broadcast concerts at one of the studios in London. Late in the Summer Term Mr. Dawes gave a piano recital of "Preludes" by various composers. The Stamp Society has come to life again through the efforts of J. M. Colley ; apart from the usual "swapping", they held an exhibition of stamps from Ghana, and also gave an exhibition of stamps on Speech Day. Some of the members saw the stamps on show at the Royal Festival Hall. The Model Railway Society continues to attract junior members ; its model layout, placed under the stage, is rapidly expanding, and is at present undergoing rewiring. They had ample opportunity to study actual railway practice at a modern marshalling yard which operated by gravitational methods, and a party saw the Post Office tube railway. Mr. D. G. Jones is still the life and soul of the History Society, taking a group of boys to see the Stock Exchange, and organizing a quiz designed to help Ordinary Level G.C.E. candidates. This Society, and indeed the whole School, suffers a great loss in the departure of Mr. L. J. Ashford, the senior History master, who was a much liked and respected member of the staff. We all offer our best wishes for his success in his new post. The Dramatic Society, though not having produced any plays, had an outing of sixth-formers to see "The Wrong Side of the Park," at the Cambridge Theatre, London, and the Aeronautical Society has continued to hold aircraft recognition competitions.

It is to be hoped that this interest in the Societies will continue at the present level, or, better still, increase. A growing interest would provide evidence of a School spirit, which is hard to cultivate and maintain in such a large school, with only a comparatively small proportion of boarders.

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### SCHOOL CONCERT, 16th JULY, 1960

The Summer Concert was given on the evening of the Saturday following Speech Day and was fairly well supported by parents and friends. It provided the opportunity for many school musical activities to present in public their achievements resulting from three terms' study and practice.

The Junior Choir, consisting of about a hundred boys drawn from the first two years, sang with vigour and firm attack. They sang their songs from memory, the words were excellently audible



and there was imagination and sensitivity in their performance. The School Orchestra now includes 16 string players, 2 flutes, 2 clarinets, 1 French horn, 3 trumpets, 1 euphonium and various percussion players. There is always room for more string players and the performance of the violin classes promises well for the future. It is not too ambitious to look for the addition of another horn player, 2 oboes and 2 bassoons, which would then ensure a complete orchestra. The School possesses one oboe but no bassoon, and since instruments are more expensive than players, we must hope that our deficiencies in instruments may be made up and that performers will then come forward. The Orchestra played well and reached a good standard, bearing out a remark of a listener during rehearsals that it "didn't sound like a School Orchestra." The Madrigal Choir is to be congratulated on its interest in the style of music which its performance demonstrates.

The programme was deliberately designed to include ensemble items rather than solos, and so we heard some piano duets, a string quartet and the Recorder Group with a guitar. The performers in every case acquitted themselves with credit.

J.S.D.

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## THE SCHOOL TRIP

The trip was arranged for Tuesday, July 19th, with Bath Spa and Cheddar Gorge as destinations. Approximately four hundred participants assembled at High Wycombe railway station at 7.50 a.m. on a morning when the weather situation seemed none too promising. At this unearthly hour the relatively few seniors seemed a little the worse for wear, but the inexhaustible juniors were, naturally, their ever alert selves.

Eight-five saw the train, with its eager load, drawing out of the station, and the many British Railway officials breathing sighs of relief. After journeying through the rain, we met the sunshine of Bath at about eleven o'clock. There were too many of us to descend all at once on the remains of the Roman Baths, so several parties were arranged. After cries of disappointment from the juniors who "wanted to see a Roman bathing," we clambered on to the train and headed for Cheddar.

Here, half of us ate our tea in the "Cave Man" restaurant, while the rest viewed Gough's Cave. At four-fifteen we changed round and then began to move towards the station, although greatly distracted by the many articles of interest in the village. Homeward bound proved to be not quite so peaceful as the outward trip, but everyone arrived comparatively safely, tired, but contented, at High Wycombe as the train shuddered to a well-earned halt at nine o'clock.

N. C. GRAVETTE, VI3.

## PRELUDE TO DEATH

He forced his eyes open by degrees because sleep had locked the lashes together. Finally he could open them no further, yet no sight or object bore into them to register itself on his brain. Everything was black, sepulchrally black, so black that he felt sure he would be able to grasp a handful of blackness if he raised his arm. Just to amuse himself or to prelude another gliding off into slumber, he tried to raise his arm and seize a patch of that intense blackness. But he could not move his arms ; they were clearly pinned to his side, encased, withstanding his strenuous efforts : the muscles on his arms began to ache as if complaining of the undue stress put upon them and lamenting that feeling of being fastened down. His physical exertion gave way to mental conflict, to bewilderment, to self-interrogation, and no answer, no solace, did he find in the darkness which enveloped him. Everything was black, a palpable, tangible blackness, a blackness which clung, a blackness which surrounded him, a blackness which surely could compare with any tenebrous tomb. He tried to turn over, to see from his watch what the time was—his watch should have been on the table beside him. Then he suddenly realised that his bed, or whatever he was lying on, felt hard. He could not turn his whole body, so he contented himself with the mere turning of his head. Yet it was darkness, not the luminous dial of his watch, that greeted his startled gaze—darkness that seemed to become more unyielding as his anxious eyes probed it and searched for relief. He strove to throw off the sheet and blankets : but there were none to throw off. He strove to raise himself as if to give voice to some objection or to inquire after an unexpected something which had disturbed his sleep. But his head, his chest, his feet, one after the other, met with a solid surface which gave no answer either to his frenzied strugglings or to his fervent and terror-filled prayers.

For a moment he ceased his exertions. He closed his eyes in order to take stock of the situation : he seemed to be wrapped in a parcel and had as companion nothing but darkness. He remained still and sought to reason out things, but his brain had no explanation to offer and would come to no concrete conclusion. He opened his eyes and relived those first moments of anguish when he found himself paralysed in mind and body. The full implication of his predicament was now dawning on his storm-tossed mind, as he lay there, his wild and globular eyes staring feverishly up into the darkness, his arms inert by his side, his legs stiff, his lips pursed, his cheeks drained of colour. It was a darkness stemming surely from Hinnom and smacking of the catacomb. Two sounds only fell upon his attentive ear, the thunder of his heaving heart, as it pumped blood as powerfully as a spring sends

its water surging through cataracts, and the rapid outpour of his own breath.

His terror mounted as the sensation of being boxed in welled up within his tormented breast and loomed before his ever-searching, never-finding, eyes. "Boxed-in"—that was it! That explained the absence of his watch and bed-linen. That explained the fact that his limbs would not respond to the calls made upon them. That explained the hellish, Stygian, sepulchral, pregnant darkness. With all the desperate strength that his taut position would allow him, he began to pound against the resilient walls of his deep prison, and, gasping with unutterable horror, he realised the grim significance of the silence which enfolded him as surely and as completely as the veil of blackness—a paradoxically unearthly silence, shortly to be broken by the peals of maniacal laughter which echoed and re-echoed in the unhearing and uncaring depths of the earth.

C. D. WALLER, VIM3.

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## TWILIGHT OF THE GODS

### An historical drama in three Acts

ACT 1 : *September 4th, 1959*

The dull brown Polish plain lay still in the late summer heat. Nothing seemed to be stirring, but to Lieutenant Hassel, of the Luftwaffe's 4th Air Fleet, it was of absorbing interest. From three miles above he was looking down on the first great military triumph of the Third German Reich—down below, the new armoured columns were throwing back the Polish army at an amazing speed, while from the air the dive-bombers were wrecking the enemy's communications. Far away to the north, a haze of smoke arose. Must be those bomber boys, he thought, having another crack at Warsaw, while our fighter squadrons can't find a single thing to shoot at! We've the finest aircraft in the world, and yet all we do with them is burn petrol looking for what seems an invisible force . . .

"Achtung! Three Polish fighters to starboard!" The commander of the German aircraft formation led his pilots into a tight turn towards the three elderly enemy machines heading towards them. Lieutenant Hassel found himself diving towards one of them, and, with his gunsight on the dark green fuselage, let fly. . . . Suddenly, the sky was again empty of Poles, and three blazing wrecks were lying on the ground below.

Jubilant memories chased through Hassel's head on the flight back to base: his incessant desire to fly as a boy—enlistment in

the great new Luftwaffe—his first solo flight—and now he was an active member of an invincible force that would win Germany her rightful place in the world, not only in Europe, but also in the East. Yes, life was going to be good in the days ahead!

ACT 2 : *February 20th, 1943*

Major Hassel gasped as a particularly heavy blast of snow hit him, and trudged across the airfield to his quarters. "I'll never get used to these devilish Russian blizzards," he thought, gazing at the dim shapes of his squadron's aircraft picketed down in the lee of the single hangar. Things hadn't been going too well in the past year or so, after all the successes in Western Europe and the Balkans. The British were still unbeaten, and the North African situation was none too good; and now, to crown it all, they'd just lost hundreds of thousands of men in Stalingrad. You had to admit those Ivans were tough: now that they'd recovered from that first big push in 1941, they never let up. Although their equipment was not too good, they fought like demons—and there seemed to be no end of them.

"Well, we aren't finished yet," he muttered as he entered his room. They'd carry on to victory—that was certain: only yesterday the official news-bulletin had promised victory at the end of the year. Come to think of it, though, hadn't it said that last year? And the year before? Was it possible that they'd bitten off more than they could chew?

ACT 3 : *March 27th, 1945*

The sky was filled with them—American heavy bombers in immaculate formation, with their escorting fighters weaving in and out around them. Little black clouds appeared in thousands among them, as the flak batteries opened fire, and here and there an aircraft dropped out of formation, limping on three engines, or plunged down to earth in a ball of fire, but still the rest moved on inexorably—to Leipzig? Dresden? Dessau? It made no difference to Colonel Hassel as he dived down on the Americans, at the head of his group of fighters. Those Yanks during the day, and the British at night, would go on carpeting the Reich with high explosive until the end. By now, neither he nor anyone else, except the party fanatics, still believed in victory. In the East, the Russians were reaching Berlin and Vienna, and the British and Americans had crossed the Rhine in the West—in fact, Germany was slowly being crushed. The Luftwaffe was operating under frightful difficulties: half of Hassel's group was grounded through lack of fuel; there were hardly any trained pilots to replace the casualties; and they often had to operate from the Autobahns because of damage to the aerodrome.

There seemed to be no sense in trying to stop those bombers. The sooner the war was over, the better, Hassel thought, but they had to do their duty, all the same. He turned into his position to attack the rearmost bomber—and failed to notice the American escort fighter behind him. . . .

A few seconds later, yet another victim lay on the pyre which Germany had built for herself. . . .

G. P. M. WALKER, VIM3.

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## ROCKET TO SATURN

It  
Roars  
And soars  
Into the air,  
A sight most rare,  
And now disappears  
As on its tail it rears  
Up into the deep blue sky.  
But still we really wonder why  
That huge steel monster, out in space,  
Still goes on without a check in pace,  
The scientists still gaze into the blue  
As radar scanners track the vital clue,  
The tiny bleep, upon the lighted screen  
Which signifies the craft is still on beam.  
By now the ship is in the stratosphere,  
And on the launching pad men start to clear  
Away the derricks and the gantries, where  
Steam rises from the cooling pit, now bare,  
Whereas before the mighty rocket stood.  
The concrete base, which now has just withstood  
The fiery blast of four great rocket motors  
Is like a human ants' nest with its hurrying workers.  
But now the nose cone of the rocket hurtles on,  
In three days' time that will be near the planet of Saturn,  
To view the wondrous rings, and send back photos of the awe;  
But then its job is finished, and it plunges into more  
And more stark nothingness, where Mother Earth is now not seen,  
To flare up in a tiny spark, when it begins to lean  
Towards a star which is to us a minute speck of light,  
And to the craft, is death, succumbing to the fiery might.

P. B. FARMER, IVx.

## APOLOGIA

“ You’ll do something for the Magazine, won’t you ? ” The words ring out. There is no escape. Excuses are of no avail. The strangled plea, “ What ? ” is shattered by the comprehensive answer, “ Anything, and in three weeks, please.”

On further consideration the prospect becomes less gloomy to the unfortunate volunteer. Grandiose plans begin to form in his mind. He decides that it is an opportunity to be taken advantage of, an opportunity to acquire fame among the enthusiastic and discerning readers of the Magazine. Now he can dazzle the school with the brilliance of his latent genius, the glory of his poetry, his prose, his wit, his immense imaginative powers.

That evening the young hopeful lies back, ready to give free rein to his dormant imagination. When he wakes up three hours later, he finds it too late to do any work. This process he repeats at widening intervals, until the article is forgotten. He is rudely awakened when the Editor reminds him that he has three days left. Now he is under pressure, he thinks, ideas cannot fail to come, can they ? After all, necessity is the mother of invention, isn’t it ? Apparently not, for when the expectant Editor catches him again nothing is yet “ quite finished.” With a promise to strive with greater effect, he resolves to relinquish the great concepts previously formed (after all, it would have been mere profanity to attempt to put such magnificently sublime ideas into mere prose).

Trying to cool his sweating brow, as the last day of term approaches, the incipient prodigy at last admits that he hasn’t quite the vivid imagination, the mature grasp of ideas, the powers of rhetoric that he had commended himself upon. Planning is what is needed, he decides. Method is everything. He begins drawing up plans, thousands of them. He has a special book marked “ School Mag. 1960.” He puts headings, sub-headings, paragraph divisions ; but he still cannot write one word.

Story : Action : past, present, future.

Description : terse, romantic.

Psychological (crossed out).

Poems : (unfinished).

Essays : Literature (deleted).

The pleasures of sailing—for others.

An appeal to youth (abandoned).

In desperation he turns to old numbers of the *Wycombiensian* for support. Nothing is found there, only a few accounts of holidays spent abroad. Rather shamefacedly he writes down in the back of his book, “ My holiday in France,” but he assures himself that this will only be a last resort.

Managing to evade the Editor for the next three days, he finds on the last day of term that nothing is yet done. And then, in front of him, he sees the Editor. It is again too late to fly ; he is seen. The face of the harassed Editor lights up as he bears down upon the unfortunate. With a note of despairing hopefulness he jerks out, "Have you done it?" Sensing the danger that he is in, our hero, with brilliant presence of mind, in a flash of inventiveness, admits that he has done something and will send it tomorrow. (He could not destroy the Editor's shining hopes, he tells himself.) Not content with this promise, the Editor remorselessly demands his address. "Everybody says that they will send it tomorrow," he explains.

The feeling of pleasure at this reprieve soon wears off. With the cunning born of desperation, he advances towards the pile of magazines from other schools ; but the pile is no longer there. Round the library people are furtively copying from the magazines in front of them. "The cunning swines," he shrieks, and rushes home, grabs a pen and frantically begins his "Holiday in France."

R. L. SMYTH, VIM1.

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### NIGHT-PIECE

As chestnuts sway and whisper to the wind  
Beige clouds lie and sleep against the sinking blue ;  
Stars drift coolly mid the etching chaos  
Of cold leaves dryly whispering.  
(Sound of a locomotive—silence ;  
The chimney stacks are black).  
Some window flames its sudden light  
To catch a swing : swinging leaf  
Whitely shines through damp, hushed darkness.  
Quiet—save for the rise and fall,  
Surging rise of the wind.  
(Leaves swing darkly—cross the moon.)

D. A. HAMILTON-EDDY, VIM2.

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### MY WORD IS MY BOND

"*Dictum Meum Pactum.*" This is the simple motto which governs every transaction inside the London Stock Exchange, every transference of securities in Britain's principal finance market, where financiers congregate around the pillars buying or selling the stocks and shares of companies all over the world. However many thousands of pounds change hands in a deal, the

bargain is clinched with no more ceremony than a record of it in a notebook.

This informality characteristic of the Stock Exchange has survived from its origins in the coffee houses of "Change Alley," in the seventeenth century. To one of these coffee houses a gentleman desiring to sell some stocks or shares would resort in the hope of finding a buyer, with whom he would barter for an acceptable price. When the growth of trade was found to necessitate roomier surroundings for their exchanges, a new building, in Threadneedle Street, was taken over for business, and given the name of "The Stock Exchange." The present building, in Throgmorton Street, and nearly three-quarters of an acre in area, dates partly from 1802, partly from the reconstruction of 1885.

The Exchange has always been banned to outsiders ; reports from the past describe with what ado and ignominy intruders were expelled. Visitors are, however, admitted into the Public Gallery, and in a small cinema the swarming hive of industry below is elucidated in a documentary film. The floor of the "House" is given over to the Members, of which there are two types : the brokers, who act as agents for the ordinary investor, and receive commission on their transactions ; and the jobbers, with whom the brokers bargain, and who are unconcerned with the public, dealing on their own account with other members. The other constituents of the crowd milling among the pillars are the members' clerks, and, in charge of the communications, the uniformed waiters, upon whom vastly heavier responsibility has devolved since the days of their coffee-house predecessors in "Jonathan's" or "Garraway's," which their nomenclature recalls.

Either through direct investment, or indirectly through such corporate institutions as trade unions, insurance companies and savings banks, nine out of ten families in Britain are affected by the Stock Exchange. To safeguard its reputation for financial soundness and integrity it is obliged to take rigorous precautions. Before it consents to quote any issue of securities, it subjects the company applying for this advantage to stringent tests ; the entrance fee for a member is no less than 1,000 guineas, plus an annual subscription of 105. In fact, no precaution is superfluous when the credit of such an essential institution is at stake ; and since this is the market where the companies which are the backbone of Britain's economy advertise their shares to the public, everything must be done to protect the investor and maintain his confidence.

R. P. H. GREEN, VIC.

(The Stock Exchange was visited by a party of sixth-formers led by Mr. D. G. Jones on the last Monday of the Summer Term.)





AN IMPRESSION OF THE PROPOSED NEW BUILDINGS

## 25th HIGH WYCOMBE SCOUT TROOP

The Scout Troop has enjoyed yet another successful term. The district's programme reached its peak with the County Rally, where the Chief, Sir Charles Maclean, appeared. In one of the displays, our Senior Troop was pitted against others in the County in building a skylon flagpole. The team (E. L. Barrett, C. W. Boireau, A. J. Oxley, J. Cawson, K. J. Rennie, R. B. Smith, J. Clare, S. C. Tomes) easily won this contest with a time of 1 minute 40 seconds. When making his inspection the Chief Scout congratulated us on our site which, added to a Marib award gained by the Seagulls under T. P. K. Owen at the Tom's Shield camping competition, gives us some reputation to keep up next year.

Four Seniors (G. W. Boireau, A. J. Oxley, J. Cawson, R. B. Smith) went off on a four-day hiking trip in the Mendip Hills for the Senior Explorer Badge, and had a good time, despite the rather cold weather last term. Our achievements are not confined to camping, however, for we managed to retain the Cottesloe Shooting Shield, although the scoring was lower all round this year. We also pulled up to second place in the competition for a pair which runs concurrently.

We are very sad to see that Mr. P. M. Harvey is leaving us for good. Although he retired from active work with us a year ago he has been providing invaluable help from the background, and we hope that the new School year will bring us a new Scoutmaster.

J. CAWSON, A. J. OXLEY.

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## THE ASHBURTON SHIELD COMPETITION 1960

The team had, of course, been there before, but for my friend and me it was our first view of Bisley as we swung into the road marked "No Entry" which led past the Century Range. Even though we had been told that it was six hundred yards long, we were unprepared for the immense space that comprised this range, which holds one hundred targets. Nor were we quite ready for the mass of uniforms, resplendent in their stripes, braid and badges; the long and busy firing-line; the huge sand-bank, surmounted by the numbers of the targets; nor for the targets themselves, busily moving up and down as the regulars in the butts marked the scores. But, naturally, it was the noise that dominated everything else. It was a noise sometimes full and thunderous, sometimes sharp and staccato, a noise sometimes interrupted by short periods of silence. Such lulls were rare,

and for most of the time the crack and the whirr of the guns provided the background for an atmosphere as individual as I have experienced anywhere else.

Distinction was added to the place by the concourse of schools all over Britain, even from Guernsey. There were cadets in Army, Navy and Air Force uniforms, cadets in trews, and even cadets in kilts. Traversing the long line of blackboards, all with their emblazoned wooden shields, we, humble grammar school boys, could not but be impressed by the imposing array of the "giants": Eton, Harrow, Winchester, Rugby, and others like Glenalmond, Oakham and Ardingley.

In the morning the onlookers were few in number, but by the afternoon the car park was full and the event had become almost a public schools' open day. Snatches of conversation provided real amusement if the excitement of the rising and falling targets began to pall: "I do rather feel . . ."

"What can one do with a boy who can't shoot or sail and doesn't play rugby or cricket?"

And even, incredibly enough, "Mater, I'd like you to meet a friend." Accents were "impeccable," behaviour restrained, and there was little, or nothing, to disturb the dignity of the occasion, except a few dogs yapping, and the momentary excitement caused by a tent on fire.

At the end of the morning's shooting, most of the competitors drifted off to the permanent buildings of the Rifle Clubs, and the tents full of Army supplies. For the rich, there were bush hats; for the poorer, shapeless jungle hats. There were guns everywhere, and books on guns, and people talking about guns. (If there is one thing more tedious than sailing talk, it is gun talk.) For those who could not afford the magnificent shotguns displayed there, there was the opportunity, for the sum of 4/6, of firing ten rounds at some clay saucers which, when looked at down the sights of a shotgun, appear pitifully small and incredibly fast-moving.

When, at one o'clock, the red flag was hauled up again, the time for hunting for souvenirs, in the shape of badges, post-cards, empty cartridge cases, and Army-issue shirts, was over, and the second half of the competition began. Everyone had by this time moved back to 500 yards, and the three lowest scorers of the 200 yards shoot had slunk ignominiously off to the dreaded Long Siberian, from which, I was reassured, they would return quite safe.

More and more interest began to be taken in the shooting as the end came in sight. The score-boards were gradually filled in until the one space marked "Grand Total" was left

empty. The perambulations up and down the line became faster and more tense: "We're below average," "We're above average," "We should come in the first forty . . ." ". . . the first twenty . . ." "We're ahead of Winchester . . ."

Then the last space was filled in, and the rival teams were free to survey their opponents' scores. Round each blackboard little groups had gathered searching with difficulty for the final score, invariably among the mass of other numbers. Names and numbers were scribbled down in note-books. Congratulations were proffered. Then suddenly the place was empty, except for a few enthusiasts settling down for a practice session, despite the menace of rain which the leaden-hued clouds contained. All the rifles had been cleaned and re-loaded aboard the trucks and cars; all the red-braided officials had collected together their papers, until only a line of blackboards, with their rows of numbers, now stripped of their shields, and the boxes holding the twenty thousand empty cartridge-cases served as a reminder of the activity of the day . . .

Reading the report of the competition in *The Times* next day made me wonder which of those whom we had seen photographing and scribbling notes was in fact "Our rifle shooting correspondent." As I looked sorrowfully at my shapeless jungle hat, I thought wistfully of those smart bush hats, complete with badges marked "Bisley 1960."

R. L. SMYTH, VI.1.

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## ARNISON HOUSE

The past year has proved to be a very successful one for Arnison. We have secured first place in three of the inter-house activities. The Boxing was won by a narrow margin from Queen's House, and congratulations are due to all finalists, particularly those who won their final bouts, and also to those who fought in the preliminary rounds. The efforts of our Cross-Country Captain, Tim Coleman, were rewarded when Arnison gained first place in the finals, largely owing to the excellent running of our Junior team. Our next victory was the Chess, where we secured yet another first place—well done, the Chess team! In the Athletics Competition we were runners-up to Fraser, an achievement which would not have been possible had not the majority of the House entered for at least one event, as requested of them. Our Tug-o'-War heavy-weights gained a valuable ten points for the House. The Shooting team did very well under the leadership of M. R. Pattinson, Youens only squeezing us into second place by one point. P. J. Moores, who

captained our Tennis team into third place, must be congratulated on playing regularly for the School team.

Our House Master, Mr. J. W. Pursey, is leaving this term and we wish him luck in his new post. Finally, it remains only for me to thank all members of the House for their enthusiastic support of House activities this year, and to wish all those who are staying on every success for the future in upholding the good name of Arnison.

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R. D. SMITH.

### DISRAELI HOUSE

Although this has not been a triumphant year, the House has not lagged as far behind as before. We have made no outstanding victories and suffered no resounding defeats. In the Athletics we were much improved, notably owing to the efforts of M. G. Smith, D. H. Cunnold and C. J. Packman. The points gained were almost double those of last year. Many of the juniors made splendid efforts and it seems that this is where our talent lies. In spite of special efforts from our Cricket team, we were narrowly beaten by King's House in an exciting match. Arnison proved to be superior to us in the Tug-o'-War, when we were beaten by two pulls to one. C. R. Allen must be congratulated for winning the Boxing Cup; he is a valuable member of the House. As the Fives and Tennis matches are still to be completed, we are not sure of the final House order, but we hope for an improvement on last year's results.

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N. C. GRAVETTE.

### FRASER HOUSE

Our House Captain, D. W. Cox, unfortunately left us last term, but the House has nevertheless steered a very steady course, if not quite realising the hopes expressed in the last issue of the magazine. We have not been able to repeat our shining successes of last year, but it is probably true to say that Fraser is capable of being somewhere near the top of each sport.

In Badminton, Boxing and Cross-country the House gave a fairly satisfactory account of itself, finishing not too far behind the winners. Of course, the absence of D. W. Cox was severely felt in the Cross-country. In the Rugby we reached the final of the Senior and the Colts competition, and this should entitle us to the Rugby Cup once more. Thanks to the efforts of J. P. Baker, in particular, we seem to be in a very promising position in the Chess, and for the winning of the Athletics the House owes its appreciation to the Senior Colts, who had an almost entire monopoly of the events in their section. The support given in

the Athletics by everyone concerned was particularly heartening and praiseworthy.

The weather has been extremely unkind to House activities in this the Summer Term. The Fives and Tennis competitions are being contested in wretched conditions, and, at the time of writing, it is not known who has won these events or the Shooting. The Cricket, which we were secretly confident of winning, also had to succumb to the inclemency of the weather ; and so, in common with all the other Houses, we can only feel thwarted and hope for better weather next year. It is clear, then, that Fraser, although not enjoying the glory of previous years, has an extremely satisfactory record and has shown itself to be an opponent who must be respected in almost every field of sport. It only remains for me, on behalf of all those Fraser members who are leaving, to wish the House continued success and the best of luck in the years to come.

C. D. WALLER.

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## KING'S HOUSE

As forecast in the last House report, we won the Badminton competition easily, but, as we feared, we fared badly in the Boxing and Cross-country, largely owing to lack of support from the main body of the House. One of the bright features, however, was the excellent individual performance of Peter Yates, who won the Open Cross-country event in record time. In the Rugby competition we did not have our fair share of luck—several injuries weakening our Senior and Colts fifteens, which were beaten by powerful teams in the semi-finals. Our hopes for the Athletics Championship were not realised. In spite of brilliant performances by P. J. Yates, who won both the Open Mile and 880 Yards in record times, we could do not better than secure fourth place. Absences weakened our Shooting team, and our high hopes were dashed, but our Tennis hopes were fulfilled and we won the Championship with ease, our reserves coming to the rescue when, once again, absences depleted the team. Unfortunately, the Cricket competition had to be abandoned owing to rain, but the Fives competition, still to be completed, seems to be going our way as we have not yet lost a match.

King's may enter the new School Year with confidence, as few of the stalwarts are leaving. It only remains for me, on behalf of those members who are leaving, to wish the House every success in the future.

W. E. SHACKELL.

## QUEEN'S HOUSE

Our small entry for the Boxing did very well to come second, failing by only one point. The obvious words to add to this are, "If only old Bert had gone in for it," or "But Bert could have beaten him." In case you are wondering, Bert is one of the many members of Queen's who has the necessary skill and ability but lacks any urge to enter for the competitions. This sorry state of affairs has been noticeable throughout the year, but was never more apparent than in the recent Athletics competition. After several appeals, although not backed by force (perhaps this was a mistake), the committee did expect more than six or seven entrants for the whole of the three groups: Juniors, Colts and Senior Colts. Only in the Open Group did any House spirit show and, although most of our points were gained by three or four boys, it was pleasing to see so many entrants, more in fact than in any other House.

The Chess competition has run quietly throughout the term, and our three representatives have done well. The Shooting competition has also been held, Queen's gaining third place. The Cricket, Tennis and Fives competitions have as usual been left to the last week or so of school. The Cricket has had to be abandoned owing to the weather and the Fives and Tennis have proved a complete failure as far as House points are concerned owing to the hasty formation of teams and the absence of certain boys. Our best achievement has been in retaining the Raffety House Cup for School work. Let us hope that this, placed alongside the Music Shield above our notice-board, may stimulate more keenness in the House for the next School Year.

D. P. MAY.

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## YOUENS HOUSE

At the end of the School Year, the future of the House seems by no means bright, unless a concerted effort is made by those members in the Middle School, whose contributions to House activities have been so disappointing. The Seniors, however, won their Rugby competition, defeating Fraser 19—0 in the final, having disposed of Arnison in the previous round. We again came third in the Athletics Cup, entries for events being very sparse in the Colts and Senior Colts age groups. Merchant won the individual title in the Junior Colts through some fine sprinting; J. O. Smith, in the Open Group, also ran well. Despite several last-minute replacements, the House team won the Shooting competition by one point, R. Parsons being outstanding in a high scoring team. The Cricket competition,

which we might well have won, was abandoned. We defeated Arnison, in the one match played, by nine wickets, Perfect with some fine bowling, and Riley and Clark with aggressive batting, making this possible. At the time of writing, the Fives and Tennis competitions remain unfinished. It only remains for those leaving to wish the House the best of luck in the future.

A. W. FOUNTAIN.

## FINAL HOUSE SCORES AND POSITIONS

1st	Arnison	...	...	...	...	108	points
2nd	Fraser	...	...	...	...	107	"
3rd	Youens	...	...	...	...	105	"
4th	Queen's	...	...	...	...	68	"
5th	King's	...	...	...	...	60	"
6th	Disraeli	...	...	...	...	51	"

<i>Event</i>	Arnison		Disraeli		Fraser		King's		Queen's		Youens	
	<i>Pos</i>	<i>Score</i>	<i>Pos</i>	<i>Score</i>	<i>Pos</i>	<i>Score</i>	<i>Pos</i>	<i>Score</i>	<i>Pos</i>	<i>Score</i>	<i>Pos</i>	<i>Score</i>
Boxing ...	1	15	3	9	5	4	6	1	2	12	4	7
Cross-country	1	20	2	17	4	10	6	2	5	6	3	14
Basketball ...	1	1	5	4	1	15	2	12	4	7	3	9
Rugby ...	5	5	6	2	1=	20	3=	10	3=	10	1=	20
Badminton ...	5=	4	5=	4	3	9	1	15	2	12	4	7
Athletics ...	2	17	5	6	1	20	4	10	6	2	3	14
Shooting ...	2	12	6	1	4	7	5	4	3	9	1	15
Tennis ...	3	9	5	4	4	7	1	15	6	1	2	12
Chess ...	1=	15	5	4	1=	15	6	1	3	9	4	7
		108		51		107		60		68		105

The inter-House Cricket and Fives were not finished this year owing to bad weather.

D.T.N.

## ATHLETICS

### School Sports

The annual inter-House School Sports were held on June 9th. Competition in the individual events was keen, and many exciting races, too numerous to mention, were seen. Two School records were broken by P. Yates, the 880 yards open and the mile open. J. Bowman equalled the Pole Vault. Another noteworthy achievement was the winning of the 100 yards, 220 yards and 440 yards by R. D. Smith.

Winners of the individual championships were :—

Open ...	...	...	...	...	R. D. Smith
Senior Colts ...	...	...	...	...	M. Priestley
Colts ...	...	...	...	...	P. A. King
Junior Colts ...	...	...	...	...	G. Merchant



## RESULTS

Event	1st	2nd	3rd	Height, time, distance
100 Open	R. Smith (A)	J. Smith (Y)	M. Smith (D)	10.2 sec
100 S. Colts	Forrester (F)	Fountain (Y)	Fox (A)	11.1 sec
100 Colts	King (D)	Moores (A)	Brown (Y)	12.0 sec
100 J. Colts	Merchant (Y)	Ferguson (K)	Hawes (K)	
220 Open	R. Smith (A)	M. Smith (D)	Fountain (Y)	24.1 sec
220 S. Colts	Forrester (F)	Fox (A)	Fountain (Y)	25.5 sec
220 Colts	Myant (A)	King (D)	Moores (A)	27.7 sec
440 Open	R. Smith (A)	M. Smith (D)	Perfect (Y)	54.2 sec
440 S. Colts	Priestley (F)	Fox (A)	Fewtrell (F)	56.3 sec
440 Colts	King (D)	Davies (K)	Solomon (Y)	63.8 sec
880 Open	Yates (K)*	R. Smith (A)	May (Q)	2min 3.8sec
880 S. Colts	Priestley (F)	Culley (F)	Fewtrell (F)	2min 31.6 s
880 J. Colts	Charlton (Q)	Douglas (A)	Merchant (Y)	2min 23 sec
Mile Open	Yates (K)*	Lynch (F)	Cunnold (D)	4min 31.5 s
Hi Jp Open	Bowman (A)	Gravette (D)	Fountain (Y)	5ft 0in
Hi Jp S Colts	Forrester (F)	Priestley (F)	Sherley (K)	5ft 1in
Hi Jp Colts	Thompson (A)	Mayers (A)	Malec (F)	4ft 5in
Hi Jp J Colts	Priestley (F)	O'Shea (Y)	Pope (F)	
Lg Jp Open	Fountain (Y)	R. Smith (A)	J. Smith (Y)	18ft 6in
Lg Jp S Colts	Forrester (F)	Homer (F)	Priestley (F)	
Lg Jp Colts	Brown (Y)	Packman (D)	Dorkings (D)	14ft 9½in
Lg Jp J Colts	Ferguson (K)	Fountain (Y)	Charlton (Q)	
Shot Open	Simpson (K)	Ralley (Q)	Fountain (Y)	40ft 7½in
Shot S Colts	Priestley (F)	Hickman (K)	Pass (F)	
Shot S Colts	Myant (A)	Ferguson (D)	Ham (Q)	30ft 0in
Jav Open	May (Q)	Miller (F)	Coates (K)	139ft 0in
Jav S Colts	Peters (Y)	Fewtrell (F)	Priestley (F)	139ft 3in
Jav Colts	Packman (D)	Rothwell (F)	Newman (A)	114ft 0in
Pole V Open	Bowman (A)*	Paine (Q)	Marsden (K)	8ft 6in
3 Jps Open	Fountain (Y)	R. Smith (A)	Bowman (A)	35ft 8in
Cricket B Open	May (Q)	Seale (K)	Miller (F)	82yd 2ft 8in
Tug-of-War	Arnison	King's	Youens	
Relay Open	Arnison	Youens	Queen's	48.3sec
Relay S. Colts	Fraser	Youens	Arnison	50.3sec
Relay Colts	Arnison	Disraeli	Fraser	55.8sec
Relay J Colts	King's	Youens	Arnison	56.8sec

\* School Record

Final House Championship positions were :—

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

### Athletics Club

This term the Athletics Club had two matches. The first against Newland Park College, which we lost by 89 points to 85 points. Our defeat was due mainly to the weakness of our team in the field events.

The second match was a triangular match between Newland Park College, Rickmansworth Grammar School, and ourselves. This proved to be a very exciting match. The superiority of Newland Park College in the field events was challenged by Rickmansworth, and Greasley, of Rickmansworth, was particularly outstanding in this sphere. However, the School team rose to the occasion and Weston in the high jump, M. G. Smith in the

440 yards, Cunnold in the Hop, Step and Jump, and Johnson in the Discus all did better than they had ever done before.

With only the Relay to run, Rickmansworth Grammar School were leading with 68 points to our 64 points, so it depended on the Relay. This we won, and gained a surprise victory, which was a pleasing conclusion to the short Athletics season.

*Note :* Best wishes to R. D. Smith, who represents the county in the All England Schools Championships.

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## SHOOTING

The standard of shooting this year has been higher than ever before. This is perhaps not surprising since almost the whole of last year's team was available this year.

The first competition of the season was the Country Life competition on the Miniature Range, when the School finished fourth in Class B (using rifles as issued) amongst an entry of 49 schools. This is the best performance on record and the score of 861 showed considerable improvement over the previous year and an improvement of nine places in the table. Leading scores were : M. R. Pattinson 93, D. H. Nicholls and A. P. Coates 91.

The Salisbury Plain District Rifle Meeting was not quite so well organised as usual and the Application Shoot had to be abandoned after 200 yards. Three teams of four competed and honour was satisfied in that the first team consisting of M. R. Pattinson, D. Nicholls, B. Barratt, P. G. Shoosmith had the top score in the Application ; the second team consisting of D. N. Hubble, D. Bowen, R. W. Paine and A. C. Pain had the best score in the Snap Shooting event, whilst the third team consisting of R. A. French, M. G. Welch, A. P. Coates and P. J. Thompson became the first School team to win the Falling Plate competition. Bowen had a possible at " Snap " and Coates had the distinction of getting off the first round before any other competitor in every run down and scored a hit with his first shot every time.

Keen competition was seen in the House Shooting competition, which was won by Youens with a score of 336, Arnison being second with 335. Other scores were Queen's 322, Fraser 318, King's 298, Disraeli 292. P. G. Shoosmith scored a possible of 50 and R. Parsons scored 49.

At Bisley during the Ashburton the team showed the same improvement. In the Gale and Polden, M. R. Pattinson had the excellent score of 69, which included a possible of 35 at 500 yards, scoring ten bulls in succession, two with his sighters, the seven rounds to count and the first round of his tie shoot.

In the Ashburton Proper the team averaged 63 per member as against 60 last year and as a result moved from 75th out of 98 in 1959 to 29th out of 103 in 1960. Welch just missed a possible at 500 yards by scoring an inner with his last shot.

Scores were :—				200	500	Total
D. Nicholls...	...	...	...	32	33	65
R. W. Paine	...	...	...	33	32	65
M. G. Welch	...	...	...	31	34	65
M. R. Pattinson	...	...	...	31	32	63
P. D. Bowen	...	...	...	30	33	63
B. A. Barratt	...	...	...	31	31	62
P. G. Shoosmith	...	...	...	30	32	62
P. J. Thompson	...	...	...	30	29	59
9th Man	...	A. C. Pain	...	...	...	38
Spencer Mellish	...	M. R. Pattinson	...	...	...	45

Shooting Colours were awarded to all the members of the Bisley team, new Colours being Welch, Bowen, Shoosmith and Thompson. The success of the team was, to a large extent, due to the excellent captaincy of M. R. Pattinson, whose experience as a member of the Bucks County team was invaluable in helping those less experienced in the use of Competition Sights.

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### LAWN TENNIS CLUB 1960

Results : Played 16, Won 13, Abandoned 3

*Captain* : P. A. Taylor    *Vice-Captain* : C. H. Farmer

Without any shadow of doubt this has been the most successful season in the history of Lawn Tennis in the School. The team has been kept unchanged from the first game and has won all its matches. The opposition has been of the highest standard and in their turn Leighton Park, Magdalen College School, University College School, Abingdon School, and many others have been beaten.

At the beginning of the season the team had many of last year's players to call on and after some exhaustive practice games only one new player made the grade—Seale, of Vs. Taylor and Farmer played together as the 1st pair, Moores and Orchard as the 2nd pair and Keeley and Seale as the 3rd pair.

Once again the strength of the team showed itself in the balance of the three pairs. It is true that Moores and Orchard always looked the better tennis players and we predict a great future for them, but the other two pairs were capable of good fighting tennis which won us vital events in matches which we won only narrowly. Keeley and Seale covered themselves with glory at University College School (previous winners of the

Public Schools' Youll Cup at Wimbledon) by winning the final event against a higher ranked pair to give us victory by 5 events to 4. They were awarded their Colours after the match.

Moore has shown such promise in County Junior tournaments that he is to be given coaching at national level by the Lawn Tennis Association. In all probability the two famous coaches, Dan Maskell and Worthington, will be getting to work on him during the summer holidays.

We are "on the crest of the wave" at the moment, and as this year's team could very well be all at school next year and at least four of them at school for the next two or three years, the future certainly looks rosy. Next year we are hoping to build up a 2nd VI fixture list to encourage some very able young players who have had no chance of showing what they can do.

In conclusion we should like to offer our good wishes to the team in its efforts at Wimbledon in the Youll Cup at the end of term, but we have to admit that our hopes for very real success lie with Moore and Orchard in the Thomas Bowl (under 16 doubles).

The School tournaments were won by the following :—

Championship Singles—D. G. Orchard, who defeated R. A. Keeley.

Junior Singles—D. G. Orchard, who defeated Banter, M. J.

Handicap Doubles—Dawes, J. H., and Perfect, A. A., who defeated Lawrance, R. J., and Hurst, G.

M.M.D.

### TENNIS RESULTS

Date	Opponents	Venue	Matches	
			F	A
May 11	Sir William Borlase ... ..	H	Abandoned	
" 14	Courtaulds ... ..	H	Won	6½ 2½
" 18	Culham College ... ..	H	Won	4 4
" 21	Leighton Park ... ..	H	Won	6½ 2½
" 28	Magdalen College School ... ..	H	Won	5 3
June 1	R.A.F. Halton ... ..	H	Won	8½ ½
" 11	Royal Masonic School ... ..	H	Won	9 0
" 18	Watford Grammar School ... ..	H	Abandoned	4 3½
" 25	St. Benedict's ... ..	A	Won	9 0
July 2	University College School ... ..	A	Won	5 4
" 7	*St. John's L.T.C. ... ..	A	Won	7 2
" 9	Old Boys' VI ... ..	H	Abandoned	2 1
" 11	*High Wycombe L.T.C. ... ..	A	Won	5 3
" 12	Sir William Borlase ... ..	H	Won	8½ 2½
" 14	Courtaulds ... ..	A	Won	8 1
" 16	Abingdon School ... ..	H	Won	9 0

\* 'A' Team Fixture

## BOAT CLUB 1959-60

The Boat Club has had a reasonably successful year, and it is gratifying that the general increase in the popularity of the sport has been reflected in the School by a considerable increase in membership.

Once again the greatest emphasis in the club has been on rowing in clinker fours, but new ground has been broken in that there have been several outings in a shell eight. It is hoped that next year will see the appearance of a first eight in addition to the fours.

The School has taken part in two regattas this term, at Reading and Wallingford respectively. At Reading Clinker Regatta the first four was narrowly beaten in one of the heats by Eastbourne College, a crew which went on to do rather well. At Wallingford Regatta two crews were entered, the second four losing their heat by half a length, the first four, suffering the misfortune of being in the lead in the home stretch when a member of the crew came off his slide, and being consequently beaten by a length. This crew, however, had the distinction of striking one of the highest ratings of the day—a fact which was duly noted by the commentator.

The club looks forward with confidence to next season, when it is certain that if the progress and enthusiasm of the year is maintained, greater success will crown its efforts.

In conclusion I must express our gratitude to Marlow Rowing Club, without whose help the club would not be able to function.

————— B.C.N.P.L.-J.

## GOLF

There was a big entry this year for the Masters' (Handicap) Foursomes at Whiteleaf Golf Club. Several novices were eager for a first experience of golf in a competition ; although only two regulars with a handful of reservists were available as senior partners. Players, if I may use this term for the latter group, hope to avoid too strong a novice as partner, preferring a gentle duffer to a stiff slogger. Dark horses are rare birds. The aim of an assisted "draw" is to hang insupportable mill-stones round the necks of the more talented golfers or recent winners, severely handicap the rest of the "players" and ensure that the Rector of Denham shall not add a third cup to the brace he has won already.

In the upshot, the Secretary (by charity one of last year's winning pair) innocently persuaded Mr. Pattinson that the

Senior Chemistry Master was a fully-qualified mill-stone. Round his own neck Mr. Pattinson suspended a reverend Old Boy suspected of secret practices (though perhaps only on weekdays) ; Mr. Morgan found an amiable partner in M. Claude Dreux ; Mr. B. C. N. P. Leighton-Jones put a stop to any hopes which the Rector may have entertained.

Mr. Davies played loudly, doubtless *in piam memoriam* Dennis Edgington. Mr. Lambert and Mr. Pursey found some specimens of rare wild flowers in the hedgerows, but in doing so they conceded a balance of fourteen holes to Colonel Bogey. The Colonel had in fact much the best of a noisy evening's golf, for the three pairs who tied for first place were "four down" to him. The pairs were J. B. Benson and M. J. Eaton, R. Pattinson and A. J. Skipp, C. M. Haworth and D. R. Pelmore. By a calculation not properly understood by the less experienced the last of these three pairs was declared by Mr. Pattinson to have won the trophy.

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C.M.H.

### CRICKET CLUB, 1960 SEASON

*Captain :* C. D. WALLER

*Vice-Captain :* J. E. SIMPSON

Played 18, Won 4, Lost 6, Drawn 8

It is always a difficult task at the start of a School cricket season to make an accurate forecast of the strength and success of an XI. The late start to the term which curtailed early practice, the athletic prowess of many of the "possibles" which interfered with nets, and finally the unsettled weather, made forecasting even more difficult. A team which looked like becoming a strong batting side but weak in bowling proved to be exactly the opposite. Not one batsman developed into a consistent run-getter, but the bowlers could always be relied upon to do a good, accurate job of work even if bowling tactics were, at times, rather unorthodox. Unfortunate injuries to both the opening batsmen added to the Captain's difficulties. The fielding was usually of a high standard. The outstanding performance was undoubtedly the stand of 129 between Waller and Holdship when the School were 39 for 5 *v* R.G.S., Worcester.

Waller and Miller settled down as a useful pair of opening bats until Waller was put out of action for four weeks after receiving a bad cut on the palm of the left hand. Before he was really fit again Miller was injured whilst fielding at short square leg to the off-spinner. Simpson never recaptured his 1959 form,

and Riley, after a good start, was unable to make many runs. Holdship and Fountain often held the side together and towards the end of the season made some good scores. Punton improved as the season progressed and finally opened the innings with some sound batting. The most improved bat was undoubtedly Bowler, who was promoted from 1959 Colts' team to keep wicket, a job he did with quiet efficiency. He was always prepared to defend his wicket to the end, even if more experienced batsmen had not adopted that attitude. The bowlers swung a lusty bat and more than once got the team out of difficulties.

The opening bowlers, Dronfield and Stratford, bowled with a good deal of life and accuracy, and did a great deal to keep the scores of opposing sides to a reasonable figure. Waller found the 1960 wickets much more to his liking and often made good use of them. Barlow, the other Colt from the 1959 season, was capable of bowling useful left-hand spinners but was never given enough regular match bowling to develop his potentialities as a stock bowler. Many other bowlers were tried at frequent intervals, with the result that the team never had four bowlers in regular training and suffered because of this. There is an old and tried saying in cricket, "If you cannot get a side out with four bowlers you will never get them out with seven." Most schoolboys can bowl a reasonable over, but only those who are given regular match bowling can become match winners.

It must be put on record that the Staff XI won in 1960. One of the first things to learn in any game, and more especially in cricket, is never to underestimate the opposition. Grey hairs on a cricket field may show a certain lack of speed in the field, but often denote a wealth of experience that can win matches. Friendly bowling "to make a game of it" has lost as many games as a reversed batting order when the opposition has made a low score. However, it is the job of a schoolmaster to teach the young, and on the day of the Staff Match eleven young men must have learnt this basic rule of all games.

The thanks of the Cricket Club are due to all who helped to make the season a pleasant one. The Club is not fortunate enough to receive ready-made players from local clubs but depends upon the unending work of masters in charge of teams for the coaching, for many hours of standing from patient umpires and many hours from scorers, for whatever success is achieved. Teas, fixtures, transport and good wickets do not come from out of the blue, they have to be organised many months ahead.

At the end of the season, Mr. J. Pursey, who captained the School in 1954 and returned on the Staff in 1958, leaves to take up a new post in the north. His help, enthusiasm and knowledge

has been invaluable and he will be missed next season. However, the Club is fortunate, as yet another School Captain, Mr. F. E. Hawkins, is due on the Staff in September and will no doubt continue the good work in 1961.

H.W.J.

### SUMMARY OF RESULTS

- May 7—v High Wycombe "A", at home. R.G.S. lost by 1 wkt.  
R.G.S. 129 (A. J. Riley 54, K. R. Miller 32).  
High Wycombe "A" 130 for 9 (A. Perfect 6 for 36, P. M. Dronfield 2 for 21).
- „ 11—v Sir William Borlase's School, Marlow, at home. Match drawn.  
R.G.S. 113 for 6 dec. (C. D. Waller 52 not out).  
Sir William Borlase's 66 for 7 (D. Stratford 2 for 12, J. Barlow 2 for 17).
- „ 21—v Leighton Park, at home. Match drawn.  
R.G.S. 133 for 7 dec. (A. J. Riley 24, A. W. Fountain 26, V. W. Punton 21, E. Hholdship 20).  
Leighton Park 100 for 8 (A. W. Fountain 2 for 29, P. M. Dronfield 3 for 31, C. D. Waller 2 for 20).
- „ 25—v Bishopshalt, away. R.G.S. lost by 57 runs.  
R.G.S. 71 (A. W. Fountain 19).  
Bishopshalt 128 (P. M. Dronfield 3 for 20, J. Barlow 3 for 30, C. D. Waller 3 for 23).
- „ 28—v Emanuel, away. R.G.S. won by 2 wkts.  
R.G.S. 163 for 6 (C. D. Waller 74, A. J. Riley 56 not out).  
Emanuel 160 for 8 dec. (D. Stratford 4 for 55, A. W. Fountain 2 for 30).
- June 1—v R.A.F. Halton Apprentices, at home. R.G.S. won by 15 runs.  
R.G.S. 116 (K. R. Miller 26, V. W. Punton 16).  
R.A.F. Halton 101 (D. Stratford 3 for 38, P. M. Dronfield 4 for 41, K. R. Miller 2 for 13).
- „ 11—v Royal Masonic School, at home. Match drawn.  
R.G.S. 147 for 7 dec. (J. S. Simpson 31, A. W. Fountain 30).  
Royal Masonic 104 for 6 (J. Barlow 3 for 30, D. Stratford 2 for 28).
- „ 15—v R.A.F. Medmenham, at home. R.G.S. won by 4 wkts.  
R.G.S. 165 for 6 (K. R. Miller 83, J. N. Fowler 28, J. S. Simpson 26).  
R.A.F. Medmenham 164 (P. M. Dronfield 6 for 38, J. W. Pursey, Esq., 2 for 48).
- „ 18—v Watford G.S., at home. R.G.S. lost by 9 runs.  
R.G.S. 117 (J. S. Simpson 29, K. R. Miller 24).  
Watford G.S. 126 (D. Stratford 2 for 21, J. S. Simpson 5 for 21, J. Barlow 2 for 36).
- „ 22—v R.A.F. High Wycombe, at home. R.G.S. lost by 69 runs.  
R.G.S. 108 (H. W. Johnson, Esq., 28, A. W. Fountain 20, V. W. Punton 15).  
R.A.F. High Wycombe 177 for 8 dec. (J. W. Pursey, Esq., 4 for 55, K. R. Miller 2 for 33).
- July 2—v St. Bartholomew's G.S., Newbury, away. R.G.S. lost by 78 runs.  
R.G.S. 100 (C. D. Waller 28 not out, J. S. Simpson 11, P. Bowler 11).  
St. Bartholomew's, Newbury 178 (D. Stratford 4 for 59, P. M. Dronfield 2 for 19, C. D. Waller 2 for 44).
- „ 9—v R.G.S. Old Boys. Match unfinished; rain stopped play.  
R.G.S. 104 (A. W. Fountain 39, P. Bowler 23; J. W. Pursey 5 for 10, P. J. Blokland 2 for 31, M. Bridges 2 for 12).  
R.G.S. Old Boys 19 for 1.



- July 14—v Queen Elizabeth School, Barnet, away. Match drawn.  
R.G.S. 185 (P. Bowler 52, J. S. Simpson 48, E. Holdship 25 not out).  
Queen Elizabeth's, Barnet, 158 for 9 (C. D. Waller 4 for 64, J. S. Simpson 2 for 33).
- „ 16—v Abingdon, at home. Match drawn.  
R.G.S. 94 for 6 (C. D. Waller 31 not out, P. Bowler 16).  
Abindon 173 for 4 dec. (C. D. Waller 3 for 48).
- „ 18—v R.G.S., Worcester, at home. Match drawn.  
R.G.S. 176 for 6 dec. (E. Holdship 65, C. D. Waller 63 not out).  
R.G.S., Worcester 121 for 8 (D. Stratford 4 for 22, C. D. Waller 2 for 50).
- „ 19—v Trinity School, Croydon, away. Match drawn (rain).  
R.G.S. 96 (V. W. Punton 41, A. J. Riley 14).  
Trinity School 48 for 1.
- „ 20—v H. W. Johnson's XI (Staff). R.G.S. lost by 11 runs.  
H. W. Johnson's XI 178 for 6 dec. (R. C. File 44, D. T. Nightingale 33, R. A. Chapman 33, A. R. Eames 21) (J. S. Simpson 2 for 25).  
R.G.S. 167 (E. Holdship 48, J. S. Simpson 54, A. W. Fountain 22 not out) (J. W. Pursey 4 for 60, M. M. Davies 4 for 39, M. Eaton 2 for 29).
- „ 21—v Ex-Captain's XI. R.G.S. won by 1 run.  
R.G.S. 147 for 8 dec. (K. R. Miller 57, E. Holdship 26, P. Bowler 20).  
Ex-Captain's XI 146 (A. Harvey 41, F. Hawkins 37, P. Blokland 24 not out) (D. K. Stratford 4 for 64, C. D. Waller 4 for 61).

#### AVERAGES, 1st XI, 1960

##### Batting

Name	Total	Innings	Highest	Innings Completed	Average
C. D. Waller ...	322	14	74	9	35.78
K. R. Miller ...	307	15	83	15	20.47
E. Holdship ...	238	16	65	13	18.31
J. S. Simpson ...	272	17	54	17	16.00
P. Bowler ...	196	17	52	14	14.00
A. W. Fountain ...	216	17	39	16	13.13
A. J. Riley ...	205	18	56*	17	12.59
P. M. Dronfield ...	82	10	17*	7	11.72
V. W. Punton ...	179	18	41	18	9.89

\* Not out

##### Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
J. S. Simpson ...	47	7	164	12	13.67
D. K. Stratford ...	174	44	431	29	14.86
P. M. Dronfield ...	140	43	323	21	15.38
C. D. Waller ...	132	19	401	22	18.23

**Catches :** A. J. Riley 9, E. Holdship 7, P. Bowler 7.

**Stumpings :** P. Bowler 3.

#### SECOND XI

**Results :** Played 12, Won 5, Lost 4, Drawn 2, Abandoned 1.

This has been a season in which the ball has had command over the bat, as has been demonstrated by the fact that the team

has only realised treble figures on two occasions. However, consistent bowling throughout the season has enabled the team to win five matches.

Our outstanding bowler has been A. A. Perfect with 27 wickets ; he has received excellent support from K. J. V. Wrench, D. Rubery and R. A. O. Stockwell. The highest score of the season was the 57 scored by R. P. Browne against Leighton Park ; in the same match Browne took 5 wickets for 30 runs. This was undoubtedly the best all-round performance of the season.

We extend our thanks to Mr. M. J. Eaton for his help at net practices and giving up his valuable time to umpire. Last but by no means least, we thank R. P. H. Green for undertaking the thankless task of scoring.

R. A. CHAPMAN.

2nd XI Colours were awarded to J. N. Fowler, K. J. V. Wrench, M. J. Iremonger, P. J. C. Clark, B. C. Matthews and T. J. Coleman.

### SECOND XI RESULTS

Team	Scores		Results
	For	Against	
Sir William Borlase ... ..	30 for 1		Abandoned
Leighton Park ... ..	152	81	Won
Bishopshalt School ... ..	64 for 9 dec.	29	Won
Emanuel School ... ..	88	89 for 3	Lost
R.A.F., High Wycombe ... ..	62 for 6 dec.	137 for 7 dec.	Drawn
Royal Masonic School ... ..	96	100 for 3	Lost
Aylesbury Grammar School 1st ... ..	95	92 for 9	Drawn
Watford Grammar School ... ..	64	14	Won
St. Benedict's School ... ..	43 for 3	38	Won
St. Batholomew's School, Newbury	144 for 8 dec.	114	Won
Queen Elizabeth's School, Barnet ... ..	38	68	Lost
Abingdon School ... ..	78	81 for 5	Lost

### SECOND XI AVERAGES

#### Batting

	Runs	Innings	Highest Score	Average
M. Iremonger ... ..	74	6	34*	18.50
R. Browne ... ..	129	10	57	12.90
A. Perfect ... ..	42	6	22*	10.50
K. Wrench ... ..	52	7	20*	10.40
P. Clark ... ..	88	10	18	9.77

#### Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
D. Stratford ... ..	21.1	4	28	11	2.55
A. Perfect ... ..	89	30	146	27	5.41
K. Wrench ... ..	44	7	93	12	7.75
R. Browne ... ..	29.5	5	89	10	8.90
D. Rubery ... ..	46	11	115	10	11.50

## COLTS CRICKET XI

*Results* : Played 9, Won 7, Lost 1, Drawn 0, Abandoned 1.

As their record suggests, this season has been a very successful one. The greatest factor in this success had undoubtedly been the ability of the bowlers—usually Fewtrell, Jones and Whitwham—to get the other side out cheaply. Individually, there have been some fine batting performances, but all too often it was left to one boy (often a different one each week) to hold the innings together. Had the middle-of-the-order batting been more sure the wins would have been far more convincing.

Of the bowlers, Jones and Fewtrell never failed to remove the opposition openers in the first spell, and both bowled steadily throughout the season. Whatwham, slow left arm, and Glass, a leg-spinner discovered late in the season, have always been willing to “buy” their wickets—a necessity for slow bowlers. The fielding, in spite of the team’s professed dislike of practice, has usually been fairly good. In this respect the fine catching of Rothwell deserves mention.

Bowler and Glass were by far the most consistent batsmen. Bowler’s average of 19.9 was very commendable. Others who made good scores on occasions were : Davies, Whitwham, Fewtrell and Everitt, who proved himself a very reliable and efficient wicket-keeper.

J.W.P.

Colts’ Colours awarded to : M. Bowler, R. A. Fewtrell, D. A. Glass, M. Everitt, R. M. Jones, J. M. Davies and I. R. W. Whitwham.

### COLTS’ AVERAGES

#### Batting

M. Bowler ...	...	...	...	178 runs	average	19.9
D. Glass ...	...	...	...	125 runs	average	13.9
I. Whitwham	...	...	...	70 runs	average	11.6
J. M. Davies	...	...	...	92 runs	average	10.2
R. Fewtrell	...	...	...	63 runs	average	7.9

#### Bowling

R. Jones ...	...	...	...	25 wickets	average	3.1
R. Fewtrell	...	...	...	23 wickets	average	3.6
D. Glass ...	...	...	...	6 wickets	average	4.5
I. Whitwham	...	...	...	16 wickets	average	6.75

Catches :—Rothwell 9 ; Davies, Everitt and Glass 3.

Stumpings :—Everitt 9.

## JUNIOR COLTS XI

*Results* : Played 6, Won 1, Drawn 2, Lost 3.

The main reason for the poor record of the side has been the lack of consistent batting. Only four batsmen made scores of ten or more, and only McLoughlin could be relied upon to make runs. The most obvious faults were a tendency to back away to leg and lack of concentration.

The bowling, on the other hand, was well up to the usual standard. McLoughlin, Horley, Anderson and Nottingham all bowled well on occasions. The fielding, which was always good in practice, sometimes lapsed in matches, particularly towards the end of an innings. Harris proved to be a sound wicket-keeper, and of the fielders Hawes and White were outstanding.

Harris was a pleasant captain, usually in control of the situation. He should learn to think a little more quickly when things are not going well for his side. It was a pity he did not make many runs, for he is a promising batsman.

Finally, a word to those boys who came to practices and hoped to play for the Junior Colts team. Do not give up hope. There may be room for you in one of the Colts sides next year if you persevere.

The following boys played for the team : M. Harris (Capt.), J. N. McLoughlin, D. G. Horley, A. R. Nottingham, D. J. Hawes, M. H. Anderson, H. H. Griffiths, J. W. Williams, M. J. Bowler, N. B. White, M. A. C. Priestley, P. J. C. Wilson, P. C. Cant, R. C. Snelling, A. J. Frankland, S. J. Russell and I. F. Sifton.

D.J.C.

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## HOCKEY REPORT 1959-60

This has been a most successful season. The game is now fully recognised in the School, the Games Committee having agreed that Half-Colours should be awarded. The next thing to strive for is a pitch of our own so that we may entertain teams at home instead of having to play all our matches away.

For the first time we had a full fixture list, of which only four games were cancelled through weather conditions. Fourteen matches were played, of which 10 were won, 3 drawn and only 1 lost. The results, however, are the least important factor in any sport, especially school games. Good hockey was often played, and many matches were very close and exciting.

In remembering some of the more outstanding games I should mention the first game played against Slough Grammar School, which produced the best hockey of the season. The result being an exciting draw. At Watford G.S. we saw the best individual performance when W. E. Shackell scored all five goals in a 5—3 win.

Shackell proved to be an excellent captain, who inspired the team with his ability and drive. The defence remained practically unchanged all the season. R. W. Paine played well in goal, J. N. Fowler and J. M. Colley were safe backs, but the main strength was at half-back. B. A. Barratt at centre-half was one of the best equipped hockey players in the team although his game often needed more fire in it. The wing-halves, S. P. Baxter and P. B. Newitt, although not yet very skilful, were tireless workers.

The forwards were well led by Shackell at centre-forward, ably supported by H. G. Barnes and B. C. Matthews at inside-forward, two very good players. At the end, McCready and P. J. Larkin showed themselves to be very promising players.

Congratulations to W. E. Shackell, B. C. Matthews and R. W. Paine, who played for the Bucks County Colts.

Half-Colours were awarded to : W. E. Shackell (Captain), S. P. Baxter (Vice-Captain), H. G. Barnes, B. A. Barratt, J. M. Colley, J. N. Fowler, P. J. Larkin, B. C. Matthews, P. B. Newitt, R. W. Paine.

Also played (more than 4 times) : L. McCready, D. Saunders, C. Swain, C. Henry, M. Castle.

M.J.E.

## RESULTS

Date	Opponents	Ground	Result	F	A
1959					
Oct. 7	Newland Park 2nd XI ... ..	A	Won	5	0
„ 10	Wycombe H.C. 4th XI ... ..	A	Won	4	1
„ 28	Slough G.S. ... ..	A	Draw	2	2
Nov. 11	Newlands Park 1st XI ... ..	A	Lost	2	5
„ 18	Slough G.S. ... ..	A	Won	4	0
1960					
Jan. 27	Slough Tech. ... ..	A	Won	3	0
„ 30	Wycombe H.C. 4th XI ... ..	A	Won	2	1
Feb. 3	Rickmansworth G.S. ... ..	A	Draw	2	2
„ 10	Slough Tech. ... ..	A	Won	3	1
„ 17	Watford G.S. 2nd XI ... ..	A	Won	5	3
„ 24	Germaines School ... ..	A	Won	6	1
„ 27	Windsor G.S. ... ..	A	Cancelled		
Mar. 2	Rickmansworth G.S. ... ..	A	Won	4	1
„ 5	Wycombe H.C. 4th XI ... ..	A	Won	4	1
„ 9	Watford G.S. 2nd XI ... ..	A	Cancelled		
„ 16	R.A.F. Halton Apprentices ... ..	A	Cancelled		
„ 23	Slough G.S. ... ..	A	Draw	1	1
„ 30	Aylesbury G.S. ... ..	A	Cancelled		

\* 'A' Team

## INTER-HOUSE BOXING TOURNAMENT 1960

The annual inter-House Boxing competition was held in the Hall of the Royal Grammar School on Wednesday, March 23rd, and some very spirited and good boxing was seen. Preliminary rounds had been in progress since the beginning of term and in all about one hundred boys entered and some hundred bouts were fought.

S. Breed (Fraser) showed considerable promise in the junior section and was awarded the Junior Boxing Cup by the referee and judges. In the senior section a number of boys boxed very well, including P. J. C. Clark (Youens), C. R. S. Wood (Queen's), J. C. Bowman (Arnison) and a young senior, C. R. Allen, who was given the Senior Boxing Cup.

House positions are decided by giving three points to a winner of any bout and one point to the loser. The final score was very close indeed ; Arnison House won by one point with a score of 98, Queen's, who came second, scored 97.

Rear-Admiral P. Skelton, C.B., a School Governor, presented the trophies and certificates.

### RESULTS

#### Junior School

Under	5st	9lb	Redding (A)	beat	Butler (D)
	6st	3lb	Russell (Q)	„	Sweeting (F)
	6st	10lb	Cullimore (Q)	„	Crew (F)
	7st	3lb	Gomm (A)	„	Kurrein (D)
	7st	12lb	Breed (F)	„	Throssle (A)
	8st	4lb	Payne (Y)	„	Briggs (D)
	9st	0lb	Bucy (Q)	„	Wilson (K)
	10st	0lb	Collins (Y)	„	French (K)
	13st	0lb	Cutler (F)	„	Harvey (F)

#### Senior School

Under	6st	6lb	O'Hanlon (A)	beat	Clark (Y)
	6st	12lb	Allen (D)	„	Taylor (A)
	7st	13lb	Watanangura (Q)	„	Orchard (K)
	8st	13lb	Cullen (Y)	„	Dawes (A)
	9st	9lb	Wood (Q)	„	Bowman (A)
	10st	0lb	Clark (Y)	„	Tone (K)
	10st	9lb	Humphries (F)	„	Ralley (Q)
	11st	9lb	Quirke, R. (F)	„	Turner (Y)
	13st	4lb	Pain (A)	„	Simpson (K)

#### House Points

1st	Arnison	...	98	4th	Youens	...	65
2nd	Queen's	...	97	5th	Fraser	...	62
3rd	Disraeli	...	72	6th	King's	...	53

## 1st XV RUGBY

Won 10, Drawn 3, Lost 5, Points for 191, Points against 106

When considering the possible composition of the team during the Summer Term last year, I must admit that I did not expect that we should have a particularly strong side. However, I was proved very wrong, for the side developed quickly into a powerful cohesive unit, capable of playing hard and attractive rugby.

The main strength of the side lay in the forwards, and I think it is true to say that they were one of the best packs we have had. A. W. Ralley, the captain and hooker, led the pack well; his directions were considered, simple and concise, and his enthusiasm and drive in the matches and his insistence on regular attendance for practice games and circuit training set a very good example.

B. White and A. Pain as props, with A. Ralley hooking, proved a combination difficult to beat. When White left during the Easter Term, M. Pattinson took his place and, although inexperienced by comparison with the other seven, has proved his worth.

The second row might at first sight seem an ill-matched pair; G. Nash, being heavily built and weighing sixteen stone, packed down with J. Simpson, who is taller and considerably lighter. However, they were a very effective pair. Simpson's jumping in the line-outs was very good and was always a problem to our opponents.

M. Humphries as number eight has shown a thorough knowledge of the game and was always in the right place at the right time. His covering in defence was first class.

The two wing forwards, J. Johnson on the open side and M. Turner on the blind, were both very fit, fast and hard tacklers. Johnson in particular was often first on any loose ball and scored a number of tries by his quickness.

G. Packman, the vice-captain and scrum-half, played consistently and well throughout the season, and by his skill and courage helped to give the forwards their confidence. At stand-off half, J. Seale has proved himself a competent player and has combined well with Packman. His improvement during the season has been very marked.

The three-quarter line took a long time to settle down. Although defensively they were good, in attack they rarely proved troublesome to the opposition. R. D. Smith on the right wing only seldom got the ball with enough room to move. R. Quirke on the left often relied on his weight and vigour to carry him through and was sometimes successful with these tactics if not

always correct. B. Quirke in the centre was elusive, and F. Harding, the baby of the side, looks a most promising player and is remarkably quick in his reactions. However, the line lacked fluency in attack but could only occasionally be criticised in defence.

A. W. Fountain's kicking at full back was a joy to watch and his ability to come up in attack showed imagination. His accurate place-kicking gained many valuable points for the side.

Every season a number of matches may be selected for various reasons as standing out from the rest. This year six games come to mind. The first, against City of Oxford, was very disappointing. Not one boy in the side played a good game. The passing was poor and the tackling almost non-existent. We lost deservedly 13—0.

The following week we played Watford Grammar School and the position was reversed. The team played very good football and ran Watford off their feet. This was the first game when our forwards began to show their paces and scored most of the tries. It was Watford's turn to have "Just one of those days," for usually this is a very hard-fought game.

The annual game against Leighton Park is always hard. We had not won for four years, but our pack, now playing consistently well, began to wear down the opposition in a tough forward battle. The dangerous looking Leighton Park three-quarters seldom saw the ball from line-outs, set or loose scrums, and Ralley kept the ball with our forwards and gained a well-deserved victory by winning 11—3.

Perhaps the hardest game was against Balliol College. Within the first fifteen minutes the opposition had gained a lead of eight points and this appeared to be a prelude to further scores. However, by sheer determination against a fit and heavier side, the boys fought back and drew even in the second half. Both sides were exhausted and the final result of eight points each was a very fair comment on the game.

One of the highlights of the season was the game against a very strong side of Old Boys raised by P. D. Fry. The School team gave of their best and some very attractive rugby was played by both sides. The three-quarter line looked better than before and the pack did very well against heavier and more experienced opponents. The School lost 14—13.

The last game of the season took place during the Easter holidays against Barry Grammar School, who had come up from South Wales to play Sir William Borlase's School. This was a very tough game and in the first half they had the better of us, but after half-time the School gradually gained the upper hand and won 13—5. Two boys not in the regular XV, J. Bowman



and P. Clarke in the three-quarters, played well in this game, as they had in the Old Boys game. K. Miller, playing his last game for the School, also played excellently.

D.T.N.

### 1st XV RESULTS 1959-60

Date	Opponents	Venue	Result	F	A
Sept. 26	Windsor G.S. ... ..	A	Cancelled		
Oct. 3	St. Bartholomew's G.S., Newbury ...	H	Cancelled		
" 10	St. Marylebone G.S. ... ..	A	Cancelled		
" 14	Watford G.S. ... ..	A	Drawn	5	5
" 17	St. Benedict's ... ..	H	Won	11	0
" 24	City of Oxford School ... ..	A	Lost	0	13
Nov. 7	Watford G.S. ... ..	H	Won	25	3
" 11	Tiffin School ... ..	H	Drawn	11	11
" 14	Sir William Borlase's School ... ..	H	Won	22	3
" 21	Abingdon School ... ..	H	Won	20	3
" 25	Emanuel School ... ..	H	Lost	6	8
" 28	Luton G.S. ... ..	H	Won	8	3
Dec. 5	Leighton Park School ... ..	A	Won	11	3
Jan. 23	R.A.F. Apprentices, Halton ... ..	H	Won	11	0
" 30	Saracens' Gipsy XV ... ..	H	Won	8	3
Feb. 6	Balliol College, Oxford ... ..	A	Drawn	8	8
" 13	Jesus College, Oxford ... ..	A	Cancelled		
Mar. 2	Newland Park T.C. ... ..	A	Lost	3	12
" 9	Northampton G.S. ... ..	H	Lost	3	11
" 30	Staff and Guests XV ... ..	H	Won	13	3
April 6	P. D. Fry's XV ... ..	H	Lost	13	14
" 16	Barry G.S. ... ..	H	Won	13	3

### STATE SCHOLARSHIPS, 1960

On the results of G.C.E. Examinations, Advanced and Scholarship Levels, held this summer, sixteen candidates have been awarded State Scholarships.

B. A. Barratt	English and History
B. N. Buckley	Greek and Latin
J. E. Camp	French and German
D. R. Cox	English, French and German
H. A. Ellis	Greek, Latin and Ancient History
R. W. Hammett	French and German
J. R. H. Herring	Physics and Mathematics
E. A. W. Maunder	Pure and Applied Mathematics
D. P. May	Chemistry, Physics and Mathematics
N. A. Morley	Pure and Applied Mathematics
D. H. Nicholls	Pure and Applied Mathematics
R. M. Pearson	Chemistry and Zoology
J. O. Smith	Pure and Applied Mathematics and Chemistry
D. K. Stratford	Pure and Applied Mathematics
G. P. M. Walker	French and German
W. R. Waller	Pure and Applied Mathematics

In addition, the following two candidates have been placed on the reserve list for State Scholarships :—

P. J. Thompson	Chemistry
P. G. Shoosmith	Pure and Applied Mathematics

## BOARDERS' CHAPEL

It will be known through a few references on Speech Day that consent has been given by Governors, the Education Committee and the Ministry of Education, to the conversion of the old Chemistry Laboratory into a Chapel for our 106 boarders. It was not legally possible for the furniture and fittings for the new Chapel to be provided out of public funds, although the redecoration and rehabilitation, and some of the lighting have been undertaken by the Education Committee ; the cost of all the furniture, therefore, had to be found from private sources, as no appeal has ever been sent out to parents or Old Boys. The Hon. Architect, Mr. Eric Janes, who has done such noble work and who will really have been responsible for the success of the enterprise, felt that I must make some general explanation to Old Boys, who may be disappointed at not being asked hitherto to help, of the way in which the whole thing developed.

Briefly, at the Old Boys' Dinner of 1959 I outlined to the assembled gathering of Old Boys the scheme which I had in mind, and said that the Governors had given their blessing to it. Before I left the building on that night, at least eight Old Boys came and expressed their wish to help with various articles of Chapel furniture, some offering specific gifts and others a more general assistance. One of them, Gilbert White, said he would give the Altar if I would ask Eric Janes to design it, so it will be understood that I had to approach Eric to see if he could undertake the architecting !

He greeted the suggestion with such enthusiasm and roped in so many of his personal friends that almost in no time it was obvious that everything required had been promised. Two very small meetings have been held in the old Laboratory at which the Governors were represented by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman and at which about ten other Old Boys were present ; a plan was seen and approved and work is now far advanced. One Old Boy has promised all the chairs, another the velvet hangings, another the altar, and others have promised candlesticks, chalice and paten, Bible, clergy stalls, etc., etc. Mr. King has given the lectern in memory of his son, an old Head Boy. I think I should mention that a very dear neighbour and friend, Mr. Arthur Tilbury, also had exhibited great interest in the proposal, and had promised certain articles, and that on his sudden and most lamented death in the Spring, his son, Mr. Kenneth Tilbury, at once undertook to fulfil his father's intentions.

Mr. Janes thinks it probable that there will be certain items of lighting, etc., which have not as yet been taken care of. I am,

therefore, taking the opportunity of saying that if any Old Boy still wishes to be associated with this project, we would eagerly welcome gifts towards the **Chapel Fund** which we really ought to establish now and which will meet any contingencies that may arise in the future. Any gifts of this nature should be sent to me personally at the School. E.R.T.

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## SWIMMING BATH APPEAL FUND

I think parents and friends of the School will be interested to know that the appeal for the £3,000 which we need in order to ensure that a Swimming Bath is included in the last phase of the major building programme has so far produced a total of £2,220 (including two gifts of £100 from Old Boys and one of £100 from the American Air Force).

The appeal was sent out in March last to the parents of all boys at present in the School. I indicated that if every parent were able to contribute £3 either in one sum, or in three termly instalments of £1, the total required would be realised without any difficulty at all. Actually 730 parents have so far contributed either the lump sum or one or two of their three instalments.

However, in addition to the parents, I have sent out this appeal to a limited number of Old Boys. My intention has been to appeal particularly to that group of Old Boys who have most benefited from being here, namely, those who have gone on from this school during the last twenty years to one of the Universities. This number will have now surpassed five hundred, but in fact through lack of time, I have been able to send out only about fifty of these so far. I am hoping that the second batch will go out at the beginning of the September term and perhaps the final group later in October.

Also, as I indicated at Speech Day, I propose to extend the appeal to the parents of those new boys who are joining the School in September, 1960. They are, of course, the people who will derive most benefit if we have a Swimming Bath by 1962.

It will be seen, of course, that if the Old Boys respond as it is hoped they will and if new parents are as generous as the older parents have been, there should be no difficulty at all in reaching the required amount of £3,000 by the beginning of 1961, when definite instruction will have to be given to the County Architect regarding the construction of the Bath.

I felt that this explanation ought to be given so that Old Boys who have been to the Universities, and who have not yet received an appeal from me will understand that they are not likely to escape indefinitely, but will be called upon to make their contribution in the near future.

E. R. TUCKER,  
*Headmaster.*

## OLD BOYS' CLUB

### Births

PARROTT, F. G. (1928-34). On May 16th, 1960, at the Royal Bucks Hospital, Aylesbury, to Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Parrott, a son, a brother for Jane.

SYRETT, R. E. (1944-48). On June 17th, 1960, at the St. Joseph's Nursing Home, Beaconsfield, to Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Syrett, a daughter, a sister to Jacqueline.

WOODWARD, J. E. (1944-49). On March 23rd, 1960, at St. Joseph's Nursing Home, Beaconsfield, to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Woodward, a daughter.

### Marriages

GROOM—WALL. On March 5th, 1960, at Chattle, Dorset, J. H. Groom (1940-46) to Miss Sally Wall.

SHERLOCK—MONEY. On April 18th, 1960, at Rotherham, J. Sherlock (1947-54) to Miss Shirley Money.

### Deaths

G. E. STEVENS (1887-89). On April 5th, 1960, at Prestwood, Bucks, aged 86 years.

Brought up on a farm, Stevens was apprenticed to the Flour Milling and Corn Trade. During the last fifty years the business has expanded tremendously under the name of G. E. Stevens (High Wycombe) Ltd. During the war he was Chairman of the Bucks County Corn Trade Association and was for twelve years a member of the High Wycombe Town Council. He was a founder member of the Old Wycombiensians' Lodge and was Worshipful Master in 1950. G. E. Stevens was the oldest member of the Old Wycombiensians' Club, always pleased to see members of the R.G.S., and was a frequent member of the Club's functions both in High Wycombe and in London. He leaves a widow, four daughters and nine grandchildren.

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## OLD BOYS' NOTES AND NEWS

N. BEWS (1937-42), after some time in the United States, is back in London writing advertising copy for a living. He has had about five novels published and a number of short stories. He is trying to break into television drama. Although they are short of original material the technique is difficult to learn, but Bews hopes to break through; there is quite a future if he succeeds.

A. W. BRADLEY (1938-43) has left the Leicestershire County Council, where he was in charge of drama and plays, and is now working with the B.B.C. producing plays and enjoying life very much. While doing a production at the Regency Theatre in Lincoln he met D. R. Whitby in the theatre foyer and as usual talked about the R.G.S. Bradley now lives at 2 Town Hall, Boston Spa, Yorks, and has four children, two boys and two girls aged from one to five years.

F. DRONFIELD (1944-49) has recently passed his final examinations as an architect. He went from the R.G.S. to the School of Architecture and Technology at Oxford. He served in the Army and returned to Sir Robert Tasker in London until he took his final degree. Dronfield has obtained a post in Lagos, Nigeria.

T. EMARY (1951-55) still finds working for the *Peterborough Examiner*, Toronto, very rewarding in spite of the hard work. Recently he met Chris. Edwards, also working in Toronto and playing rugby with the Toronto Irish, of all people. Emary is coming home in September for a holiday and has scrounged a place with a Toronto Club running a tour in the United Kingdom. They leave on August 30th, play two games in Ireland, one in Wales, one in Leeds, and a final game against Old Millhillians in London. He hopes, of course, to see his old School.

G. E. C. GREELY (1952-55) has completed four very happy years at St. Catharine's Society, Oxford, in which he took a Degree in English and a "Dip. Ed." and spent a great deal of time in the College Boat Club. He is at present teaching at Strode School, Egham.

S. E. HANDS (1915-20) is the Hon. Treasurer of the Royal Philatelic Society, London, which staged an international stamp collection exhibition at the Royal Festival Hall from July 9th to the 16th. He had much to do with the staging of the displays. Hands was awarded a prize medal for his Israel provisionals at the "IPEX," the international philatelic exhibition held in South Africa on June 4th. His medal was a very high award in the face of world competition.

F. B. JAMES (1952-58) has gone to the West Indies for his first tour of overseas duty as a radio technician with Cable and Wireless (West Indies) Ltd., in Barbados, where he will gain experience in developing part of the 200,000 miles of super-imposed wireless circuits and 742,000 miles of submarine cable network.

D. OXLADE (1941-47) wrote very nicely about mistakes about himself and his family in the School Magazine—they reminded him of some Grey Books of his day. His family consists of one daughter (latest addition) and two sons.

A. J. REDRUP (1947-51). Ever since he left school Redrup has dedicated himself to cross-country running. By carefully planned and persistent training he has become well known and has often been seen on television more than holding his own against runners who appear to be twice his height and to have strides twice as long. This year, after battling out times and places with such crack runners as Pirie, Merriman and Eldon, he has intensified his training in the high hopes of a place in the British Olympic team. It must have been a bitter blow to him when he was told he would be for some time under doctor's orders and unable to continue with his training programme. All O.B.'s send him their best wishes for a full and speedy recovery.

A. R. ROSE (1931-39) is Editor of the *Amateur Movie Maker* and in June of this year had a series of articles in the *Sunday Times* on "Let's make a Movie."

G. SHERLOCK (1947-54) is now endeavouring to get some geographical knowledge into a variety of pupils at Rotherham Grammar School. Two O.B.'s were present at his wedding on April 18th in Rotherham—R. J. HANSCOMBE and D. REAR, both of the same years at the R.G.S.

T. K. SILVER (1956-58) has completed his training at the R.A.F. School of Technical Training, Cosford. He was awarded an Air Ministry prize for highest marks in workshop tests and was congratulated by Air Marshal Sir Wallace H. Kyle.

J. F. STANNERS (1932-40) has succeeded Dr. J. C. Hudson, who has retired, as Head of Corrosion Research in the Chemistry Department of B.I.S.R.A. After leaving the Royal Grammar School, he went on to Birkbeck College, London, where he gained the degree of B.Sc. (Special) in Chemistry in 1944.

From 1940 to 1945 Stanners was engaged as an analytical and research chemist in work on the measurement of radio-activity at the research laboratories of Thorium Limited (now the Radio-chemical Centre) at Amersham.

He then joined the staff of the Corrosion Committee of the Iron and Steel Institute, transferring to B.I.S.R.A., with Dr. Hudson, when this Committee was taken over by the Association.

Stanners has acted for the last eight years as deputy to Dr. Hudson and represents the Association on the Technical Panel of the Joint Committee for the Co-ordination of Cathodic Protection of Buried Structures. He recently presented papers at two corrosion conferences in America.

Stanners now has three children, and lives at 79 Seymour Avenue, Morden, Surrey.

E. R. STEVENS (1939-42), after spending the last six years at the Eye Hospital, Manchester, where he has been training as a Registrar, has moved to "Rockwood," East Park Drive, Blackburn. He has been appointed to a more permanent position as Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeon to the Blackburn Group of Hospitals.

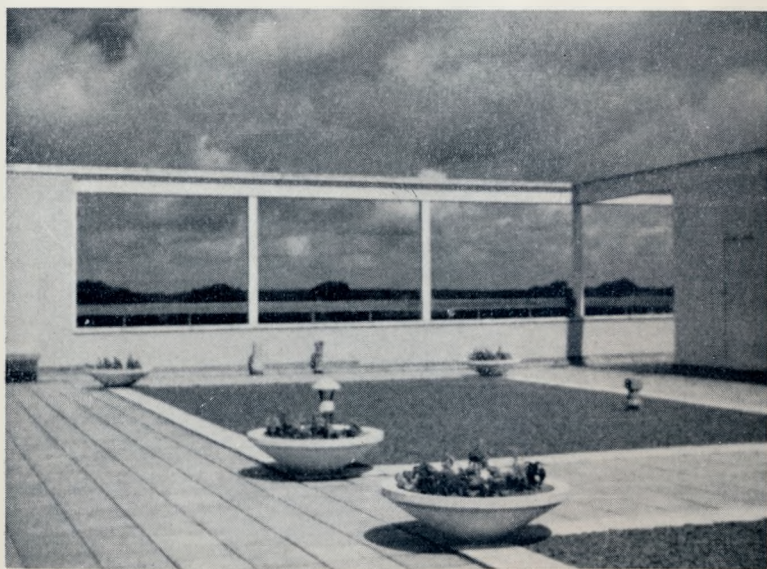
M. T. STUBBS (1948-53), after passing out at a parade of the R.A.F. Officer Cadet Training Unit, Jurby, Isle of Man, has been granted a Regular Service Commission with the rank of Pilot Officer in the secretarial branch. He was at one time Scoutmaster of the 16th High Wycombe Troop and is an ex-member of the 10th High Wycombe Sea Scouts.

R. E. SYRETT (1944-48) is now manager of a new specialist sports shop in Castle Street, High Wycombe. He was offered the post by J. E. WOODWARD, who is a partner in Woodward and Stalder, Sports Outfitters, of Packhorse Road, Gerrards Cross.

N. H. THEED (1912-19) was the subject of a "This is Your Life" at a stag-party held in his honour at the Cricket Pavilion on Saturday, April 9th, 1960. Theed's "Life" was related by his friends, many of whom were with him at the R.G.S. Fireworks enlivened the proceedings. Theed has always been interested in all sports and has been very active and proficient in at least cricket, hockey and soccer. As a member of several committees and chairman of quite a few, he was described as "The Perfect Clubman."

H. A. TRENDALL (1910-15) has retired after being a teacher for 39 years and a headmaster for 22. He has taught at Hazlemere, Green Street, and Booker, as well as at his present School, the Church of England School. A presentation was made to him on behalf of school children, former pupils, School Managers and friends. For many years he has been a prominent figure in the musical life of the town, and has played an important part in the schools musical festivals. He has been for 30 years organist and choir master of St. John's Church.

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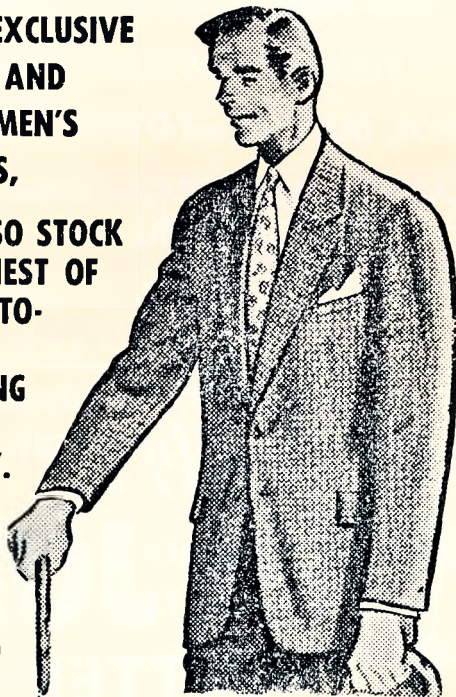
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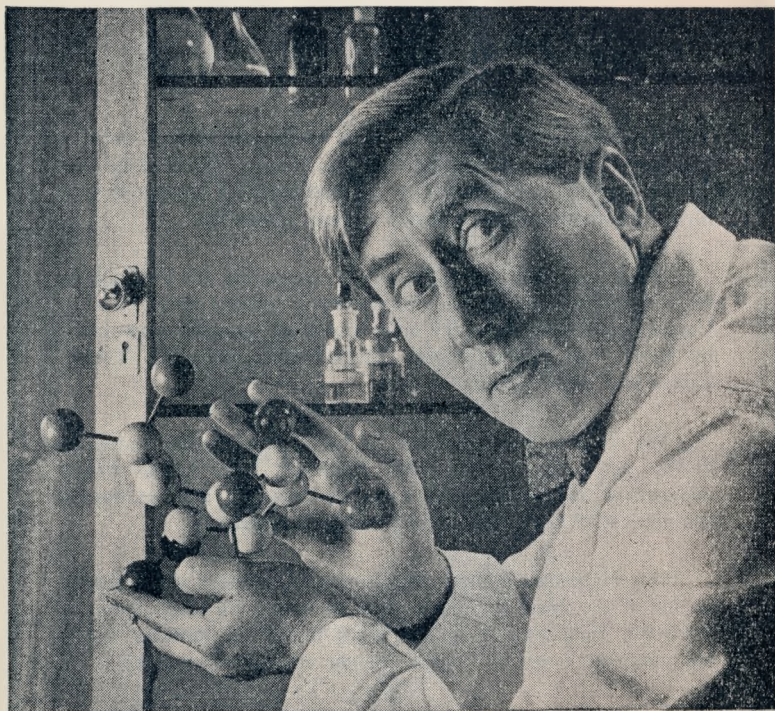
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