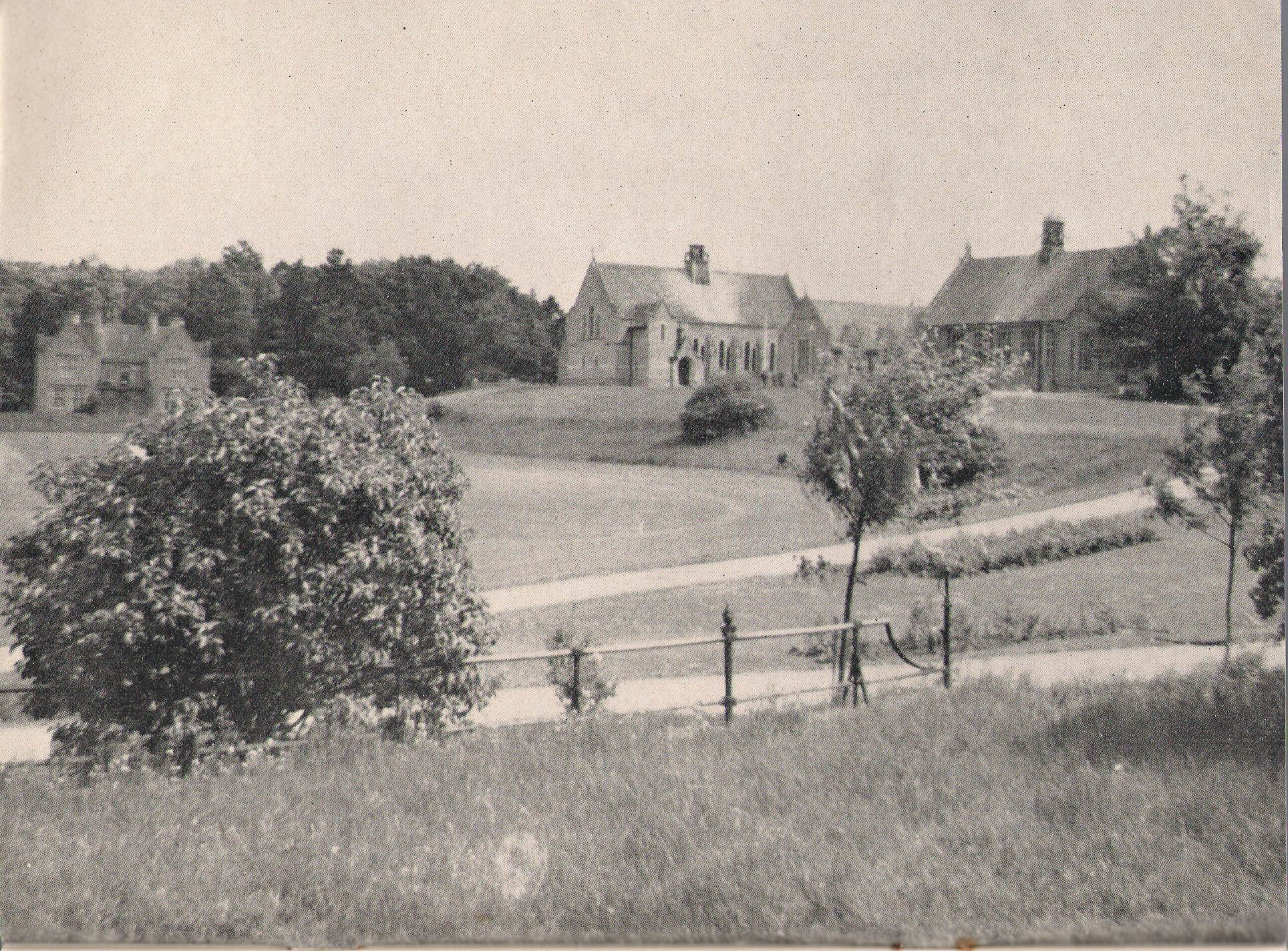




KINGHAM HILL SCHOOL

1971



SCHOOL DATES

1971

Beginning of Christmas Term, Tuesday, 14th September.

Half Term, Friday, 29th October-Monday, 1st November.

End of Christmas Term 14th December.

1972

Beginning of Easter Term, Tuesday, 11th January.

Mid-Term break, Saturday afternoon, 12th February.

End of Easter Term, Tuesday, 21st March.

Beginning of Summer Term, Tuesday, 18th April.

Half Term, Thursday, 1st June-Sunday, 4th June.

End of Summer Term, Tuesday, 18th July.

Beginning of Christmas Term, Tuesday, 12th September.

Half Term, Friday, 27th October-Monday, 30th October.

End of Christmas Term, Tuesday, 12th December.

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THE YEAR IN RETROSPECT

First of all our congratulations go to two sets of newly-weds. Mr. Gilmore and Miss Paston were married at Easter and now live at Daylesford. Mr. Boyd and Miss Shea were married during the summer holidays. There are some who hope that the rugger training may be less intensive as a result.

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Mr. and Mrs. Rathbone of Kingham celebrated their Golden Wedding on Christmas Day. He has a national reputation as a blacksmith but worked for some years after his marriage for the school founder as estate blacksmith.

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At Plymouth there has been a revival of puppetry and several shows have been given both in the School and surrounding villages for one good cause or another.

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We have also supported good causes through giving up some lunches during the year. Small boys led by Stephen Jones have undertaken charitable car washing and super-annuated Upper VIth form members of the CCF have been pensioned off to undertake various forms of social work on Monday afternoons directed by Mr. Potts.

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On Open Day (see the report later) The Warden paid tribute to Major Brooks who has retired from the School Management Committee having been associated with it since 1949. Members of the staff will miss the generosity of his and Mrs. Brooks' annual party for them at their home.

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Nigel Jackson was selected as one of three cadets, one from each service, to visit India for the Republic Day celebrations. He enjoyed a trip throughout India which he will remember for many years.

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Mr. T. A. Bowker, Housemaster of Sheffield House from January 1958 until July 1963, has been appointed Headmaster of Gainsborough Grammar School. He left Kingham to become Master in charge of Mathematics at Rydal School, Colwyn Bay.

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Mr. Martin Taylor who taught History here for a number of years is now teaching at Kent College, Canterbury. He was married in April, 1970 and now has a baby daughter.

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We acknowledge with thanks the following gifts made to the school during the year. Bruce Arnold (Bradford 1944-1954) has written "A Concise History of Irish Art" and has presented a copy to the School Library. Mrs. Goodhew — a gift of £15. Mr. Tom Smart (Sheffield 1923-29) has presented to the Library seven books in the World Library Series on different countries. Mrs. Adams has presented

the Music School with a piano. The new Pulpit Fall has been presented to the Chapel by an Old Boy who wishes to remain anonymous. We are most grateful to him. Mr. Stanley R. S. Mead (Bradford 1922) who left England 10 years ago and is now living in Tasmania, has sent a copy of "Australia 200" for the School Library. This is a complete history of Australia up to last year's Royal Visit.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

Mr. and Mrs. Meerendonk, after nearly twenty years here, and he as Housemaster and in charge of our science, retire to Devon. As an old Bradford House boy said to me on Old Boys' Day, "Good heavens, they'll be missed, won't they?" Yes, they will. His quiet but deep and unassuming devotion to the school and his House, his clear thinking, common sense and sense of humour rarely failed and will not be easily replaced. Nor will the cheerful and kindly care of Mrs. Meerendonk for the boys. We do not forget too that the splendid Laboratory block we have owed its planning to the skill and know-how of Francis Meerendonk. We are grateful therefore in no formal way and wish them many long and happy years of retirement.

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Mr. and Mrs. Green after opening and sustaining Greenwich House during the past seven years have left us to take responsibility for an older foundation, Lord Weymouth's School at Warminster. We know, of course, that "Headmasters are simply assistant masters who couldn't stand the pace" but Mr. Green is not one of those. In the form, in the Cameron Society, in the C.C.F. and in the House he has always set a good pace and made others keep up with him, and we are grateful and wish him and his wife well in their new and exacting task.

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Mr. Grundy who had done so much with such great enthusiasm to raise the standard of school music, including the planning and bringing about of the Music School, left at Easter to be Head of the Music Department at Adams' Grammar School, Newport, Shropshire. Our good wishes go with him and his family.

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Mr. Sutton, from Rydal School, Colwyn Bay, has already made his mark as Mr. Grundy's successor with a highly successful Open Day Concert. We hope Mr. and Mrs. Sutton will enjoy their stay with us.

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We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Underwood to Bradford House and him as Head of the English Department. Mr. Underwood was educated at Dulwich College and Kent University. Later he took a research degree at Dalhousie University in Canada.

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Mr. Common who comes to replace Mr. Meerendonk in charge of Physics was formerly Head of the Science Department at Oxford School. We hope that he and his family will enjoy life in Greenwich.

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Mr. and Mrs. Beazley and their daughters left to take up another post near Kettering. His salt sea cookery will be missed.

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Mrs. Knight after fourteen years associated with Plymouth House is leaving to work elsewhere on the Hill. Many big and brave men remember her kindly sympathy with great affection when they were small and scared.

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Mrs. Lampard who worked at Plymouth for a year has left for another post in Bristol.

OPEN DAY — JULY 3rd

Principal Guest, The Very Rev. I. D. Neill, C.B., O.B.E., M.A.,
Provost of Sheffield

Although there had been a short thunderstorm before the concert and Trustees' Supper the night before the day itself could not have been better. The proceedings in the Gym were shorter than usual no doubt because the speakers were uncomfortably aware of the stifling conditions under the glass roof in the middle.

The Warden welcomed The Provost as an old friend and in making his report made special mention of Major Brooks who was retiring as chairman of the School Management Committee—

"Now I have a more regretful duty, though no less imperative. It is to thank Major Brooks, who is retiring as Chairman of the Management Committee, for what he has done over many years for the school. There is a temptation to think that because the work of the Committee is not seen that either it does not exist or it is too detached to be anything other than of formal and administrative value. Nothing, ladies and gentlemen, could be further from the truth. As Chairman, Major Brooks has kept in close touch with all that goes on in the school. The telephone rings and his familiar voice is heard, "Well, how are things going?" He has always been available and deeply involved, coming over often and spending a morning or afternoon listening, advising and helping. I will miss his wise guidance, his kindness and generosity, his careful judgement, his humility and consideration a very great deal. The School owes more to him than it knows and it is characteristic of him that this should be so, but today I would like him and Mrs. Brooks to understand we are mindful of, and grateful for, all that he has done for us."

After presenting the prizes The Provost reminded the boys that life is not haphazard, that the big question facing everyone after school was "what next?" The first thing was that a self discipline must be imposed to replace that of the School. The question was not so much one of a choice of career but what God wants with us. To those who had received prizes he said remember the peril of being awarded prizes too early. The world is full of people who had failed to fulfil their early promise. To those who had not gained prizes he said that there must be many who had come close for everyone who had actually received one.

Colonel Shakerley, seconded by the School Captain proposed a vote of thanks to the Provost.

After the prize giving there was a further performance of the Concert followed by tea and parents and friends were invited to see the various exhibits. The afternoon closed with some of the Athletics Finals on the school field.

PRIZE LIST 1971

Form Prizes

Form I: David Walsh
Reading (Junior): David Walsh
Form LII: Christopher Boys
Plymouth Prize: Christopher Boys
Form UII: Timothy Boggis
Form LIII: Ian Besford
Form UIII: Graeme Justice
Form LIV: Philip Davies
Form UIV: Christopher Baker
Art (Intermediate): Christopher Baker
History (Junior): Christopher Baker
Form VB: Malcolm Jarrett
Form VA: David Gibson

Subject Prizes, etc.

Art (Senior): Michael Bramham
 Art (Junior): Nicholas Holmes
 Reading (Senior): Roger Targett
 Essay (Senior) (presented by Old Boys): Roger Targett
 Essay (Intermediate): Guy Targett
 Essay (Junior): Peter Gibson
 Reading (Intermediate): Barry Rigby
 Geography (Junior): Christopher Poulson
 History (Senior) (presented by Mr. Jarvis): David Jeffers
 French (Senior): David Hanesworth
 Music (Senior): David Hanesworth
 Music (Junior): Lance Ellington
 Geology: Ralph Bond
 Technical Drawing: Paul Goodier
 Scripture (Forrester Prize): Philip Ormiston
 Physics: Philip Ormiston
 Singing (Senior): Philip Ormiston
 Octagon Prize (Senior): Philip Ormiston
 Octagon Prize (Junior): Jeremy Watt
 Scripture (C.S.E. Project): Paul Edmundson
 French (Junior): Colin Smith
 Science (Chemistry): Charles Armstrong and Michael Clutson
 Orchestra: Jonathan Rayner
 Singing (Junior): Terence Ackroyd
 Model Prize: Patrick Beresford and Richard Newman
 Music Progres Prize (presented by Mrs. Shelton): Jonathan Hilton
 Robin Green Memorial Prize: Paul McCann
 Cross Country Medal: Martin Kent
 P.E. Medal: Martin Pocock
 Lion Prize: Stephen Jones
 Head of School Medal: Julian Holmes

BOYS ENTERING IN SEPTEMBER, 1971

	Age on 1.9.71	House	Form
Anderson, Colville	12.0		
Ashman, Christopher	11.10	Plymouth	
*Beckett, David	12.0		
Bendor-Samuel, Peter	11.4		
Bland, Matthew	10.8	Plymouth	
Brennan, David	13.1		
?Craig, John	12.5		
Drinkwater, Nigel	10.3	Plymouth	
Ellis, Adam	11.7	Plymouth	
Hughes, Graham	13.7		
*Jackson, Ian	13.7		
Jones, Graham	12.4		
Jordan, Peter	12.4		
Kempster, Simon	13.11		
Langton, Peter	12.9		
Leghorn, Roger	12.11		
Lewis, Christopher	11.2	Plymouth	
Mullan, Anthony	13.3		
Nash, Robert	11.3	Plymouth	
Nock, Simon	10.10	Plymouth	
Richardson, Martin	10.6	Plymouth	
Smith, Anthony	11.1	Plymouth	
Smith, Paul	13.4		
Sampoh, Adrian	10.11	Plymouth	
Stuart, Osmond	12.5		
Sumner, Simon	11.7	Plymouth	
Tebbutt, Stephen	11.11		
Whitehead, Deighton	11.1	Plymouth	
Williams, Mark	11.7	Plymouth	
Wilson, Richard	11.2	Plymouth	
Wright, Timothy	10.7	Plymouth	

* Music Scholar

EXAMINATION RESULTS

CERTIFICATE OF SECONDARY EDUCATION

A, Art; E, English; G, Geography; H, History; M, Mathematics; RK, Religious Knowledge; F, French; P, Physics; B, Biology; TD, Technical Drawing.

Batchelor: A, 5; E, 5; G, 4; H, 4; M, 5; RK, 4; P, 5; TD, 4.
Butt: A, 3; E, 2; G, 2; H, 1; M, 5; RK, 3; P, 4; TD, 4.
Edmundsen: E, 1; G, 2; H, 1; M, 3; RK, 1; F, 4; P, 4; B, 2.
Goodhew: A, 3; E, 4; G, 3; H, 2; M, 3; RK, 3; P, 2; TD, 3.
Harman: A, 3; E, 2; G, 3; H, 3; M, 2; RK, 3; P, 2; TD, 2.
Jarrett, M.: E, 3; G, 2; H, 3; M, 2; RK, 3; F, 2; P, 1; B, 1.
Jarvis: A, 4; E, 4; G, 4; H, 4; M, 4; RK, 4; P, 4; TD, 5.
Kat: E, 4; G, 2; H, 2; M, 3; F, 5; P, 3; B, 3.
Lightbody, N.: E, 4; G, 3; H, 1; RK, 5; F, 5.
Longshaw: E, 3; G, 4; H, 5; M, 5; RK, 2; F, 5; P, 4; B, 4.
Mansell: A, 4; E, 4; G, 5; H, 5; M, 4; RK, 4; TD, 5.
McLellan, L.: A, 4; E, 4; H, 5; M, 5; RK, 5; P, 5; TD, 5.
Snelson: A, 5; E, 5; H, 5; M, 4; P, 3; B, 3.
Sturdy: E, 2; G, 2; H, 2; M, 5; RK, 3; F, 3; P, 3; B, 2.
Thompson, M.: A, 4; E, 4; G, 4; H, 3; M, 4; RK, 4; P, 4; B, 4.
Vass, A.: E, 2; G, 1; H, 1; M, 4; RK, 2; F, 5; P, 3; B, 3.
Wharton: A, 3; E, 2; G, 3; H, 2; M, 2; RK, 3; P, 1; B, 1.

The following entered for some subjects only:—

Bales: TD, 1.
Davis, D.: H, 4; M, 2; TD, 3.
Duggan: F, 3; H, 3; M, 3.
Gittus: M, 3; TD, 2.
Goodyer, D.: M, 1.
Heapy: F, 2; M, 1.
Heighton: H, 5; M, 3; TD, 4.
Kent: F, 2; M, 3.
Lea-Smith: H, 3; M, 2.
Palmer: F, 1; M, 1.
Pocock: F, 2.
Quartermain: H, 1.
Rayner, J.: M, 1.
Watling: F, 1; M, 4.
Watt, J.: M, 1.
Bond: M, 1.
Bounds: M, 1.
Foster, J.: TD, 1.
Rodgers: F, 1.
Tyekiff: M, 1.
Armstrong, D.: German, 1.
Smitheman: German, 1.

GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION

Ordinary Level

E.Lg, English Language; E.Lit, English Literature; F, French; H, History; RK, Religious Knowledge; G, Geography; M, Mathematics; P, Physics; B, Biology; C, Chemistry; G.Sc, General Science; ED, Engineering Drawing; A, Art; Mu, Music; Ger, German.

Armstrong, D.: E.Lg, 6; F, 3; H, 4; G, 3; M, 3; P, 1; C, 3.
Baker, S.: H, 3; RK, 3; G, 3; G.Sc, 6; A, 5.
Bales, I.: E.Lg, 1; E.Lit, 4; RK, 5; M, 3; P, 2; C, 3; ED, 3.
Cuthbertson: E.Lg, 3; E.Lit, 4; F, 5; H, 4; RK, 2; G, 2; M, 3; P, 3; C, 4.
Davis, D.: RK, 6; G.Sc, 3; A, 3; ED, 6.
Duggan, J.: E.Lit, 6; RK, 5; A, 3.
Evans, N.: A, 3.
Gibson, D.: E.Lg, 1; E.Lit, 3; F, 2; H, 3; RK, 1; G, 3; M, 3; P, 3; A, 4.
Gittus, P.: E.Lg, 5; E.Lit, 3; RK, 3; G.Sc, 5; A, 6.
Goodyer, D.: E.Lg, 3; F, 2; G, 6; M, 5; G.Sc, 4; A, 3; Ger, 4.
Hatchcliffe, J.: F, 5; H, 4; RK, 4; M, 6.

Heapy, B.: E.Lg, 3; E.Lit, 5; H, 4; RK, 2; G, 4; M, 5; G.Sc. 3; B, 3.
 Heighton, D.: C, 6; G.Sc, 5.
 Holden, R.: E.Lg, 2; E.Lit, 3; H, 6; RK, 4; G, 3; P, 3; C, 3.
 Kent, M.: E.Lg, 6; H, 6; RK, 5; G, 3.
 Palmer, R.: E.Lg, 6; H, 6; G, 3; P, 6; C, 6.
 Pocock, M.: E.Lg, 5; RK, 5; A, 3.
 Quartermain: E.Lg, 4; H, 3; G, 4; G.Sc, 4.
 Rayner, J.: E.Lg, 4; E.Lit, 4; F, 5; H, 3; RK, 3; G, 3; M, 4; G.Sc, 4; A, 4.
 Rudman, J.: E.Lg, 1; E.Lit, 3; F, 6; H, 5; RK, 3; G, 2; M, 4; P, 3; C, 3; B, 2.
 Smitheman, J.: E.Lg, 1; E.Lit, 3; F, 3; H, 5; RK, 4; G, 5; M, 5; G.Sc, 4; A, 3.
 Spurway, S.: E.Lg, 5; G, 5; A, 5.
 Starley, D.: E.Lg, 4; E.Lit, 6; RK, 5; G, 3; M, 6; P, 5; C, 4; B, 5.
 Watling, I.: E.Lg, 4; E.Lit, 6; H, 5; RK, 6; G, 4; A, 4.
 Watt, J.: E.Lg, 1; E.Lit, 3; RK, 3; G, 4; G.Sc, 3.

The following entered for some subjects only:—

Bond: Geology, 1. Foster, J.: ED, 3. Tyekiff: E.Lg, 6. Ware, P.: Geology, 5.

Advanced Level

Allaway: Maths, Physics, Chemistry.
 Armstrong, C.: Chemistry.
 Bramham, M.: English Literature, Art.
 Brooks: English Literature, Art.
 Clutson: Maths, Physics, Chemistry.
 Hanesworth: French, History, Music.
 Holmes: English Literature, French.
 Jackson, N.: English Literature.
 Jeffers: English Literature, History.
 Jones, S.: History.
 Ormiston: Maths, Physics, Chemistry.
 Vernon: Maths, Physics.
 Wood, P.: History.

CHAPEL NOTES

Our preachers during the year included: Prebendary M. A. P. Wood, D.S.C. (Principal of Oak Hill College), Canon G. C. B. Davies (Worcester Cathedral), Canon J. Rahe-Hughes, the Revs. R. Morgan (Kingham), J. Taylor (Vice-Principal of Oak Hill), J. A. Simpson (Oak Hill), R. Hovil, M. Ruston (Round Church, Cambridge), J. D. Roberts (Headmaster of Adams Grammar School), R. Crosthwaite, C. Sparling (Rural Dean), D. Saville (C.P.A.), D. Bishop (St. Clements, Oxford), A. E. Birmiston, K. Weston (St. Ebbe's, Oxford), H. Hodge (Stowe School), Dr. Colin Wood, I. R. P. Green Esq., M.A. and Flt. Lt. R. Collard.

Twenty-one boys were Confirmed on February 28th. This is the last occasion when our Bishop will be visiting the Hill as Bishop of Dorchester as he has now retired. We would like to thank him for all his kindness to us over the past fifteen years. We are very glad that he is not leaving Oxfordshire and that he has promised to come and preach during the Christmas term.

But prayers and best wishes go also to Prebendary Wood who has been nominated as the next Bishop of Norwich.

After being in charge of our music for seven years, David Grundy left us at the end of the Easter term to take up a similar post at Adams' Grammar School at Newport in Shropshire. I would like to thank him for his unfailing co-operation and friendship and for all the resolution and skill he used in training the choir to sing so splendidly.

Once again may I say how much I value the help which is given so readily and willingly by everyone on the Hill. The Staff and boys certainly put into practice the words of St. James, "Be ye doers of the Word and not hearers only."

SCHOOL MUSIC 1970-71

Throughout the year, the choir and the orchestra were kept very busy, and by their many performances, at home and away, a good standard was achieved. Good progress was made by a number of boys and many instrumentalists were entered for Associated Board exams.

In the Christmas term, the two main events were the concert and Carol Service. The concert was highlighted by a performance of the opera, "Herod, do your worst," by Bryan Kelly, who came to play in it and to enlighten us about the libretto in the second of two performances. The opera—scored for two soloists, choir and orchestra that was dominated by a very active and enthusiastic percussion section—was a great success. Our thanks go to the soloists: Miss Jess Moxted and Mr. Potts, who at the beginning of the term had arrived on the Hill as house-master of Plymouth. They spent much time and effort rehearsing with us and we are most grateful to them.

The Carol Service, too, was a success, and as usual was repeated at the parish churches of Daylesford and Kingham.

Throughout the Easter term attention was focussed on the Chipping Norton Music Festival, in March. Once again, the school's music was represented in force. In addition to the many instrumental items, the choir sang music by Wilfred Josephs, Kodaly and Schumann. The orchestra played music by Bartok, Tchaikovsky and Beethoven, the latter, the first movement of the Fifth Symphony, being the climax of the term's work. On the third day of the Festival, when at the Concert the best items are performed again, the choir and orchestra both took part.

At the end of the term, in chapel, the choir, in a service of music, sang anthems to highlight various occasions in the church's year. Three of the anthems chosen, were "Are Verum Corpus," by William Byrd, "Christus Natus Est," by Bruckner, and "How pleasant are thy dwellings fair," by Brahms. Sadly, this service was the last which Mr. Grundy conducted, for at the end of term he left the Hill after seven hard working years. We are extremely grateful for all that he has done in that time.

In the Summer term Mr. Sutton had a most happy inauguration as Mr. Grundy's successor with a highly successful Speech Day concert with music by Elgar, Gabrelli, Beethoven, Handel and Verdi.

In conclusion we would like to thank the music teaching staff for all their devotion to our interests, proof of which is seen in the Associated Board Examination results which improve every year. Miss Barnwell (woodwind), Mrs. Shelton (woodwind and brass), Mr. Gillett Smith (violin), Mr. Kelly (piano).

BILLY BUDD

It is questionable whether Billy Budd was a good choice of play. It is easy to see what its attractions are for the producer in a boys' school. There is no need for anyone to pretend to be a girl; the cast is large so that potential actors can be blooded in smaller parts and the subject could be expected to have appeal. However the longer version of the play having been rejected because of the longeurs caused by the seemingly interminable trial, the shorter version erred in that the clash between Claggart and Billy, between inherent good and inherent evil never became firmly established and events slid to their conclusions rather too quickly leaving an unsatisfactory feeling in the mind of the audience that Billy's death had been rather arbitrary.

This feeling apart, the mechanics of the play were very competently carried out. The scenes both above and below decks were very ingeniously designed and painted so that they could be changed quickly. Lightbody's drumming added

greatly to the atmosphere of menace. Armstrong and Greig rigged and worked the lights and various effects with great skill. All in all there is the nucleus of highly competent and willing behind the scenes, helpers who under the direction of Mr. Sutcliffe should give good service for some time to come.

All the actors entered very willingly into the spirit of the performances. Vernon really gave a good impression of the difficulties and the loneliness of command. Jeffers managed to look the very epitome of naive goodness which the part of Billy demands without making him appear 'wet' which is the grave danger. All the officers were very officer-like and the seamen were 'ship shape and Bristol fashion'. Watt looked every inch the wise veteran; Holmes was very evil as were his two corporals but there was something of the wicked witch in pantomime about his portrayal which tended to suspend belief.

As a curtain raiser the whole of Upper III gave a spirited choral speech version of 'John Gilpin'. We hope it has given them a taste for stage appearances which will lead to their appearing in later productions.

CAST LIST

Billy Budd	DAVID JEFFERS
Claggart, Master at Arms	JULIAN HOLMES
Captaine Vere	CHARLES VERNON
Marine Captain Morton	PATRICK BERESFORD
Lieutenant Ratcliffe	JEREMY JONES
1st Corporal, Mr. Cheek-Squeak	JESSE GLEED
2nd Corporal, Mr. Hide	SIMON HAYWARD
Shipmaster Rights of man, 4th Sailor	DAVID GOODIER
Albert and 2nd Sailor	JOHN HADDAD
Dansker, an old sailor	JEREMY WATT
Marine	DERRY DAVIS
Chaplain and 5th Sailor	ROBERT HACKETT
Unknown Afterguardsman	WILLIAM MASON
Rowney	CHRISTOPHER BELL
Sailing Master	ADRIAN FOSTER
Midshipman Sykes	DAVID RUSSELL
1st Sailor	NICHOLAS EVANS
3rd Sailor	ANTHONY SMITH
Surgeon	DAVID RAGGETT
Lieutenant Rea	ANDREW BROOKS

HISTORY CLUB REPORT

Master i/c: Mr. Mann *Chairman:* S. M. Jones

Secretary: D. St. G. Jeffers

Yet again thanks to Mr. Mann's infectious enthusiasm this year's programme for the Club has been one of great variety and interest. We began the year with an interesting talk from Miss Rosemary Colman about her enjoyable experiences on Archaeological 'digs'. From the theory of the talk we moved on to some practical fieldwork in Phillip's field below Norwich House—in the hope of finding some valuable find! Though many were convinced that they had found pieces of ancient pottery worth thousands of pounds, their enthusiasm was soon dampened when Mr. Mann informed them that their finds originated from ordinary twentieth century

public houses. But in fact a lot of Romano-British potsherds were found. Along with many other informative film and slide shows the club were shown a detailed study of Church architecture in the Cotswolds. Many of the slides were taken by Mr. Mann himself and he presented us with a thorough knowledge of the Gargoyles and Gremilns found in the stonework of the Churches in this area. In fact, even the origins of the famous 'little Green man' were investigated and their mystery solved.

From the dusty archives of Kingham arose many fascinating items of what village life was actually like in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. Reading and transcribing of the old parish records was painstakingly carried out and consequently our knowledge of the historical background of Kingham has been vastly increased.

Classification work was done by the club in compiling a filing system for the 'History Today' index in the School Library—already it has been extensively used by the Sixth form, and has proved to be a worthwhile venture. As well as this our other main activity for the year has been an extensive 'Sound and Vision,' "One Hundred Years Ago" project, in which each member has taken one specific topic from the year 1871. Following this we made a tape recording of all our accumulated material in the form of individual talks and collected pictures for visual presentations.

Throughout the year we have been fortunate with our outings and all of them have been greatly appreciated. Our first was a visit to Chipping Norton where Mr. Mann gave us an excellent historical tour through some parts of the town which are not quite so well known—(it seems that like Hardy's town of Casterbridge, Chipping Norton has its "Mixer Lane" also). After this we visited an exhibition of paintings of Chipping Norton by a promising young artist called Jago Stone. Earlier on in the year another visit was made to Sudeley Castle where we experienced a most sophisticated 'Son of Lumiere'—though some of our number were determined to expose how it all worked. The Castle itself is extremely interesting and as one of the better stately homes is well worth visiting. As had been promised to us for a long time Mr. Mann took the Club to see the film "Cromwell" in Banbury, which was enjoyed especially by the more bloodthirsty of us. However those that had taken 'A' level History were glad they had seen the film after their exams and not before as the confusion over certain facts have resulted in definite disaster.

In the Easter term we were visited by a Mrs. I. Staebbe, an American, who had flown over from America to come and see some paintings attributed to William Hodges, an eighteenth century painter employed by Warren Hastings while he was out in India, which belong to the Trust. Her discovery of these paintings has helped her with her thesis and as a result the Trustees have decided to have them renovated and valued. As well as this, Burford School, who have some paintings by their old boy, Sir William Beechey, have asked for a photograph of ours so that they can display it during their quarter centenary celebrations. Thus once again the Club has maintained its high standard and worthy reputation of being one of the best in the School.

OCTAGON DEBATING SOCIETY REPORT

Hon. President: F. A. Meerendonk, Esq.

Hon. Chairman: D. St. G. Jeffers

Hon. Vice-Chairman: S. M. Jones

Hon. Secretary: C. J. Gleed

Hon. Treasurer: J. J. J. Jones

This year has been rather overshadowed by the great achievements of the previous year. However, we have had some interesting and remarkable speeches from hitherto unsuspected sources such as Ormiston quoting Leibnitz, Rousseau and Newton to prove that Loch Ness and Scotland do not exist!

We had a particularly good debate with the girls of Henry Box School on Beauty Contests and we courteously allowed them to win, something of a victory over the uncouth male's desire to dominate the female. We had a bumper attendance for this debate, and not all the spectators were under 18!

We have had a good quota of masters speaking this year, and Mr. Boyd surprised us by his ability to quote Oscar Wilde at will. Even if most of the debates this year haven't been outstanding academically they have seldom been wittier and funnier. The rolling in the aisles this year has broken all records, and several honourable members were taken to hospital with split sides.

Our last debate was a great success, with the Hon. President and Mr. Green pitting their wits against a couple of monsters. Interest in the motion was not as noticeable as the thinly-veiled allusions to certain of the staff in some truly monstrous speeches! But! Never let the Society be accused of *lése-maitre*.

Well, as someone commented, the best things are always short and sweet, and so this report is going to be. But the item of primary importance is yet to come. We were told this year that the Hon. President would be retiring. This came as a great blow, for he has led the Society on and on up to dizzy heights in his three years of presidency. We will all miss his exemplary speaking, forthright manner and remarkable singing! We would also like to thank him for the fine example he sets to would-be speakers, and the amount of backroom work which he has put into the Society, which goes almost unseen, so efficiently is it done.

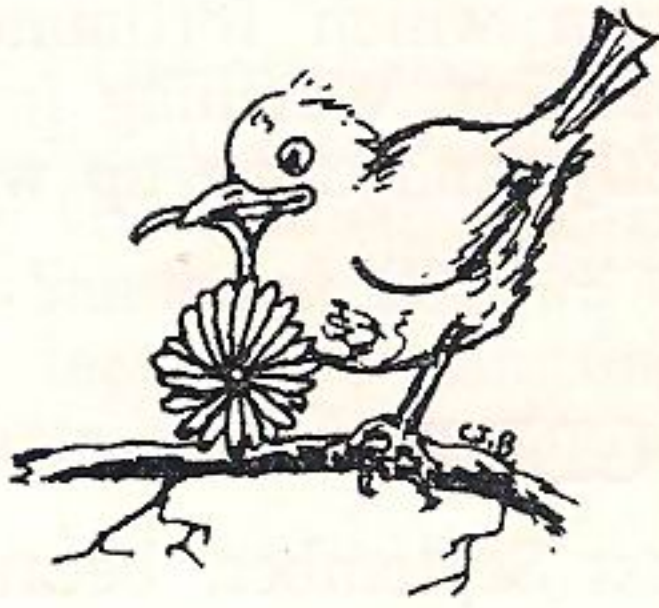
The outgoing committee would also like to add a vote of thanks for the advice and help he has given us. We wish him the best of luck and hope he can come to speak again.

CAMERON SOCIETY

The main event of the year was obviously the 50th meeting of the Society. The occasion was celebrated by having not one speaker but four who all took part in an 'Any Questions Session'. We were particularly glad to welcome Mrs. Spurgin who had been the speaker at the first ever meeting in 1965 and an Old Boy, Barry Whittaker who had been the first secretary and a founder member of the Society. In addition Mr. Brooks and Mr. Kuntzemann, a potter from Evenlode made up the team to discuss most entertainingly and thought provokingly a whole range of questions. Afterwards there was a buffet supper provided by Messrs. Beazley and Macey with additions by Mrs. Lampard, Mrs. Knight, Mrs. Green and Mrs. Williamson. It was a splendidly successful evening which broke up very late, a testimony to how much those present enjoyed it.

During the course of the year we had enjoyed a full programme of meetings ranging from an Assistant Keeper at the Ashmolean Museum talking about the collection and the origin of the museum to an American who had worked for the Peace Corps in Korea. The 49th meeting was the first which had ever been addressed by a member of the school when Jackson showed slides and talked about his visit to India. The other speakers were: Mr. T. G. Hassall on excavating Oxford ahead of the developers, Mr. Nicholson, who visits Malawi frequently, Mr. Stuart Keen, an old friend of the School with his films, who talked about his collection, Mr. Meerendonk on Antiques and Dr. Parker who was very stimulating when discussing 'The right to live'.

NATURAL HISTORY CLUB



Edmundson has continued with his fishing; he is becoming very knowledgeable of the inhabitants of the local streams. Rudman has produced a very useful enlargement on 1:25,000 of the geological information from the local 1-inch maps, and careful colouring of this has begun. Heapy and Mansell have been learning about birds and searching for them with binoculars. It has been possible to grow colonies of some interesting moulds; these are interesting in themselves — one species grows to a height of eight inches and is phototropic—and they can also provide a useful introduction to microbiological technique. Mrs. Colman has visited us on several occasions and has showed us what fun the wild flowers can be; her visits are very welcome.

YOUNG FARMERS' CLUB

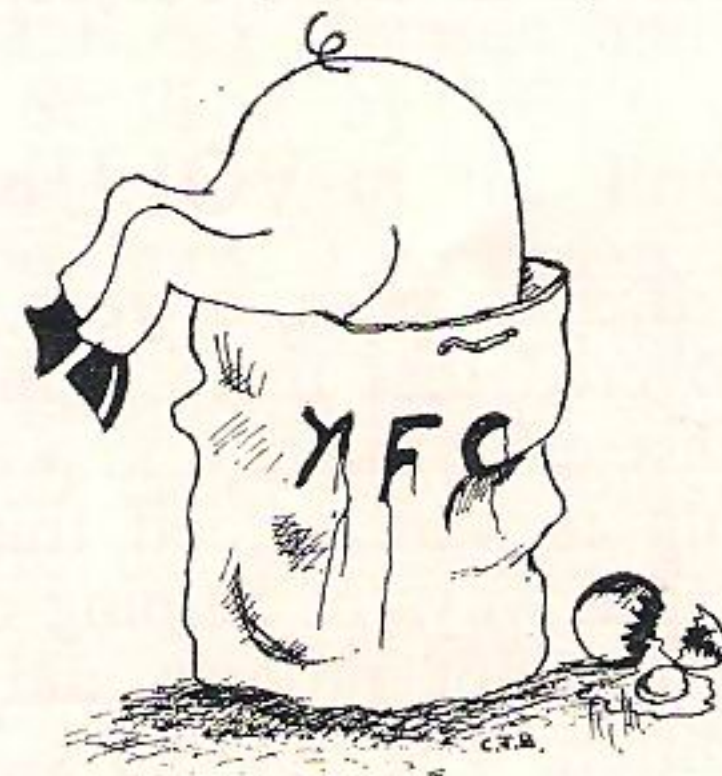
The Christmas Term saw the return of the Y.F.C. chicken with the purchase of sixty day-old chicks. In accordance with normal practice we actually received rather more than sixty; in this case the generous total of sixty-five. Sixty-four of these birds began laying in April and sixty-three of them are still at it. At the time of writing they had laid some four thousand eggs of which two hundred and ten dozen had been sold to the School Kitchens.

We also produced another fine crop of potatoes and succeeded in feeding our two voracious ponies on hay produced entirely by our own efforts. If the weather is kind we hope to make enough hay for next winter. Due to the return of the hens we have cut down on vegetable growing this year but our new potato crop has already appeared above ground.

Fourteen Young Farmers and three riders attended this year's Oxfordshire Show but I got the impression that they found it somewhat disappointing. However, I may have been misled by the only comment on the Show that I actually overheard: "No free beer this year!"

The Oxfordshire Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs forgot to let us know the date of the annual County Rally so we were unable to attend and Les. McLellan was deprived of his chance to win what might have been his third successive First Prize. Michael Longshaw may also have been deprived of his chance of winning another First Prize at the County Rally but he had the consolation of gaining the Young Farmers' Cup.

Our two ponies continue in good form but Instructors are at present rather thin on the ground due to the departure of Longshaw and McLellan. We are working hard to produce a new generation of Instructors for next term when we shall also have lost our Captain of Riding, Nigel Jackson.



MODEL CLUB 1970-71

As well as the usual range of flying models built this year, one or two larger ones have been constructed, all have flown very well, considering the bad flying weather lately.

The challenge of accuracy in construction for successful flying, continues, as always, to confront modellers with a requirement for a high degree of skill.

Although not always achieved, there is great satisfaction in model-making even for those whose models crash every time.

An innovation this year was an outing to Rissington which fortunately coincided with the R.A.F. station's annual aerobatic competition. Watching from the top of the control tower, three boys judged independently, and came up with the actual winner, which says something for their luck or judgement!

CAMERA AND ELECTRONICS CLUB

The marriage between these two clubs took place last September, because the Electronics Club had a few members, plenty of equipment, but nowhere to go; while the Camera Club had lost most of its members through discouragement, but still had its premises, which are deceptively welcoming in the autumn, when it is not too hot or cold or humid. There is no deception as I write: the darkroom thermometer reads nearly 90°F.

We were in a continuous state of stand-by for the expected move into new premises, but our hopes faded and we found ourselves in the state of numb despair which has characterised the last few years' life of the club. The electronics people used the pavilion until the damp began to affect their equipment, and they then moved it to a classroom cupboard where they have scarcely touched it for the last five months; some of them gave up hope and left the club; some, rather surprisingly, took up photography and might do quite well with encouragement.

Roll on the day when we can move and offer the right standards to our members! Fourteen boys have taken up photographic or allied careers since leaving the school in the last few years, and we would like to be able to provide facilities which will be adequate for people in this generation who are seriously interested in these subjects.

VOLUNTARY CHRISTIAN GROUPS

It has been a year of surprises, most of them good; our senior group discovered that there is more fun in making spiritual progress than in protesting against everything, and we had a relaxed and cheerful atmosphere in the Ginger Group in which good things could and did happen, and many members found practical ways of helping other people. Some of the older Crusaders went through a sorting-out process and did well; others have not yet stabilised their wobbly condition. The new boys looked as if they might be awful and turned out to be splendid.

We owe a lot to the many visitors who have shared their knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ with us—a flying instructor, a factory worker, a talented group of guitarists and singers from Shrivenham, old boys, two doctors, an ex-Communist, and many non-trad. clergymen; to helpers within the school who have shared the burden of running three meetings on most Sundays, of preparing and leading our singing and our exploration of the Bible; to the many who worked regularly in prayer, prepared eats including that incredible soup, washed up cups or cleared up after meetings, or sweated to earn money to give to the Tear Fund.

Plenty of people have discovered that the more you give, the more you get. While some people have feared the change that God might make in their lives if they let Him, many others have taken the risk and found that they were in good hands. Their recommendation to their friends has in turn born fruit, and we are deeply grateful for the good things that have happened and that seem to be standing up to the test of time.

Combined Cadet Force

The year has been one of quiet progress on all fronts, apart from one unique highlight that Cadet CSM Jackson was invited to visit India as the guest of the Government. His report of his travels appears elsewhere. In October he starts at Sandhurst and we wish him well as the first member of the school to do so as far as we can find out though we have had our share of Cranwell and Dartmouth Cadetships.

ARMY SECTION

In the Army Section Cadets have been taking tests in the syllabus for the Proficiency examination which involves far more outdoor work and practical application of skills. They have been successfully tested in Weapon handling drill and orienteering. Annual Camp was held at St. Martin's Plain near Folkestone and proved to be one of the best organised of Central Camps that we have attended. At Easter a mixed party of Army and R.A.F. Section cadets led by Major Green and Flt. Lt. Woolliams took part in Adventurous training in the Peak District, culminating in two days crossing Kinder Scout in thick mist where those who trusted their compasses came off best. Camp this year will be attend by R.A.F. and Army Cadets together in the same area.



R.A.F. SECTION

The R.A.F. section Advanced results were very good but the Proficiency results were much less so. Two Field Days have been spent flying from R.A.F. Benson and one resulted in an afternoon trip to Scotland by VC10. Over 130 launches have been made this term in the Primary Glider and nearly all cadets are nearly qualified for low hops. Two cadets have attended week gliding courses and qualified for their A and B certificates. The R.A.F. liaison officer Flt. Lt. Williams arrived by helicopter for his summer term visit and every cadet was given a flight. The total cadet flying hours this year is over 110. Flt. Lt. Collard from Rissington gave us an excellent lecture and we were able to repay him and Rissington in general for all the support they give us by manning one of their floats during their 'Freedom of the Borough' march through Cheltenham.

During the year we welcomed as School Staff Instructor, Mr. W. J. R. Davis formerly of the Welsh Guards in the place of Mr. Jobbins. Our thanks are due to the TAVR Association for spending some £450 on improvements to the miniature range which now make it one of the best in the County and it is no longer so uncomfortable to shoot on winter evenings.

THE VENTURE SCOUT UNIT 1970-71

Last July, fourteen scouts and their leaders hiked westwards from Llangollen, along the Berwyn range to Bala and Harlech, camping last at Cwm Bychan, last visited by scouts from Kingham Hill in the summer of 1961.

We welcome Mr. Boyd as a V.S.L. The Monday meetings have involved the boys in map and compass work, canoe handling and several useful jobs locally. Four members have regularly helped as Assistant Cub Scout Leaders with the Kingham Pack, and the Unit also used the Christmas Term field-day

in providing a Cub's 'activities afternoon'. Four other members and A.S.L. David Wood carried out the judging of the annual patrols' competition of Woodstock District.

Six boys will be attending a standing camp at Kimbolton in Huntingdonshire and pursuing a varied programme. T. Cuthbertson, J. Foster, and J. Watt were each awarded a place on the scout expedition going to the Lofoten Islands in August.

SCOUT TROOP

The annual Troop Camp in 1970 was held at Hanmer Mere near Ellesmere in Part of Flint. Although the site itself was one of the best we have had, the weather was cold and damp and we were only once able to bathe in the Mere. However, we made forays into the surrounding countryside, visiting the Pontcysyllte Aquaduct, the Pistyll Rhaiadr—the highest waterfall in Wales—Shrewsbury Fire Station, and the steam railway at Llanfair Caireinion.

The biggest development this year has been the creation of two new Patrols in Plymouth House—the Cobras and the Tigers. These meet separately on Friday afternoons, but occasionally join in other activities with the older Scouts. In this way we have been able to meet an increasing demand for places, and our total membership is probably at record height. The Tigers and Cobras had an enjoyable weekend camp at Fifiel in June, although the site had suffered from torrential rain before our arrival.

On Field Day in October, we held a second "Brouhaha" for local Cub Scouts, which was joined this year by the Guide Companies from the District, a wide range of games and activities was provided in the field by Churchill old mill, and the day was a great success. There is an increasing demand that we provide a similar event on an even larger scale next year. The March Field Day was taken up with a visit to the Army Youth Team at Bicester, where the Scouts were able to shoot on the range and see bloodthirsty films of army life. We also handled bren guns and sub-machine guns, and one bren gun had subsequently to be sent to the Armourer after a Scout had discovered a method of assembly not previously recorded in the manual. Our July Field Day was even more exciting, since we were given a conducted tour of the Home Office Fire Training College, and were able to try out some of the latest breathing apparatus.

As there was no District Camping Competition this summer, the Patrols camped separately on local sites, and again, despite the very wet weather—they set out in pouring rain—the standard of camping was high, and the Scouts enjoyed the weekend. Later, three Patrols were able to take part in the County Aquacamp at Standlake, which Mr. Service helped to organise, and they all had plenty of opportunity to sail and canoe.

The Troop Camp site this summer promises to be very attractive; it is at Kingston Deverill in Wiltshire, within walking distance of Longleat, which may well solve some problems.

David Wood has acted as A.S.L. during the year, but will not be able to camp with us. However, we are very pleased indeed that Mr. Rees has kindly consented to join us at camp.

Locally, Scouting is at a very low ebb; Kingham Hill is now the only remaining active Scout Troop in the whole of Wychwood District, and the Kingham and Churchill Cub Pack is very dependent on our help through the Venture Scouts. The problem, as usual, is the lack of leadership, especially since Heythrop College moved to London. It is therefore particularly encouraging to have frequent news that old Scouts from our Group are continuing to be actively engaged as Scouters in the Movement: this is surely one of the most important contributions that our Group on the Hill can make.

INDIA VISIT 1971

Introduction

I was one of three cadets, each representing one of the three Services, who were invited by The Government of India to attend, together with cadets from five other countries, The Republic Day Celebrations followed by a tour of many famous places.

The tour lasted for three weeks and the United Kingdom party consisted of N. E. Wood (Royal Navy), M. Barnard (Royal Air Force), and myself; together with cadets representing U.S.A., Singapore, The Maldives, Nepal and Ceylon.

Fortunately, despite our mixed origins, we survived without any disputes!

The National Cadet Corps of India

The N.C.C. is a voluntary organisation throughout the sixteen states of India, but owing to its popularity its membership is vast. The Bombay area alone has over 50,000 cadets between the ages of thirteen and eighteen, of both sexes. According to age and whether a cadet is at school or college the Corps is divided into a Junior and Senior division, both of which are run by Regular Officers.

Each year 1,200 Best Cadets are chosen to represent the N.C.C. at the Republic Day Celebrations and our party stayed with them in their tented camp at New Delhi.

Diary of Events

19th January: We assembled at Heathrow Airport and were seen off by Major Brading, secretary of the Joint Cadet Executive, Ministry of Defence.

Our flight in a Qantas Boeing 707 went via Athens and Teheran, where we made brief stops and were 'frisked' down by security guards.

20th January: On arrival, at 0930 hours (local) in a very hot Palam Airport, New Delhi, we were welcomed by our Conducting Officer for the tour, Squadron Leader Mathrani, and some N.C.C. hosts.

After fighting our way through porters and taxi-drivers we were taken to the camp and shown around it before having a hot lunch. Then in the afternoon we saw a Drill Competition at which a high standard was set, and met the Assistant Military Adviser, Lt. Col. R. E. C. Timbrell to solve any problems we had but fortunately we had none.

21st January: In the morning we met the Director General of the N.C.C. and were then taken to our High Commissions and Embassies respectively. Then in the afternoon we met the Defence Secretary very briefly and some of the N.C.C. cadets in the camp's Officer's Mess, where a long time went very quickly.

At 2400 hours we departed, complete with enormous bedrolls, from Old Delhi Station for Chandigarh.

22nd January: On arrival at Chandigarh we went direct to the N.C.C. Officer's Mess where we had an Indian breakfast and recovered from the overnight journey. We then went to the Governor of Punjab's Residence where we were introduced to the Governor and had many photographs taken with him.

The remaining part of the morning was used for sight-seeing in Chandigarh, where we visited the Raj Bhavan Punjab, or the Parliament of Punjab and met the Speaker; the university campus and the Zakir Rose Gardens.

In the afternoon we visited the Bhakra Nangal Dam the dimensions of which were enormous and departed for Delhi in the evening.

23rd January: We arrived in Delhi in the late morning and in the afternoon we visited the Nehru Museum and the zoo. In the evening we attended the Cultural Festival in which we were to participate shortly, and afterwards met some of those who had been in it.

24th January: Being a Sunday the entire day was devoted to sightseeing by a Tourist Bus and we visited such places as Jantar Mantar, The Red Fort and many other well known places in Delhi, to a tightly planned schedule.

25th January: In the morning we were taken to our High Commission where we discussed certain features of the remaining tour, and in the afternoon we all went to Connaught Circus which is the big shopping centre in Delhi.

Republic Day

26th January: In order to obtain seats near the road we had an early start to the day, but we were able to get some near the march past. The parade was very spectacular and colourful, despite the fact that it had been raining before its start. The military part of the parade included mounted columns, armoured divisions, missiles, marching columns from every regiment, and from each Service, bands and the N.C.C. Contingent. There was also a Cultural Pageant in which each state was represented, but the Fly-Past was cancelled owing to the weather conditions.

It lasted for two hours and despite the main part of the parade being concentrated on the Defence Services it also included a wide cross-section of India.

27th January: In the morning we saw the N.C.C. Rally which was held in the camp, and it demonstrated the wide range of activities in the N.C.C. This was far more practical than the previous day's parade.

After lunch we visited Delhi University where we met some of the students who were members of the N.C.C. Each country was expected to contribute towards the small Cultural Programme and we united our talents with the U.S.A. to produce 'our' version of "Michael Row the Boat Ashore".

After this much-needed practise we repeated our performance at the camp's Cultural Festival.

28th January: During the morning we went to the N.C.C. Directorate in New Delhi and each country was seen individually by the Director General. We had a brief informal talk and I presented the C.C.F. wall-plaque to him, then we met the other officers of the Directorate.

At 1600 hours we were seated for the President's arrival in the gardens of his Residence, facing the 1200 Best Cadets who had also been invited to tea. When the President had arrived each of us had to march out to him, salute, introduce himself and return to his seat.

However, owing to our programme we had to leave almost immediately to go to Vijay Chowk for the Beating of the Retreat, which was a programme of band music of the three Services. The climax came at the end when all of the Government Buildings were illuminated on the last note.

29th January: We had an early start to the day as we had to be at Mrs. Gandhi's Residence for breakfast at 0900 hours.

Breakfast was held in a small marquee and we sat at tables according to our countries, which Mrs. Gandhi visited briefly.

The last event in Delhi was a meeting with The Defence Minister who presented each of us with a N.C.C. Commemorative gift.

At 2230 hours we departed for Jaipur by train.

30th January: Surprisingly we arrived at Jaipur on time with the result that blankets, pyjamas and suitcases had to be thrown out of the train.

Our sightseeing programme for the day included the Amber Palace, Hawa Mahal and the Gardens of Shishodia Rani Mahal with the afternoon for shopping.

After tea with the Governor of Rajasthan, we left on the midnight train for Agra.

31st January: Our sightseeing in Agra was conducted by the Professor of History at Agra University who, among others had shown Krushchev around the sights of Agra. We visited The Taj Mahal, Agra Fort, Sikandra and other famous places in the town.

Fortunately we were able to have some sleep as it was an overnight stop.

1st February: We departed from Jaipur late in the morning and the remaining part of the day was spent in the train.

2nd February: On arrival at Jalgaon at 0430 hours we were taken on a terrifying journey, by Indian Army jeeps, to the Ajanta Caves where we sweltered in the sun as we were now well into the tropics. Then, after lunch we visited the Ellora Caves which were the better of the two.

3rd February: In the morning we left Aurangabad for Poona in a bus and arrived in time for lunch. Then in the afternoon we saw the many divisions of the College of Military Engineering, where we were quartered for our stay.

The C.M.E. deals with engineering in every aspect from civil engineering to its combatant role, and has extensive sports facilities, which we were able to use.

4th February: We spent a short time at the Army School of Physical Training during the morning and also at the N.C.C. Academy at Purandhar, where cadets and N.C.C. officers are trained in mountaineering.

5th February: After an early start we reached the National Defence Academy in time for a second breakfast, before our tour of it.

The Academy covers an area of over 7,000 acres, where cadets for all three Services undergo a three-year course, one of which is orientated towards their particular Service. After Passing-Out cadets then have a further year of training in their specialised choices.

6th February: We departed from Poona by train and arrived at Bombay in the late morning, where we stayed in The Training Ship Jawahar, which is used for sea-cadet training. In the afternoon we visited the Hanging Gardens and the Taporeval Aquarium.

7th February: We spent the morning on the beach and in the afternoon visited The Prince of Wales Museum, which is the largest in Asia.

8th February: Virtually all of the morning was taken up with a boat journey to Elephanta where we saw the caves and in the afternoon we were free to do our last shopping in Bombay.

9th February: Left Bombay by train on our 24-hour journey back to New Delhi.

10th February: Arrived in Delhi at 1030 and spent the day preparing for our departure.

11th February: Departed at 0800 hours and arrived in Heathrow at 1650 hours, after stopping at Abadan and Beirut on the way.

After three weeks of continuous travel we all felt rather travel-weary, but agreed that it had been a most valuable and interesting experience.

NORTH WALES FIELD WEEK

The 6th form Geography Field Trip this year was held in North Wales, during March. The accommodation was excellent at The Holiday Fellowship Guest House in Conway.

On our programme was a detailed investigation of Conway, concerning particularly its development and sphere of influence, the social facilities and occupations of the people. For the curious we have included a little quiz about some of the information.

1. What is the Welsh name for Conway?
2. What is the length of the town walls?
3. How many gates are there?
4. When and by whom were the two 'old' bridges built?
5. Where does the river Conway have its source?

The expedition to Snowdon and the area around discovered a lot of information about glaciation, but was unable to reach the summit owing to snow, rain and lowcloud. The Nant Ifrancon Valley was sketched and also Cwm Idwal with its moraines.

We included a study of regional power resources. At Dolgarrog hydro-electric power station we were able to see the turbines driven by water collected in a large catchment area. Later we hiked our way around much of the catchment area. Then there was a guided tour of the nuclear power station at Wylfa on Anglesey. Here we saw some of the achievements of modern science incorporated in this great power station.

Another visit was to the world's largest open-cast slate quarry near Bethesda. Since 1782 slate has been quarried here and the progress of the industry could be seen from the tiers of rock-face on the side of the mountain.

North Wales gave us an opportunity of studying not only the physical geography of the mountainous area but also the coastal features of Conway Morfa and the features of the Conway river. The tourist attractions of Conway, and briefly of Llandudno, were investigated.

In all we spent a very good week, learned a lot of geography at first-hand and thank Mr. Williamson for all his help and guidance.

Here are the answers to the quiz:

1. Aberconwy.
2. Approximately 1 mile.
3. 5.
4. 1822—26 Telford's road suspension bridge,
1846—48 Stephenson's railway tubular bridge.
5. Llyn Conwy.

House Reports

BRADFORD

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Meerendonk

House Tutor: Mr. C. G. Sutcliffe *House Captain:* S. Allaway

House Prefects: S. Quarterman, C. Gleed, J. Jones, R. Bond

This year we gained six "new-boys". They settled in quickly and have become an asset to the house. It seems as though number seventeen is an unlucky number in the house this year as two boys have occupied that number and both have left us.

The back of the house received a coat of paint, which it badly needed, during the Christmas holidays and Mrs. Meerendonk provided the dorms with curtains. The television set which has served us well over the past year has decided to retire, complaining of overwork.

Last year we claimed the hat-trick for the post of treasurer in the Octagon. This forth-coming year David Goodier has been elected treasurer giving us four in a row, not a bad record!

In sport this year we have gained nothing although the juniors reached three finals during the year and were unlucky to lose them all. The seniors, as always, excelled themselves in the house matches but unfortunately did not have the ability to win.

We shall be losing four of our Members this year; Stephen Allaway to higher education; Stuart Quartermain to the National Westminster Bank; Stephen Batchelor into horticulture and Carl Mansell to become a cook. We wish them the best of luck in their future careers.

To end this report on a sad note. The end of this year marks the end of an era, for Bradford, with the retirement of Mr. and Mrs. Meerendonk. Many generations of boys have good cause to thank them for the help that they have given them. Their valuable antiques brightened the home and we thank them for that. We wish them health and happiness in their retirement to Devon and hope that they will visit us from time to time.

CLYDE HOUSE 1970-71

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. B. Chapman

House Tutor: Mr. J. G. Essame *House Captain:* Charles Vernon

House Prefects: Andrew Brooks, Philip Ware, Patrick Beresford, Richard Palmer

The year generally speaking has been a good and happy one for the whole house. We welcomed six new boys at the beginning of the Christmas term, including one from Plymouth. In this term one of our successes was in the senior rugby. Mr. Boyd, the new P. E. master, made the competition a league rather than the knock-out which has been usual in the past. We went through with only 3 points scored against us, and those in the last match. Greenwich and Clyde beat all the other houses and drew with each other, but we easily won the league on points.

The house party was once again a success; a high standard of skits was maintained, and we are all very grateful to Mrs. Chapman for the work she put into the buffet meal.

At the beginning of the Easter term we welcomed another newcomer, Jack Magee. This was another successful term in sport. We reached the soccer final, losing 0-1 to Norwich, and won the Gym competition again. Martin Pocock won the indi-

vidual medal. Cross-country took place in the summer term, though it really belongs to the term before. The seniors came 3rd and the juniors had a comfortable win, with Richard Adams taking 2nd place.

We were without Jeremy Tattersall for most of the summer term, as he was in hospital, though we were with him in thought; he is back now and although walking with two sticks, he is as cheerful as ever. We were not very successful in cricket though we had 4 in the first XI. But we very easily won the senior swimming, with Ian Watling winning the individual shield. Junior swimming is not yet over, but we look most likely to win. Despite the terrible June weather, almost everyone in the house has swum a great deal and attempted all the strokes. Athletics results are not yet in also, but we look to have a good chance of winning in all three sections, senior, under 15 and junior.

This year we said our goodbyes on Speech Day. The House captain, Charles Vernon, is going to the Central London Polytechnic to study computer science. We are all grateful for what he has done in the house in the past year. Andrew Brooks will be studying at Eastbourne Art College after an operation on his knee in the Nuffield Hospital, Oxford. Simon Spurway is off to South Africa, Martin Pocock hopes to work in a hospital and Christopher Snelson to study at Stratford Technical College. We wish them all good fortune.

DURHAM

Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Mann

Tutor: Mr. D. T. M. Service *House Captain:* S. M. Jones

Prefects: P. Ormiston, D. W. Hanesworth, R. Targett, R. Newman,
D. Raggett, J. Hatcliffe, D. Gibson

This is important, the junior and senior cricket teams won their respective cups, thus gaining the 'double' for the first time since 1913. The senior team, captained by David Gibson, swept to victory after victory, leaving the field every time with wickets in hand, and a splendid total of runs, and our juniors played equally well. Congratulations to those two teams, and we are very proud of the two large trophies that have joined the individual cross-country individual cup. Martin Kent won the senior cross-country race after having had to pant his way around five miles of hills, dales, fields and roads on a day that was fit only for sunbathing; about ninety other people also wanted to win, so this was a very good effort.

The house has had a very happy year. The boys have got on well with each other in a way that may not be expected in the close, compact community that exists in the school.

A visiting parent remarked to me that he thought Durham was the cyclists club, had he stepped inside he might have thought that we were the electronics club or the angling club or perhaps the table football club . . . the interests of the house are so many and varied.

Finally, goodbye to Steve Jones, our house captain for the last three years who leaves to take a place in Whitelands Teacher Training College. Philip Ormiston is to study medicine at Liverpool University. David Hanesworth, the leader of the school orchestra for the last three years, has secured for himself a place at the Trinity College of Music through his excellent playing. Julien Hatcliffe, Martin Kent, and Dave Heighton will be continuing various types of further education elsewhere, Ian Bates, Nick Lightbody and Charlie Jarvis will be missed, as is Robert Sturdy who left earlier in the term. We wish them all well, and hope for an equally happy 1972.

GREENWICH

Mr. and Mrs. I. R. P. Green

Tutor: Mr. R. C. Boyd *House Captain:* N. Jackson

House Prefects: C. Armstrong, D. C. Wood, J. Foster, B. Tyekiff

After several years with comparatively few leavers the house welcomed nine new boys at the beginning of the year. They soon became accustomed to the way of life in the house.

At the end of the Christmas term, we honoured Sheffield House with our presence in a combined Christmas party held in the school hall. A vast quantity of food was consumed but this did not hinder the enthusiasm with which we entered the various activities. We also had the privilege of being invited to the Kingham Guide's annual dance. The more experienced members of the house showed the others the way. Whether it was the Gay Gordons or the Postman's Knock that inspired the juniors remains unknown, but the seniors were soon wishful onlookers.

It was, however, in the rugby house matches that we excelled ourselves, using psychology and a fearsome reputation as added weapons to our senior team.

However, despite our great expectations and to our extreme disappointment we had to be satisfied with second place, because we could only manage to draw with Clyde, the eventual winners.

We were, however, more successful in the inter-house shooting competition. We were outright winners and the team captain, Brian Tyekiff, gained the individual award in school shooting.

Despite our early exit in the football competition, we felt we had done justice to our footballing skills in a good game with Norwich. They only managed to beat us

by three goals to two and their goals weren't half as good as ours. Our tactics were simple: Kick anything that moves above ground level, that doesn't wear a black shirt.

But, rest assured the house is not entirely lacking in intellect; so to prove that our brain and brawn are equally balanced, several of our members lifted the chess cup from the dusty shelves of Durham, which have supported it for six years.

Despite the fact that Greenwich is young compared with other houses, a fair proportion of the old boys who return to the school, "belong" to us. Most of them have visited us during the year, usually arriving on various forms of two-wheeled transport. As a result they earned themselves the distinguished title of the 'Greenwich Greasers'.

By Speech Day, five more boys had left us: Nigel Jackson, our beloved house captain, leaves for Sandhurst; Charles Armstrong, the suicidal engineer, disappears in a cloud of oily smoke to shake the foundations of Durham University; David Wood, the modest intellectual, departs in a state of indecision; Nicholas Evans, our out of shape Georgie Best (he would be happier if I said



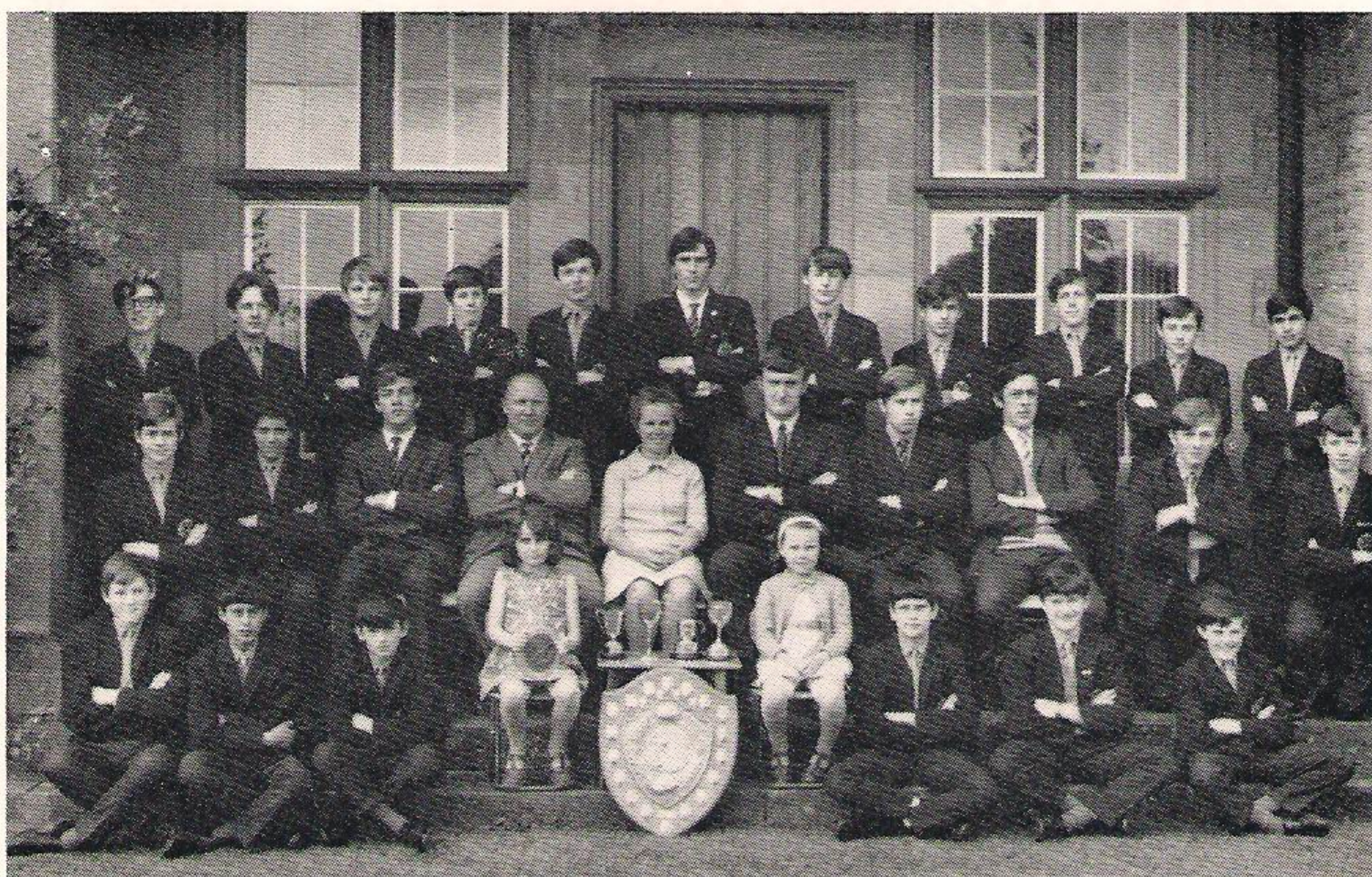
Jimmy Melia); and last but certainly not least—in fact it will be impossible to remove him from our nightmares—that cool archcriminal, Derry Davis. In some quarters the sighs of relief are plainly audible as the dust settles and Derry fades serenely into swede country to become the first Greenwich greasemonkey.

The house has the sad task of saying farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Green at the end of term. It was they who nursed the house through its early years, seven years ago. No-one better could have been chosen for the unenviable task of starting a house and moulding it into a co-ordinated unit. They have done this with great success. Mrs. Green's work in the house has been second to none. If gratitude has not been shown in the past let me show it now by saying a heartfelt "thank you" from all members, past and present, of Greenwich House.

Our loving house-tutor must not be forgotten, Mr. Boyd has certainly made a "big" difference to the house with his keen interest over the past year. We wish him every happiness as he embarks on the most dangerous career he will ever pursue.

We wish Aurea and Hilary Green well as they continue their education elsewhere. Their cheerfulness was always very apparent and we will remember them.

The house welcomes Mr. and Mrs. Common as our new housemaster and housematron. We hope they will be happy in Greenwich as they commence their duties next term. We look forward to seeing them.



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NORWICH HOUSE

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Woolliams

Tutor: Mr. D. J. P. Gilmore *House Captain:* M. Bramham

Prefects: Clutson, McCann, Rodgers

This year the house became a predominantly junior house with the arrival in the autumn of five boys from Plymouth and seven new boys.

We were able to work on the Jazz cellar which now provides a fine setting for our record player. The term's rugby went well as the juniors won their competition and the seniors finished third in the new league. A week before the end of term we welcomed Amanda Walton to the House.

The Easter term was more successful from a sporting point of view since we won both the competitions for football. The seniors beat Clyde in the final through one goal scored by Duggan. Russell scored the winning goal in the junior final against Bradford which went to extra time. The House party was a tremendous success thanks to the feast provided by Mrs. Woolliams and games organised by Clutson.

The summer term always means exams for some at least so with so many juniors about making a noise tempers were inclined to be short. Nevertheless we wish success to everyone who took examinations. Sport this term was not a success for us and the House cross country held over from the previous term took place in weather more suited to swimming. By the end of the term we were thin on the ground as the leavers had already gone at Speech Day.

SHEFFIELD HOUSE

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Williamson

Tutor: Mr. W. Sutton *House Captain:*

Prefects: J. Holmes, D. Jeffers, N. Bounds, P. Wood

Christmas term. The worst, longest, most tiring of all three. Perhaps but without doubt it was a fairly good term. It saw the arrival of not only the juniors but of Mr. and Mrs. Williamson and Jonathan. They quickly settled in. Much to our surprise we won the senior basketball, by fair means or foul, and succeeded in beating the Rest, consisting of the cream of other houses and the basketball wizard, Mr. Boyd. However, we were later thrown from our sporting pedestal in rugger. We beat one, drew one and lost three. A reasonable average, putting us third.

Despite imminent power-cuts we had a joint house party with Greenwich in the hall, to which a few notable personalities came—namely Mick Jagger, Batman, a sprinkling of Tiller girls and others. With such a line up inevitably a good time was had by all. Mrs. Green and Mrs. Williamson providing splendid food.

The Easter term passed a little uneventfully except for a new boy, namely Paul Beacock. However, despite his somewhat piercing dulcet tones penetrating through the thickest Cotswold stone, he too entered into the swing of

things, playing second fiddle only to Welsman in the Extra Work League.



The building of a new entrance put paid to the former embarrassment of bringing visitors through either the Williamson's kitchen or the back passages both being in a continual state of havoc. Although the building of it wasn't fast the workmen did it well also housing the new boiler adjacent to it.

Again our sporting achievements were varied. We were beaten hollow in football, but won the senior cross country.

Mr. Sutton arrived to take over Music and became Sheffield tutor. His humour, amiable character and sheer flair for his job have made him an indispensable part of the house.

The Summer term went well. As usual the summer house was full of steaming cups and text books. The exams were on! A few seniors left straight after they had finished. As for the rest of them, they left on Speech Day leaving one to continue in the sixth form.

The garden has had a facelift as has the fish pond, much due to leavers and Mrs. Williamson. This year the lawn has been mown à la mode de Haywood. However, the lawnmower has given up the ghost due to Haywood 'stripping it down' (for more speed); it now resembles a motorbike on a steamroller.

In cricket we came second, losing to Durham. Over swimming and athletics 'I draw a veil'.

It has been a fair year, if a little turbulent at times, but we all look forward to the next with renewed vigour.



"Duggan leaves them standing"

PLYMOUTH HOUSE

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Potts

Tutor: Mr. A. Rees *Assistant:* Mr. R. Reed

The year began with the arrival of the Potts family and as any other housemaster and housematron would, they had new ideas for the new boys.

The Christmas term's sport was quite successful and we excelled ourselves in our basketball. In our first match we beat Greenwich by a convincing margin, after losing at half-time. In the next match we were beaten by Clyde but managed to redeem ourselves by beating Sheffield. Our rugby was impressive but after beating Sheffield, we lost to Norwich.

The Christmas term also saw the start of a prayer meeting every Wednesday. It was started by Mr. Rees, our new house tutor. At first, only two boys attended the meeting, but now twenty-one boys come regularly to it. We are very grateful to Mr. Rees and we all hope that the trend will continue next year.

Scouting was introduced to the house early in the year, by Mr. Mann. It is a great success and the house possesses two patrols: the 'Tiger' patrol and the 'Cobra' patrol.

We welcomed two new boys at the beginning of the Easter term and they quickly settled in.

We feel that we can be proud of our record in the inter-house football competition. We beat Sheffield by four goals to nil but eventually succumbed to Bradford. They beat us by two goals to nil after a hard match.

Halfway through the Easter term, half of the house's members paid a visit to Bristol Zoo. A very good time was had by all.

At the end of term, several members of the house took part in the Chipping Norton Musical Festival. All who participated in either the choir or the orchestra did very well and they all enjoyed themselves.

The Summer term was soon under way after we had welcomed Mr. Reed as a new resident house tutor. We received with good grace yet another new boy. The beginning of the term found Mr. Potts involved in extensive alterations to the garden at Plymouth. He made the garden look very pleasant.

At one stage during the term, practically everyone in the house went down with sore throats. A good time was not had by all.

Blair's team won the swimming and athletic competitions and Waterman must be given full credit for winning every swimming event he took part in and winning the diving competition as well.

The juniors paid a visit to the Royal Tournament and they all enjoyed it immensely.

The Plymouth Scouts held their first weekend camp towards the end of the term and one of them also took part in the 'Aqua-Camp'.

Original Contributions

FISHING

Ah! the eternal picture of an angler sitting by the river watching a motionless float. People derive this from countless self righteous journalists, who've seen a dirty canal or pond, with an antique member of society, watching the soap suds and oil slicks go by.

A recent survey showed that angling has the highest following in Britain. Why the popularity? Probably Man's hunting instinct and the element of chance. Anything could pull that float under, a two ounce bleak — or a black-barred perch.

I was first interested when my sprightly old grandfather took me with him. A cane and a six foot piece of line together with a wriggling lob on a hook. But I caught a salmon parr; the brightly coloured off spring of the King of fishes. Next stop was a trip to the coast, where with an ancient rod, a wooden reel, and a bright spinner (a flashing metal lure) we caught mackerel. How they bent the rod tip down as I watched the silvery ghost in the water become a brilliant flapping fish on the boatboard.

A while later we left Scotland sadly, but with new fibreglass rods and spinning reels, glorious contraptions invented in wartime, and used by almost all anglers in this country now. Now come those fishless days that inevitably come to the angler, we caught nothing at our river, except for one when I hauled in a shining roach out of the water, a complete and welcome fluke!

The presence of the brook made us feel welcome here, but for at least the first two terms, all we caught were silvery minnows and ugly misshapen little bullheads. But the time came when my float dipped more decisively than usual, and I encountered my first wildfire trout — a beautiful spotted torpedo that made those minnows seem like weed!

I've now caught twenty or so "brownies" down there, some three quarter pounders that bend the rod tip like a mathematical curve, while others splash around and drop the hook at the last moment.

Angling is a sport for kings and workmen alike, it is classless, taking advantage of our expectant natures. As for the charge of cruelty, you ought to watch how a skilled angler unhooks and replaces his fish.

J. Willams

THIRD FORM EDDUCATIONAL VISET

One wendesday we were taken for an Edducational Viset to the Permissive Laundry. When we arrived we were shown round by a Girl who said that they wehre very short-stafed. We saw a lot of machines. The first mashine we sa was called the Scrambler this jumbles up all the clothes sent from different schools and Houses then we saw the Steam Hamer thi is the mashine that brakes all the butons on the shirts. It has a speshul atachment for polling out pajama cords. Next we saw the Shrinking Machine which boils the wollies until they have shrunk, and it has lots o fteeth which revolve in the middle—these are called Rippers becaus they rip them up. Finaly they sprayd them all over with some funny-smelling stuff to kill the bugs. In the ioning room they use an old steam-roler made in 1902 and this flatens the bloths out beutifuly. We asked if we could see the Mannager but they said he was not available. It was a very interesting viset and now we know what hapens to ourcloths when they go to the Laundry and we are ver y greatful to our form Master who took us there.

A CAR

A thing to take you from A to B.
In fact a four wheeled luxury.
A bonnet, a chassis and a wheel to steer,
Chromed and polished from front to rear.

The makers bring out a brand new car,
Better than last year's of course, by far.
The latest now is the Morris Marina,
But sooner or later there'll be a better Cortina.

You and your friends go for a drive,
To breath country air and on it to thrive.
But surrounded by country-side, and holiday masses,
All you breath is poisonous gases.

So with break downs and Traffic Wardens and meters and such,
Don't you think it, a little bit much,
To own a car as a luxury,
Just to get from A to B.

T. Baker

DOG DOOMED

Skiping through the dark impregnable night
We sped
Laughing, with a sensational sparkle
In our hearts.
Pain!
Sudden, dreading pain!
Pain that seared through the night
Cries!
Cries of an animal
In pain;
We stopped short;
Listened with throbbing hearts,
Dry lips.
Like blind heroes
We leapt forward to see—?
Murder!
The drunken lout,
His cruel hands
Senselessly murdering
The dog.
Overpowered in my heart
By anger
I rushed in.
A tremble of hope

Shuddered from the dog's
Distorted figure.
The lout's face appeared:
Sickening, smirking.
He slipped away,
Laughing with spite.
I could not understand:
Why?
For what insane purpose
Had that once lively creature
To lie, bitterly mauled
On the cruel, cold ground?
Blood matted his coat.
The breath from his molested body
Was as faint as a fly's;
His chance of living —
Nil.
His glossy coat, once his pride,
Now cruelly cut by
Biting stones.
The dog was brown and white:
Brown as rust
White like snow
And soft
A keen, finely-fashioned head
With two erect ears.
His legs were strong
His tail, once
Firm and full of life,
Drooped mournfully.
Gently
I lifted his body
And buried him.

J. R. Singleton-Green.

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FROM THE MAGAZINE 1937

“At the H.M.V. Showrooms a television set was demonstrated to us. We saw most of the programme for the day which included a newsreel, a play, singing, variety and music. We were informed that we were the first school outside London to witness a Television programme.”

Sport

RUGBY REPORT SEASON 1970

1st XV

The season started on an uncertain note, with the team unsure of themselves and their ability, as well as being a trifle unfit! Also morale was low with few showing much interest.

The first match, a scrappy affair with Dean Close resulted in a poor game, notable only for a try and a penalty from Heighton; lack of tackling and determination was evident.

Against Bloxham we were outclassed and gave up long before the final whistle—team spirit was not high. We then travelled to Chippy for our 'Derby'. Only managing to hold a poor team in the first half with the wind, we went down heavily in the second session.

For the Old Boys' game, due to the previous record of the team it was decided to strengthen (?) the side, especially after seeing the visiting forwards emerging from their cars. The ensuing tussle resulted in a draw despite the presence of Mr. Rees and Mr. Boyd. Following a recharge of batteries over half term the team returned in high spirits and with Ware opening the game up and good service from Pocock we overwhelmed Shipton with a good team performance.

With team spirits improving we did well to hold a powerful Banbury side to 19 points. Our next match against a very strong Peers School side produced the best display of team work to date. The forwards kept up a bone-crunching, robust display for the whole match, following the example of Spurway who had an outstanding game. With their tails up the team easily overcame a strong Magdalen College Brackley side. Foster, by now settled down at full back gave growing confidence to the team with his safe handling, sensible kicking and good positioning.

Finally a scrappy game was fought at Henry Box when the safe boot of McCann, playing his usual outstanding games as captain, saw us home with three penalties, one from the half way line bouncing over via the crossbar. Tyekiff played his usual stirring forward game despite being under the weather.

Interesting to compare the team's performance here as opposed to the beginning of the season, when once behind the team disintegrated. So ended our best season for five years thanks in no small part to the help from Mr. Rees. Thanks also to Mr. Green for refereeing in his own inimitable style.

The team:

FOSTER, J. (Full back). Converted from outside half to full back during the season he shows tremendous improvement in his thinking about the game and has great potential as a full back.

JONES, S. (Wing). Always a threat on the wing, he scored some valuable tries.

HOLMES, J. (Wing). An unorthodox but speedy try scorer.

ALLAWAY, S. (Centre). Unluckily injured in the first match, came back, but was possible this affected his confidence and timing.

BAKER, S. (Centre). Filled in for Allaway. A strong tackler, but needs more determination and experience when going forward.

MCCANN, P. (Centre, Capt.). Again positional change has strengthened the side with more drive in the centre. He has gained confidence and leadership as the season progressed. A player with few faults.

WARE, P. (Fly half). Once he realised that his position entailed opening up the game by running forwards onto the ball his play improved tremendously. Defensively exceptionally strong.

POCOCK, M. (Scrum half). At first nervous, he has shown glimpses of his tremendous potential which will develop over the next season or so.

JACKSON, N. (Loose head prop). A slow starter, who has shown distinct progress during the season.

ARMSTRONG, C. (Hooker). A robust player who on his day is a strong hooker, especially as he is new to the position.

BRAMHAM, M. (Tight head prop). A good pack leader who puts his heart into every game.

VERNON, C. (Second row). Has shown a remarkable improvement since last season, never having played for the School before. An aggressive player who jumped well on his day.

WOOD, D. (Second row). Could always be relied upon to give of his best.

ORMISTON, P. (Second row). Will improve with more weight.

HEIGHTON, D. (Wing forward). Moved from the centre as he showed great affinity to the opposition's pack. Under Spurway's guidance he learnt quickly.

SPURWAY, S. (Wing forward). A superb rugby footballer.

TYEKIFF, B. (No. 8). Moved from second row to become the powerhouse of the pack. King-pin in the pack's wedge and devastating in the loose.

BERESFORD also played, filling in as a substitute, and Gittus hooked for one game (a potential 1st XV player).

Colours: McCann, Tyekiff, Spurway, Ware, Foster.

Half colours: Pocock.

RESULTS

v. Dean Close 2nd XV (H)	Won	11— 9
v. Cokethorpe (A)	Lost	6— 8
v. Bloxham "A" (H)	Lost	0—46
v. Chipping Norton (A)	Lost	8—27
v. Old Boys (H)	Drew	16—16
v. Shipston-on-Stour (H)	Won	55— 6
v. Banbury (A)	Lost	9—19
v. Peers (H)	Won	11— 0
v. Magdalen College Brackley 2nd XV (A)	Won	12— 3
v. Henry Box (A)	Won	9— 6

The inter House rugby was held on a league basis for the seniors and everything depended on the last game in which Clyde held out with a scoreless draw against Greenwich to win on a better points average.

In the junior final saw Norwich outplay Bradford in a thrilling game.

U15 RUGBY REPORT

The team played four games all of which were lost. The reason for this lies in the fact that the strongest team contained half the U14 team when they were available, and thus one can see that as a group the U15's were very weak, the only players of note being the Captain C. Baker, full back Scrivener and forwards Thompson and Vass A, all of whom got their colours.

U15 SOCCER REPORT

Basically the same group of players as in the rugby team, and again the strongest side contained a number of U14 players. The five games played were all lost, but despite this the team never gave up trying, but C. Baker was again the captain and the only player of real ability.

U13 RUGBY REPORT

The team was well led by Hamilton and although they lost their three matches they never lost heart and with a number of the side still U13 next season the team's record should improve, and in fact most of the team played in the U14 'B' team against Burford and drew 3—3 at the end of the season, possibly a good omen for next year. Colours were awarded to Hamilton, Hood, Blair and Foster F.

U13 SOCCER REPORT

This group proved to be very keen and hard working and with not a little natural talent they had a good season winning two out of six games scoring 20 goals against 18 in the season. Probably the best game was against Blessed George Napier at home, whom they beat 3—2 in a game which they had three shots at the opponents' goal during the whole game, and scored with each one. There were many good players, but outstanding were Goalkeeper Hood, midfield dynamo Blair and Captain Rayner. The future looks bright for this group.

BASKETBALL REPORT SEASON 1970/71

It is now history that the U19 Squad won their section of the Oxfordshire Schools League in this the first season of the competition. They started the season with narrow wins over Gosford Hill and Henry Box before the addition of Holmes to the squad transformed them into possible league winners (he had been injured in rugby training). After crushing Cheney they lost their only match of the season to Burford, before adding Cokethorpe to their victims in a friendly match.

Next came the match against Oxford, and we travelled there knowing only of their reputation and unbeaten record. A thrilling game saw us emerge as comfortable winners. Victories were then run up against Bicester, Banbury, Oxford, Cheney, and then our only conquerors, Burford. Other victories followed over Bicester, Dean Close and Bloxham in friendly matches, Banbury, Henry Box and Gosford. A number of the latter matches were close, although we were much the better side, the reason for this being that the school side knew that they could not afford to lose as nobody else could be counted on to beat Oxford.

Throughout the season we have tried to always have a full squad of twelve on the bench, and although we mainly used six players. Holmes, Jones, Tyekiff, McCann and either Ware or Clutson, everybody has played at some time or another e.g. we had two players injured in the first five minutes against Banbury. The B squad have been very patient (especially in training games) and it was very off-putting for opponents to see the 6 ft. 5 in. Vernon as only a substitute!

The U16 team despite winning ten out of sixteen games were overshadowed by the seniors. Again they worked as a team and always tried to play open basketball. The fact that a number of the squad will be U16 again next year bodes well for the coming season when we hope that they will be even more successful.

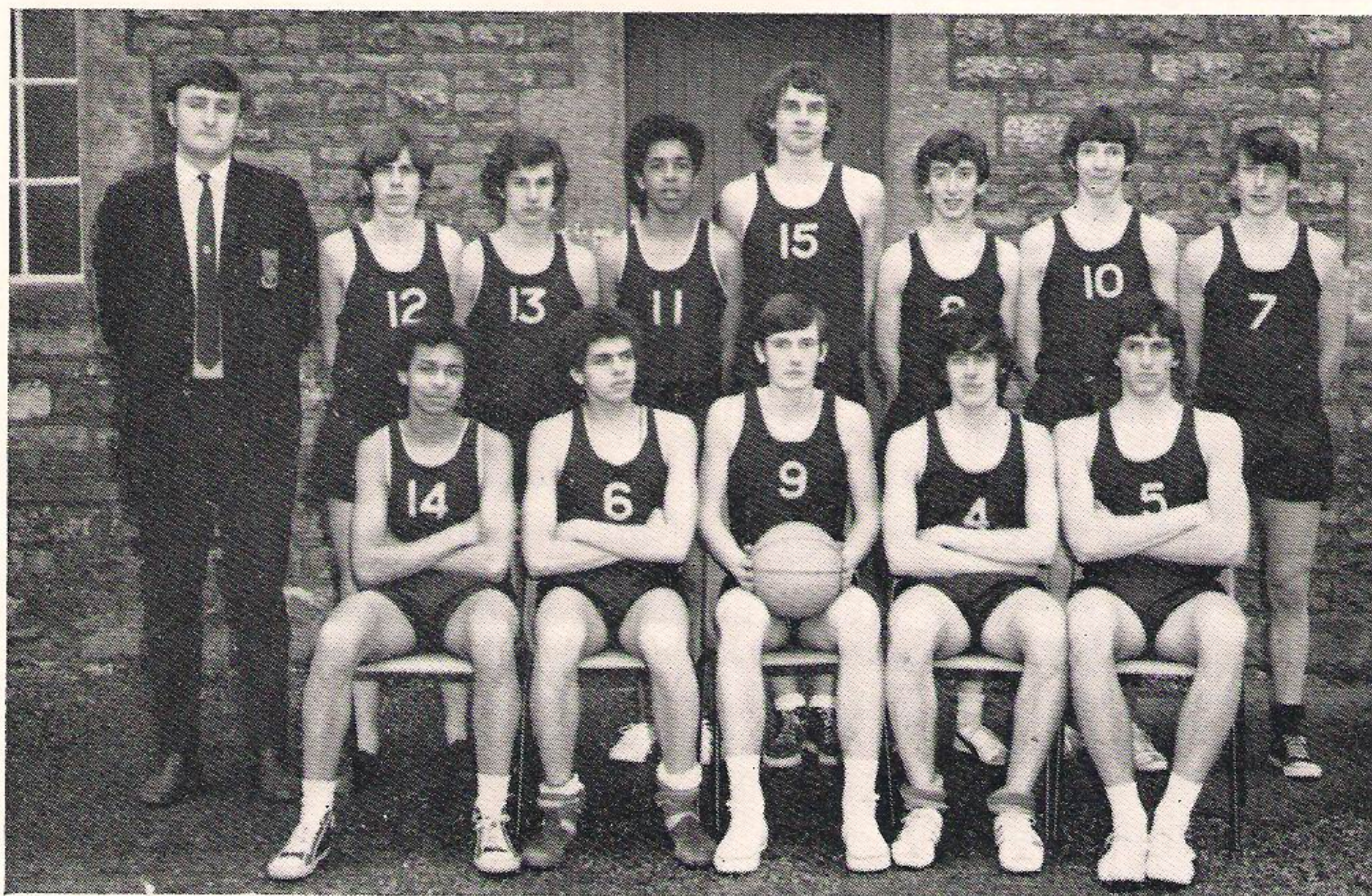
Senior Colours: McCann, Holmes, Jones, Tyekiff, Ware, Clutson.

Junior Colours: Baker, Mansell.

SENIOR RESULTS

v. Gosford Hill (A)	Won	28—22
v. Henry Box (H)	Won	14—12
v. Cheney (H)	Won	47—26
v. Burford (H)	Lost	16—20
v. Cokethorpe (H), friendly	Won	40—12
v. Oxford (A)	Won	47—33
v. Bicester (A)	Won	33—12
v. Banbury (H)	Won	18— 8
v. Oxford (H)	Won	29—20
v. Cheney (A)	Won	28—12
v. Burford (A)	Won	30—22
v. Bicester (H)	Won	31—16
v. Dean Close (A), friendly	Won	20—17
v. Banbury (A)	Won	20—18
v. Bloxham (H), friendly	Won	63—14
v. Henry Box (A)	Won	31—21
v. Gosford Hill (H)	Won	41—14

The senior House final saw Sheffield win, whilst Clyde juniors won their section thanks to C. Smith who scored more points himself than any other team.



"League Champions"

Packer's Studios, Chipping Norton

1st XI SOCCER REPORT 1970-71

With a pool of some sixteen potential first team players the season started on the wet pitches not unknown on the Hill. We were unable to find a centre forward who was willing to work hard so Spurway was successfully brought out of goal and he proved this by both scoring and making goals. With the players available it was decided to play a 4-3-3 formation, and looking back at the season this was reasonably successful in that we played and held technically better sides.

The first game against Cheney saw us score, then concede two silly goals and despite constant pressure only equalise in the last three minutes. The next game was won rather easily for we hit the wood work five times as well as scoring twice! Against the Champion School we were facing our strongest opposition yet and goals from Rayner J. and Allaway (for the third game in a row) saw us gain another draw. The result was the same in the next game against even better class opposition. Even so this was quite a game. We had all the early pressure before McCann, who has never been outplayed on the field this season, missed a penalty after a shot had been punched off the line. Duggan then scored following a free kick before we missed other easy chances and they broke away to score. Westwoods took control in the second half, but we held out until the last minute when we conceded a penalty, luckily their captain did no better than McCann.

Against Kimbolton we were holding our own until a brief period in the second half when we conceded three quick goals. Our last game of the season saw us give away three 'own' goals mainly through bad luck or poor calling in defence, and so we lost unluckily to possibly the strongest side that we played.

Mention must be made of McCann who not only captained the side but who also added a touch of class especially in the midfield. The Team:

RODGERS, A. (Goalkeeper). Competent, but does not always handle cleanly and his clearances are not always effective.

WARE, P. (Right back). A strong tackler who got through a lot of work and was always ready to move upfield.

TYEKIFF, B. (Centre back). Improved a great deal during the season, he dominates the air, but still allows himself to be drawn on the floor.

LIGHTBODY, N. (Centre back). Some ability, but he tends to panic under pressure.

WOOD, P. (Centre back). Once he settled to this position he proved a great addition to the defence.

RIGBY, B. (Left back). A natural footballer, who although lacking in inches plays intelligently.

DUGGAN (Right half). Improved during the season to become a driving force, although he was sometimes a little slow in covering back.

MCCANN, P. (Centre half back, Capt.). An outstanding soccer player.

RAYNER, J. (Left half). Timidness in the tackle and lapses in concentration and effort prevent him from playing anywhere near his potential.

ALLAWAY (Right forward). Converted from midfield he caused trouble to many defences and scored in four out of six games.

SPURWAY, S. (Centre forward). Although only scoring twice he was responsible for much of the pressure that we exerted on the opposition.

POCOCK, M. (Left forward). Although the soft pitches did not suit him, we did not see the best of this natural footballer, mainly through lack of confidence at taking on his man.

Foster J., Baker S. and Gibson D. also played.

Colours: McCann and Ware.

Half colours: Spurway.

RESULTS

v. Cheney 2nd XI (H) (Allaway and Spurway)	Drew	2— 2
v. Blessed Geo. Napier (A) (Allaway and Spurway)	Won	2— 0
v. The Champion School (H) (Allaway & Rayner, J.)	Drew	2— 2
v. Westwoods Grammar (H) (Duggan)	Drew	1— 1
v. Kimbolton School (A) (Pocock)	Lost	1— 6
v. Gosford Hill School (H) (Allaway and)	Lost	2— 4

The inter House final, played in the usual mud bath saw the Norwich team scrape in against Clyde by one goal, whilst the Junior final saw Norwich beat Bradford, mainly due to an outstanding display by Hood in the Norwich goal.

1st XI CRICKET

The team has enjoyed its best season for many years largely because of a fundamental change of attitude. The members learned that the only way to gain pleasure from their games was to play hard and practise in all departments of the game. The lesson was driven home when it became clear that any one who failed to appear at the Thursday net session would not be chosen to play no matter what his previous reputation. The team's success is all the more gratifying because on account of the demands of the examinations and other commitments it was chosen from a considerable pool of players most of whom can be counted upon for more seasons to come.

Of the six full length matches we won four, drew one and lost one. Four times we exceeded a hundred runs and in the drawn match against Bloxham scored 132 for 2. It is best to draw a veil over the lost match when the team succumbed to an attack of complete lack of confidence reminiscent of previous seasons. The best game was the last of all although it was low scoring. Against Burford we won with one wicket to spare, when the game had fluctuated all the afternoon to one side and then the other. The difference between the two sides was that we held our catches, anyway it cost Burford their one defeat of the whole season.

We lost one of the limited over games against the Old Boys because the players treated the game as if it were a five day Test Match and then when they realised the need to hurry got themselves out. The other one against a side raised by Chipping Norton Police was comfortably won.

MATCHES

v. Rendcomb College	School 109 (Brooks 42)
Won	Rendcomb 51 (Rowe 4 for 11, Brooks 4 for 12)
v. Henry Box School	School 106
Won	Henry Box 55 (Gibson 4 for 8, McCann 4 for 14)
v. Bloxham	School 132 for 2 (Armstrong 54)
Drawn	Bloxham 181 for 5
v. Old Boys (20 overs)	School 46 for 9
Lost	Old Boys 51 (Ware 3 for 13, McCann 3 for 13)
v. Cheney School	School 21
Lost	Cheney 22 for 0
v. Chipping Norton Police (20 overs)	Police 55 (Gibson 3 for 2, McCann 4 for 12)
Won	School 57 for 4
v. Banbury School	School 145 for 9 (Rowe 32)
Won	Banbury 21 (Gibson 5 for 6, Rowe 4 for 11)
v. Burford Grammar School	School 65 for 9
Won	Burford 64 (Gibson 4 for 14, Rowe 3 for 12)

The team:

TYEKIFF (Captain). He had a real grip of the team which kept them on their toes in the field. His wicket keeping gained in reliability and confidence because of the need to show the others an example. He was never called upon for a big score with the bat but looked the part.

MCCANN (Vice-Captain). Who in fact captained well when he had to do so. He was rather reluctant to change the field according to the run of play. A very good bowler who deserved more wickets, he looks the best batsman in the side but never really got going.

ARMSTONG. All that an opening batsman should be. He was very unlucky to be injured when with one good innings he looked set for many more.

BROOKS. An intelligent opening batsman who struck the ball forcibly. He also had his success as a leg spin bowler who was not afraid to tempt the batsman.

WARE. A reliable all rounder whose chief success was with the ball. He was good fielding close in front of the batsman.

GIBSON. The most successful bowler in the side who had one hat trick. For someone of his short stature he gains considerable movement off the pitch. Also a batsman with a good eye.

ROWE. One of the best all rounders in the side. An aggressive batsman who knows which ball to hit; as a bowler he sometimes loses direction down the leg side. A very good fielder.

RIGBY. A keen player who should mature into a good batsman. An increasingly safe reserve wicket keeper.

SMITHEMAN. The batsman with the best straight drive in the team. He needs to improve his concentration.

FOSTER. He has taken some good catches in the field.

BAKER, C. He has all the makings of a good cricketer but he must keep awake and move more quickly both in the field or when backing up.

SEATON, A. Introduced to the side late as an under 15 player he shows great promise.

SINGLETON-GREEN. Another under 15 player, he showed great determination to win the last match together with Seaton in a last wicket effort.

Also played: Wood D. P., Pocock, Cuthbertson, Rayner, Rodgers, Allaway.

Colours were awarded to: Tyekiff, McCann, Brooks, Rowe, Gibson.

Averages:

Batting best, Brooks, 5 innings 87 runs highest 43, Average 19.5.

Bowling best, Gibson, 30 overs 11 maidens 53 runs 19 wickets, Average 2.8.

GYM CLUB REPORT 1971-72

Despite not having the use of the excellent facilities at R.A.F. Rissington, the gym club has seen plenty of activity this year and in fact our numbers have doubled over the year, so much so that we hope to start up a display team this next year.

Our activities have not always been exactly gymnastic, and soccer, basketball, athletics, softball and swimming have found their ways in to our Thursday afternoon sessions, but a good time has been had by all, not the least myself (I would have to go a long way to find a keener group of co-operative boys). To see the 4½ stone Goddard hurtling over a long box is a real sight.

The gym competition saw an extremely good display and Mr. Tideswell from Bloxham who kindly came over to do the judging found only half a point between Harman and Pocock the winner after a close match. Led by the Pocock, Clyde won the team event.

ATHLETICS REPORT 1971

The season started with a field events match at Wood Green, where we came fourth out of five teams in the U.15 match, and second against the teams in the U.17 match. Murphy won the junior and Mansell the senior High Jump.

In our next match we entertained Gosford Hill in an U.13, U.15 and U.17 match. In the junior match we won six out of the eight events, Bland, J. notching up a useful sprint double. We came unstuck in the U.15 match despite four wins from Murphy which included a School record in the 200 metres. A good win in senior section saw us to an overall and well deserved team victory.

Next came a visit to Burford for a triangular with Cokethorpe. In both matches we were soundly beaten, individuals did well. Murphy competed in eight events, winning two, whilst Cooke placed second in the 100 metres broke the school record by 0.4 of a second. In the senior match, Mansell in the high jump and Tyekiff in the shot were our only winners.

Due to circumstances beyond our control (e.g., a flooded track!) our other three matches had to be cancelled.

However at the N. Oxon a fair number of our athletes won through to Oxfordshire County Championships, where despite having to compete late at night Tyekiff did well enough to be picked for the National Schools' Championships at Crystal Palace, in the discus event, and Murphy broke the junior School javelin record.

Thus ended a fairly good season, which we hope will be better next year, especially when we have the concrete throwing circles to enable our throwers to train without having to throw from the road as we have this year, and possibly an all weather long/triple jump run up to replace our present apology for a cinder one (with the weather we have here, cinder is not a proposition).

The house finals saw some exciting finishes, but too often only green vests competed (well done Clyde) come you other houses get out there next year.

Finally, the A.A.A. Five Star Award Scheme has been introduced this year, and already a number of boys have achieved the highest grade.

CROSS COUNTRY REPORT 1970/71

Once again this proved to be a successful winter sport for the School. Throughout the Christmas term we competed in the N. Oxon Schools' League, at three age groups, U.13, U.15 and U.17. In the two junior sections we finished fifth and sixth respectively, whilst in the senior we went into the last race equal with Wood Green, Witney who produced a team of six in the first twelve!! to ruin our hopes of retaining our title, next year ?? . . .

We had one inter School match that term, away to Westwoods Grammar, and this we won convincingly. In the Easter term we travelled to Bloxham for a triangular against them and St. Edwards, Oxford.

Despite losing the senior match to these strong cross country schools, good team running enabled us to beat Bloxham in the junior match.

Within a week we again faced Bloxham amongst others, at the N. Oxon Schools Championships. In the junior sections we did as well as expected, but it was in the senior race that we excelled. Foster, J., won the individual title and the team won

the team race. Following this a number were selected to represent N. Oxon at the County Championships. Here again we did well with Foster, McCann, Kent, Allaway and Wood, D., qualifying to represent the county at the National Schools Championships at Luton during the Easter holidays, where although rather out-classed they all finished the course!

In the School Mass Murphy won the junior race, whilst Clyde packed well to win the team event. In the senior section a misunderstanding over a turning saw Kent the winner, despite the fact that he finished third. Sheffield easily won the team race.

SWIMMING REPORT

We had one match against Bessels Leigh School, indoors, in the Autumn term, which an unfit team lost, and that was about the whole of our years activities (due to the leak in our pool, late filling of the same and the wintery June which we had) until the last week in June when we broke the ice for a match against Bloxham. We lost this but had the chance of drawing if we won the last relay, alas a school record didn't prove enough and we went down by 45 points to 37. Mention must be made of Cooke who although U.14 won the two lengths freestyle in this Senior match.

In the first week of July when the water had at last warmed to a reasonable temperature, we entertained Burford School for a match. With both Schools having weakened senior teams we had a close match with victory in the two relays seeing us home for a win by $46\frac{1}{2}$ points to $35\frac{1}{2}$ points. The outstanding feature here was a tremendous freestyle stint by skipper Watling on the last leg of the medley relay.

The result of the junior match was even closer, with Kingham behind before the last relay. However the team of Waterman, Magee, Welsman and Cooke won through, breaking by 5.5 seconds the eight year old School freestyle record. Cooke, Smith, C., Bromhall and Welsman also broke by seven seconds the eight year old medley school record in winning that event.

The following day in the junior finals Cooke broke the Junior one length freestyle record, to round off a good week's work. The inter house finals saw Clyde come away with both team events whilst in the seniors Watling and Ware tied for first place, with Watling winning with a better standard total. Although Welsman scored the most in the junior finals, Cobby overtook him with the addition of superior standards. Waterman won the Plymouth Finals, and in doing so broke the five year old freestyle record.

No life saving course has been possible this year due to the leak and the cold weather, but we hope that with these things put to rights next year we can carry on with our great tradition.

NEWS OF OLD BOYS

Ronald Kirby, (Clyde 1959-1963) was married in Bath at about Christmas time. He is hoping to obtain a teaching post somewhere in the North.

Kim Speller (Norwich 1962-1966) has gained a degree in Law at Hull and is now studying for his Law Society examination and is living in Bristol.

Mike Miller (Clyde 1951-1957) is now Careers Master and teaching Biology and General Science at Yeovil's largest Secondary School.

Nicholas Mulford (Bradford 1964-1969) is now an Animal Laboratory Assistant at the A.E.R.E. Harwell. (September 1970).

Christopher Sheldrick (Sheffield 1961-1966) is now in the Police Force at Hove and is taking his Sergeant's examination. He was married on Saturday, 29th August, 1970, and spent the first night of his honeymoon in Chipping Norton on his way to Wales.

Jonathan Young (Bradford 1962-1969) entered Essex University in October, 1970, to read for Honours degree in Economics and Politics.

Mark Mitchels (Sheffield 1960-1966) writes to say he is still teaching at Woodbridge School and has just produced Anouilh's play "Becket" which was a great success.

Peter Farmery (Sheffield 1962-1969) has been accepted by Durham University.

Stephen Seamer (Norwich 1962-1970), now at King's College, London, has been recommended by the A.C.C.M. to train for the Ministry and has been accepted as an ordinand by his Bishop.

Nicholas Welch (Clyde 1959-1967) has just taken his Finals at Sussex University and will read for a Master's degree in Social Work at Sussex for two years.

Jeremy Rudman (Sheffield 1960-67) has now completed his training at Loughborough and will be going in September to teach at Uppingham. He also became engaged just before Christmas.

Anthony Dee (Durham 1959-67) has recently married.

John Gilbert (Sheffield 1961-68) has just completed his degree course at Kent University. He has written a thesis on 'Kingham's last hundred years.' Next he goes to Lloyd's Bank on a two year Management Development Course.

The Revd. Canon S. H. F. Jarvis, a member of the last party of boys the Founder sent to Havelock Farm in Canada died on 6th June. Canon Jarvis was able to re-visit the school last year. He was the first Old Boy to seek ordination and served in Porcupine Plain, Birch Hills and Tisdale before becoming an honorary canon of St. Alban's Cathedral, Saskatchewan.

We extend our condolences to Mrs. Jarvis, her three daughters, and Mr. Alfred Jarvis his brother.

Mr. Fred Townshend (Swansea 1892-98) now visiting this country from Canada, came in August and spent a night on the Hill for the first time since he left. He commented on the many changes he saw, including the Chapel which was not built when he left.