

KINGHAM HILL SCHOOL

1972

SCHOOL TERM DATES: 1972/73

1972

Beginning of Christmas Term, Tuesday, 12th September.

Half Term, Thursday, 26th October — Monday, 30th October.

End of Christmas Term, Thursday, 14th December.

1973

Beginning of Easter Term, Thursday, 11th January.

Mid-term break, Saturday afternoon, 17th February.

End of Easter Term, Thursday, 22nd March.

Beginning of Summer Term, Tuesday, 24th April.

Half Term, Thursday, 31st May — Sunday 3rd June.

End of Summer Term, Thursday, 19th July.

Beginning of Christmas Term, Tuesday, 11th September.

Half Term, Thursday, 25th October — Monday, 29th October.

End of Christmas Term, Thursday, 13th December.



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THE YEAR IN RETROSPECT

The following lectures were given at the school this year: G. R. Spenceley, Esq., on "South Georgia", Commander B. Youlton, R.N. (Rtd.) on "Zeebrugge" and T. Smythe, Esq. on "The Length of Chile".

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We have welcomed three members of Westminster College, Oxford to the school this year to do their teaching practice: Jonathan Draper, Esq., Peter Tretheway, Esq., and Michael Hughes, Esq.

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In the Summer Term the Warden and School Prefects visited Oak Hill College and spent an enjoyable day there.

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We would like to congratulate Colonel Geoffrey Shakerley (Trustee for 25 years) on being made a Knight in the Birthday Honours List.

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We would also congratulate Bryan Kelly on being asked to conduct the London Philharmonic Orchestra and the Royal Choral Society in the concert arranged to celebrate the 100th year of the building of the Albert Hall. The concert was shown on television on September 12th and some of our senior boys actually attended the concert itself.

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Mr. Martin Taylor who taught History here from 1961 to 1963 was appointed Deputy Head at the Canterbury Technical High School for Boys in 1970.

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The school held a Tear Fund lunch in the Summer Term which raised over £30.

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Well over half the school went to see the Stanley's match at Oxford in the Autumn Term. As Stanley's XV was composed entirely of British Lions we were entertained to the sort of display that made the Lions victorious in New Zealand.

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Mr. Charles Sutcliffe, leaves us this summer. We owe much to his careful and devoted efforts and to the cooperation he has always so willingly given. Bradford House too, will miss a House Tutor who has meant much to the boys there.

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It is with great sorrow and reluctance that Mr. Woolliams has had to give up the Housemastership of Norwich House. Mr. Essame is taking over temporarily in the hope that Mr. and Mrs. Woolliams will be able to return in a year's time. To them both we tender our regrets, and wish Margaret Woolliams the fullest possible recovery.

Miss Diane Pollard has left us and is devoting her energies to painting in Bledington, a new venture in which we wish her every success. She toiled so willingly and efficiently for nine years, in the School office, holding everything together; she was only the second secretary in twenty three years, but we welcome the third in her place, Miss Daphne Humphreys.

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Miss Taylor and Mrs. Nolan have also left us to take up new posts. We thank them for what they did while they were here, and wish them every success in the future.

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Mr. Carpanini comes to us next term as the new Art master. We welcome him and his wife and hope they enjoy their time with us. Mr. Carpanini has pursued his art studies at the Gloucester College of Art and Design and the Royal College of Art. He has exhibited at various galleries, has played tennis at county standard, and has recently completed his teaching practice at Wellington College.

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We acknowledge with thanks the following gifts made to the school during the year:

Mrs. Forrester, the widow of the late Rev. A. R. Forrester who was at one time the Headmaster here, presented us with a cheque for £100 which will be used to provide an annual award to be known as the Forrester Scripture Prize in memory of her husband.

We are most grateful for the generous gift of £30 from the Spurgin Charitable Trust as a donation to the School Library, and for the recent gift of £50 from Mrs. Spurgin.

Mr. Kent, father of Martin Kent (Durham 1967-1971) has made a gift of a viola for the use of the school orchestra.

David Earl (Bradford 1960-65), now in the Army and very recently back from Northern Ireland, has very generously made a gift of £30 for books for the School Library. We are most grateful to him.

Mr. Percy Bloomfield has again taken out a subscription to "Readers' Digest" for the boys.

SPEECH DAY 1st July

Principal Guest: Sir Maurice H. Dorman, G.C.M.G.
Formerly Governor-General of Malta

This summer's weather is already legendary, but there was more than a hint of warmth and sun on the Saturday, and the evening of the Trustees' concert and supper was positively balmy in comparison with the rest of the summer.

Before making his report on the year's events, the Warden welcomed Sir Maurice as "a friend of my long lost youth, whose career I watched with growing admiration over the years, in what used to be more proudly called than it is today, the Colonial Service, and precisely because, at its best it was just that, a service and not an exploitation and this, despite views to the contrary shown recently on the television. I know because I was there and saw some small part of the service which was given so often with understanding and integrity. Then Sir Maurice's years as Governor General of Malta, earned him the affection of the Maltese and the admiration of all."

After presenting the prizes, Sir Maurice reminded the boys that "it takes all sorts of people to make a world", and that we all counted for better or for worse. He told the leavers that the important thing was to make one's own contribution to life a meaningful one, and those who were staying on he encouraged to gain as much as possible from the facilities offered by the school, particularly the beauty and the peace which afforded time for reflection before facing the pressures of the world. He saw life as becoming too political, permissive, violent, racial and selfish and that the only way the individual could combat this trend was to see life as a service to one's fellow man. The prizes of life, he said, consisted of more than the books on the table: to gain the respect of the people around you was very important and the ultimate prize was to reach a position where your whole life was founded on a faith and trust in God.

Sir Geoffrey Shakerley, seconded by the School Captain, proposed a vote of thanks to Sir Maurice.

There then followed the Speech Day Concert, afternoon tea and the various displays and exhibitions. Amongst other things, parents and friends were able to see a gliding display, a performance by the Gym Club and the Art exhibition.

PRIZE LIST

Form Prizes

Form I: S. Nock
Form LII: C. Waterman
Form UII: D. Walsh
Piano Progress Prize (Presented by Mrs. Shelton): D. Walsh
Form LIII: J. Eckford
Form UIII: R. Leghorn
Form LIV: P-C. Godden, J. King
Brass Progress Prize (Presented by Mrs. Shelton): J. King
Form UIV: C. Smith, C. Poulson
Intermediate Languages Prize: C. Smith
Reading (Intermediate): C. Poulson
Form VB: P. Davies
History (Junior): P. Davies
Form VA: W. Mason

Subject Prizes, etc.

Old Boys' Prize: G. Justice
Art (Senior): P. Beresford
Music (Senior): P. Beresford
English (Senior): P. Beresford
Octagon Prize: P. Beresford
Art (Intermediate): G. Targett
Essay (Intermediate): G. Targett, A. Butler
Model Prize: G. Targett
Art (Junior): J. Woolstencroft, G. Reed
Reading (Senior): J. Watt
Reading (Junior): G. Jones
Essay (Senior): J. Williams
Essay (Junior): N. Holmes
Mathematics: R. Newman
Geography (Junior): R. Leghorn
Geography (Senior): R. Bond
History (Senior): C. Gleed
French (Junior): I. Jackson

Music (Junior): G. Hughes
 Geology Prize: R. Palmer
 Biology Prize: M. Cobby
 Technical Drawing: S. Kimber
 Scripture (Forrester Prize): N. Thrift
 Physics: D. Raggett
 Singing (Senior): J. Foster
 Singing (Junior): J. Bland
 Scripture (C.S.E. Project): A. Drewett
 Science (Chemistry): J. Jones
 Orchestra: R. Targett
 P.E. Medal: R. Targett
 Music, Outstanding Achievement Prize: T. Baker
 Plymouth Prize: D. Lang
 Cross Country Medal: B. Rowe, P. McCann
 Lion Prize: A. Rodgers
 Robin Green Memorial Prize: B. Tyekiff
 Head of School Medal: B. Tyekiff

SALVETE

Boys entering in September, 1972:

Bacon, D.	James, A.	Newstead, K.
Bones, R.	Jarrett, C.	Perry, M.
Curtis, T.	Lang, S.	Peters, B.
Easton, M.	Lenahan, A.	Reed, A.
Ellis, H.	Letford, P.	Reed, J.
Ellis, S.	McKendrick, I.	Seymour, D.
Enock, P.	Mezo, M.	Sherwood, K.
Gray, R.	Montgomerie, A.	Tozer, D.

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.

Arthur: E, 2; G, 3; H, 1; M, 3; RK, 2; TD, 4; F, 3; P, 3.
 Black: A, 4; E, 3; H, 5; RK, 4; P, 1; B, 3.
 Bristow: E, 2; G, 4; H, 2; M, 3; RK, 2; TD, 2; F, 3; P, 4.
 Davies, Peter: A, 4; E, 2; G, 3; H, 2; M, 3; RK, 3; TD, 3; P, 3.
 Davies, Philip: A, 4; E, 2; G, 2; H, 1; M, 4; RK, 3; TD, 3; P, 3.
 Drewett: A, 2; E, 2; G, 4; H, 1; M, 4; RK, 2; TD, 2; P, 4.
 Elmer: A, 4; E, 3; G, 5; H, 5; M, 5; TD, 5; P, 5.
 Holland: A, 4; E, 4; G, 3; H, 4; M, 5; TD, 4; P, 3.
 Johansen: E, 4; G, 3; H, 3; M, 1; RK, 4; TD, 1; F, 2; P, 1.
 Kat: E, 3; G, 1; H, 1; M, 3; F, 4; P, 3; B, 3.
 Manning: E, 2; G, 4; H, 3; M, 5; RK, 3; F, 3; P, 4; B, 3.
 Mather: A, 5; E, 3; G, 3; H, 4; M, 4; RK, 2; TD, 4; P, 3.
 Rowe: E, 1; M, 5; RK, 3; TD, 5; F, 3.
 Scrivener: E, 2; G, 4; H, 5; M, 5; RK, 4; F, 3; B, 5.
 Seaton, A. : A, 3; E, 4; G, 4; H, 4; M, 4; RK, 4; TD, 2; P, 3.
 Seaton, B. : A, 4; E, 4; G, 5; H, 4; M, 3; RK, 4; TD, 3; P, 3.
 Singleton-Green: E, 3; G, 4; H, 2; M, 3; RK, 3; F, 3; B, 3.
 Thrift: E, 2; G, 2; H, 3; M, 3; RK, 1; F, 3; P, 3; B, 2.

The following entered for some subjects only:

Cort: M, 5. Edmundson: M, 4. Foster, A.: M, 2; F, 2. Goodier, P.: M, 3; TD, 2.
Greig: M, 4; TD, 3; F, 2; P, 3. Hackett: M, 5; P, 4. Haddad: M, 4; German, 2; P, 4.
Haywood: M, 2; TD, 3. Hewitt: M, 3; German, 3. Jarrett, M.: F, 1. Kelly: M, 3.
Mason, P, 2. Palmer: TD, 1. Russell: TD, 1. Smith, A.: M, 1; TD, 2. Vass, A.:
M, 3. Williams, J.: M, 3.

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; Geo, Geology; A, Art; ED, Engineering Drawing; Mu, Music; Ger, German.

Baker, C.: E.Lg, 3; E.Lit, 4; F, 5; H, 3; RK, 3; G, 3; B, 4; A, 1.
Baker, S.: Geo, 4.
Baker, T.: E.Lg, 3; E.Lit, 5; F, 3; Ger, 3; RK, 1; M, 2; P, 3; C, 3; Mu, 2.
Bell, C.: E.Lg, 4; E. Lit, 3; F, 2; Ger, 3; RK, 6; G, 6; M, 5; P, 6.
Black, A.: M, 5.
Cort, R.: E.Lg, 5; F, 8; RK, 5; G, 3; A, 6.
Drewett, A.: A, 3.
Edmundson, P.: E.Lg, 3; E. Lit, 6; RK, 5; G, 5.
Foster, A.: E.Lg, 2; E.Lit, 5; H, 5; RK, 5; G, 4; B, Abs; A, 4.
Foster, J.: A, 2.
Goodier, P.: G, 5; ED, 4; A, 4.
Greig, P.: G, 6.
Hackett, R.: E.Lg, 3; E.Lit, 3; F, 1; Ger, 3; H, 5; RK, 6; G, 5.
Haddad, J.: F, 6; RK, 6; G, 6.
Haywood, S.: P, 6; ED, 6.
Heapy, B.: Geo, 5.
Hewitt, A.: E.Lg, 6; RK, 5; C, 5.
Jarrett, M.: RK, 5; G, 5; M, 6; B, 4.
Kat, D.: G, 3.
Kelly, A.: E.Lg, 3.
Mason, W.: E.Lg, 5; E.Lit, 6; F, 1; Ger, 3; H, 6; RK, 6; G, 5; M, 5.
Palmer, R.: Geo, 4; ED, 6.
Rigby, B.: E.Lg, 4; E.Lit, 3; RK, 5; G, 5; P, 5; C, 5; B, 4.
Russell, D.: E.Lg, 4; G, 6; M, 6; P, 6; ED, 5.
Seaton, A.: A, 5.
Smith, A.: E.Lg, 4; RK, 6; P, 6; C, 6; ED, 5.
Targett, R.:
Vass, A.: RK, 5; G, 4; B, 6; A, 5.
Watling, I.: Geo, 4.
Williams, J.: E.Lg, 1; E.Lit, 6; F, 5; H, 5; RK, 6; G, 3; B, 5; A, 3.

Advanced Level

Beresford: English, Art.
Bond: English, History, Geography.
Bounds: English, History, Geography.
Gleed: English, History.
Jones: Maths.
McCann: English, Geography.
Newman: Maths, Physics.
Raggett: Maths, Physics, Chemistry.
Rodgers: Physics.
Targett: English, Art.
Ware: English.

CHAPEL NOTES

Our preachers during the year included: the Rt. Rev. Bishop Loveday, Canon J. H. Sutcliffe, Canon S. T. Goddard (World Friendship House, Liverpool), the Revs. J. Taylor (Vice-Principal, Oak Hill College), H. Hodge (Stowe), R. Yorgan (Kingham), P. J. Le Sueur (Churchill), R. Crosthwaite (C.M.S.), C. McCarter (Broadwell with Evenlode), A. W. A. Knowles (Leicester); G. S. Humphreys Esq. M.A., G. W. Kingsnorth Esq. M.A. (Headmaster, Shebbear College), J. Hansford Esq. M.A. (Headmaster, King Edward's School, Whitley), R. Mann Esq. M.A., A. R. Underwood Esq. B.A., M.A., K. C. White Esq., and J. D. Watford Esq. (Secretary, Crusader's Union).

Twenty boys were Confirmed on Saturday, March 4th, by Bishop A. E. Williams. We were delighted that a number of parents and friends stayed for the week-end and made their Communion with the boys. I do pray that parents will make every effort to go to Church in the holidays with their sons, for nothing is so encouraging to a boy as to know that his parents support him in his religious beliefs.

We would express our most sincere sympathy to Mrs. Plowman and her family on the death of her husband. Albert Plowman died suddenly in his home on March 17th. His funeral service took place in the School Chapel on March 23rd. Albert had spent all but a few years of his life on the Hill, first as a schoolboy in Bradford House and then for many years working on the School Farms. He was a fine man and everyone liked him, and his kindly, cheerful personality will be missed by his many friends.

May I say how much we valued the service taken by four old boys and Patrick Beresford on Sunday, June 25th. Stephen Seamer, Christopher Bramham, Peter Dulley and Paul Ware explained with great sincerity the relevance of Christ's teaching in their lives. I would like to thank another of our old boys for giving us a beautiful silver paten, made by a local craftsman in Chipping Campden.

Lastly, these notes give me the opportunity of thanking everyone on the Hill for their kindness; to the Warden and Donald Service for their unfailing co-operation, and to Mr. Sutton, Mr. Common and the choir for enriching our Services with their music.

SCHOOL DRAMA

There has been an active and responsive interest in drama this year. The dominant element has been the seriousness and professionalism with which the school approached *Macbeth*, but there have been developments in other fields also. The Sixth Form have seen *Othello* and *The Comedy of Errors* at Stratford, and *King Lear* at the Aldwych Theatre, London and at St. Edwards School, Oxford. The Fifth Form have seen two productions of *Julius Caesar*, Jonathan Miller's bizarre rendering at Oxford, and the RSC's more conventional interpretation at Stratford.

On the performing side, John Smitheman, David Goodier and Jeremy Watt took leading roles in Kingham Village's production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. They helped the village give a lively and unified performance of this play and in the process developed their acting talents in various directions.

MACBETH

Mr. Adrian Underwood's decision to stage Shakespeare was amply justified by the Kingham Hill School presentation of *Macbeth* in March 1972. The production was ambitious in its austerity: it dispensed with the formal stage, and instead made use of the greater part of one side of the School Hall, thereby

directly involving the audience in an action taking place in their midst; there was no artificial painted scenery, and stage properties were reduced to the barest minimum. The only concessions to dramatic convention were the efficient use of lighting, and an excellent set of costumes hired from the recent production at Stratford. In consequence, the play was made to stand, as it should, upon the quality of the action and the diction, and it is a measure of the success of this production that, oblivious of the familiar school set, the audience was transported by the magic of the story and the music of the words.

Patrick Beresford gave a highly individual interpretation of Macbeth, skilfully bringing out the essential weakness of his character by a brilliant combination of indecision and cruelty, masked by a suave manner and a glib tongue. He never lost our interest or our admiration for his portrayal of corruption and vaulting ambition, but failed to catch our sympathy during those brief moments of soliloquy when the inner Macbeth is revealed. Here was no primitive chieftain from the Pictish highlands, but rather a subtly scheming politician, skilled in court intrigue, facile and personable, ruthlessly amoral and utterly self-centred.

Mrs. H. Potts as Lady Macbeth gave a moving performance, whose sensitive and perfectly-controlled quality brought out fully the complexity of emotions, and tortured conflict of ambition and remorse. This Lady Macbeth was no screaming haridan, but a thoroughly convincing interpretation of one of Shakespeare's most exacting characters, which was able to convert our reluctant admiration for her determination into a genuine sympathy for her distress.

An outstanding performance was given by Jeremy Watt, whose dignity and clarity of diction invested the part of Banquo with a significance which brought a refreshingly new dimension to the whole play. Instead of being a rather colourless figure, Banquo at times almost overshadowed Macbeth, his qualities of sincerity and honesty being portrayed with such positive conviction that by contrast Macbeth's veneer of charm was made to appear the more sinister.

Julian Foster made a convincing and truly regal Duncan; Roger Targett a determined but unexpectedly irascible Malcolm. David Raggett was impetuous and slightly brash as Macduff, and Christopher Bell as Lennox gave a rather Blimpish rendering. Some skilful casting of the lesser parts gave a strong support: it was sheer genius to choose Simon Haywood, Adrian Foster, David Goodier and Philip Ware as witches, Ware being particularly ghoulish. Ian Watling and Anthony Smith made a thoroughly convincing pair of murderers. Arthur Rogers, in the exacting role of the drunken porter, clowned admirably without falling into the trap of grossly overacting the part.

The interlude between Lady Macduff (Mrs. N. Snell) and her son (John Cooke) was played with a quiet sincerity which effectively exposed the pathos of the scene, even though John Cooke was scarcely the prattling youngster that one expects in this part.

In general the action was fast and mobile, accompanied by a rapidity of diction and a swiftness in repartee which gave a sense of restlessness well-matched to the turbulent emotions of the play. Despite this fluency, which seemed at times almost too slick, the enunciation was clear and audible, the delivery incisive, and very few players were permitted to recite their lines in an expressionless monotone.

Mr. Underwood, the cast and all those involved in this performance deserve the warmest congratulations for so successfully bringing off a production whose mature quality surpassed the normal standards of school Shakespeare, and commended itself to an adult as well as to the juvenile audience.

DRAMATIS PERSONAE

Lady Macbeth	Mrs. H. Potts
Lady Macduff	Mrs. N. Snell
Duncan	Julian Foster
Malcolm	Roger Targett
Donalbain	Charles Mackay
Macbeth	Patrick Beresford
Banquo	Jeremy Watt
Macduff	David Raggett
Lennox	Christopher Bell
Ross	John Smitheman
Menteith	Alan Drewett
Angus	John Haddad
Caithness	Paul Edmundson
Captain	Paul McCann
Fleance	Andrew Butler
Siward	David Gibson
Young Siward	Peter Murphy
Seyton	Neil McGregor
Son to MacDuff	John Cooke
Scottish Doctor and Old Man	Christopher Glead
Porter	Arthur Rodgers
3 Murderers	1st Ian Watling, 2nd Anthony Smith, 3rd Paul Goodier
3 Witches	1st Adrian Foster, 2nd David Goodier, 3rd Philip Ware
Hecate	Simon Haywood
Waiting Woman	Timothy Boggis
Macbeth's Messenger and Servant	Nicolas Thrift
Macduff's Messenger	Kevin Elmer
Producer	A. R. Underwood, Esq.
Production Assistants	A. Kelly and K. Elmer
Stage Managers	B. Heapy and B. Tyekiff
Lighting	E. C. Common, Esq., R. Palmer and P. Greig
Props and Scenery	A. Rees Esq. and C. Sutcliffe, Esq.
Make-up	Mrs. J. Boyd and J. Essame, Esq.
Sound	W. Sutton, Esq.
Costumes	Mrs. C. B. Williamson and Lady Helpers
Stage Hands ...	Beckett, Besford, Bristow, Butler, P., Holland, Mullan, Kat, Bromhall, Radley and Craig
Lighting Assistants	Anderson, Holmes, Hughes, Stuart
Assistants ...	Enock, Ford, Foster, Gibson, Hamilton, Pritchard, Jones, S., Dean, Jarrett, Jones, G., Leghorn, Targett, Wilson
Administration and Publicity	J. J. Jones

SCHOOL MUSIC 1971-72

School music, in an establishment with no specific musical qualification for entry, is notoriously subject to ungovernable changes of fortune, and the violin department of the orchestra has suffered rather badly from the loss within the past year of the bulk of its most advanced players. Nor, barring a miracle, can anticipate any spectacular recovery within the foreseeable future. Budding Menuhins and Oistrakhs just do not seem to compete for scholarships to the Hill nowadays. On the credit side, however, the wind sections continue to flourish and improve.

In the Christmas term, in addition to the Carol Services at the School and in Kingham parish church, there was a concert of music by composers as widely contrasted as the eighteenth century Dutchman Willem de Fesch and the present-day light music composer George Shearing. The orchestra played the Andante from Mendelssohn's 'Italian' Symphony, and pieces by Bizet and Berlioz, bringing the concert to a rousing close with a spirited rendering of Eric

Coate's 'Dam Busters' March. The other items included three pieces for brass quartet by William Walton, a movement from Beethoven's 'Pathétique' Sonata, and an arrangement for male voice choir of 'Lullaby of Birdland'.

The Easter term brought, as usual, the Chipping Norton Festival, at which we were well represented. The climax of the Festival is the Saturday night concert compounded of the most highly rated items from the three days of music-making. The orchestra and the male voice choir were both invited to contribute to this event, the orchestra with the 'Grand March' from 'Aida', and the choir with an arrangement of 'Deep River'. In Chapel on Passion Sunday an augmented choir of thirty-five voices sang an abridged version of Handel's 'Passion', accompanied by a small ensemble of oboes and strings led by Mr. Gillett Smith, and with Mr. Common at the organ. The soloists were Miss Jess Maxted and Mr. Basil Benson, with Mr. Potts in the important role of Evangelist.

This year has brought the usual crop of successes in the practical and theoretical examinations of the Associated Board. Timothy Baker gained a good pass in Grade VIII trombone, this being the highest of the Associated Board grades, exceeded only by the professional diplomas of A.R.C.M. and L.R.A.M. He is to be congratulated, as are the instrumental teachers whose untiring efforts make these results possible, and to whom we are as ever grateful.

During the year we have welcomed to the music staff Mrs. Woodward, who has come to teach the flute. Sadly Mr. Bryan Kelly, who is a professor at the Royal College of Music and a composer of repute, finds it necessary, owing to pressure of work, to discontinue his teaching here at the end of the term. He has served us well for many years, and we shall be sorry to lose him. Mrs. Shelton has agreed to extend her commitments in order to absorb his pupils.

While thanking the instrumental teachers for their industry and support during the year I would like also to express my gratitude to Mr. Common, who, since his arrival last September, has so willingly and expertly involved himself in the musical life of the the School and helped me so considerably.

HISTORY CLUB

For various reasons there has been an unusual interest in archaeology this year. Ideal conditions for field walking in Phillips Field enabled boys to collect an astonishing quantity of potsherds (probably well over one thousand fragments) ranging from Iron Age "B" to late Romano-British times. Five Roman coins were also found by Tom Hamilton, Peter Butler, Stuart Goodier, Christopher Richards and Andy Goddard, and have been identified for us by the Heberden Coin Room of the Ashmolean Museum. A full account of these finds, set in the context of previous achaeolgical discoveries on Kingham Hill, has been duplicated and sold in aid of local charities.

In February the City and County Musuem undertook the excavation of a supposed Long Barrow at Castleton under the direction of Mr. Peter Fasham. Parties of boys went there to dig every afternoon for nearly three weeks; unhappily the site proved to be a geological outcrop, and the effort was unproductive. The enterprise generated much enthusiasm, especially in the middle school.

Several boys from the third form have attended meetings of the Chipping Norton Local History Society regularly, and have taken part in field walking and in a society excursion to Coalbrookdale.

Work has continued on our local archives. Graphs have been prepared to show the total marriages in Kingham and Daylesford for each decade from 1661 to 1960, and to show the baptisms during that period using a nine-year shifting average. A social-demographic project to calculate the proportion of extra-parochial marriages during the nineteenth century is under way. A House Repopulation exercise for 1840-1 is also in hand.

Graeme Justice undertook and completed a large-scale map of Kingham before Enclosure, identifying and naming all the meadows and furlongs. This involved using the Tithe Award Map of 1840 in the Bodleian Map Room, and many hours were spent in superimposing the former field boundaries on to a modern ordnance survey map, and in tracing their names from the 1840 schedule. The finished map, and its small-scale copy, are genuine works of interest and scholarship which have earned the Old Boys' Prize, and which we hope may be published.

Younger members of the Club have worked on a number of historical "Airfix" models, amongst which Jamie Davis's construction of the Royal Sovereign is outstanding.

Visits have been made to the Woodstock Museum, the Banbury Museum and the Cotswold Farm Park. We have seen the films "Cromwell" and "Waterloo". At the end of last summer term the History Club spent a day in Stratford on Avon, seeing Mary Arden's House, Anne Hathaway's Cottage, Shakespeare's birthplace, and standing through a performance of Hamlet at the Theatre.

At the request of the Churchill Parochial Council, the Club has undertaken to make a complete survey and schedule of all the gravestones in a large part of Churchill graveyard. Approximately five hundred gravestones have now been cleaned, transcribed and card-indexed. Much of this work was done as a leaver's project by a group of senior boys. The schedule will be collated with the burial registers, and should produce a valuable demographic document.

The Club has had two outside speakers in the year. Commander Youlton on Zeebrugge made an immediate impact, and has been invited to return. Mr. R. W. D. Martin also spoke on Australia. We have had talks with slides on Ancient Burial Mounds, Brunel, and Bristol, and have had a chance to see some original records and relics of Dunkirk.

The work of the History Club has been described at length and with approval twice recently in the Oxfordshire Historical and Archaeological Newsletter.

OCTAGON DEBATING SOCIETY

Chairman: P. L. Beresford *Vice-Chairman:* P. M. McCann

Secretary: J. J. Watt *Treasurer:* D. C. G. Goodier

The society has had, in many ways a turbulent year; one of varying patches of good and bad. Some aspects of the society's achievement have been disappointing, others highly encouraging. Throughout the year, the committee felt that there was a tendency towards flippancy in the society; this tendency was certainly not prevalent but it was evident in a fair number of the debates. It must be stressed, however, that although flippancy is abhorred, wit and humour are encouraged as long as decency and respect are preserved. The society is not supposed to be dismal but a degree of seriousness must be maintained.

A lack of support was also evident in certain quarters but I'm sure this was merely a temporary lapse in enthusiasm and not a permanent trend towards apathy.

However, it would be foolish to let the year's disappointments overshadow its success and achievements. A tribute must be paid to those members of staff who have supported the society over the year by speaking at some of the debates, we are very grateful to them. We are also grateful to the members who have spoken to the best of their abilities over the year; we hope that they have gained from their experience. In this respect the society is of great value, for if one possesses the ability to speak coherently in public, one is certainly in an advantageous position.

The society has had many interesting debates on a wide range of topics. But the society's activities have not only been confined to the school. In the Christmas Term, two society members were invited to a meeting of the Charlbury Debating Society to propose that "Everyone, over 30 is a scoundrel". Despite the fact that the majority of the members present must have been over thirty, the motion was carried by a convincing margin. There have also been two joint debates with pupils from Chipping Norton School. They have been worthwhile and enjoyable and the society is grateful to the visiting speakers for their ideas and thoughts (we are also very grateful to the School cook, Mr. Ham, for so willingly providing us with refreshments at our joint debates).

A special mention must be given to our Chairman, Patrick Beresford. He has worked extremely hard throughout the year to make the society efficient and successful; it was therefore only fitting that he should win the senior Octagon prize.

We are also indebted to our Patron and President, Mr. Cooper. For, without his support and help, the committee and the society as a whole would have found themselves in dire straits. We are very grateful to him for all that he has done for the society.

So, in general the society has had a profitable year; it can only learn from its mistakes and next year's members can look forward to the future with optimism.

THE CAMERON SOCIETY

The society held several meetings this year, all of which were enjoyed by those present. Mr. Norman Snell talked on "Meditation" and many members were so intrigued by the talk that they have made a subsequent study of the subject. Later in the Autumn Term we received a visit from a Rhodes Scholar studying at Oxford. He confounded many of the members' entrenched views of American Society and was refreshing in his informality and honesty.

An Oxford American was followed by an Oxford poet, an undergraduate friend of Mr. Rupert Snell, who gave us his view of what had happened to poetry in the twentieth century. He then read some of his own work and that of his poetry contemporaries at Oxford and elsewhere. A member of the "Samaritans" organisation gave us a different view of Oxford life when he talked on the role of the society's work in a big city. The final meeting of the term was an open session with our M.P., Mr. Neil Marten. He covered a variety of topics in his inimitable style, and made us ponder deeply on the question of integrity in politics.

Philip Ware who did a sound job as secretary has been succeeded by Ian Watling and David Gibson. The growth in personnel has been necessitated by the growth in the society's role next year. It will meet every Saturday morning as the Sixth Form Society, supplying the need of an open forum to listen to and question speakers on a variety of social, vocational and contemporary subjects. We hope that this society will be as successful in the future as the Cameron has been in the past.

NATURAL HISTORY CLUB

Thursday afternoons continue to provide an occasion when boys can pursue an interest in natural history topics.

Extending Edmundson's lead of last year some boys have gone fishing in the brook and have begun a record of catchings and sightings. As a result of the brook's recent contamination by pesticide, large numbers of uneatable fish have come into our hands. This has prompted us to start an investigation into the age structure of the trout population of our reaches of this stream.

Mrs. Colman has continued to provide some very welcome instruction in flowering plants, and some boys are becoming able to identify a new discovery with the aid of the literature.

Birds and freshwater organisms continue to have their pursuers. The recording and mapping of our observations needs to be undertaken with greater persistence, and it is hoped that this will be more of a feature in our future work. Such compilations are of growing value and interest; we have quite a lengthy list of local freshwater organisms. The pond outside the laboratory is now quite well established despite a persistent leak.

YOUNG FARMERS' CLUB

Last year's highly successful hens are still in production and up to the end of June had laid over sixteen thousand eggs which the Young Farmers have polished, boxed, and sold. If piled up in trays of two and a half dozen each the pile would be over one hundred and thirty feet high, and if made into an omelet the result would probably cover the Severn pitch! To clean all these eggs we have used some twenty square feet of sandpaper and to box them would require nearly two thousand seven hundred half-dozen size boxes. On Speech Day alone, Andrew Kelly sold ten dozen eggs.

On a more sober note, we again paid our annual visit to the Oxfordshire Show, and seven Young Farmers attended the County Rally at White House Farm, Kiddington, where he met former members: Simon Orpwood, Ian and Frazer Crawford. On the return journey the Transit broke down under the weight of earlier unwelcome attentions but we were rescued from Enstone by the Warden and Mrs. Gilmore and even managed to survive the disaster of having missed "Big Tea". For his many efforts John Holland was awarded the Young Farmers' Cup.

Our thanks are due to Jeremy Jones for his much needed repairs to the fence of the Bradford Paddock; to our Captain of Riding, Trevor Mallett, and Instructor Peter Godden for their hard work with "Top" and "Bottom"; and to Andrew Kelly for not having broken an egg for the past year.

We fed the ponies all through last winter on the hay we made in the Smallholding Field and the profits from all those eggs enabled us to buy two new riding hats, a new pair of stirrup leathers, new reins, and a couple of new halters.

The grey shape some of you may have seen in the Bradford Paddock is not old "Robin's" ghost but Mrs. Boyd's grey gelding "Mayday" (or was it "Geronimo"?) who is helping us to keep the grass down a bit and our own ponies waist-lines within reasonable bounds. Last term's atrocious weather very much limited the amount of riding any of us got but "Top's" gymnastic prowess has made up in vertical mileage for what some of us missed in horizontal progress.

MODEL CLUB

This year the club divided into four groups, and each group has built a Dandy glider. This has enabled the construction of a much larger and more complex model than hitherto attempted.

We are indebted to Mr. Goodier who very kindly brought two of the kits over from Germany (Dandy's land of origin) last autumn to supplement the two already purchased in Oxford.

At Speech Day two of the models were structually complete and one had already taken to the air. It is hoped to complete the other two models before the end of term.

CAMERA CLUB

After an initial burst of photographic activity in the autumn, quickly damped by conditions in the pavilion, our new dungeon became available, and we gladly turned our energies to the masonry, decorating and joinery trades. We have been very grateful for the specialised work and technical advice of various members of the maintenance staff; we have also discovered that "do-it-yourself" activities in a school usually amount to boys rushing off to keep some timetabled engagement, while the member of staff in charge completes the job and cleans the mess and paintbrushes late into the night. At last the job has been finished—the day before Speech Day, so we had little time to present a photographic show—and we have a fairly dry and very presentable place which is already an inducement to higher standards.

We have had gifts of a projector, venetian blinds, a print-dryer and sundry beakers and funnels, studio lighting units, and an enlarger exposure meter. Many members have covered themselves in dust, cement, plaster, paint and sinister resin compounds in the interests of the club, and the prefects and housematrons have been astonishingly restrained in their comments about matted hair or messy clothing. You used to be able to spot a club member in a crowd at 100 yards; now that we are clean and dustfree, you should be able to spot him by his scrubbed hands, shampooed hair, and well-cleaned shoes which are demanded of those who work in our almost clinical premises.

ENGINEERS' CLUB

Although this year has had its ups and downs, as inevitably it must do, it has been most successful. Two minis have been worked on most industriously by Messrs. Kat and Edmundson and have, amidst the filler cap explosions of the Thames van, been able to pass their M.o.T. tests. Unfortunately, work on combining two Volkswagens has ground to a halt at present, and the C.C.F.'s Land Rover still lies dormant alongside their Anglia. However, an A40-cum-beach buggy was enjoyed immensely in its time, as was the now gently corroding and many-parts-missing motorbike.

A notable addition to the club's activities was the introduction of driving lessons with a proper instructor—the result of which two boys, Raggett and Rodgers, have passed their tests, two more have theirs to come before the end of term and most unfortunately we have had two failures.

We hope next year will be just as successful!

CRAFT AND PRINTERS' CLUB

Both clubs continue to be popular; so much so that the numbers have to be strictly limited. Facilities in the Craft department have improved with the arrival of a new woodturning lathe. Many of the boys have been working on projects which have been designed by themselves. The club continues to give an opportunity to those who have the interest and the confidence to experiment with wood.

Only a few boys can be accommodated into the Printing room at any one time. This has to be the case since space is fairly restricted. An attempt to bring the Type out into the larger T.D. room resulted in a minor disaster. The club is largely kept busy supplying the school with invitation cards, programmes and numerous other oddments. Although, only a few in number, the members continue to be some of the most steadfast and hardworking.

VOLUNTARY CHRISTIAN GROUPS

Rather like this summer of endless storms and wind, it has been a year of the floods coming and the winds battering most of the spiritual houses that people here have built, and very remarkable it has been to see whose faith stood up to the treatment and whose collapsed. Probably it has been a necessary process, although it is sad to see a few wrecks around. The people who have built on the solid foundation of Jesus Christ have emerged smiling and more certain than ever that they have a God who is big enough to cope with their needs; we have deepened in fellowship and there seem to be more believers who are realistic and willing to sacrifice their reputation to go further with Him. The Ginger Group's day conference in the autumn resulted in groups meeting weekly in three houses; people in the middle of the school have had a good old sort-out of what they really believe and want in life; juniors have eventually been able to help many new boys to make the greatest of all discoveries. Our contacts with Old Boys who are keeping on with the Lord have helped us greatly; we and they, this year, have seen a good deal of the deception and cruelty of evil, and of the love and releasing power of the Lord.

Combined Cadet Force

Looking back over the activities of the past twelve months makes one realise how busy the year has been. The joint Army and R.A.F. Section camp at Leek last July was enjoyable and successful. 35 cadets attended, and our team of eight won the Commandants' cup, presented after a competition for all schools at camp. We did especially well in the .303 shooting and assault course competitions. This was Major Green's last camp, and at the end he was presented with a shield bearing the school crest inscribed in silver. The drab surroundings and standard barrack-room furniture of Hut 59 did not detract from the warmth of the appreciation shown by the cadets at camp, representing all those whom Major Green has helped during his years as Commanding Officer. Those of us who have worked with him over this period realise how much we and the school owe to him.

Taking over has not been easy, especially as we have lacked the services of an S.S.I. for some months now. However, 2/Lt Underwood has joined us and launched the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme for senior cadets. We hope to have a new S.S.I. on 1st September and to have Mr. Strongman as an Attached Officer. His help with the shooting and in other ways has been appreciated.

One of the most encouraging features has been the excellent work of all the N.C.O.'s. Under the leadership of Brian Tyekiff, promoted Under Officer in the summer term, our first for nine years, they have been real leaders, skilful and enthusiastic. When one considers that our Youth Organisation contains half the school, the importance of their role to others is obvious. Helping others, they help themselves. We are confident that Stephen Baker and his team will do the same in the coming year.

The APEX Proficiency test is becoming established. The R.A.F. Section cadets do the same Drill, Turnout, Shooting, Safety and Orienteering tests as the Army Section cadets, before branching out into their R.A.F. Part II and Advanced Proficiency exams. Army Section cadets must pass their Self-Reliance camping test before going on to a final subject of their own choice. At present we can offer R.E.M.E., A.S.A. Personal Survival Swimming and more advanced camping. The recently issued Advanced Training Directive includes dozens of options for interesting activities as well as specific training in command and administration. The old idea of the C.C.F. as marching up and down, taking rifles to pieces and crawling about after imaginary enemies is as obsolete and laughable as Dad's Army training. But self-discipline, self-reliance and courage show even more strongly through the new-style activities.

Last October we camped over Field Day week-end at Heythrop with mixed success. Adventure Training for a record number of 15 cadets, again based on Leek and done in the Peak District National Park, was successfully carried out in March with all three officers attending. We had the best weather of 1972 to date during this camp, but ended with a snow blizzard when we were camping on Snake Pass below Kinderscout. The Easter term Field Day was spent by the Army section at Otmoor, where we shot our .303 course under terrible weather conditions. Field Day camping on Little Rissington airfield in July enjoyed better weather; it was good to see even 13 year olds tackling the 20+ miles with all their kit on their backs and camping so well.

Gradually we are improving the quantity and quality of our tents and other camping equipment. We are developing skill in using the various types of composition generously supplied by the Army and look forward to more ambitious camping, on Dartmoor during the forthcoming camp based at Okehampton and, we hope, in Normandy next Easter. We plan to do Adventure Training along the whole coast where the Allies landed in 1944.

A new development this year has been to admit recruits who wish to join as soon as there are enough to make a section of 8 or 10 boys. Cadets can proceed through the various parts of the Proficiency test at their own pace, and those who wish can proceed very fast indeed. Most of those who have recently passed the Cadet Training Board in Drill, Turnout, Shooting and Safety, the Orienteering held on a course here with cadets from two other schools, and the Self-Reliance camping, only joined the C.C.F. last September, some only in January this year. If the weather permits us to tackle the swimming this term, we should have cadets passed through all parts of the APEX test within 10 months.

Help from the Army (and the R.A.F.) has been excellent during the year. Our Sponsor Unit, 521 Company, Royal Pioneer Corps, Bicester, have been very helpful, especially on the administrative and quarter-mastering sides. No 16 Cadet Training Team seem to like us, and we have in turn benefitted from the help and encouragement of Major Blackmore, Warrant Officer Palmer and Sgt. Gibson.

One could go on listing interesting activities for the few and the many. We hope that the Annual General Inspection report will be good. Colonel Marot and the other inspecting officers seemed enthusiastic about what they saw on May 15th. If we can get the help we need in the C.C.F. hut, in the Range and with the R.E.M.E. Section, 1972-73 could be an equally enjoyable and successful year.

R.A.F. SECTION

The Section has been down to 26 cadets this year in line with the generally reduced size of the C.C.F.

At present there are 10 advanced cadets and 12 proficient cadets, leaving only 4 cadets still unclassified.

Flying has been much more restricted this year due to the closing down of Benson and Abingdon, where we had previously had regular flights, however we have managed to accumulate 78 cadets hours in the air from Brize Norton and Rissington.

Incidentally, I notice that since the Section started, cadets have flown in 15 different types of aircraft — 4 of them jets, 3 different types of helicopter, 3 species of glider and 5 sorts of propellor driven aircraft.

Last year's annual camp was combined with the Army Section at Leek in Staffordshire, where cadets from both Sections were instrumental in winning the Camp Commandant's Cup. This year we are at Linton-on-Ouse.

An innovation this year has been our entry into the Assegai shooting competition. The competition is open to all R.A.F. C.C.F. section shooting on their own .22 ranges. We came 48th out of 66 entries, not too bad for a start.

Anthony Smith attended a gliding course at South Cerney during the Easter Holidays, gaining an A and B. certificate (3 solo circuits after launches to about 1,000 ft.). Three other cadets attended a weeks camp at Guterslöh in Germany.

The A.G.I. went well and the accompanying R.A.F. Officer was particularly impressed with the speed with which the primary glider was erected. He has promised to write and let us know if he ever sees it done more swiftly. Over a dozen cadets have now graduated to airborne 'hops' in the glider over the cricket pitches. It is hoped to introduce some mechanical aid to remove some of the 'slave labour' involved in launching.

On the whole the Section is ticking over fairly well, but there can be no doubt that the scope would be *greatly* increased if we could have an extra Officer.

INTER-HOUSE SHOOTING COMPETITION

There was no change in the conditions. Each house entered a pair for the Rapid, a pair for the Snap-Shooting and a third pair for the Application.

Tyekiff and Foster J., with 49 and 44, put Greenwich ahead in the Rapid. Norwich (Rodgers 48 and Philip Davies 41) were second. Clyde just took the lead after the Snap-Shooting, in which Palmer's 42 was top score. Bradford, for whom Parker scored 41, came second here. Clyde's lead was increased greatly by the Application, in which P. Goodier's 41 was the best score. Norwich came 2nd in this to come 2nd overall. Clyde had 232 out of 300, Norwich 202 and Greenwich 200. Only two houses improved on their 1970 score, which reflects, not so much, lack of interest in or ability for shooting, but lack of staff supervision time.

SCHOOL SHOOTING, OXFORDSHIRE CADET LEAGUE

Conditions were altered this year, so that schools with special sights formed one league and schools with sights as issued formed another. So our 'A', 'B' and 'C' teams were all in the same league. The competition began late and there were 4 monthly shoots instead of 5. The winner of each shoot scored 6 points, the second 5 and so on.

The 'Sights as Issued' League was won by R.G.S. High Wycombe 'A', with our 'A' team 2nd, and our 'B' team 3rd and our 'C' team 5th out of the six teams.

Arthur Rodgers topped our averages with 91.25 (2nd in the league). David Goodier followed with 90.25 and Brian Tyekiff came 3rd with 90.00. These three have now all won the individual trophy for the best school shot in school matches. Richard Palmer completed the 'A' team. The 'B' team consisted of David Gibson, David Armstrong, Tony Seaton and Peter Davies. The 'C' team was not constant: Russell, A. Smith, P. Goodier, P. Butler, Bell, Philip Davies, Starley and Parker all had one or more shoots.

As always, there was potential for improved scores. Basketball tends to replace shooting as an indoor sport for some; lack of staff supervision and coaching time was a factor too. But we kept the sport going and did quite well.

SCOUTS

The summer Troop Camp in 1971 was probably one of the best we have ever had. The site — in a fold of the downs at Kingston Deverell in Wiltshire — was magnificent, the weather splendid, and the standard of camping very high. Excursions were made to Longleat, where a monkey deliberately smashed the indicator on the school bus, to Stonehenge, and to Lulworth and Bovingdon; a night hike, and a long-distance hike to Stourhead were both successful. An outstanding feature of the camp was the private swimming bath which belonged to the owner of the site, and which was made available to us daily. It was a great help to have Mr. A. Rees with us for the camp.

The two Plymouth House patrols, Tigers and Cobras, have joined the rest of the Troop for Monday afternoon meetings; this has created problems of administration not yet entirely overcome. The membership of the Troop during the year has continued to expand to a maximum limit of fifty-three. We have greatly appreciated the full-time assistance of Mr. C. Common during the year. His expert knowledge has enabled a group of boys to work steadily for their Electronics Badge. Other groups have studied Forestry, Archaeology and Cooking.

The October Field Day was again devoted to running a "Brouhaha" at Churchill Mill for local Cubs and Brownies. An unprecedented number turned up for the occasion, which strained the capacity of the scouts but on the whole the day was a great success. The March Field Day was devoted to archaeology: an eventful bus and coach journey to Avebury was followed by a cross-country trek to see the prehistoric monuments in the area, under weather conditions of unpredictable variety: the Troop climbed Silbury Hill in a driving storm of freezing sleet.

For the first time for many years a service was held for St. George's Day at Kingham Parish Church. Invitations were sent out to all other Scouts and Guides in the District, and many more attended the service than was anticipated. Not in living memory have so many been present at Evening Prayer at Kingham. Cocoa and sausages on the Rectory Lawn afterwards proved to be an exacting operation and elicited a brief article in the *Oxford Times* from one observer!

Kingham Hill is now the only Scout Troop still surviving in the Wychwood District, and during the summer Venture Scouts have taken on responsibility for running the remnants of the Scout Troop from Penhurst Children's Home at Chipping Norton, in addition to their regular commitment with the Kingham and Churchill Cub Pack.

Patrol Camps were planned for the summer term, but not held owing to the persistent heavy wet weather. We hope to hold them in September in future. The Annual Troop Camp for 1972 has been arranged for Upwaltham on the South Downs in Sussex — an area which we have not visited in recent years. Perhaps by the end of July we shall be able to enjoy a little summer weather.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Under the guidance of Mr. Potts, the group has worked extremely well over the past year.

This year's group consisted of eight upper six formers: Beresford, McCann, Bounds, Bonds, Gleed, Rodgers and Jones.

The feature of the Christmas term was the selling of Christmas Cards, designed by Beresford, for the aid of the Tear Fund. Most readers are probably familiar with the card, and 3,000 were printed and sold for £44 to be presented to Tear Fund.

A gentleman living in Kingham presented the group with his hand made Marionettes, and these appeared under the name of "The Merry Midgets" at Kingham Village Hall for Old Folks, Chipping Norton Old Folks Day Centre, Penhurst Children's Home, and finally in the School Music Room on Speech Day. At the start of the year some of the group performed "Punch and Judy" at Shipston for a swimming pool appeal fête; at Burford in aid of Cancer research; at Kingham's "At Home" for Church funds, and finally on Speech Day.

During the Easter Term, the group set out on a bleak Monday morning to clear overgrown footpaths from Brusom Abbey to Foxholes, and then gave First Aid lectures to some juniors of the School a few weeks later. Apart from that, several people contacted Mr. Potts asking for some boys to clear their gardens, chop wood during the power cuts, and tidy up Daylesford Church Yard.

Although 'A' level exams involved all of us this Summer, plans were carried out for the proposed building of a new squash court. The group was one of the groups which looked into design plans, the site and surveying, the fund raising costs, the building materials and quantity, and the timing of a do-it-yourself job. A site map and model were on display in the Maths lab on Speech Day.

The Summer term saw the group members become Life Saving instructors, and of the 15 candidates, 11 passed. They were: Smith P., Mokler, Pitt, Haddad, Butler P., Dutton, Leghorn, Besford, Foster F., Bromhall and Gribben.

The year has been an enjoyable one, and we hope, a profitable one.

GEOGRAPHY FIELD EXCURSION

The centre for this year's 6th form field week was Barton-on-Sea where our comfortable hotel had a sea-front position. Barton-on-Sea is an expanding settlement with much evidence of recent building. Many of its population are retired people and others travel to their work in Bournemouth.

Very good weather with sunshine helped the programme of work to be completed without difficulties. There was much to study and consider along the coast — processes of erosion and deposition, cliff fall, alterations made by man to what natural actions were taking place. Hengistbury Head with its spit, and the Hurst Castle spit provided opportunities for various excursions. The ancient settlement on Hengistbury Head was noted, and the stages in fortification near the seaward end of Hurst Castle spit seen. Across the Solent were distant views of The Needles.

More coastal features of interest were studied at Lulworth Cove, adjacent Stair Hole, and nearby the natural arch known as Durdle Door. The abundance of school and college parties in the area proved the value of the Lulworth area for obtaining an understanding of the work of the sea.

Corfe Castle Village and castle gave opportunity to trace the development of a small settlement through several hundred years. Many items of interest were being exhibited in a small museum.

Changes in land rise and scenery were well seen in the New Forest. A visit to the Ordnance Survey works at Southampton showed how maps of different kinds were prepared and printed. At the International Synthetic Rubber Company works at Fawley we were given a lecture, film show and conducted tour, which all turned out to be a most interesting and informative visit.

In all we had a very good week, learned a lot of geography, made copious notes and numerous sketches, and certainly benefitted from the experience of our own studies under Mr. Williamson's guidance.

SIXTH FORM DANCES

This year has been one of developing various aspects of the Sixth Form social life.

We have had girls visit us each term from Henry Box School, Sibford School, and Chipping Norton Grammar School.

Towards the end of the Christmas term, under the direction of Dolly Rodgers, assisted by Dave Goodier and Dave Raggett, an enjoyable evening was had by all. This was also the case during the Easter term, when a social evening for the Sixth form was held in the library, despite the loss of electricity. We were as usual, well prepared, with the aid of hurricane lamps, candles and a battery-operated record player.

Twelve sixth formers also attended a folk evening at Chippy School, organised by Miss Jane Harper.

Our thanks are also due to all those who contributed to the preparation of the area under the gym for the summer leavers' dance, without whose help such a successful evening would have been impossible. We only hope Dave Raggett has recovered from his backache after his acting as disc jockey in his now familiar eloquent fashion.

We must not forget of course the kitchen staff for their wonderful preparation of the food on these occasions.

If, in the years to come, this trend is continued, then (as in the words of the song) "a splendid time is guaranteed for all."

House Reports

BRADFORD HOUSE

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Underwood

House Tutor: C. G. Sutcliffe, Esq. *House Captain:* C. J. Gleed

House Prefects: J. J. Jones, R. Bond, D. Goodier, B. Heapy

The year started with the happy arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Underwood. Soon the house was in full swing at the "birth"-day party of Clare Rachel, the third arrival, who has been a great hit with the boys. There were also four new boys, Anderson, Craig, Leghorn and Smith (Johnson-Jones joined us after Christmas) who soon settled in.

In sport the house, although unable to win any trophies, has by no means disgraced itself. The seniors have finished second in many of the inter-house competitions, and they made particularly noteworthy efforts for their second places in basketball, rugby and cross-country. With much of the strength that led to these places staying on, things bode well for next year. The juniors have participated with great enthusiasm in the sports they undertook, and, here again, rapid development of the athletic skills of this group promise much for next year.

On the non-sporting side we were well represented in the School Play, with 75% of the house involved in some form or other. Prize Day saw two of the three Senior academic prizes go to Bradford, plus some Scripture prizes and the Junior Geography prize.

This year the house has gained a jazz cellar, designed and re-decorated by the house, and the prefects have a new room upstairs. We have also had the library and common room redecorated and strip lighting has been installed. The usual house party was held at Christmas with the Housemaster being initiated into what a house party was. Mrs. Underwood needed no initiation into what the house liked to eat, and the evening was rounded off by a piece of ad-libbing by the prefects which will live long in the memory. We hope that next year the house will be as happy as it has been this year.

We would like to wish success and good fortune to the members who have left us: Jesse Gleed, Jonna Jones, Bondy Bond, the Seaton Bros., H. Scrivener, A. Kelly and K. Elmer. Although the year started on an extremely happy note it finishes on a slightly sadder one with the departure of our house tutor.

Mr. Sutcliffe has helped to guide the house and make it a better place for everyone during the three years he has been with us and we wish him every success for the future.

CLYDE HOUSE

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

Head of House: Patrick Beresford *House Tutor:* J. G. Essame, Esq.

House Prefects: Philip Ware, Richard Palmer, John Smitheman, David Starley,
Ian Watling, Malcolm Jarrett

We welcomed four new boys to the house in September, two in January and one in April. We were sorry to see David Starley return to Africa in December to continue his 6th form course in Rhodesia. Just before he left he captained the house shooting team, which regained the cup from Greenwich with a good team effort. We did not retain the rugger cup, but came equal second after some enjoyable matches.

As it turned out, a disputed goal in the soccer match v. Durham caused them to win the cup with ourselves runners-up. Again we had enjoyable matches, especially against our long-standing soccer rivals, Norwich. However, we won the cross-country cup by a large margin, due to excellent packing. Every other house had at least one boy in before we did, but our whole team of nine finished in the first twenty-three, another fine team effort under Richard Palmer's captaincy.

The wet, cold summer has seriously hampered games, but the senior cricket team, captained by John Smitheman, beat Sheffield and Bradford to reach the final, only to lose there to Durham. However it was our best performance in senior cricket for several years. At the time of writing, ten days before end of term, no inter-house swimming has been arranged and only a limited senior athletics. The other competitions may be possible, if only in a rushed, abbreviated form. We hope so.

The main improvement materially in the house has been the redecorating of the Glory Hole. Materials, such as wood and paint, were bought with money kindly given by parents of two of last year's leavers. The new seat and record cabinet, the new ceiling and prehistoric cave decor are much admired. Richard Palmer and his helpers did a good job.

The House Party went well; our guests, Rev Service and Sister, enjoyed themselves, as did everyone else.

Finally, our thanks go to Mr. and Mrs. Chapman and to Mr. Essame for their help and interest throughout the year. We are sad to know that, after 13 years as house tutor, Mr. Essame will be moving down the Hill next term. We wish him well as housemaster of Norwich.

DURHAM HOUSE

Mr. and Mrs. R. Mann

House Captain: D. Raggett

House Prefects: R. Targett, R. Newman, D. Gibson, A. Vass, R. Holden

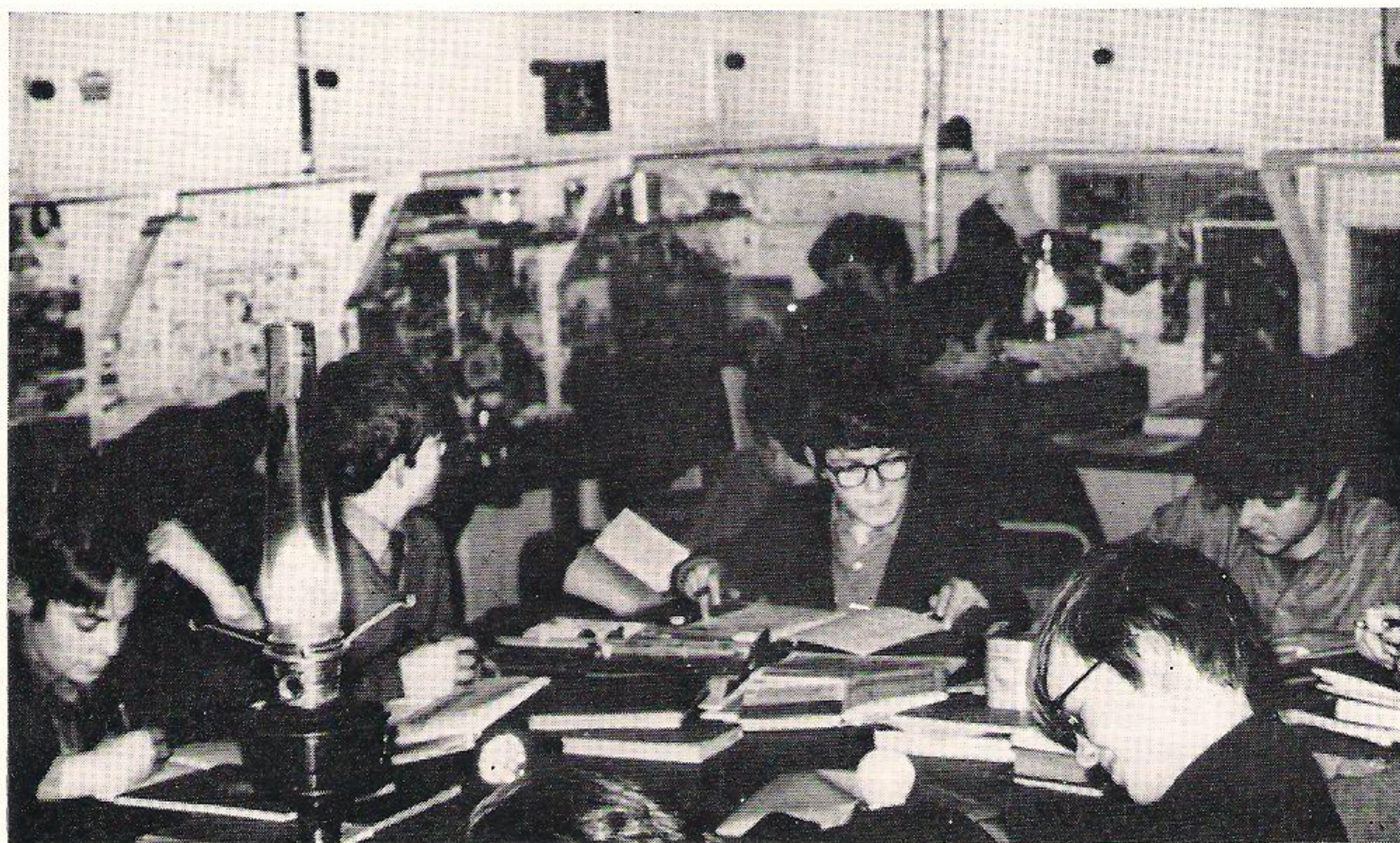
Throughout 1972 Durham House has been a happy conglomeration of boys of varied ages; a sparkling environment made possible by the encouragement of a resilience of temperament of all. This situation has led to a co-operation within the house, and co-operation, in turn, has had the result of exposing a brand of superman previously unheard of in the School. The remarkable species has distinguished itself admirably upon the sports field, and has won the coveted football shield, the greatly prized cricket cup, the gymnastics cup, and the "Young Farmer of the Year" cup, the latter awarded to John Holland. David Gibson captained the football team to a glorious, deserved victory and won the cricket cup in partnership with Andrew Barker in a thrilling final that brought huge crowds of spectators to their feet in wild applause. The gymnastics cup was won by a team of heroic juniors, who displayed exemplary determination and enthusiasm in an exacting and exciting competition.

This year's leavers are David Bristow, John Holland, Roger Targett, Alfie Newman and David Raggett, the Head of House, and a school prefect whose efforts and achievements in the sporting and administrative rôles have been appreciated by many.

We proffer annual, but sincere thank-you to Mr. and Mrs. Mann who have looked after us for yet another year, and have, perhaps understood, and sometimes persevered with our little eccentricities. We also thank Mr. Service, our House Tutor, who does locum for Mr. Mann on Wednesdays and who takes an interest in the well-being of the house.

Durham boys, if not dominant, were well represented among the speech-day prize-winners. Nick Holmes, Chris Poulson, John Williams, Roger Targett, Alfie Newman and David Raggett won two essay prizes, a reading, physics, maths, form and orchestra prize and the individual gymnastics medal. The variety of these awards reflects the versatility of interests within the house, and the participatory disposition displayed in Durham.

I hope that 1973 will continue and encourage these traditions and that David Gibson, the new House Captain, aided by the House Prefects, some veterans, some novices, will mould, superintend, and lead by example, a well humoured house.



Power Strike Prep.

GREENWICH HOUSE

Mr. and Mrs. C. Common

Head of House: J. C. Foster

House Prefects: B. Tyekiff, J. Watt, D. Armstrong, P. Greig

The House has had, in many ways, an interesting year. The beginning of the year saw the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Common as our new housemaster and housematron, with their children Robert, Helen, Richard and Rachel. It follows naturally that there should have been a period of adjustment as the Housemaster got used to the House and vice versa. This period has generally been smooth and I hope Mr. and Mrs. Common feel that they have settled in now.

In the Christmas term, in between furtive night excursions, the junior basketball team excelled themselves by winning the inter-house cup. That's about the only thing they excelled themselves in though; but we must be grateful for small mercies. Although the seniors failed to win any particular event, they certainly did not disgrace themselves in any event. We gained third position in the rugby league, third position in the inter-house shooting competition and a reasonable placing in the basketball league. Many house members were involved in school sporting activities with three first XV players, two basketball squad players and two school hot shots.

The house party was enjoyed by all who attended and special thanks must be given to Mrs. Common, Mrs. Boyd and Mrs. Dean for so adequately lining our gaping stomachs.

The Easter Term saw many people involved with the school play, examinations and the never-ending sport. Our soccer was not exactly a sparkling success but we made an impression on the competition. But lack of team success could not disguise our incredible array of individual talent which presented itself in the various school teams. The mass-entry provided certain individuals with the opportunity to shine in that event. Our team position was neither disgraceful nor successful, most runners were pleased with their efforts.

The summer term saw the advent of the best polar summer since the Ice Age. After a few weeks, Mr. Boyd was contemplating ice-hockey on the swimming-pool but he changed his mind and decided to continue with the house cricket competition. We reached the semi-finals, but were eventually beaten by the winners, Durham.

Inevitably, the time come to say farewell to our leavers. Brian Tyekiff, the first Head Boy to come from Greenwich, leaves us after six years to a proposed career in the forces. Julian Foster, a great stalwart over the last seven years and our Head of House over the past year, leaves for a career in architecture. Philip Greig, a member of the House for four years and a House Prefect of some standing now leaves to pursue a career in electronics. John Haddad, having lived in the shadow of his notorious brother for five years now leaves in his own supreme splendour to carve a great and glorious career in the G.L.C. Stephen King feels he has to leave us prematurely to fulfil a vocation as a steward in the Royal Navy. We wish all these leavers well as they embark upon life and we hope they will come back and see us some day in the not too distant future.

So, the House has had, on the whole, a happy year; we would all like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Common for the atmosphere they have created in the House.

We would also like to thank Mr. Boyd for all he has contributed to the House over the year.

NORWICH HOUSE

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Woolliams

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

House Prefects: A. Rodgers, S. Baker, P. Edmundson, A. Smith, T. Baker

We welcomed two new boys, Kempster and Jordan, and six boys from Plymouth at the start of the autumn. They have all settled down well to the Norwich way of life which seems to be somewhat different to the rest of the school!

Many thanks go to Mrs. Besford for her kind donation of various cosmetics towards an auction. The money from the auction amounted to £14 and with it we were able to replace our ancient hot-plate with a brand new hot-plate grill. The Jazz-Cellar funds benefited from the remainder of the money, for we were able to buy two new L.P. records.

We were sorry to see Mrs. Slate go, but Mrs. Watson, who took her place, has really established herself in the house, and her hard work has been much appreciated by all.

After securing the "double" in the soccer last year, we did it again this year when winning both the Senior and Junior Rugby Competitions. The Seniors, however, were not satisfied with just the Rugby, and won the basketball, which saw the "Rest" fall as easily as the other houses.

Christmas is a time for Carol Singing, and Mr. Woolliams has made a name for himself as being a fine host, while Mrs. Watson overwhelmed the Prefects with her delicious cooking.

There are disadvantages with living in the country, and the squirrels proved to be a nuisance by gnawing their way through our dustbin lids, and scattering the contents everywhere.

The Easter term is opened by the House Party, and this year we had many distinguished guests to join in with the games arranged by Dolly Rodgers, and to devour the inevitable fine eats produced by Mrs. Watson. The comedy movie as a finale very nearly failed because we suddenly realised there was no screen, but a bed sheet came to the rescue!

We failed in both Soccer Competitions, the reasons are many but should not be disclosed to the reader. However, our Juniors "ran away" with the Cross-Country, and Paul McCann won the individual in the senior race. Dolly Rodgers deservedly won the individual Shooting Shield which has taken the place of the Soccer Shield after some four years.

A project still not completed, but done extremely well by Roger Arthur, was the draining of the Norwich five-a-side soccer pitch, which needed a hundred and three pipes and a lorry load of gravel.

The Jazz-Cellar was intended to accommodate our musical tastes, but the power cuts saw Mr. Woolliams use it as a haunt for telling our Juniors ghost stories by candle light!

The only sign of summer was the familiar noise of Mr. Woolliams "fly-mow" during Prep, however, we grew accustomed to the monotonous "Jackie Stewart" type roar!

Unfortunately Mrs. Woolliams had to enter hospital for an operation, and we hope now that all will be well.

Richard Woolliams thoughtfully gave us leave of his train driving exploits around the hall when he contracted measles and had to take up a new position in bed.

Yet again the Juniors secured another piece of silver for the mantelpiece when they won the Cricket, but the Seniors seemd to be more interested in playing rugby or soccer, which were more suited to the weather than cricket was.

We say goodbye to perhaps the last of the Mr. Turner era, Paul McCann, who goes to study Physical Education and History at Borough Road College; Arthur Rodgers, who has a place at Reading University to study Meteorology; Paul Edmundson goes to take his "A" levels at Technical College; and Roger Arthur leaves for a career in the Army. We wish them all the best, and thank them for all they have done for the house.

SHEFFIELD HOUSE

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Williamson

House Tutor: W. Sutton, Esq. *House Captains:* N. Bounds and B. Rowe

House Prefects: R. Hackett, S. Haywood, A. Hewitt, D. Kat, W. Mason, R. Mather

With seven new juniors, the house was rowdy to say the least, at the beginning of the year. They soon settled in however.

In the Christmas term we had our house party. The food prepared by Mrs. Williamson, was very welcome. The seniors rugby performance, as in all their games, was brave, but with stiff competition, they lost most matches. The juniors, however, survived three matches. A billiards table and equipment was purchased for the house, and Simon Dutton and his mother donated a television. Both items have proved to be valuable additions to the house equipment.

Barry Rowe recovered some of the House's lost sporting prestige by winning the individual Cross-Country Medal and later the Cricketer of the Year Award. He is to be congratulated on his achievements, and also with Andrew Hewitt helping has built up great enthusiasm for sports in the junior end of the house. The Juniors did well to reach the final of the Cricket Cup.

After lying dormant for most of the year the walls of the Jazz-Cellar received a coat of paint in the summer term.

With Mr. Sutton's influence we have a large contingent of choir members and also could almost form an orchestra of our own.

Five of our number have left last term; two into employment and three to begin further education courses.

Our thanks go to Mr. and Mrs. Williamson for their guidance and interest in the house, and also to Mr. Sutton for his untouchable wit and humour.

PLYMOUTH HOUSE

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Potts

House Tutor: Mr. A. Rees

The Christmas term set off to a good start with the arrival of the new boys and Mr. Mackie, the new house helper. Our rugby was fairly good and we managed to beat Sheffield and Durham and we put up a good fight against Norwich though we didn't manage to get the cup.

At the start of the Easter term we were greeted by three new boys who have settled in very well. The football was a great improvement on the rugby and with some good coaching from Mr. Rees, plus some very good play in goal by Alan Busson we managed to win the cup for the first time in five years. This was also due to some hard play by Simon Nock and Christopher Ashman. The term ended by saying a sad goodbye to Mr. Mackie.

We started the summer term by welcoming a new boy and Mr. Cunnah, who took the place of Mr. Mackie.

We had to say goodbye to Mr. and Mrs. Cockburn our cook and cleaner around the middle of the term and Mr. and Mrs. Pickard joined us for the rest of the term before leaving for what we hope will be many happy years of retirement. We lost the gym competition, though David Lofts made a very good effort. We also lost the cricket though the team played very hard. Fishing, like most summer terms, was good, though we had a bit of trouble with pollution.

A lot of time and patience was also taken by some boys building gliders. This proved very worthwhile as some flew very well. The garden has made great improvements as some of the boys have planted roses and the whole house also planted some mixed spring bulbs which looked very nice. Mr. Potts very kindly lent the house his tent and quite a few boys have stayed in it on Saturday nights. The prayer meeting also went well though the television proved good opposition.

Even so the year has gone very well and was very enjoyable.

Original Contributions

A SEASIDE TOWN IN WINTER

Mr. Ratler eases his unemployed frame into an ancient deckchair, his fishing rod propped against the rusted railings of "The Old Pier—Presented by T. Hutchinson 1895". Next to Mr. Ratler, a row of rods lean at various angles against the pier wall, stretching like telegraph poles into the distance.

Cold east winds ruffle Woolworth's shoe bags along the worn, wooden boards, muted by the wild, grey, choppy seas and the bawling, Omo-white seagulls. On the promenade, signs of seasonal redundancy pervade the seaside attractions "Whittaker's Wacky"—, and then nothing, where the billboard paper has given up its post, a shabby monument to winter.

Gone is the gaudy, sweaty, presence of summer, candy floss, donkeys and all. Rows of posts that held "Bed and Breakfast" signs are denuded, looking like a bird that has moulted its spring plumage. The once packed arterial roads that emptied their contents into the town's gay hotels are silent.

Back on the Old Pier, Mr. Ratler reels in a small flounder, "Here John, this is all our glorious sea can bring up—where's the Cod—cross to Cardiff, that where they is". Laughter follows, the kind of cynical laughs that accompany rueful jokes on the state of the country. One would be excused for thinking that the fish had left, for the sea-weed that throttles the black, rocky foreshore is festooned with artifacts rejected by humanity: toilet rolls, plastic cups, chocolate packages that gleam in contrast to a tea-towel embroidered "Good Health to our Beautiful Country".

In the woods which skirt the clusters of hotels and novelty shops the wild sea is unheard, save for a far-off ship's whistle and the dull thud of the breakers on the jetty below. Like pillars in a nave, the trees are still, the only timeless, man-designed institution to be noticed on this man-made coast. The summer's leaves lie in piles over the humus of the glades, and the branches show starkly against the grey, snow-laden roof, sentinels that watch over summer picnickers and winter woodman alike.

Down in the town a thousand television aerials take the place of the woodland branches. In their winter retreats families stare at the black and white monotony of the Daz advert and its scenes of Omo-white seagulls mingling over grey, choppy seas

On the pier Mr. Ratler reels in his line, watching the extra curls of line join their counterparts on the spool. Finally the hook comes over the railings, the bait still intact, and the old man curses. It is time to go home to his house in the terrace. He picks up his shrivelled catch, throwing it back dejectedly.

For a minute the white belly shows against the muddy water and then it disappears softly, back to the sea-bed.

J. Williams

STARCHILD

O thou star of burning bright.
Shed on us mysterious light.
For all thy realms of cosmic glory
A lighted pinhole in the night.
From which pours eternal light.
Look on us thy duller hand
Maybe some day we'll understand.
O thou star of burning bright
Soothe me with thy tranquil light.
From daily toils to a world of splendour,
Make my soul soon to enter.
The Night is long there isn't time,
Shine on me from time to time.

R. Goddard

ICKLEY FALL

The mighty rushing torrents of water,
Fall with a thunderous roar,
From unknown heights,
To a jarring halt,
At the bottom of Ickley fall.

DIZZY FEELING

Throttle in, Engines on, Heavy roar, From Within.
Rumble, tumble, Jolt, jog, Faster smoother, From Within.
Flaps up, Rudder swings, No more rumble tumble.
Feet glide, Heart beats, Body sways
Pulls back, No strength, From Within.
Faster smoother, Up up,
Ears crack, Ears ache, From Within —
Up, up, No air, Need air, From Within.
My turn, Went to jump, Off I go,
Fall, fall, fall.
When to pull, Now, no. When to pull,
Now or never, Tossing turning, Rolling bowling.
Round and round, Brain jams, Dizzy feeling,
Cord hangs, Now Within,
Fills out, Sways down
Slowly, slowly,
Sways down,
Slowly, slowly,
Sways down,
Slowly slowly
Sways, Bump.
Over, over, Rolls over, Over, over, Rumble tumble, Jolt jog.
Slower, smoother, Dizzy Feeling, From Within.

T. Ackroyd

NEW MOWN HAY

It was a very hot mid-summer's day, at a time when the horizon wavered and car tyres buzzed.

The hay lay neatly packed in bales, but these were strewn about the field. Tiny particles gave the air a dry dusty taste. It made you think of what sort of jam is for tea, and all manner of non-important details.

Sitting on one of these bales I could see the men working. Their shirt sleeves rolled and faces streaming with perspiration. Tiny creatures hopped and danced and made me think of how lucky I was to be real, and to have my own mind. I thought of poetry and poets, for they had their own mind and could give it to others.

Staring up at a cloudless sky I could laze and think away the hours, about man's inner happiness.

The evening became cool and the sun slunk quietly away. I sat up and walked slowly to the edge of "my" paradise. It was not meant to be left and the only remaining stubble crackled loudly as if in protest.

Nobody knew of man's inner happiness except perhaps a poet or a boy who had time to stop and think.

J. Cooke

GYPSIES

Have you ever wandered into a gypsy camp and marvelled at the delicate carving on a gypsy caravan?

Why is it that modern society keeps hitting out at the gypsies' culture and their ways of life?

For me, the life of the gypsies is a peaceful and quiet one. None of the hustle and bustle of our age interferes with their way. The only time when the two cultures clash is when the angry land-owner tells them to get moving, or local tenants complain about "their primitive ways".

The gypsies are humans, like us, and do not have to rely on machines and computers to transport them, do their work for them or entertain them. They rely on their own instinct for survival to keep them going.

Many of them are highly skilled at art and craft, and each has and uses his own talent. All gypsies, if educated, would probably learn faster than us, because they are so much more used to using their own brain to working out solutions.

Why then, are gypsies ignored and resented so much?

D. Walsh

A MIND OF A CHILD

I'm a human,
"I am!"
I have a head,
Arms and legs.
"Haven't I?"
Well, I'm certainly not a monkey.
"I'm not"
Nor do I derive from one.
I have to be a human.
I'm not a monkey
"I'm not"
I have a head,
Arm and legs
Yes
I am a human.
"I am".

HAIR

A Jungle undergrowth.
Pushed aside like a small dog.
Straggly like a worn out child.
Circling like waves twisted and worn.

A PLOUGHED FIELD

Folds upon folds of earthen waves.
Churned, slaughtered by a sharp edge,
Ugly, wet, solemn
Lying in rows some fallen to their death.

S. Rayner

BREATHLESS

Arms swing
Heart thumps
Legs stride
Rocky bumps
Fingers throb
Chest heaves
Over rivers,
ditches, leaves
Post is nearer
here comes the stitch
How long to last?
clenching fists.
Here's a gate
getting closer
A gate vault,
clean over.

It's in sight
lengthen strides
swing arms
Full of pride.
Fingers numb
legs cut
Over the rocks
Jump the rut.
Lengthen strides
Mud splatters
Thirty yards
Feet patter
Past the post
sit on the ground
Can't Breath!,
Heart pounds.

A. Pitt

Sport

RUGBY

1st XV

The season started on a high note with a resounding win over Magdalen College Brackley 2nd XV. This game was won due to a mobile scrum led by Tyekiff, who had an outstanding season culminating in a county trial, and sound handling by the backs.

Against a strong Dean Close XV a superb late try by J. Foster enabled us to force a draw which was just reward for strong defensive work.

Against the 'old enemy' Cokethorpe, we made up for last year's undeserving defeat with a comfortable 26-0 victory. This was a fine team performance with Edmundson turning in his best performance of the season.

A scrappy game against Gosford Hill resulted in a 9-6 victory due to the safe boot of McCann, despite the fact that Rigby was out of the game with injury for the whole of the second half.

The Bloxham game saw our worst performance of the season. Despite being stronger in all departments, nobody played up to standard, which resulted in our first defeat of the season.

Nevertheless, confidence was high for the Old Boys match which once again saw Mr. Boyd and Mr. Rees taking the field for the School. In an exciting match which saw the School take a half-time lead after playing strong attacking rugby, the last kick of the game snatched victory from their grasp.

Probably the best game of the season was the match with Oxford. Against a side extremely strong in every department, although not as strong as Lord Williams, Thame, who included nine county caps in their side and destroyed us by 52 points to nil, a wonderful team performance saw the power of Tyekiff and boot of McCann clinch victory.

Another strong side, Peers School, Oxford, were rather worried when we ran in four good tries. Alas, they were scored in the corners, and for once proved unkickable, a fact which led to our defeat.

Following the Tour (detailed below), Shipston found out that we shall be a strong side next year because in this game the younger players, C. Baker and A. Smith had particularly good games.

In a match against Henry Box, S. Baker used his powerful running to devastating effect, backed up by flankers Gleed and Edmundson, whilst Ware destroyed the full-back with high kicks.

Played in pouring rain, and again strengthened by members of staff, the match with Stour rugby club 3rd XV gave the team an insight into club rugby. Despite being overrun in the set scrums, superior fitness and handling led to a school victory.

Strangely, the season ended with a poor display and defeat at the hands of Bicester.

Team:

MCCANN, P. (Full-back). A return to full-back saw the trusty boot being given more time than in the centre. A strong tackler.

ROWE, B. (Wing). Tricky winger with a good turn of speed. Consistent.

SMITH, A. (Wing). Big and fast, with great potential if he can improve his tackling.

RODGERS, A. (Wing). A hard worker who came into the side half-way through the season and improved a great deal.

BAKER, S. (Centre). Powerful runner with a strong tackle, but he must learn when to release the ball.

FOSTER, J. (Centre). Moved from full-back, his strong running and battering tackles were a tonic to the side. His safe hands enabled him to score some superb tries.

BAKER, C. (Centre). Great thinker with a good side step, who needs more speed and better handling.

WARE, P. (Fly-half). Another strong tackler who ran hard and kicked intelligently.

RIGBY, B. (Scrum-half). Showed improvement throughout the season, but he must not allow the opposition to pressure him into panic.

JONES, J. (Prop). Enthusiastic and strong player who led the scrum extremely well.

GOODIER, D. (Hooker). Hooks well but does not always work hard in the loose.

TARGETT, R. (Hooker). Also hooked well and worked hard in the loose.

FOSTER, A. (Prop). Strong on the ball, but he tends to hang back from the loose maul.

VASS, A. (Second row). Good all-round play. He showed flashes of the real power house he should develop into.

RAGGETT, D. (Second row). Enthusiastic player. Determination more than made up for lack of ability.

GLEED, C. (Flanker). A determined player who set up tries with his powerful running.

EDMUNDSON, P. (Flanker). Full of fire and 'froth'. He often destroyed his opposite number

TYEKIFF, B. (Lock). Outstanding season. The relatively light scrum were mobile enough to capitalise on his tremendous loose-play and line out jumping. Scored many tries.

MURPHY, P. and SMITH C., from the U.15s both played for the team and promise much for the future.

Colours. McCann, Tyekiff, Ware, Foster J., Jones J.

Half-colours: Gleed.

Record: P 13 W 7 D 1 L 5 For 225 Against 158.

RUGBY TOUR

For the first time a rugby tour was undertaken at half-term. It was an unquestionable success in that everybody enjoyed themselves, and team spirit soared, although all three matches were lost. The only other danger was that a number of players dropped out at the last minute restricting the party to fourteen fit players.

Millfield 2nd XV defeated us 28-3 with seven tries, if only they had a McCann! We are indebted to N. Hooper of Wellsway School who turned out for us in this game.

On the second day of the tour, Saturday, the kit having passed through Keynsham Laundrette, we were smartly turned out against Queen Elizabeth's Hospital who had four national caps in their side. Bath resident R. Holder played for us, but his late arrival then an injury to Murphy saw us play with fourteen men throughout. The home side proved as good at rugby (winning 58-3) as hosts afterwards.

After a rest on Sunday, having gone to church in the morning, and visiting Cheddar Gorge and Weston-Super-Mare in the afternoon, and yet another visit to the laundrette, we finished the tour against Wellsway School. In this game we were unquestionably the stronger side in every department and did everything but actually score, losing 10-0.

Accommodation was in the 1st Keynsham Scout Troop hut to whom we are indebted (especially for their heaters which we didn't use the first night after suffering from exposure, we learnt our lesson!) Mention must be made of the Foster family, Adrian for playing, Fabian for supporting and being our alarm clock, Julian for arranging the tour (unluckily injured and unable to play) and Mrs. Foster for catering. Last but not least Mrs. Boyd and Mr. Rees for their support.

U15 TEAM

A much more successful season than in past years with the team actually winning on occasions against our old rivals, Cokethorpe and Rendcomb College we ran up scores of over 40 points with good all-round team displays. Throughout the season the pack worked hard and ball even reached the wingers where J. Cooke's speed was utilised. We congratulate C. Smith and P. Murphy who both made appearances with the 1st XV and hope that they will be joined by others in a senior team next year.

U14 TEAM

A good season which saw the team play some exciting rugby winning three of their five matches. Well led by T. Hood the team benefited in having the six foot tall Jackson for the line outs. Apart from him the team were generally smaller than their opponents and relied on team work and individual skill rather than brute force to win matches. The 30 point crushing of Sibford School showed this point extremely well.

U13 TEAM

The season was an improvement upon the previous year in that we managed to win some matches. The best of these wins was a 30 point thrashing of Wood Green School.

The team played well under the leadership of F. Foster who scored one try at least in every game. It was good to see the pack actually working together and the threes moving forward with the ball.

SOCCKER

1st XI

Despite the usual Kingham Hill mud the soccer team had a very good season. The team soon settled down and learned to play together. Soccer being a popular sport meant that there was great competition for places and it was a case of who to leave out rather than who to put in.

Our only defeat was by 3-2 to Westwoods when the captain McCann, whose outstanding season resulted in his selection for the county team, was unable to play. Some of our best football was produced in two home victories, over Kimbolton (3-1), and Wood Green (8-0). Kimbolton came here having scored over 130 goals in the season and expecting a repeat of last year's 6-1 thrashing. This was not to be and we outplayed them in almost every position. In the Wood Green game the score clearly showed our midfield strength and striking power.

Team:

FOSTER, J. (Goalkeeper). Safe handling, good anticipation and accurate distribution gave the defence confidence.

RIGBY, B. (Full back). A hard tackling full back who likes to attack. The high ball troubles him.

SINGLETON-GREEN, R. (Full back). Converted from a forward, he used his skill to great effect.

BAKER, S. (Centre back). A solid tackler and strong in the air he commits himself too early on occasions.

VASS, A. (Half back). He showed tremendous improvement as the season progressed, although his ball control sometimes lacks finesse.

MCCANN, P. (Half back—Captain). An outstanding season for a gifted player.

GIBSON, D. (Half back). With growing confidence he is becoming a very good player.

ROWE, B. (Winger). Fast and confident he always goes forwards towards goal.

RAGGETT, D. (Inside forward). Keen and he works hard.

WARE, P. (Inside forward). He added power to the front line and worked well with the midfield.

GLEED, C. (Striker). Tended to be a little lazy, but he caused havoc in the opposition's defence.

FOSTER, A. (Winger). He improved throughout the season, and scored some good goals.

RODGERS, A. (Goalkeeper and forward). He moved onto the field and proved a good 'target' man after a spell in goal.

Record: Played 6 Won 4 Drew 1 Lost 1 Scored 29 Against 6.

Colours: McCann, Ware, Rowe, Gibson.

Half colours: Rigby, Gleed, Rodgers.

U15 XI

A good season saw the team win five games out of seven. The side always tried to play, attacking football, but there were not enough good footballers to enable this to happen all the time. Basically the side was built around P. Murphy and C. Smith, both of whom played for the 1st XI, and C. Vass. Murphy and Smith both played well enough to win places in the Banbury District side for whom they played on a number of occasions.

Mention must also be made of T. Hood who played in goal throughout the season, although he was U.14, and in fact a number of other U.14's played at various times throughout the season.

U14 XI

This team had their best ever season, winning their way to the final of the Presidents Cup, held at Banbury United ground.

In the first game against Wykham Hall, Banbury School, we were only out of our own half once in the first fifteen minutes, but our defence held firm. Gradually we came back into the game and a goal by P. Drinkwater and some superb goalkeeping by T. Hood ensured victory.

In the semi-final against Warriner's School, we played fast attacking football in ideal conditions. Our opponents here were bigger and better, as individuals, but we beat them in extra time by splendid teamwork and superior fitness. Mention must be made of T. Hood who made some breathtaking saves, I. Jackson who marshalled the defence well, J. Blair who covered every inch of the pitch and F. Foster who scored two goals and looked dangerous every time he had the ball.

The final was an anticlimax as Starbridge, having half the area team in their side beat us easily, although we gave our supporters plenty to shout about.

In all our games and practices we used a squad of fourteen players who all worked hard for each other and the team as a whole, and as three of these players are still U.14 next year we hope to go one better and win the Cup.



Packer's Studio, Chipping Norton.

U.14 XI

U13 XI

This team promises to become a very strong side in years to come as nearly all the players are 'footballers' and not just 'kick and run' types. The side was built around the three players who figured in the U.14 Cup run, F. Foster, P. Drinkwater and R. Wilson (who is still U.13 next season). Others to catch the eye were G. Jones, who scored four goals in one match, and G. Davis who always worked hard. Probably the most exciting match was the 4-3 victory over Blessed George Napier School.

1st XI CRICKET

"N'er cast a clout till May is out" has had a truer ring this summer than the original composer of that piece of folk-lore might have realised. We have been bedevilled by rain-swept squares, soggy, "pudding-like" wickets and so little sun that its appearance has been hailed with disbelief. Throughout all this the spirits and performance of the team have not been dampened and the record of Played 9, Won 8, Lost 1 shows that this has been a vintage year. The damp wickets have meant low scores, and these "soggy tracks" have been well exploited by the combined attack of McCann, Rowe and Gibson. In addition to the batting skills of the aforementioned, Tyekiff, C. Baker and Armstrong have shown solidity and aggression with the bat. It is not the individual achievements, however, which have made the season but the spirit of the side. Regular nets, a sense of aggression in the field, and support for the *team's* exploits and not the individual's have contributed to a fine season. All these elements have been soundly and maturely nurtured by Tyekiff and McCann who have shown that cricket played as a fast, tight, "every ball counting" game, is far from the unexciting procession that the media would have us believe it is.

The season began with our only defeat. On a hard Cheney wicket, and without McCann we could only make 62 and they soon got the runs. There then followed the Oak Hill match, in which we retained the "Ashes" by 2 wickets, McCann taking 5 for 11. Our journey to Shipston the next week seemed a fruitless one, for, on a pudding of a wicket, Shipston shot us out for 31 (Armstrong 19). The black clouds rolled across the sky and my face, but Tyekiff's aggression and McCann's accuracy (6 for 2!) saw us the victors by 25 runs. We then beat the Old Boys by 7 wickets, and Cheney (at home) by 6 wickets (Rowe 5 for 16, McCann 5 for 12). Our visit to Bloxham saw Gibson deservedly winning his first ball of the season (6 for 8) and the match was won by 8 wickets.

Between "serious" matches we took on the Kingham Village XI during the Kingham At Home weekend and won an enjoyable match on a doubtful batting wicket by 2 wickets. Shipston School came the next week to see if they could do any better away from home, but they fell to the wiles of Rowe (5 for 7) and McCann (5 for 6), and after making the required runs we continued into a two innings match. After Speech Day Rowe, Foster and Seaton, A. left us, so with a slightly "new look" side we faced Banbury School. Tyekiff (50 n.o.) and C. Baker (39) helped Kingham to a total of 125, a score we had been threatening to get all season once the wickets had hardened. McCann matched Tyekiff's swansong with 5 for 7 and we won by 107 runs. So ended a pleasant and successful season, with, in a sense, the right pair of players dominating the final game. As their mentor and (as umpire) tormentor at times, I will miss them, indeed.

The team:

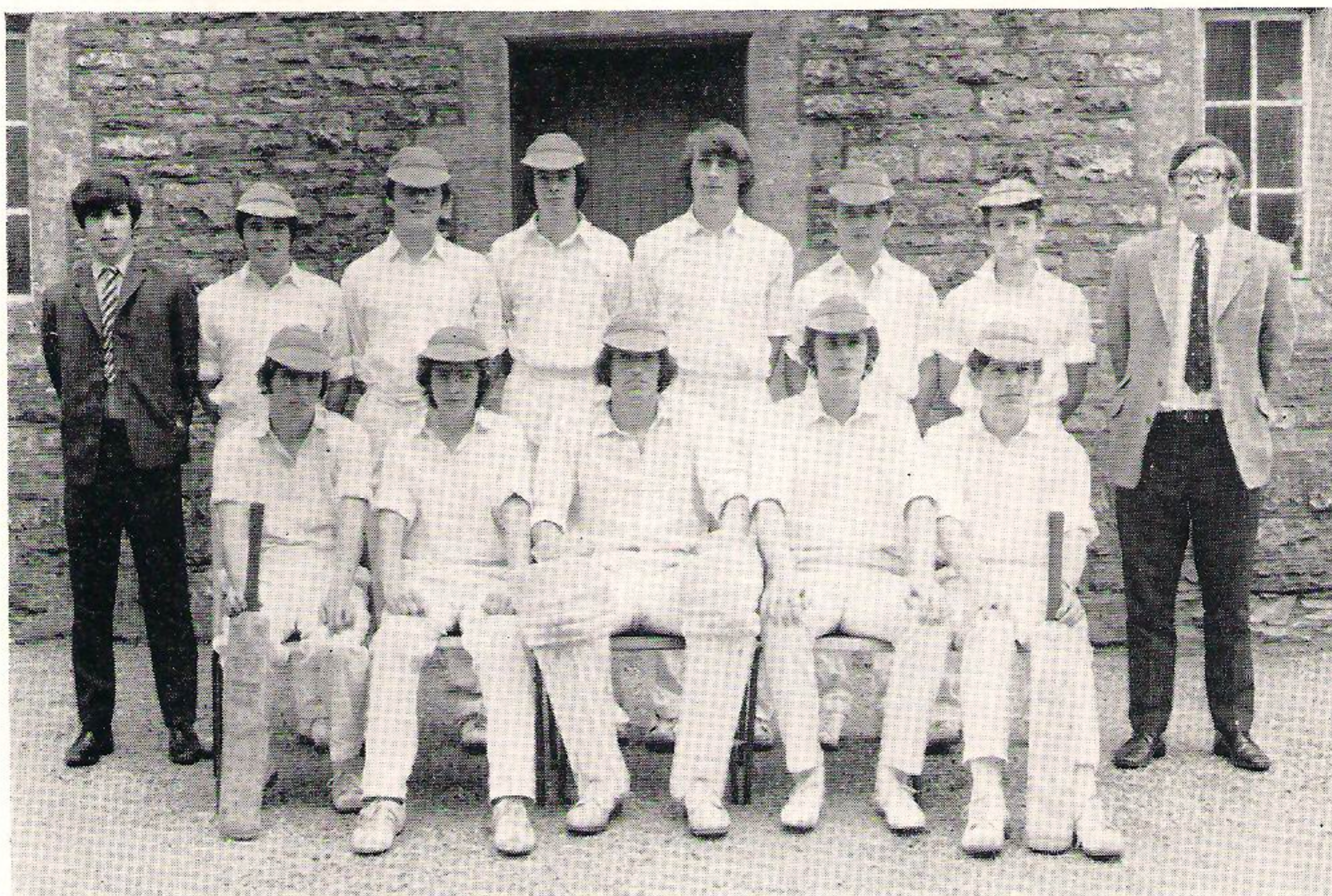
- B. TYEKIFF (Captain). As sound a player as he is, his captaincy towered over his playing ability. A shrewd tactician, he never failed to apply exactly the right pressures, particularly on the incoming batsman, and his speed and intelligence behind the stumps was an example to all. He can be proud of the team he led and the 50 against Banbury.
- P. MCCANN (Vice-Captain). Like Brian, he is the "thinker" of the game. Cricket "nous" flows from him, and nowhere is this more evident than in his bowling this season. No two balls were alike. He combined pace with craft, cutting, lifting and shooting the ball so much that figures of five for 10 were expected of him, not marvelled at. His batting was sound and his running between the wickets a much-needed example to all.
- D. GIBSON. After a slightly colourless start to the season, David contributed much with both bat and ball. If he can settle his rhythm he could be even more devastating next season. His close fielding was an example of skill and courage.

- B. ROWE. A very positive figure in the side, he bowled with great heart that was not always justly rewarded. His steadiness with the bat was invaluable on occasions, and his all-round aggressiveness will be sadly missed.
- D. ARMSTRONG. Two high scores this season by David helped the team over some sticky patches. Unfortunately injury prevented him from playing in all the matches, but with a full season next year and more speed and reaction between the wickets, he could be the best opening school bat in the area.
- J. FOSTER. Julian's performances with bat and ball were not outstanding, but he was the only player who justified his place on his fielding. The Shipston catches will always live in our memories, as will many other "beauties" he took this season.
- C. BAKER. A 39 against Banbury proved what we all knew: that Christopher has the potential to become not only a stylish but a dependable batsman. With 100 per cent. concentration between the wickets next season he should reach his peak. A useful medium-pace bowler.
- B. RIGBY. A lively member of the side who showed in the slips his potential as next year's 'keeper. The fact that he eradicated his bad shots and concentrated on staying in bodes well for next season.
- J. SMITHEMAN. Both in the field and with the bat he was a steady and active asset.
- A. BARKER. A more than useful seam bowler who, with three seasons to go in the side, shows much promise and could blossom into a fine player.
- A. SEATON. Speed was his main, but mainly uncontrolled, asset as a bowler.
- Also played: R. Singeton-Green, D. Raggett, T. Baker, W. Mason, C. Bell.
- Colours: B. Tyekiff, P. McCann, B. Rowe, D. Gibson.
- Half-colours: D. Armstrong, C. Baker, B. Rigby, Julian Foster, J. Smitheman.

Averages:

Best bowling: McCann, 31 wickets for two runs apiece.

Best batting: Rowe, 75 runs, out five times. Average 15.00.



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1st XI

UNDER 15.

The bad weather has restricted the number of matches played to three. The first of these was lost against Bloxham School. In the home match with Magdalen College, Brackley, we won by 43 runs, with Peter Davies scoring 21 runs and P. Murphy taking seven wickets for 10 runs. The third game resulted in a two-run victory over Cheney School with C. Vass taking five wickets and W. Mason scoring 28 runs.

UNDER 14.

The team have won three out of five games, beating Chipping Norton, Sibford School and Shipston-on-Stour. What the team has lacked in batting it has more than made up for in bowling, with I. Jackson, T. Boggis and J. Blair all taking wickets in the low-scoring matches. T. Hood, wicket-keeper and captain, has held the side together and set a good example with his fine wicket-keeping.

UNDER 13

The weather again has meant that this side has only played one match, this being against Magdalen College, Brackley, when poor batting saw us lose by 30 runs.

BASKETBALL

U19 SQUAD

This squad failed to live up to the high standard of previous seasons partly because we had lost some of our players but mainly due to the appearance of American players in opposition teams.

A good start to the season saw us win our first five games before Henry Box School, reinforced by one of the aforementioned Americans, beat us. We tasted defeat three more times during the season, only losing by two and three points in these matches.

Our overall play mostly involved fast, exciting basketball, with higher scores than last year. This was due to good team work and an outstanding season by Tyekiff who scored over 170 points, a record for the School.

The Team finished third in the League and our record including two wins over Kimbolton in friendly matches, was played 15, won 11, lost 4, points scored 498 points against 395.

U16 SQUAD

A young side had a very promising season finishing second in the County League. Although not producing quite such exciting Basketball as the seniors this team is improving all the time and with three of the first five namely, C. Smith, P. Murphy and C. Mackay still eligible we hope for even better things still next year. Record: played 13, won 9, lost 4, points for 277, points against 256.

U14 SQUAD

Only started in the Easter Term, with a view to next years U15 League this squad was extremely enthusiastic and not a little skillful. Four matches were played producing four wins with 147 points scored against 38, J. Blair scoring 60 points.

GYM CLUB REPORT

Another enjoyable year has again seen numerous activities being followed on Thursday afternoons, as well as actual Gymnastics. The aim has been that everybody should enjoy themselves and in this I feel it has been very successful.

The annual Gym Competition again saw an extremely close finish with the judge, Mr. Tideswell of Bloxham School finally adjudging R. Targett the winner from P. Murphy by half a point and J. Foster and P. Goodier a further half point.

Durham House are to be congratulated on winning the Team event.

The highlight of the year was the Gym display performed most successfully on Speech Day.

CROSS COUNTRY

We were unable to take part in the Local League this year as it was run on Saturday mornings. Our best Team result was in a U15 and U13 match against Westwoods Grammar School when we easily won both races.

In the North Oxon Championships our best performance came from W. Parker who was placed fourth in his age group. He also won the School Junior Cross-Country whilst B. Rowe and P. McCann tied for first place in the Senior Race.

SWIMMING

So far the swimming has been extremely limited. On the two days that the temperature has risen above 60° F. a few have been tempted in. However as the general temperature has been around 52°—56°F, even these hardy souls have found it too cold. Training for a few minutes at a time small groups have trained for and passed their Bronze Medallion in Life Saving.

ATHLETICS

An encouraging season has seen us take part in seven matches. First was a relay match at Witney which enabled us to work out our best runners. Our visit to Kimbolton resulted in defeat but gave our athletes a taste of high competition, which helped us inflict defeat upon Cokethorpe in a Triangular Match at Burford.

An U15 and U13 match against Lord William's Thame again saw us defeated despite three wins by R. Wilson who also broke the School record in the 1500m. Continued improvements in this age group saw us beat Blessed George Napier away and at home, Parker winning three events in the U.15s in both matches whilst R. Wilson lowered his own record in the 1500m. In a Senior match against Bloxham our strength in field events was nullified by poor showing on the track.

Field event training has been greatly improved by the provision of concrete throwing circles and this in its turn has resulted in improved results in our matches.

NEWS OF OLD BOYS

Finn Budge (Clyde 1962-1968) has finished his Honours Degree course at Lancaster University and is now married and is working as a Tax Inspector in Bournemouth.

Anthony Hill (Clyde 1962-1968) is working for a boat building firm, A. H. Moody & Son, on the River Hamble and is doing very well.

Keith Hewlett (Norwich 1959-1968) and his wife celebrate the birth of their first child (January 1972).

Maurice Grandsoult (Clyde 1960-1968) is still in Germany and is working on Starfighter planes and hopes to see the Olympic Games in the summer.

Peter Barber (Clyde 1963-1967) is joining "The Observer" on January 3rd.

We congratulate David Shorrocks (Durham 1956-1963) on his marriage to Miss Patterson of Eastbourne in October 1971. They have gone to live in Antigua, West Indies.

The Jackson Brothers :

Andrew (Sheffield 1954-1960) who qualified as an architect in January, 1969, is now an associate in a small firm of interior decorators in Chelsea and recently got a write up of some work he did in The Architectural Review.

Tim (Sheffield 1958-1964) has recently secured a B.Sc. in Mechanical Engineering and is now working for the South Norfolk Water Board who are launching an extensive development project. Tim is involved with the installation of a new pumping head works and general supervision of an area.

Stephen (Sheffield 1962-1969) having taken his first year degree course in Geography at Ahmadu Bello University in Nigeria has just started at Liverpool University to read Geography.

Both Andrew and Tim are married.

Bruce Arnold (Bradford 1944-1954) writes to say that he is off on a press trip round the world at the end of January and will visit New Delhi, Bangkok, Saigon, Tokyo, Australia, New Zealand and San Francisco.

Michael Tadman (Clyde 1962-1968) is now engaged and hopes to be married early in September.

To Sub. Lieutenant **Tony Marfleet**, R.N. (Norwich 1956-1963) and Jennie, a daughter, Janie, born on 24th January, 1972.

Robert Gosnell (Clyde 1961-1966) has completed his teacher training course at St. Luke's, Exeter, and hopes to take up a teaching post at an Approved/Community school next September.

He writes that **Barry Whittaker** (Bradford 1961-1966) is doing his B.Ed. Degree at St. Luke's and stood recently for the President of the Students' Union, and also that **Michael Francis** (Durham 1954-1961) is also taking his B.Ed. and playing regularly for St. Luke's 1st XV, 2nd row.

Paul Gibbon (Sheffield 1964-69) is about to go to Teacher Training College and become engaged.

John Uffold (Greenwich 1964 - 1970), now at Reading University (Estate Management), has been Surrey's representative on the National Council of the Young Farmers Club and in the summer spent a week in Switzerland at Berne Agricultural College as a member of the English team in the International Rally Competition. He has also been awarded the cup for the most outstanding student of the year in Estate Management.

Nicholas Welch (Clyde 1959-1967) is at present doing a post graduate course in Sociology at Sussex University and was married on January 1st.